

# EAA 50 NEWS

## September 2023

### EAA 50 Youth Membership on the Rise

Meet Chapter 50  
under age 30  
members



**Kaden Keegan**

Kaden is 22 years old and resides in Castalia. He is an instrument rated private pilot and is an aircraft detailing supervisor for Griffing Flying Service.

### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

This year has been a year of a few modifications in your chapter, some changes in events, and how we handled them has proven one major thing to your President. It's easy to resist any kind of change. Example for me, analog gauges verses glass cockpits. I love flying along with the old timers and I hate flying with glass and looking at all the aircraft flying around us instead of spending more time seeing for myself. Honestly, I can accept change. If I was flying along the lake shore off Chicago at night, there is no question change is theoretical! Just look at our events this year by far improved and are going to get better. Our members have one of the finest groups of Board members I've seen. Example, we have already found ways to make our money grow



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### Garrison Hohler

Garrison is 20 years old and a full time aviation student training in Vero Beach, Fla. The Monroeville native is currently a private pilot with his instrument rating.



which adds helpful things like subsidizing fuel cost for our Young Eagle pilots. In the next four months we are going to hold four terrific events for our members and their friends! Coming up first is the Galloway Family “Chili fly in.” This event simply gets more aircraft and more people coming each year. I’m hoping that Saturday September 9<sup>th</sup> is added to you and your families must go list! It begins at 12:00 noon. Bring a covered dish if you can and as always friends are welcome! God Bless America, President Ben Gleason



Dave Ross flying the Ford Tri Motor



## Charliegh Smith

**Charliegh is 19 years old and is a Marblehead resident. At this time she is finishing up her training as a private pilot. She is currently working as a logistics specialist at Grand Air at KTOL. Charliegh is also working on a Piper Cub restoration project with Kaden Keegan.**



## Spencer Johnson

**Spencer is 24 years old and is a Sandusky resident. Spencer holds a commercial multiengine rating and CFII. He is a pilot and flight instructor for Griffing flying service.**



## Patrick Galloway

**Patrick is 28 and lives in Milan. Patrick owns an Aeronca Champ hangared at Hinde Field. He hopes to begin his training soon to obtain his private license in order to fly his champ. His final goal is to become a commercial pilot. Patrick works in environmental cleanup in Las Vegas.**



**We can add to the list of EEA 50 under thirty members a batch of active 30 somethings, Erica Mayaris, Scott & Nicole Bores, and Michael Bores & Christina. So many young people in EEA 50 indicates a continued interest in General Aviation and the future of Fifty.**

## **Member Gary Patzke (aka M.T. Bass) 15th novel has just been released**

What is of particular interest to EAA 50 is that this novel is about the revival of air racing in the early 1960s, leading up to the very first Reno Air Race in 1964. Gary was very fortunate to have the National Championship Air Races approve the use of artwork from their inaugural poster on his cover.

Gary worked closely with Jack Dianiska, who founded the US Air Racing Association and ran the Cleveland Air Races at Burke Lakefront (among many others) during the Seventies and Eighties.

It is coincidental that this is happening during the last year of the races in Reno. Gary will be going out to Reno in September and hopes to give all a full report when he returns.

Book promo and title:

**Racing the Dream: Fly Low...Fly Fast...and Turn Left...**

*“If everything seems under control, you’re not going fast enough.”  
~Mario Andretti*

Strap down the 5-point harness in the cockpit of a Formula 1 air racing plane and join Hawk as he chases victory! First on their amateur make-shift course over Antelope Acres, then on the re-emerging pylon racing circuit in the early

# RACING THE DREAM



A Novel by M.T. Bass

1960s. And finally, as Hawk battles 7 other top-level pilots at the *very first* National Air Racing Championship event in Reno!

Abandoning the cloth and his African mission, Father Bob resurrects his engineering slide rule to design Hawk's racer. With Sparks, his loyal yet surly mechanic, building it and wrenching both on the engine—as well as on Hawk—he keeps them at the front of the pack. Home again in Los Angeles from behind the stick of a T-6 Texan as a mercenary in the Congo civil war, air racing is a new aviation adventure for Hawk. Ride along as he tangles with fellow pilots in “uncooperative formation flying” at two-hundred miles per hour, just fifty feet off the ground!

And then one day, cruising home to Van Nuys airport Hawk spies Allison, a beach-blonde surfer girl, insanely wing walking on a Stearman PT-17 bi-plane. He quickly sets his sights on her.

Fly low...Fly fast...and Turn Left...

Cover art courtesy of the National Championship Air Races from their inaugural 1964 Reno Air Race poster.

Gary's book is currently available on Amazon.

# Don't miss the next two 50 events

## EAA 50 AND THE GALLOWAY FAMILY PRESENTS THE CHILI FLY IN



DATE: SEPT. 9th  
TIME: 12:00 - ?  
WHERE: MATHER FIELD IOHS SANDUSKY, OH  
  
THIS IS ONE OF THE CHAPTER'S TOP EVENTS FEATURING

GREAT CHILI, GOOD FOOD, WITH THE COMPANY OF GOOD FRIENDS HOSTED BY THE GALLOWAY FAMILY. COME JOIN US.  
  
Covered dish appreciated.

## EAA 50 AND HINDE FIELD PRESENTS THE OKTOBERFEST FLY IN



Date: October 7th  
Time: 12:30  
Location: Hinde Field 88D  
~Enjoy burgers, brats, sauerkraut & sausage with friends and family. (Cover dish appreciated)  
~The event is held next to the Hinde Field pond with great fishing for the kids. Bring their poles or use ours.  
~Please join us for the last fly in / drive in of the season. (Held rain or shine. The event will be moved inside if needed)  
~For more info call Ben 419-239-8292



**The newest building on Hinde Field has been completed and awaits concrete. The main purpose of the building is the new home of Scott's Boresairparts.com. Also, the end section will be used for Hinde Field equipment storage. The current equipment storage, building #3, just off runway 29 will be demolished.**

