

June 2020

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## Chapter 1041

### NOTAMS:

- **June 1st Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM conducted via ZOOM virtual meeting**
- **June 6th Fly-in Breakfast CANCELLED**
- **June 13th IMC/ VMC meeting Via ZOOM 9:00-10:30**
- **June 20th International EAA learn to fly day**
- **July 11th IMC/ VMC meeting Gburg RegionalApt 9:00-10:30 Zoom Backup**
- **July 13th Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt Zoom Backup**
- **AirVenture Cancelled**
- **August 8th IMC/ VMC meeting Gburg RegionalApt 9:00-10:30 Zoom Backup**
- **August 9th Chapter Picnic Mathna Airport**
- **August 15th Chapter Fly-out Destination TBD**
- **September 12th IMC/VMC meeting Gburg RegionalApt 9:00-10:30 Zoom Backup**

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## Henry's Hangar

Hello Barnstormers! Well, well, well . . .

What can I say? None of us ever imagined the situation we still find ourselves in. The EAA Air Academy sessions are off, AirVenture Oshkosh has been cancelled, we've cancelled our June Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, and we don't know what else will transpire over the coming months.

After canvassing the members of your Board of Directors, we will try something different for our June 1<sup>st</sup> Chapter meeting. Many of you are already familiar with "Zoom", which is how we will get together. Look for more information and directions in this issue of The Observer. EAA has been using Zoom for meetings and IMC Club gatherings, and we can tell you it works very well. Please join us 'virtually' and we'll have a great experience!

Also in this newsletter will be an agenda for our meeting. With the cancellation of the breakfast, we won't have much boring business to conduct. We'll review what has taken place so far this year and what our plans for the remainder of 2020 will be. One of those plans will be to discuss an alternative date for our popular "Movie Night" that we could not hold on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please contribute your ideas to that discussion.

Nathan Hawkins continues to make great progress toward the goal of his Private Pilot's License. There have been a few challenges that no one could have predicted, some of which were a result of the Covid situation. We commend Nathan for "hanging in there" and con-

tinuing to reach for the sky. His patience and drive are a tribute to his determination. Go Nathan!

Please join me in praying for an end to all these changes and restrictions. We all want to get together as a group, have fun together, and enjoy our common interests. Let's really pray hard for a normal September breakfast event, along with a great picnic in August. I'm so anxious to be able to see all of you in person and enjoy some quality time together. Until that is possible, we'll stay in touch through various means, including this newsletter.

Henry



**All members will receive a ZOOM meeting invitation via email before the June 1st meeting. Click the link and you can join the meeting.**

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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***

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The June meeting will feature several video presentations provided by the EAA

**Nathan Hawkins has requested that he present his Ray Aviation experiences in person to the chapter rather than via a Virtual meeting**

## ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION

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

[www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

[www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)

[www.1041.eaachapter.org](http://www.1041.eaachapter.org)

[www.intrepidmuseum.org](http://www.intrepidmuseum.org)

[www.york-aviation.com](http://www.york-aviation.com)

[www.airfactsjournal.com](http://www.airfactsjournal.com)

[www.jerryandersonart.com](http://www.jerryandersonart.com)

<https://www.airportcourtesycars.com>

Zoom will run on any platform; desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. It is operating system agnostic. Plan on starting the meeting a few minutes before 7:00PM. The meeting host will admit you to the meeting. Most of you will be using your built-in microphone. If that is a problem a telephone link is provided. Your microphone should be muted during the meeting to prevent feedback problems. Press and hold the spacebar to talk or unmute the mic using the on-screen symbol to unmute. You may disable your video feed if you desire. The host can unmute your mic but not enable your video.

This is new to many of our members so we will try to help all of you use the technology!

