



August 2020

	<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>PROGRAM:</b>
<b>AUGUST MEETING</b>	<b>Thursday 13th ~7pm</b>	<b>KMIW EAST HANGARS</b>	<b>CORN ROAST &amp; HOT DOGS</b>

## WHAT'S FLYIN' THIS WAY !!!

August is usually our After Oshkosh BBQ, but since Oshkosh didn't happen, we are going to use August to have a Corn Feed and Hot Dog Roast!

Paul Adams and Dave McCurry got the corn roaster working without leaks and will have it and the dogs ready to go this coming Thursday evening.

Don't forget to bring a **chair**, something to **drink** and we will be observing **social distancing** as best we can. Everything else will be provided.

And if the weather cooperates, maybe some flying too!

See you there!

## WHAT FLEW BY !!!

It was a really sweet time for those who attended our last meeting on July 9th. It was sad to think that we would not have a Homemade Ice Cream Social this year, but one thing can be said about adapting to the pandemic..."If there is a will, there is a way!"

There was quite a bit of ice cream left over from Corey's birthday party, so he and his wife Dianna offered it up for our meeting. It was great evening and everyone had lots fun checking out the Oshkosh shirts. From a distance, of course.



The Ice Cream and a few partakers of Ice Cream

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## CALENDAR

Please note that most previous happenings in this column have been cancelled just prior to the event. If you plan to attend one listed below, it would be advisable to call ahead to make sure it is still scheduled to take place.

It appears from the Iowa Department of Aviation calendar, that all Iowa fly-ins, for the rest of the year, have been cancelled.

You may have heard that Robert Taylor of the Antique airfield in Blakesburg has passed away. Going by what is not seen on the AAA website, it appears that the fly-in down there has been cancelled as well. If anyone knows differently, let the editor know and he will pass it along in an email.

## Member News

**Lorin Miller** spent some time trailering his Clipper up to Sioux Falls to get the tail post straightened out. Seems the airplane had a ground loop many years ago and it was WAY off. The way they got it straight is a good story that he will have to share sometime, but his trip up was just as exciting. And that's the teaser until he gets the story written!

### Voisin 35 Update...

The Engine Runs!.. kinda. Bad MAP sensor replacement is on order. A positive throw throttle was fabricated to replace the spring return original, as well as a more efficient air cleaner system. A different seat has been



installed (Thanks Ray Robinson), the fuselage has been skinned and has been moved to the garage for center section rigging. As soon as the engine has sufficiently proven itself and the rigging complete, then the outer wing sections will be rigged to the fuselage in the recently prepped hangar at the airstrip.



## FOGz Clear Flying!

The FOGz have had a good run lately. Flying around central Iowa to various airports with a BYOB (Bring Your Own Breakfast) format. With many who fly from airports other than Marshalltown, KMIW was put on the list as a destination. It was a success! Garry Brandenburg offered the photos below of those who flew in.



Other destinations have been Sig Field in Montezuma, Pella, Eldora, Iowa Falls and Vinton. Sometimes the weather gets in the way, but there is always a few that make it to where NTL (Not the Leader) calls it. Usually NTL is Doug Boyd, but anyone can call a flyout. The whole idea is to have some fun and fly too!



## Miscellaneous Flying

As with the FOGz, some are getting out more than once a week. **Bruce Gapstur** has a good short field type airplane called a Chinook (not the helicopter although he knows how to fly that too). He likes looking for different destinations and decided to try for the home-base of the Voisin 35. The airstrip is about 900' long and works well for aircraft like Bruce's. Dianna, Corey's wife took these photos of Bruce coming in for a landing and waving goodbye after a short visit.



Then there was **Lorin Miller** out flying around in his Waix one very perfect evening. Corey was in his hangar getting it ready to welcome the Voisin back home, when all of a sudden it sounded like a flying combine was going by! Corey got a video of Lorin buzzing the runway, but again, Dianna got a great photo from the house which is a quarter mile away!

Corey also got a video of Bruce and is working on figuring out how to upload both of them to share.



