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Gettysburg Barnstormers—EAA Chapter 1041

Chapter 1041

NOTAMS:

- September 29th & 30th Pancake Breakfast
- October 1st 7:00 PM Regular Chapter Meeting G'Burg Regional Airport
- October 13th 9:00—10:30 IMC/VMC Club G'Burg Regional Airport
- October 20th Chapter Fly-Out Destination TBD
- November 5th 7:00 PM Regular Chapter Meeting G'Burg Regional Airport
- November 10th 9:00—10:30 IMC/VMC Club G'Burg Regional Airport
- November 17th Chapter Fly-Out Destination TBD
- December 11th Chapter Christmas Party Dutch Country Restaurant
- December 22nd Chapter Fly-Out Destination TBD
- December 25th Merry Christmas/ Happy Holidays
- January 7th 2019 7:00 PM Regular Chapter Meeting G'Burg Regional Airport

Henry's Hangar

By Henry Hartman

Hello Barnstormers!

The last weekend of September will be our second and final Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast event of 2018, and WE NEED YOU ! Please devote a few hours one or both days to come out and lend a hand preparing & serving food, or cleaning tables. We also need some help Friday through the day for the hangar clean-up, and Friday evening for set-up. Many hands make things go quickly and easily. At the conclusion of the breakfast on Sunday, we'll need some folks to tear down and pack things away, after washing up the kitchen equipment.

The October meeting is scheduled to have our Air Academy Campers presenting a program all about their week at Oshkosh. This should be a very interesting evening, as all four campers were at the Air Academy the same week. Come out to hear and see what they did while enjoying complete "Aviation Saturation".

There are some challenges coming to our Chapter for the coming years. Please attend the meetings and learn more. During the September meeting, we had a volunteer step forward to work on the 25th Anniversary of Chapter 1041, which will be in 2019. We would like to have additional help for this committee, so please get involved and share your abilities.

Election of Chapter Officers and Directors for the next 2 years (2019-2020) will take place at the October meeting. The ballot has been cast, so there is no risk to you of being nominated. That means there is no excuse for you to not be there!

During the October and November meetings, we'll circulate a sign-up sheet for the popular annual Barnstormers Christmas Party. It will be on Tuesday, Dec. 11th, at the Dutch Country Restaurant, 946 Baltimore St. in Hanover. Be sure to make plans to enjoy this special evening with your fellow Barnstormers as we finish the year.

Be sure to attend our October and November meetings, when we will have interesting and educational programs. I hope to see you at the airport!

Henry



*Volunteer For September's
Fly-In Breakfast*

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October meeting is Monday October 1st and will highlight the experiences of the students that attended EAA Air Academy in Oshkosh this summer

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.

Election of officers and The Board of Directors will be held at the October Meeting.

Nominations are CLOSED

Chapter Election Preview

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www.york-aviation.com

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2019—2020 slate of officers follows:

President.....Henry Hartman

Vice-President.....Sam Kistler

Secretary.....Wendi Clark

Treasurer.....Herb Bartell

Membership.....Andy Toussaint

Newsletter Editor

& Webmaster.....Bob Howe

Young Eagle Coordinator.....Savy Maranto

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September meeting photos



Liberty Warbirds presentation regarding the restoration of a UH-1 that saw service in Vietnam



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The October IMC/VMC Meeting will be held in the Chapter Meeting room at the Gettysburg Regional Airport. will be the 2nd Saturday, October 13th from 9:00 to 10:30. Keith Feaga will host the event.

Topics include departing the traffic pattern VFR at an non-towered field

Visual descent points on an RNAV approach plate



Additional Information on EAA Website Here: <http://bit.ly/2DzNEaq>



Light refreshments are served prior to every meeting

A real life flying scenario will be presented for discussion.

Non-EAA members attending are granted a 6 month free membership to EAA and a subscription to Sport Pilot for the trial membership period.



Photos by Bob Howe

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The history of Gettysburg Regional Airport will be published in installments in this and future issues of *The Observer*. Thanks to Phil Roth, Charlie Tipton, John Donmoyer and the Doersom family for their efforts in compiling this abstract.



ABSTRACT

An accounting of Adams County's second and single surviving commercial airport, from an off-airport beginning in 1923 to 2018

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90th Year Anniversary, 2018

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Gettysburg Regional Airport - W05

90th Year Anniversary, 2018 continued from the September Edition of *The Observer*

Early in the 21st Century, Bachert arranged for federal and state grant money to repave the airport's deteriorating runway, a fundamental necessity for community airports (Federal Small Community Air Service Development Program). This influx of government capital, by regulatory mandate essentially sealed Gettysburg Airport's destiny, guaranteeing the airport's existence for at least, the following twenty years. By 2006 Bachert's creditors were threatening foreclosure. This created a dilemma for the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) when no private or municipal buyers surfaced to purchase the airport's assets. With pressure from FAA, the Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority (SARAA) already operating Harrisburg International, Capital City and Chambersburg Airports, reluctantly agreed to purchase Doersom Airport, renaming it Gettysburg Regional Airport (GRA) and officially registered with FAA's cartographers as W05.



