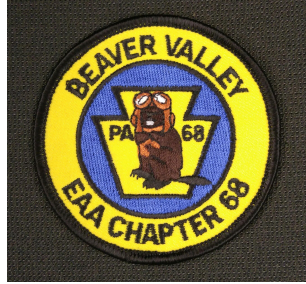


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The March monthly meeting was on April 5th, and was held at the Air Heritage Museum. There were 11 members in attendance.

A reminder to all, it's 2022 and time to pay your dues. If you haven't gotten around to it yet you can pay them at the next meeting or mail a check to Dewey Clawson at 611 Anderson Road, Enon Valley, Pa. 16120.

The next month's meeting place is to be at the Air Heritage Museum on Tuesday, May 3rd, at 6:00 P.M.

Air Heritage is having an Aviation Appreciation Day coming up on May 21, 2022. Check their website for additional information. [AIR HERITAGE INC. NEWSLETTER 1st QUARTER 2022.pdf](#)

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I'm reaching out to all of our members who presently have an aircraft project in any stage of construction that would like to share their progress in this newsletter.

As a second time offender I can say that it's all too easy to get bogged down in the process. (it takes a long time to build an airplane) Sometimes charting your progress here helps inspire the rest of us as well.

If you have attended any of our monthly meetings then you know that we all have the opportunity to describe the projects that we're building. I would like to supplement that with a few photos and perhaps a brief description to further inform and inspire us along your journey to completion.

Please contact me if you want to be included in this effort, and I will be happy to take the time to see that your story is told.

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Now it begins. This is written when the temperature outside once again has dipped below freezing. The winter refuses to let go. Last weekend the temperature was in the 80's and today it is 29 degrees. This cannot last that much longer. We will have longer days and warmer ones too. The rain will end at least for a little while, and we will once again bask in the glories of summer.

Flying season is upon us. Time to dust off the dust! The RV-7 is ready to emerge from the long winter. Back to those crisp early mornings just after sunrise when the air is calm and visibility and possibility is endless.

The first big event of the summer is just weeks away. I happened to be interviewed on our local radio station WBVP 1230 AM for the celebration of Marconi day on April 25. His birthday. The father of radio. Guglielmo Marconi, born in 1874, who at the age of 26 sent three short pulses across an ocean to make the letter "S" in morse code. The magic of radio that presaged the magic of flight just a couple of years later.

I happened to be listening to WBVP on my way to and from the station and I was amazed at the level of promotion devoted to Airport Appreciation Day that will be on May 21. It seemed as if every five minutes they ran that ad, again and again, telling the listeners of Beaver County about the upcoming event. The first big event will be a celebration of aviation at Air Heritage that will include a car show. The expected numbers are mind boggling due to the pent up demand caused by the lock downs and quarantine.

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Our Chapter will participate with our beloved “stimulator” that has been waiting in the wings for its moment at the event. We will provide information and sign up for the Chapter as well as brochures and a first experience for kids in the cockpit of a Cessna 172 that long ago flew its last flight but remains relevant today as an introduction to aviation. We will have our own event for Young Eagles very soon. Maybe we could run public service ads on the radio station to make the public aware of our event too. Keep May 21 in mind, hope for good weather, and plan to see the airplanes and cars (600 of them is the estimate) that will be at the airport on that day.

I want to thank Tammy Peterson for traveling to Oshkosh for the EAA leadership academy. Held three or four times a year, EAA invites interested participants to headquarters to spend a few days discussing chapter promotion and activity free of charge. Those who attend find their way to and from at their own expense, but the reward is a mountain of information and strategy to make chapters better. Chapters die because of stagnation. The enthusiasm that leads to the formation of a chapter is replaced, or stifled by lack of interest. Liken this to an airplane or a vehicle that ran out of gas a long time ago and now refuses to start up again. EAA has resources available and fresh ideas to keep things rolling and relevant. Dave Brunberg and I both attended the academy in the past, and hope that others will attend in the future. Thank You Tammy!

The advent of flying season also brings forth new activity with various projects that have been in process. The pile of parts delivered at the doorstep soon take form and become a wing, an aileron, and myriad other things. Decisions have to be made. The biggest decision is perhaps the first one. Do I build an airplane? Can I build an airplane? The decision making continues. What engine? Propeller? Radio? Paint scheme? Interior? On and on. At our upcoming meeting we will discuss with Dave Larson the decisions that he made when he embarked on the journey. Don't worry. Although there is considerable science behind decisions that must be made, there will be little or no high level math or physics in the discussion. And no, I promise I won't say anything about VLF/Omega unless you want me to.

We have new airplanes that have arrived in the chapter. Projects that are moving along to completion. Airplanes that we enjoy again and again. Summer is upon us. The hangar meetings will include the barbecue grill and bring your own to make the summer evening even more enjoyable with good friends and conversation.

Thanks again to Air Heritage for making their facility available for our meeting on Tuesday, May3, at 600 PM. We have had a long relationship with Air Heritage in the past, and we wish them well in their upcoming event. As always, the board will convene at 500 and all are welcome to attend.

See you there!

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on the lighter side...

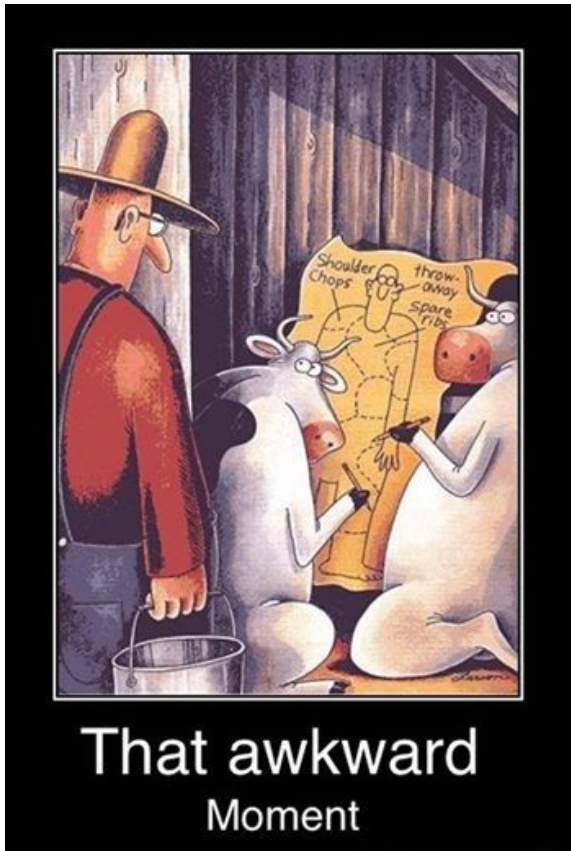


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She asked me to
whisper the three
words every little girl
wants to hear when
they grow up. So I told
her, "I'm a pilot".



On one hand it was a 40 million dollar plane,
on the other hand the spider was
inside the cockpit.



Reminders.....

The next monthly meeting will be held on May 3rd, 6:00 P.M. at the Air Heritage Museum.

The weekly Saturday morning breakfast at Lance Port continues and usually starts around 9:00 A.M. Guests are always welcome.

Officers: President Tony Pavilonis, Vice-President Dave Brunberg, Treasurer Dewey Clawson, Secretary Stan Kocuba

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