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Around the Patch:

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September 2020 was the month that never should have been, but even with COVID 19, fires with all accompanying smoke and ash and some rainy days thrown in for good measure, a few things did happen for the chapter. The month began with a successful pancake breakfast, which will be repeated again this month, so we hope to see you Saturday, October 3rd from 9:00 until 11:00 or until supplies run out.

Jennifer Weiss scaled down the Tom Weiss Labor Day Fly-in to a picnic with family and friends, including EAA Chapter 495. The event was a success with attendees enjoying a sunny day and one gentleman got his first ride in a small airplane.

Paul Schafer, accompanied by several members cleared out hangar B-3 at KRBG, which was no small accomplishment. After much soul searching and consideration, I have reversed myself and have decided to look for another airplane so I will be keeping the hangar, at least for the time being.

We were fortunate in that we didn't hear of any member's homes being lost in the fires. Flying was curtailed due to low visibility caused by smoke and ash lingering in the air. We were able to have a meeting, of sorts. A few of us gathered at Felt Field and sat around in the backs of trucks and talked airplanes since none of the gathered had a key to the hangar. The group broke up when we ran out of things to talk about. The only business discussed concerned moving chapter belongings from B3 to Kevin and Tami Bruton's hangar and the Veteran's Day Parade, which may turn out to be a reverse parade. No decisions were made.



Hangar moving day a success

The chapter tools and assets were moved on Sunday, to Kevin and Tammi's hangar. Thanks to Mark, CJ, Kevin and Joe for helping accomplish this task. A big thanks to John Roberts for supporting us with the RFP forklift, a necessity for moving the brake and shear.

If anyone needs access to the chapter tools/materials, contact Kevin. I want to thank Kevin personally for helping me move my project back home on Saturday. *Paul Schafer*

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Tom Weiss fly-in scaled down

Due to Covid restrictions, a mini Tom Weiss Labor Day Fly-in took place at Felt Field on Sept. 7th. Family, close friends, and chapter members in a half a dozen airplanes enjoyed the beautiful weather and each other's company. The Weiss Family presented Isabelle Hervey with the Tom Weiss Memorial Scholarship. Isabelle will be attending the University of Oregon studying science and education. Thank you to Gil Peterson for hosting the event for the 6th year in a row. We look forward to resuming our large gathering next year. *Jennifer Weiss*



Davis Weiss takes future brother in law AJ Nichols for his very first small airplane ride in Chris Akin's Cub



Davis presents Isabelle Hervey with the Tom Weiss scholarship



Family and friends enjoying time together



The Weiss Family



Bonnie loses control...Dennis does it again



Well I went and did it. With a perfectly good airplane, I went and started building again. On the first of the month, I purchased a previously started project, a GlaStar, like Bob Fischer's beautiful model only instead of one piece like his, mine is still in thousands of pieces.

It is an early model, Serial #5049 (numbers started at 5000), and I am the third owner. So it may be a classic already. The rudder, elevator, horizontal stabilizer and fuselage shell are completed (actually two sets of tail parts?) so it may be considered almost a fast-build kit.

So far, I have gotten the shop cleaned out, the parts transported from the Portland area to my house, storage racks and shelves constructed, boxes inspected (mice disposed of) and parts stored.

I also ordered the required metal working tools that I lacked. What have I gotten myself into!?

I have gone through all the Service Bulletins (that binder is almost as large as the plans binder) and integrated them into the plans. I have identified several option kits that were included and found the plans for installing them as well. I am now working on educating myself on aluminum working and vinyl ester fiberglass (the Cozy is epoxy fiberglass).

Next on the agenda is to review and inspect the parts that are already built, and then maybe try to make two parts into one. *Dennis Rose*



JUST FOR GRINS



I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area, so I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional, and I was in good hands.

"Now," she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?"

So I replied, "No Ma'am, The Pilot told us we're circling the airport, 3rd in line to land"



As we go through life we find some of the darnedest things and this is one of them. Do you know what this gadget is? This was found in the hangar as we were cleaning up and moving. If you can identify it and it's useful to us, you will be the big winner. Don't ask what you win. You may be disappointed.



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