

August 2020

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Chapter 1041

## NOTAMS:

- **August 8th IMC/VMC meeting Gburg Regional Apt 9:00-10:30**
- **August 9th Chapter Picnic Mathna Airport**
- **August 15th Chapter Fly-out Destination TBD**
- **September 12th IMC/VMC meeting Gburg Regional Apt 9:00-10:30**
- **September 14th Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt**
- **September 19th Chapter Fly-out Destination TBD**
- **Sept 26th-27th Fly-in Drive-in Breakfast CANCELLED Gburg Regional Airport 8AM to Noon**
- **October 5th Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt**
- **October 10th IMC/VMC meeting Gburg Regional Apt 9:00-10:30**
- **October 12th Board of Directors meeting Gburg Regional Apt 7:00 PM**

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## Henry's Hangar

Hello Barnstormers! Here we are, well into the second half of a year that we all want to forget. 2020 will be the year we tell our grandkids that we lived through and hope they never have to see anything like it. Thanks to all of you that came out for our July 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting at the airport. It was great to see so many friendly faces.

During our rather well-attended July Chapter meeting, the membership decided to cancel our September Breakfast event. Our Chapter is fortunate to be in good financial standing and we did not have the usual major expense of the Air Academy tuition for the 4 young people that were scheduled to be in Oshkosh the middle of July. That money is safe for 2021, and we surely hope we can have a normal June breakfast next year.

In place of an August meeting, we will have our annual Chapter Picnic on Sunday, August 9<sup>th</sup>. We will again be hosted by Gary & Kathy Mathna at their beautiful grass airstrip near York Springs. Look for more info in this edition of The Observer. This is an OUTDOOR event with lots of room to spread out and practice "social distancing", so please plan to participate. There is no reason to be fearful by attending this very tasty get-together. If you have a canopy that you can bring, we'll have more shade to sit under and enjoy everyone's company.

During our September 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting, Nathan Hawkins will present the program, telling us about his journey from beginner Student Pilot to receiving his Private Pilot Certificate.

Nathan was the recipient of the \$ 10,000.00 Ray Aviation Scholarship that our Chapter received and we are extremely proud of how Nathan endured several setbacks (mostly due to the Covid-virus) and persevered through the process to achieve the goal of his PPL. Be sure to come to this meeting and hear Nathan share his story.

This month's column is being written on what should have been the closing day of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. At this hour, we would have been enjoying an evening meal during the "Wind-Down Party", an event for volunteers to thank them for making the convention a success. All of us are so 'bummed out' with all of the cancelled events this year, and the 2021 AirVenture can't come soon enough! Personally, I really miss my week of "Aviation Saturation".

Let's all hope and pray for a much, much better 2021!

Henry



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### Editor's Notes

***If you have read an interesting aviation related book let me know and I will include it in a future edition of The Observer***

***Have an aviation related link? I'll include that in a future edition also.***

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### **The August meeting will be our annual Chapter 1041 picnic. See page 5 for details**

#### Slate of Officers for the election to be held at the October meeting

Henry Hartman.....President

Sam Kistler.....Vice-President

Karen Radzai.....Treasurer

Wendi Clark.....Secretary

Andy Toussiant.....Membership

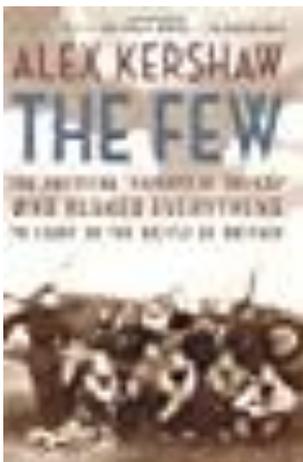
Bob Howe.....Newsletter Editor/Web Editor

Jason Pape.....Young Eagles Coordinator

#### Board of Directors

Savy Maranto, John Hart, Randy Kalp, Art Shaw, Paul Selmer, Jeff Beard

#### **Book Review**



**The Few:** The American ""Knights of the Air"" Who Risked Everything to Fight in the Battle of Britain

By: Alex Kershaw

It was the summer of 1940, and WWII had been raging for nearly a year. Buoyed by his successes on the Continent, Hitler was now planning an invasion of England to seal Europe's fate.

