

HIAWATHA VALLEY EAA CHAPTER 1518

RGK—Red Wing, MN Regional Airport

(Formerly the Hiawatha Valley Pilots Association - founded in 1973)

Our 48th Year



June 2020 Newsletter

Chapter Greeting

Chapter Get Together

It has been a long last four or five months and most of us may be getting a large dose of cabin fever.

To help get rid of the isolation blues we are having a chapter get together this Saturday at Ed Whitman's hanger.

Leon will be manning the grill and promises that we will enjoy the afternoons culinary delights including

Hamburgers, Bacon for taste. Onions, Sliced cheese
Bratwurst, Sauerkraut for Vitality
Bake Beans
Chips, Buns, sliced Pickles, Ketchup and mustard
Pop and water.

Feel free to bring a desert if you would like.

We will be practicing social distancing and have tables set up outside. The weather will be in the mid seventies so it should be pleasant.

Business Meeting

There will be a short business meeting to discuss the following

- Plan the remainder of our years activities (our previous schedule has blown down the departure end of Runway 9 because of Covid-19)
- Discuss our chapters finances (there will be no income in 2020 because River City Days and the Fly-in Pancake Breakfast have been canceled)
- Consideration of a larger donation to the food shelves because of the high number of people who have been unemployed due to Covid-19

See you at the airport on Saturday.

Ben Burshem - EAA 1518 President

Upcoming Meetings

Saturday June 13th

**Chapter Get Together at
Ed Whitman's Hanger**

4:30 to Sunset

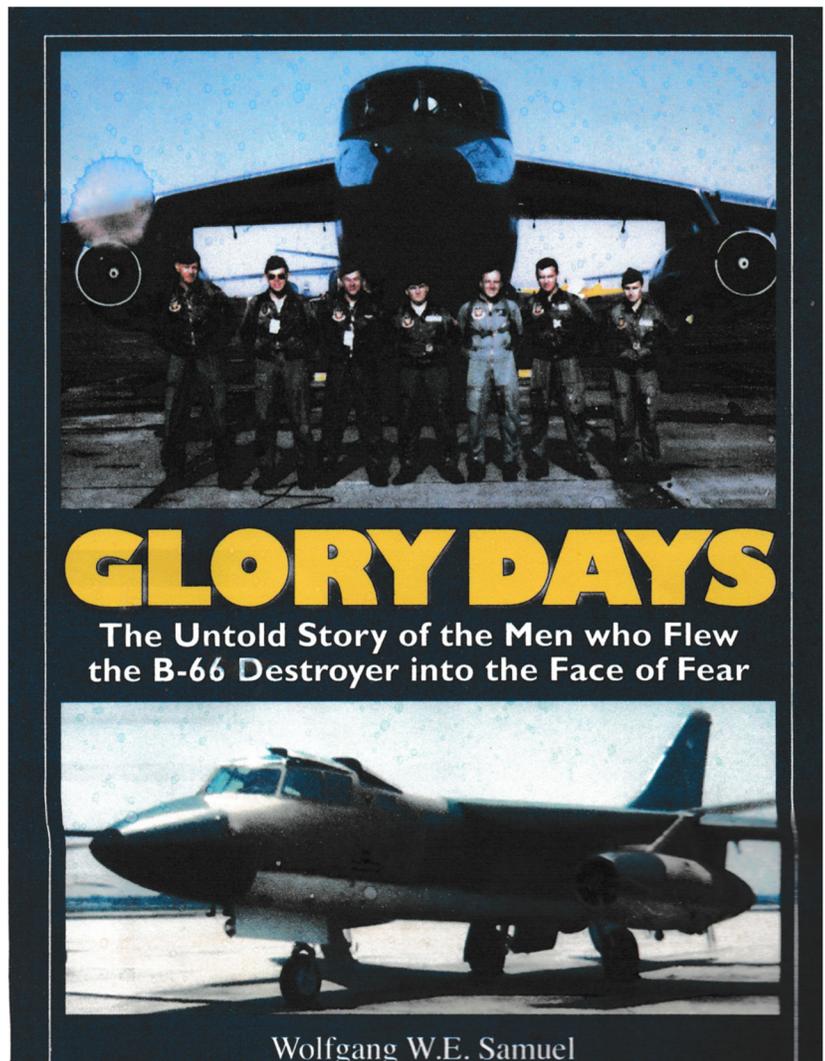
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Hiawatha Valley EAA Chapter 1518 is continuing the Long History of the Upper Hiawatha Valley Pilots Association that started in 1973

Most of us remember Dan Schaller, better known as "Downwind Dan". Over the years I was privileged to hear his tales of training in T-6s, B-25s, and H-bomb equipped B-47s. I have no military background but Dan's recollections were not of a "Rambo" nature which allowed all listeners to absorb those tales.

Back in 2009 I ordered a book from a dealer in Massachusetts that dealt with the history of the B-66 which Dan flew in South East Asia. My copy was loaned to the Major and returned promptly with an addendum tucked inside. The current lockdown of the local public library forced me to turn to my military / aviation collection. I apologize for not reading the book and Dan's comments a decade earlier. Enjoy these exploits of Major Schaller over the jungles of Thailand and North Vietnam.



**Thanks for reading,
Dennis Ahern**

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2020 Schedule

Saturday	Jan 11th	2020 Calendar Planning	09:30-11:00	RGK Main Terminal
Saturday	Feb 1st			
Saturday	Mar 7th			
Saturday	Apr 4th			
Saturday	May 2nd			
Saturday	June 13th	Chapter Get Together	4:30 to Dusk	Ed Whitman's Hanger
Saturday	July 11th			
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>July 18h</i>	<i>Young Eagles Rally??</i>	<i>9:00-Noon</i>	<i>RGK Main Terminal</i>
Saturday	Sept 5th	Airport Neighbor Day??		
Saturday	Oct 3th	Annual BBQ Dinner	16:30— 19:00	Ed Whitman's Hanger
Saturday	Nov 7th			
Saturday	Dec 5th			