

# Newsletter



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The February monthly meeting was held on February 2, at Roy Early's shop. There were 11 members in attendance. After the meeting all had a chance to see Roy's Swearingen SX 300 which he is currently building.

Next month's meeting will also be held at Roy's shop. It will be on March 2 and will commence at 7:00 P.M. A board meeting will precede the regular meeting at 6:00 P.M. and all are welcome to attend it as well.

I will include the directions to Roy's below.

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**Notice:** In case that it may have slipped your mind..

It's time for all who may have forgotten to pay your 2021 dues. The dues are still only \$20.

You can send a check to: Dewey Clawson at 611 Anderson Rd. Enon Valley, Pa. 16120



I had a conversation with the Chapter's most recent new member, Dave Larson, and I asked him for a bit of info about him and here's what Dave had to say;

“About me, I joined the EAA and chapter 68 this past January, but have been around airplanes most of my life (I'm 46). I've worked on aircraft in the Pa Army Guard as a helicopter mechanic (67V and Y) throughout college. I've also hung around the airport (BVI) helping out Jack Roethlisberger and volunteering at Air Heritage. Lately I've been working on my 1955 Piper Tri-Pacer under the supervision of an A&P. I've always wanted to build my own airplane and have liked the idea of doing some STOL flying. I found the Zenith a good compromise of performance, affordability, and a forgiving design for the first time builder. Zenith offers a monthly rudder building workshop at their factory in Mexico, Missouri. I mentioned it to my wife that they were having a workshop in January and to my surprise said that I should do it and that she would go with me. So that's what we did. We split the 11 hour drive up into two days and had a great time attending the two day workshop. I can't say enough about the Zenith employees. They were very friendly and helpful throughout the workshop. The president of Zenith personally helped with our project and joined us for a Zenith sponsored dinner to relax and talk airplanes. We left the factory with a completed rudder and several kits for a CH-750 STOL. Since we've returned home, I've completed the horizontal stabilizer and have started the elevator. My plan is to take my time and enjoy the process. I have a rough goal of flying this airplane in about 3 years.”

About the airplane. It's a Zenith CH-750 STOL from <https://www.zenithair.net/specs-750stol/>

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## *The Prez sez...*

The March meeting of Chapter 68 will be held at Roy Early's house in Brighton Township. What a great place to hold a meeting as we remain in exile during the Covid crisis. Thanks to Roy and Vyda for their gracious hospitality. Spring is on the horizon. For the first time in a long time the temperature reached standart day levels, and the snow and ice started down the pathway of sublimation. Now is the time to get things done around the house, cleaning, arranging, freshening. As the cavemen did, we emerge from our caves and think about all things cavemen think about when spring is in the air. Not that. I am thinking about airplanes. Condition inspections, oil changes, brakes, avionics upgrades, all done easier when the temperature in the hangar is above freezing. It's also time for cleaning out the cobwebs making sure that our skills are back to a razor's edge. We will be flying soon, and now is the time to get ourselves and our machines ready.

I am always pleased to see the intensity of our membership pursuing individual projects. We are a relatively small chapter, but we share a remarkable number of experimental aircraft in the process of airplane gestation. No doubt the days and the months ahead will see more activity in the shop, in the hangar, and at the airport.

The vaccine will soon be available to everyone. I expect that we will return to normalcy once the dreaded curse is removed from the realm of possibility. That couldn't come any sooner as far as I'm concerned. Sun "N Fun looks like it will go in April, and fingers crossed that AirVenture will proceed on schedule in July. In between the BIG events, will be the numerous smaller fly ins, picnics, and gatherings that happen when Men, women, and machines point their nose in the direction of fun.

Yeah baby!

Come to the meeting on Tuesday, March 2, at 7:00 P.M. See you there.

## *Tony*

### **Directions to Roy Early's house at 4545 Dutch Ridge Road, Beaver Pa. 15009**

Take the Brighton Exit off I376 and go toward the State Police barracks, then turn left on Dutch Ridge Road.

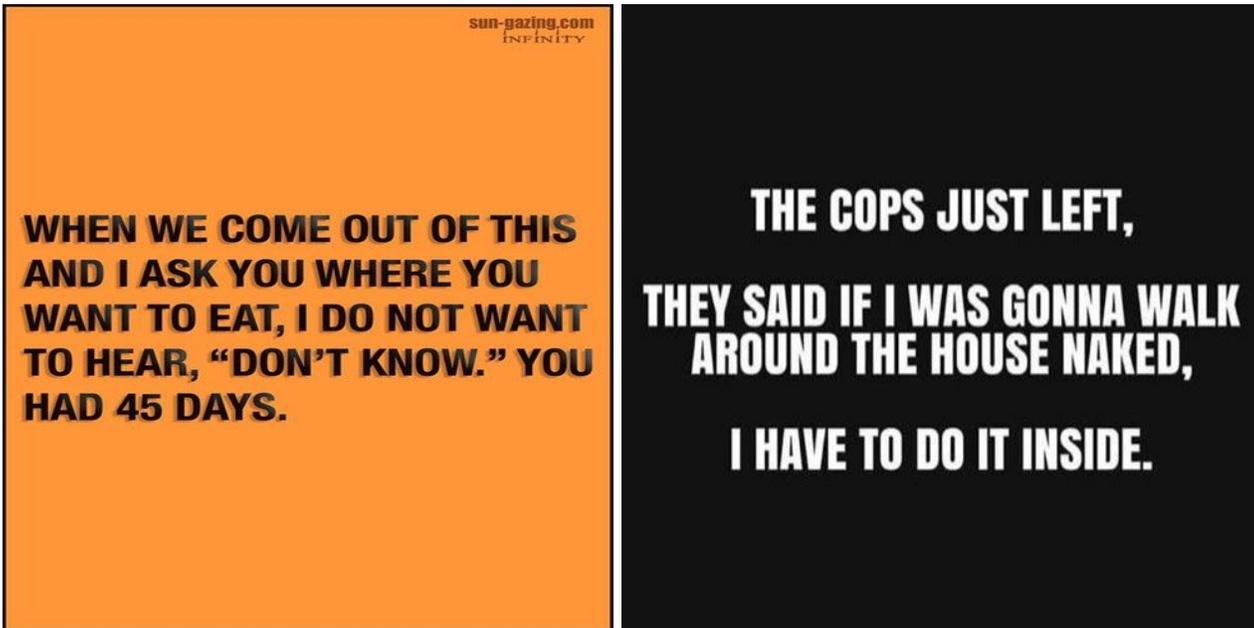
Sometimes GPS sends people to a road off Dutch Ridge called Yankee Ct. Roy's house is on Dutch Ridge. After crossing the bridge on Dutch Ridge it is the third house on the left, the house number is on the mailbox post. There is a gravel area by the end of the drive, by the mailbox, if some want to park there and in front of the garages. If you can please bring a folding chair.

Roy's phone number is 724-513-7350

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On the lighter side...



Reminders.....

Note the March meeting information above.

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

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

Board Members in addition to the current officers: Ed Campbell and Kenny Gray.

Newsletter Editor: Stan Kocuba

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