



Next Meeting:

**When: Thursday, July 1st at 6:30pm**

**Where: EAA Hangar, 8300 Tibor Rd**



## President's Hot Seat

July 2021

*By Tom Rupert*

Happy summer to everyone, all chapter members near and far. Summer is in full swing with beautiful flying weather and pilots taking advantage of the long days of sunshine. It seems like the vaccination of our population is working which means lots of good news for aviators. AirVenture 2021 is ON. Starting July 25th and running for one week. If you have never been, it is a must attend event. It is like a state fair for airplanes and enthusiasts. There is so much to see and do one cannot describe it all.

For events closer to home, our chapter Fly/Drive In was a huge success. Well maybe not "huge" but still a great starting point to build on for years to come. Your board and other volunteers were the key. We are already looking into how to make it better for next year. Your input is more than welcome

Be sure to invite anyone you know that might be interested in what we do to our next meeting at the hangar. There will be expanded food choices, a great program and enough "aviation stories" to make for a great evening at the hangar. So ya'll come now, ya hear!

Cheers,

**Tom Rupert**

## Calendar

### July

- 1 **EAA Chapter 1129 Regular Meeting**  
6:30 pm
- 10 **Manley Fly In Potluck Picnic**
- 15 **VMC Club Meeting**  
7:00pm

### August

- 5 **EAA Chapter 1129 Regular Meeting**  
6:30 pm

### September

- 5 **EAA Chapter 1129 Regular Meeting**  
6:30 pm

**Great Tip...**EAA Chapter 1129 is a non-profit organization. We are not specifically listed as a United Way agency, but if you specify "EAA Chapter 1129" on your United Way contribution form, the funds will be forward to your Chapter to benefit local aviation education and safety.

## **EAA Chapter 1129 Mission Statement:**

Build, restore, innovate and educate to preserve Alaska's aviation heritage, and to promote Alaska's aviation future.

# Nenana



# FLY IN!

## That Went Better Than Expected!

By Shannon Trizzino

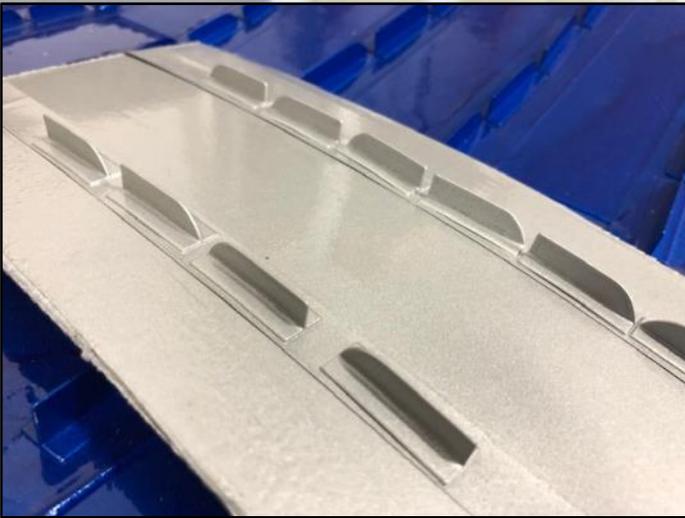
We recently had our first 2021 Chapter Fly-in to Nenana. Thank you everyone for coming to the event, it went off much better than we had planned. In total we had 9 airplanes (4 of which were experimentals and 3 of those were built by our own members), 22 people total flew in, and about 12 drove in... then the town of Nenana came out.

The fly-in was an amazing event which could not have been possible without the support of the Nenana Mayor and the Airport Manager. It was exciting to hear about

the Nenana Airport's future improvements. Nenana will definitely continue to be one of the future fly-in sites for the Chapter.

It was fantastic to get everyone together, have some good food, and have some great conversations. The Fly-In Planning Committee is organizing the next Chapter fly-in which is tentatively set for July 10th at Manley Hot Springs, more information to follow. If anyone is interested in participating in more fly-ins around Alaska, there is a Facebook page called Flyout Alaska that you can follow. These events are not affiliated with the EAA, but if you are looking for more flying adventures it is an option for you to find some like minded aviators.





## Tech Tip: Securing VG's for Painting

By Vickie Domke

“Never a dull moment for you!” I said after Howard Shepard summarized the last few years since he graduated from the UAF A&P school and moved to Juneau. Howard is a big, bearded, vested Harley riding, tough biker-looking guy who possibly hasn't shaved in the 20 years since I have known him. He is one of the most considerate people I know.

Jack Schnurr remembers Howard making pots of coffee for the other students at A&P school. “Why, Howard, do you make coffee? You don't even drink it...” Jack asked.

“Somebody's got to do it,” Howard replied.

After A&P school (in 2003?) Howard moved to Juneau, built a fuselage jig, finished a one-of-a-kind experimental Super Cub from scratch, learned to fly, flipped it over on a beach, got a medevac ride, rebuilt the Cub, all while helping others build their airplanes, making parts, and a myriad other non-aviation adventures.