## Book Review

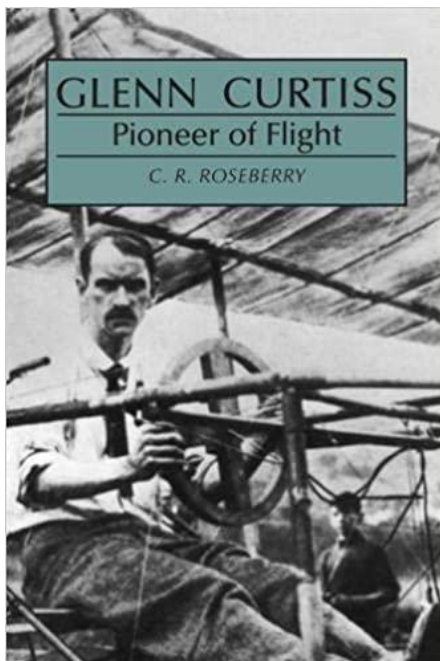


### Glenn Curtiss: Pioneer of Flight Paperback

by C. Roseberry (Author)

Glenn Curtiss (1878–1930) was a self-taught aeronautical engineer, a self-made industrialist, and one of the first airplane pilots, the model for “Tom Swift.” C. R. Roseberry’s biography begins with Curtiss’s years in Hammondsport, New York, his experiments with designing and learning to fly his own airplanes, and his many “firsts” in aviation history. Establishing one of the first aviation schools, Curtiss also developed a highly successful aviation company and designed one of the most popular early American planes—the Curtiss JN-4 (the “Jenny”). More than just a biography, this is also a well-documented history of the development of aviation and the key figures associated with it during the first three crucial decades of this century.

Available on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/2yt8rPE>



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## A Very Sincere Thank-You to Herb Bartell



All of our members are familiar with Herb Bartell, who has a colorful history with aviation and the Barnstormers. Herb recently retired after 18 years of service as our faithful and dependable Chapter Treasurer.

We want to thank Herb for his long hitch of devoted service to EAA Chapter 1041. He has always been ready and eager to handle the financial record keeping and needs of the Chapter. Herb promoted 50/50 drawings at our monthly gatherings and would serve as Cashier for our twice-yearly Breakfast events. Herb always greets our patrons with a smile and a cheerful word.

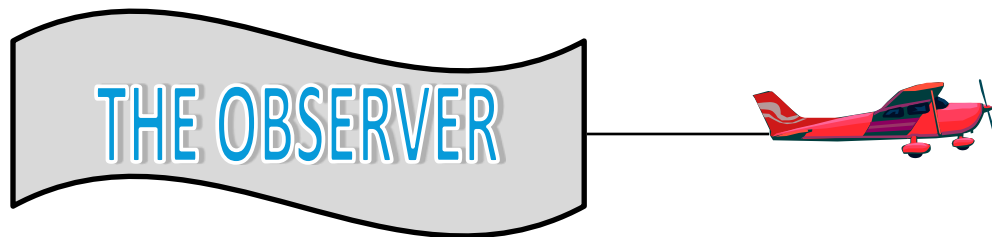
Herb started his duties as Chapter Treasurer in January 2003. He held that position showing great skill and professionalism until he decided to retire in April of 2020. This does not mean that we won't see Herb at our functions, we expect him to remain active in his "retirement"!

Prior to Herb becoming our Treasurer, Karen Radzai served in that position. At that time, Karen was working full-time and found that she could not attend many of our meetings as her work schedule conflicted. Since then, she has retired and very graciously volunteered to take the Treasurer job again. We sincerely appreciate her willingness to serve the Chapter. Welcome, Karen!



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## **News From SARAA**

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

2020 has been an unprecedented year for everyone with far-reaching impacts. We are grateful to know that we will recover together, but it will take some time. Please feel free to share this email with other tenants or users.

As you are aware, aviation and airports have been impacted by the pandemic. Passenger traffic at Harrisburg International Airport dropped by more than 95 percent, and flight activity across the country has diminished dramatically. As States enacted stay-at-home orders and other restrictions, the demand for aviation has also decreased. It has not completely disappeared, however, and we believe that activity has begun to slowly increase again.

In response to these changes, the SARAA Board and staff have worked diligently to ensure the Authority will persevere and respond throughout the pandemic. Across the board, expense cuts have been made to both planned operating and capital expenditures to offset the drop in revenues. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act did provide funding to reimburse airports throughout the country for ongoing expenditures, including all of SARAA's airports. We are grateful for the federal aid, as these funds will be necessary to support ongoing operations. We also anticipate that the recovery from the economic downturn will be measured in years instead of months, which will likely impact SARAA budgets for some time.

