

January 2023 EAA 50 Newsletter

President's Corner

Happy New year to all and your families and friends! Best part of any year, we go from the birth of our savior to a new year. It is now official the 2023 Officer and Trustee Ballots have been certified at are December Board meeting and it is again my pleasure to serve another year as your president. Working with people that our so special is a pleasure I'll personally take with me when I go west! 2022 was interesting we added a breakfast routine, our Friday evening Christmas event was super, the Galloway and Bores events simply out of sight and it's your Boards intention to blow you away in 2023. Are social and educational monthly events and allowance for the public and your friends to attend for a membership cost of \$20.00 is one of the finest investments you can make. We have three aircraft projects to market for scholarship funds and operational cost. Two simply need finished and the "Quicky" will have to be totally rebuilt. The "Starduster-2" is one of the finest constructions you could ever buy to build! They are going on Barnstormers so if you as a member or one of your friends have interest simply contact one of our officers or trustees.

As we begin 2023, I would again ask you to always give your Board positive input on suggestions and ideas to improve "50's" operation and numbers of membership. Your Board has many brilliant members who are very much into the aviation spirit! I would love to get ideas on how to obtain more young members input and get more aviation minded women in our programs.

Flight of the Flags

If you have had a family member pass away who served in the military, then you would have witnessed the final dignity that our government bestows upon all soldiers. A flag is draped over the coffin and just before interment an Honor Guard crisply folds that flag, presents it to the family, a 21 gun salute sounds out before Taps is played and the veteran is finally laid to rest.

It occurred to me that every one should be exposed to this one last honor to the men and women who have served our country in the military. Several years ago, I started what I call the "Flight of the Flags". I asked the Liberty Aviation Museum if I could sponsor their B-25 bomber to carry the flags of fallen soldiers on a flight around the Perry Victory Monument in Lake Erie and they enthusiastically said "YES". We invited everyone to bring the flags of their deceased veterans to be loaded onto the plane and the response was overwhelming.

The local VFW Post provided the Honor Guard to demonstrate the folding of the flag. This had special meaning to me as the flag they would be folding was my father's flag. He wanted to be cremated and have his ashes laid into the river in a local park in front of the bench where he and my mother would sit and pass away an afternoon. No ceremonies are allowed in the park, so my father's flag never was folded by an Honor Guard. No shots were fired and the sad notes of Taps were never played.

That changed several years ago when the first "Flight of the Flags" carried my father's properly folded flag along with the flags of several other fallen veterans on a flight aboard a World War II aircraft. Since then, we have followed that flight with several others. I want to expand this honor to as many past servicemen and women as I can. Would there be any interest in your organization to have your own "Flight of the Flags" to fly the flags of local families on your aircraft?

If so, please contact me so we can organize a unique honor to the fallen veterans in your neighborhood.

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January 2023 “Plane of the Month” Vought OS2U “Kingfisher”



The Vought OS2U Kingfisher was manufactured by Vought as a catapult-launched observation floatplane intended for the [United States Navy](#). It was the primary shipboard observation floatplane of the [USN](#) in the [Second World War](#). The aircraft was also used by the Royal Navy, Royal Australian Air Force, and the Soviet Navy. It first flew in 1938 and was retired in 1959 with a total number of 1,519 aircraft built. The XOS2U-1 prototype of this two-seat observation/scout monoplane was delivered to the US Navy in 1938 and the first production OS2U-1 went into service in 1940. Two further and generally similar series, the OS2U-2 and -3, followed - the latter also going into production at the Naval Aircraft Factory as the OS2N-1. The British Kingfisher I was a counterpart of the OS2U-3. Total production amounted to about 1,925 aircraft.

MODEL	OS2U-3
CREW	2

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No meeting snow bunnies!

We will have a Board Meeting 01/21/23 @ 10:00 AM in our Gathering Room, members and public is invited. We have had suggestions on our monthly breakfast sessions. We're going back to Jordan's Rest. on Cleveland Rd. Huron, Ohio @ 09:00 Am 01/14/23. A little noisy but great food. Bring a friend enjoy the food hope to see you all on site!

As most of you know long time member Don Roth went West. Don can now fly again with the love of his life Mary Roth, who has been flying with the angels! The sign in my hangar tells you the type of man Don was, the sign is a tribute to the people who helped yours truly build my hangar. Don was an aircraft owner, instrument rated, and multi engine rated. Don really loved to fly!





EAA 50 is so proud of one of our new younger members. Garrison Hohler. Garrison joined our chapter this summer and is now enrolled in “Skyborne” Airline Academy in Florida! We are very proud of your chosen career.