While in his hangar last week and admiring his beautiful, deep metallic blue

paint job I saw a piece of cardboard with freshly painted VG's sticking up like shark fins. Howard showed me how he attached blue tape, sticky side up, by taping the ends down with other pieces of tape. The VG's stuck nicely to the sticky side of the tape during painting. Great tip! But Howard is quick to say it wasn't his idea.

Howard's airplane has metallic silver and gold stripes on it, as well as the Big Dipper and the North Star. It is a very unique Alaskan airplane, perfect for a unique character!



## Product Review: Folex Instant Carpet Spot Remover

By Vickie Domke

I smelled the fuel first...then looked up and saw the blue fuel stain on the new, light grey wool headliner in my customer's Cessna 170. After replacing the cracked overhead vent line I still had the stained headliner to either replace (gasp...) or possibly clean.

I recalled experimenting with a non-script product, Folex Instant Carpet Spot Remover, to successfully clean blood from airplane interior carpets during the last hunting season. With nothing to lose, I sprayed several coats on the wool headliner and, by golly, the stains disappeared!

The spray bottle of Folex promises to

(Product Review ...continued)

remove ink, red wine and grease as well as the usual blood, grime and pet accidents with no rinsing, toxicity or skin irritation. And it really does work! Folex is available at Fred Meyer in the aisle with other cleaners for around \$15, which is much less expensive than a new wool airplane headliner.

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## EAA/VMC Club Needs a Chairperson

By Rick Crisenbery

I received the following from Ken Kokjer outlining the need for a new VMC club chairperson. If you have not attended a VMC meeting you are missing out some good flying discussions. Ken has been leading this effort for several years and needs someone to take over for him for at least the next 8 months due to his personal schedule.

The VMC club meetings are a valuable addition to our chapter in our efforts to bring diverse flying educational programs to our members. As such, please help your fellow members by taking on this responsibility for your chapter. As Ken points out these jobs don't take a lot of time so it is a great way for you help the chapter.

*"EAA Chapter 1129 is looking for a volunteer to take over leading the VMC Club. This is a great way to get involved with only a small amount of effort and commitment. EAA Headquarters provides the monthly material, which consists of a "Question of the Month" and a video clip with a scenario around which discussion will take place. The leader is responsible for downloading the topics each month, bringing them to the computer in the hangar, and facilitating the*

*discussion. Total time has averaged 1.5 - 2 hours per month. VP Ken Kokjer has been leading this program, and will be available until July 10 to help a new leader get familiar with the process. Please consider taking on this activity in support of your local chapter. "*

Respond to this request, or contact Ken: [kkokjer@ieee.org](mailto:kkokjer@ieee.org), or 907-388-9252 (phone or text)."

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## July Meeting and Food

Our upcoming meeting on July 1 will continue our potluck tradition. We will have the grill fired up for hotdogs and maybe hamburgers, and we ask everyone to bring a dish to share if possible. Please plan on bringing your own beverage. The hangar door will be open regardless of weather, so don't forget a jacket if the forecast is for rain or cool weather. Stan Halverson will be talking about his gun turret project for our program.

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## Pull Tabs

Our previous pull-tab operator, Rippy City, went out of business in 2020, and we have been looking for a new operator to take us on. Thanks to special efforts and help from Brooke Cacy and Matt Kato, we signed a contract with Pull Tab City 3 early in June. With this new contract we should start getting some gaming income to help your Chapter with scholarship funds and educational programs. A huge thank you to all our members who helped us with extra contributions after we lost our pull-tab income. With their help we were able to pay off the hangar mortgage and keep us afloat on expenses.



A truck load of “good parts” for sale from Jimmy Anderson’s storage.

## HANGAR REPORT/ DONATION REPORT

by Michael Armstrong

EAA Chapter 1129 owes a big “Thank You” to the late Jimmy Anderson, and his estate. Jimmy bequeathed an impressive collection of old aircraft parts to our chapter in the hope that we could find builders that need these treasures.

There are parts for Piper, Aeronca, Cessna, Stinson, Maule, and Taylorcraft! Our chapter has inherited parts from tail wheels to spinners.

Please contact Bill Green, Myself, or Rick Crisenbery with your needs. Once our chapter members have been supplied with parts, we could give the list to the Anchorage and Kenai chapters.

Hopefully the sale of these parts can help pay for some hangar expenses, and help fund some hangar improvements.. Hopefully the price of building materials will drop soon as well!

## Scrap Wood Storage Cart

By Bruce Dunkle

I’ve recently been motivated to clean up my shop a little and found the plans for this rolling scrap storage cart on-line. I’ve started building it—not finished yet, but this is what it should look like when its done. I’m actually using up a lot of scrap building it, which is an added bonus!

Here’s the website where I purchased the very nice set of plans for \$10.00

<https://www.thirdcoastcraftsman.com/>



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