With that in mind, here are some specific thoughts regarding our general aviation airports:

All of SARAA's airports will remain open and operational: We remain committed to this purpose, and we do not anticipate closures for other than normal business reasons (safety, construction, etc.) The Governor of PA recognized the need for all aviation when he included it in his definitions of life-sustaining business. SARAA staff are therefore considered essential employees and will continue their normal jobs, though there are changes in schedules to account for employee safety during the pandemic. SARAA staff are also required to adhere to all public health requirements to minimize transmission risk (masks, maintaining proper distance, etc.)

Changes will be most visible in capital expenditures and planned events: As we consider our finances, we expect to continue most normal operations, but there will be changes. Capital projects not financed by grants will be considered individually and many will be deferred. Events such as the planned Community Day at CXY have been cancelled, and expenditures supporting preparation for future events (AOPA Fly-In) will also be deferred.

Tenant events may still continue subject to public health considerations: Many of our tenants and groups have planned events at the airports, and these events may continue as long as they meet all public health requirements and guidelines. While SARAA may not be able to provide direct funding support, we still would be delighted to help market events through our social media channels, and Andy Kerstetter and his team can provide ordinary maintenance (mowing, etc.) for these events. We are also open to modifying the dates for these events to help tenants meet changing health guidelines.

We are grateful for your support of aviation, and we value our continuing relationship. If there are any questions I can answer, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly.

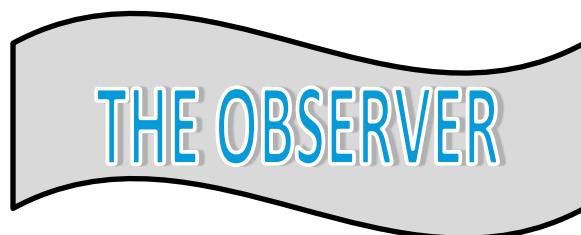
Best regards and good health.

Marshall B. Stevens, A.A.E. Deputy Executive Director, Harrisburg International Airport, (717) 948-3900 x4700

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### **JUNE 2020 BARNSTORMERS MEETING AGENDA**

Call meeting to order – “ZOOM”

Welcome members & introduce guests.

Thank Herb for 18 years of service as Treasurer, welcome Karen Radzai as new Treasurer

Evening program **EAA Chapter Meeting Video(s)**

Convene Business Meeting

Secretary’s report: Minutes of last meeting. Additions/Corrections? Approval.

Treasurer’s report: Additions/Corrections? Approval.

Communications & correspondence:

413 days till Oshkosh 2021 ! Be There !

Committee reports:

Ray Aviation Scholarship – Carolyn & Nathan

CAP 308 – update – Sarah

Airport Update – GAAC report – John, Phil, Bob, etc.

Membership Coordinator – Andy

Newsletter/ Website - Bob

Fly-Out – Dick Young -

IMC Club – June 8<sup>th</sup> – Keith, Art, Savy, Phil, Bob . . . .

Young Eagles - Jason

Fly-In – September 26-27 ?

Old Business:

Movie Night – re-schedule?

Chapter Camping at Oshkosh – Bob – next year!

Annual Picnic – Sunday, Aug. 11 – Mathna Airport, Port-A-Pottie ?

Anything else?

New Business:

Flagpole – broken - order a new one?

July 13th meeting – program ?

August 9<sup>th</sup> – picnic! At Mathna Airport

Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> meeting - program ?

Anything else?

Closing remarks: Move for adjournment ?



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

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

Saturday, June 6 and  
Sunday, June 7

**Cancelled**

Saturday, Sept. 26 and  
Sunday, Sept. 27

8:00am–Noon • Rain or Shine!

### 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

**Antique & Classic Cars Invited**  
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### **Contact:**

Henry Hartman at  
717-637-3741 or cell 717-465-5952



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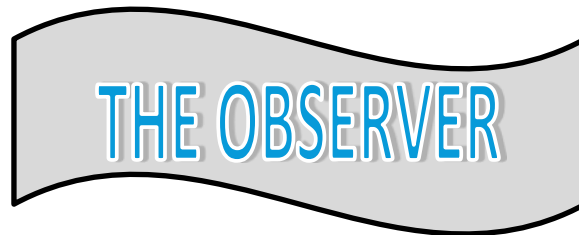
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## Fly-Out Destination

**The Fly-out destination for June 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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