Gettysburg Regional Airport – W05. Barnstormers EAA Chapter 1041 Pancake Breakfast Fly-In

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CAP simulated rescue training at Gettysburg Airport, March 12, 2016

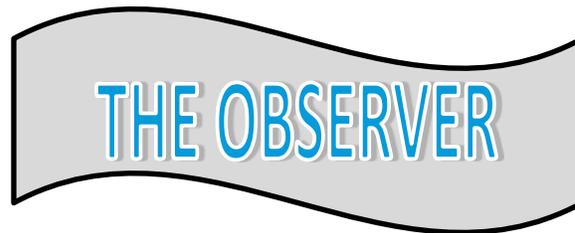
Photo: Gettysburg Times, Inc.

October 2015, Civilian Air Patrol (CAP) Gettysburg Squadron 308 was chartered with headquarters at Gettysburg Regional Airport. Local CAP Squadrons are structured under state Wings, serving as an auxiliary branch of the U.S. Air Force. Cadet ages range from 12 to 18.

Acknowledgment and appreciation to the Doersom family for their contributions and to all who offered inputs to this documentation effort.

EAA Chapter 1041 (Gettysburg Barnstormers), by Phil Roth

Last installment of the series



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Remembrances of Doersom (Gettysburg) Airport in the 1960's

By Charlie Tipton

In the fall of 1963, I was a Gettysburg High School senior and had been taking flight instruction for over a year in a WWII vintage airplane at what was then known as "Gettysburg Airport", a grass strip located on the Mummasburg Road. After acquiring a Private Pilot's license in November, I wanted to get experience in a more modern and sophisticated airplane to use for recreational flying. My search took me to Doersom Airport on Route 30 west of town.

At the time, Don Sullivan, an experienced pilot and mechanic, as well as an FAA certified maintenance inspector, was leasing the airport operation from the Doersom family. Don owned a Cessna 150, a two-place, single-engine, high-wing airplane, which he was willing to rent. He had engaged John Hull, a local businessman and certified flight instructor, to provide training in his plane for interested students. Although I hadn't met him, John was the father of one of my high school classmates. We soon arranged to fly together for a checkout in the Cessna and afterwards he signed me off to rent and fly Don's plane. Ironically, several years later when I bought my first car, John was the Ford Garage salesman and once again we went for a ride before signing the paperwork.

My flight logbook shows that during the period from Dec. '63 to Aug '64, I logged 18 hours of flight time in Don's Cessna and took 14 of my friends and family for rides, including three for their first flight. One memorable flight was taking my 14-year-old brother along to explore the new Washington Dulles Airport on a bitter cold day during Christmas vacation. The airport had just recently opened and traffic was light. The tower cleared us to land in front of a military 707 that was practicing approaches. However, it got too close because of our slow speed and had to go around. Having a 707 overfly us as we touched down was quite exciting for a couple of small-town teenagers! At Doersom it was always exciting to fly at night because there were no runway lights. Don would park his truck at the end of the runway to illuminate the landing area.

In September '64 I started college in the Midwest and while I often returned to visit, I didn't fly again from Doersom for about 30 years. When I next rented a plane there, it was from Don Doersom, who was once again running his family airport. However, my youthful experiences were part of the foundation of my career in aerospace, plus they are the source of many good memories, as well as "hangar flying" stories that would not exist without having an airport in the Gettysburg community.

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Letters from Air Academy



Dear Gettysburg Barnstormers,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to experience EAA Air Academy and EAA Airventure 2018. I really appreciate that you all helped me go through flight training with this as even more motivation to keep going. I have made many new friends and connections that not only have the same goals and interests as me ~~but~~ can help me achieve my goals. ~~Also~~. I have never been around so many people who shared my passion for Aviation and are the same age as me. This week was also packed with flying, classes, and workshops that helped me further my love and understanding of Aviation. I hope to bring back all the memories and knowledge back to the chapter and flying club and hopefully pass it on to the next generation when I can. Again, I appreciate everything you did for me to come here.

Sincerely, Adrian Petasis
Adrian Petasis

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Letters from Air Academy



To everyone back at home that has helped me get to where I am today and wants to see me do great things and succeed, I would like to thank you again for this once and a lifetime opportunity and thank you for bringing me in as part as your chapter family and EAA family,

your friend,

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2018 “WINGS, WHEELS & PANCAKES” FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST

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

Saturday, Sept. 29 and

Sunday, Sept. 30

8:00am–Noon • Rain or Shine!

Breakfast Highlights

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

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

Portion of proceeds benefit various Aviation Programs for Youth

**Antique & Classic Cars Invited
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Volunteer For September's Fly-In Breakfast

Friday September 28th 9:00 am to NoonHanger Clean-up

Friday September 28th 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.....Breakfast Set-up

Saturday September 29th 7:45 am to Noon.....Cooking, Sewing, cleaning tables, beverage service

Sunday September 30th 7:45 am to Noon.....Cooking, Sewing, cleaning tables, beverage service

Sunday September 30th Noon to 2:30 pm..... Breakfast teardown

No special skills needed (?questions^call Paul Selmer, or Bob Howe?)

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Fly-Out Destination

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Fly-Out destination for October Will be decided at the October Meeting. The fly-out for September was cancelled due to adverse weather

Election of officers and Board of Directors will be held at the October meeting

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 Herb Bartell (717-476-2800) no later than Friday afternoon if you plan to join the flight. Herb will make restaurant reservations at the destination airport; therefore, an accurate count of participants is appreciated.

Check out our website. It has been updated!!

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