## A REALLY Mini Merlin

**Gary Kirchgatter** brought his newest mini engine project to share at the July meeting. Its a Merlin V-12 with the redrive. It wasn't quite finished, but knowing Gary, it will be running soon. If you have seen some of his creations from the past including a radial, it is simply amazing how intricate his work is. Thanks for sharing Gary!



## What Airplane Am I?

I am a LOUD airplane that could be heard as far away as 22+ miles  
Crew members commonly got sick around me, one even having a seizure.  
I am the only turbo-prop airplane to ever have an afterburner.  
Starting up my engines and synchronizing them took almost 1/2 hour.

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# I KNEW THAT BUT FORGOT

Here I was, back from the airport from working on the RANS. Nice day out so next was filling the bird feeders. Something one does judiciously when sequestered due to the Corona Virus. Deanna comes out and says, "Charlie Becker called". So I return his phone call. Now this is one of the perks from writing the articles for the newsletter. Also a perk from just being an EAA'r, it was good to hear from Charlie. For those of you who don't know who Charlie is, he works at EAA and came to our chapter a few years back to give us a talk. It was from that talk that I started volunteering on the B25 Berlin Express project. Charlie and I had some small talk, one of which was what did Wittman field look like and how was things around EAA headquarters without AirVenture. Short answer, very different.

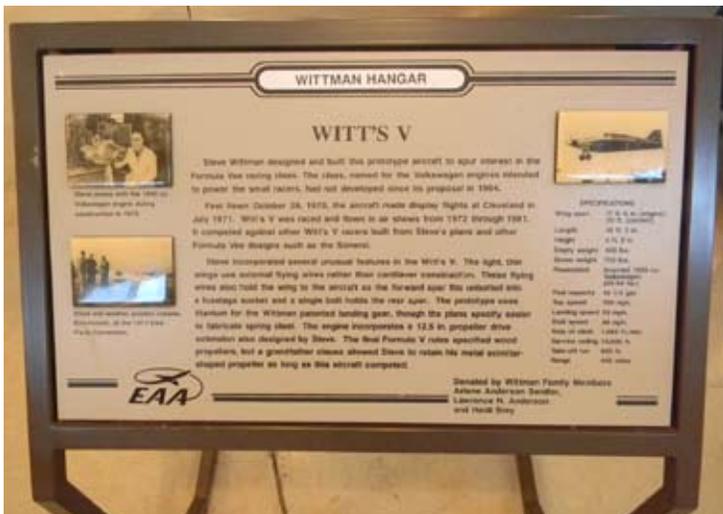
The reason Charlie called was my spelling. Those of you who read my articles might notice I miss spell stuff on occasion. You should see what happens when I don't have "spell check"! So to clarify things I miss spelled the name of the airport. It is "Wittman" not "Whitman". Now I knew that, just a brain toot! There was a second reason for his call. He asked have I ever seen Steve Wittman's first airplane project. Yep, I have, seen it many times. It sits in the hangar at Pioneer Airport. Some of us volunteers had started our engine pickling project at EAA a few months back in that very hangar and I had pickled the Wittman "Witt V".

The second tidbit which was part of the reason for his call was did I remember the name of Steve Wittman's first airplane build project. I couldn't recall it until Charlie told me the name. I then remembered part of the name, "Hardly", close to the name of my scooter, the "Hardley". Steve's full name for the first build attempt was "Hardly Abelson". The story goes this way. While still in high school Steve Wittman builds his first airplane. The year was 1923. To power his craft he used a Harley Davidson V twin of 61 cubic inches which swung a 52 inch prop via a chain drive set up. Short story is it was a little under powered and gave him a few hops in a local cow pasture. Not a big success but as we say in the hobby, good experience and a nice "prototype". With the poor resulting performance Steve called the airplane the "Hardly Abelson".



Here's a pic of the EAA replica that is at Pioneer Airport.

One thing in the picture I noticed was what looked like a set of two Harley Davidson wheels. Wonder why I ask? Well my latest project uses four of those, not a plane but a car. Wonder if Steve ever built a car? HMMMMM.



Charlie, when you read this let me know.

More on the car in the future.