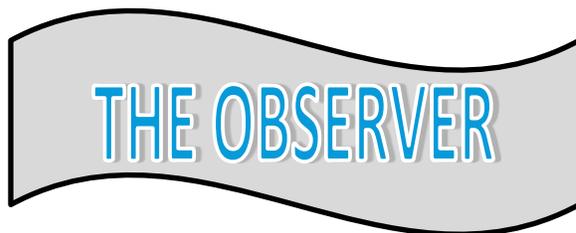
Though the United States was still a neutral country a few Americans decided they couldn't remain on the sidelines. They joined Britain's Royal Air Force to defend the country—with the future of civilization hanging in the balance. **The Few** tells their story.

Available on Amazon:

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## **Airport Update From Marshall Stevens (SARAA)**

Greetings to our partners, tenants, and friends at Capital City Executive Airport, Franklin County Regional Airport, and Gettysburg Regional Airport:

We hope you this message finds you in good health. Following is an update of our email message sent in early May. As always, please feel free to share it with other tenants and airport users.

Aviation in general, as well as at all SARAA airports, has begun a recovery from the low point of April, 2020, but we expect the recovery to be a lengthy process. Flight activity numbers have increased in May and June, with Capital City Executive Airport reporting that flight operations numbers in June were only 19 percent below June of 2019. We have seen other positive signs with flight schools resuming activity. We are delighted that aviation is returning as people are able to meet federal, state, and local health guidelines while reopening for business.

Commercial passenger activity, the lifeblood of Harrisburg International Airport, has also shown signs of recovery but still has a long way to go. June 2020 passenger numbers were only about a quarter of what they were a year ago. A strong 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend has been followed by softening passenger numbers as individuals, businesses, and governments address the continuing surge of COVID-19 cases. We are hopeful that activity continues to grow, but we still expect that it will take a year (or more) to recover.

We are still moving forward with our capital program in a limited manner. The parallel taxiway at Franklin County Regional Airport will be completed this summer, and we are continuing the design and permitting for the new aircraft apron at Gettysburg Regional Airport. At Capital City Executive Airport, we are beginning the design phase of a project to rehabilitate several of the taxiways. As federal, state, and SARAA funding permit, we will continue our investment to maintain and improve the airports.

Thank you all for your dedication and support of CXY, N68, and W05. Please let me know if you have questions or other thoughts.

Best regards,

Marshall

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## July Meeting Pictures



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## Picnic August 9th Mathna Airport, lunch served about 1:00 PM



### Chapter Provides

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Corn

Root Beer

Tables

### Members Provide



Plates, Cups, Utensils, condiments, sanitizer

A dish to pass

Napkins

Chairs

Big Appetite.....Bring an airplane

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## Chapter 1041 members help with A Trip to the paint shop



Tom Makibbin's CH-601B moves from Linda and Larry's aircraft factory to Cliff Weaver's paint shop after repairs

Vehicle transportation provided by Gary Mathna. Muscle provided by Larry, Henry, Bob, and Tom



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## 2020

# “WINGS, WHEELS & PANCAKES” FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST

Gettysburg Regional Airport (W05) • Route 30 West—Gettysburg, PA

Saturday, Sept. 26 and

Sunday, Sept. 27

8:00am–Noon • Rain or Shine!

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### Breakfast Highlights

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Homefries  
Coffee, Tea, Juice

\$8.00 per person • Children Under 12 \$3.00

Portion of proceeds benefit various Aviation Programs for Youth

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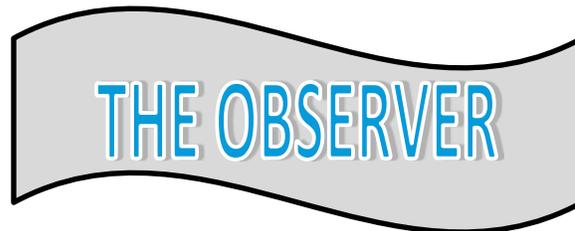
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### Fly-Out Destination

**The Fly-out destination for July will be discussed at the meeting. Fly-out requests can be made to Dick Young our fly-out Coordinator**

**THE EAA 1041 SKY RAIDERS**

The EAA 1041 Sky-Raiders have a scheduled fly-out on the 3rd Saturday of each month. Each pilot will make their own go/no go decision. Please call Dick Young (717-521-7942) no later than Friday afternoon if you plan to join the flight. Dick will make restaurant reservations at the destination airport; therefore, an accurate count of participants is appreciated.

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