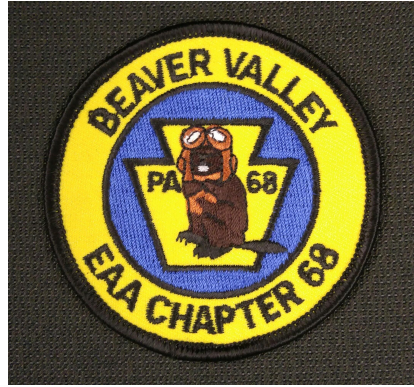


Newsletter



Beaver Valley EAA Chapter 68 founded 1958

The July monthly meeting was Tuesday evening, July 6th, and was held at Dave Brunberg's house/barn.

After the meeting we all had the opportunity to view Dave's RV-10 project. Interesting point...Dave has incorporated hard points in his fuselage to allow him to carry an underslung cargo pod that is designed to carry a specially designed motor bike. Are you allowed to ride a motorbike around at Air Venture? Hmm.



A few pics from July's meeting.

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The August meeting will be on Tuesday, August 3, at the East hangars at BVI. Hangar 79, specifically. The grill will be hot so bring your favorite food.

The next EAA Chapter 68 Young Eagles Wings over Chippewa will be held on Saturday, August 28. If you can help out, as a pilot, ground crew, airplane exhibitor or anything else, please let me know.

Dewey

A heads up to anyone in the market for a completed flyable RV6-A, Ralph Zinkham, one of our senior long term Chapter members is selling his RV6-A. If you're interested contact Ralph.

Earlier this month I got a message from Dewey asking if I would like to do a ride along with him on the following day to pick up a dog that would be brought to Harrisburg and then be ferried on to an airport in eastern Ohio. It took me all of two seconds to reply to Dewey that I'd meet him at his hangar in the morning. I was thinking that Dewey wanted a safety pilot, but worried that I'd be cleaning dog doo. But anyway... Dewey flies with an association called Pilots n Paws. Basically it is a coordinated network of pilots across the country that volunteer their time, expertise and airplane, to transport dogs from one place to another. Maybe it's a dog that needs special medical attention or simply going to a new home.

On this day he was transporting a very well mannered and friendly dog.

The transfer from one airplane to the next went off without a hitch. It was as though this dog was aware that she was going to a new home and was in the hands of friends that were making sure that she arrived safely and on time.

The ride from BVI to Capitol City Airport was IMC with conditions improving as we neared Capitol City. The return trip was more of the same. The new owner was at the airport in Ohio when we arrived. By her demeanor I'd say she was very happy to see her new pet arrive.

We departed 7G8, otherwise known as Geauga County for Bvi in VFR flight conditions, but barely so in my assessment and landed safely 20 minutes later. Thanks Dewey for the ride. I, like the dog, had a great time.



One happy dog and owner. Mission accomplished!

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The Prez sez...

We have now officially arrived at the dog days of summer. Wasn't it winter just a few weeks ago? Many beautiful flying days have come and gone and many more in store.

The big item of the day is that Airventure begins mere hours from now. I am writing this on Saturday night, July 24. Some of us have already begun their adventure today and yesterday making the trek to Oshkosh. I will be on the road tomorrow and will be hanging my hat once again at the dormitory of the University of Wisconsin tomorrow night. You might wonder why I am not flying the RV. I have been there and done that. It is fun, terrifying, exhilarating, satisfying, frustrating, complicated, rewarding, and sensational. All at the same time. When push comes to shove though, the reason I am not flying is that I like having a car once I get there. I have camped beside the wing, slept on the ground, and slogged through the mud on previous occasions so I am not missing anything. It's nice to get in the car and drive myself to Artie and Ed's, Perkin's, or Wal Mart. If you have never flown to Oshkosh and Airventure, I would say that you need to do it. Once. Maybe twice. Then, like me, you will decide to drive the car, stay at the dorm, and not have to worry constantly about that airplane you spent so much of your life building. Oshkosh is a great experience, they treat you well, and they put on a great show. You will see the latest and greatest stuff for your airplane design. Nothing like touching the shiny toy, nothing like seeing it up close. Nothing like hearing the product rep say "...as long as you're going with the Hoo-Hah, you might as well get the whole Framus..." Cha- ching, thousands of dollars later, you realize you will live the rest of your life in poverty. You love airplanes, and you will love Airventure. You will mix with the great and the ordinary. I remember the year that Mike Melville took Burt Rutan's design into outer space and came to Oshkosh and mixed with the crowd like just an ordinary guy. That same year Harrison Ford could barely get anybody's attention because the crowds wanted to shake Mike Melville's hand. I like going to the seminars that feature the rock stars of our community. Chances are that if Richard VanGrunsven is reading from the phone book I will be there listening to what he has to say. The same goes for Bud Davisson, Burt Rutan, Peter Garrison, and many others. There is a sense of renewal one gets by going. If you find yourself stuck in the mud with your project at home, unable to get the enthusiasm up to the same level you had when you started, then you need to go to pump yourself up. You need to see the daily airshow. The nighttime fireworks.

You need to hear the Lee Greenwood song, "I'm Proud To Be an American" several times a day. It's been a long dreary year. You need this adrenaline rush. You need answers to your questions, to see what others have done. You need to steal from the best. So many things to see and do. Whatever it is that brought you there you will be rewarded.

We will have a full report for all of you unable to make the journey. Come to our next meeting at Hangar 79 at Beaver County Airport on Tuesday, August 3, at 700 pm. We will be there to regale you with stories and lies about everything we experienced at the show. I will fire up the barbecue grill and you can bring your own delectable dish. I hope to see you there.

Tony

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On the lighter side...

Think about this:

1. Cows
2. The Constitution
3. The Ten Commandments

COWS

Is it just me, or does anyone else find it amazing that during the mad cow epidemic our government could track a single cow, born in Canada almost three years ago, right to the stall where she slept in the state of Washington? And, they tracked her calves to their stalls. But they are unable to locate 11 million illegal aliens wandering around our country. Maybe we should give them a cow.

THE CONSTITUTION

They keep talking about drafting a constitution for Iraq....why don't we just give them ours? It was written by a bunch of smart guys, it has worked for over 200 years, and we're not using it anymore.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

The real reason that we can't have the Ten Commandments posted in a courthouse is this...you cannot post: 'Thou Shalt not steal' 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery', and 'Thou Shalt Not Lie' in a building full of lawyers, judges, and politicians.

It creates a hostile work environment.

Reminders.....

The August monthly meeting will be at Hangar 79, at the east hangar area at BVI on Tuesday evening the 3rd of August, at 7:00 P.M.

Unofficial Saturday meetings are still gathering at Lance's Port each Saturday at 9:00 A.M.

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