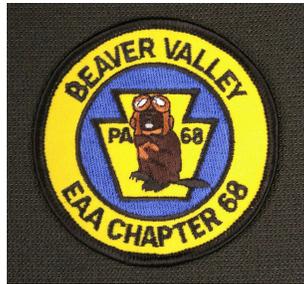


# Newsletter



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The October regular meeting was held on October 6th and was held at Ed Campbell's hangar on the west side at BVI.

Nominations for the election of President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor and 1 Board Member were taken.

If you have a nomination for any of these four positions you can email, or call the Election Chairman, AKA Tony Pavilonis prior to the next meeting, at which time we will elect candidates to serve the Chapter for a two year period.

Ironically this will occur on the same day as our country's Presidential Election, Nov. 3.

I can almost guarantee that you will not have to wait in line to cast your vote.

If you would like to participate in the election process and have a say in the Chapter's leadership the meeting will be conducted at 7:00 P.M. on November 3, at the Air Heritage hangar.

Hope to see you there.

After the regular meeting there will be a presentation regarding oxygen/acetylene welding basics.

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## *The Pres sez...*

Chapter 68 will meet at the Beaver County Airport at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 PM, at the Air Heritage Museum. Thank you to Air Heritage for the use of their facility at this our first outing after the onset of the Covid Crisis.

We have had a long, friendly relationship with Air Heritage over the years, and it is nice that our first indoor meeting in many months will be held at their facility.

This year will forever be remembered as the year when everything got cancelled. Who could have dreamed a year ago that all of our favorite events of the year would be shut down, and that our lives would be in turmoil because of the effects of a deadly virus? Our chapter has soldiered on through the events with our meetings in less than public places. Understandably, we have concerns for the health and safety of our members and would never jeopardize that for the sake of meeting together. Thank you to everyone who showed support during this time. My hope is that we will be back to a normal routine in the very near future as the virus runs its course and disappears into the mist of memory. I find it hard to accept the idea that a new normal has taken the place of the old normal. Masks, distancing, restrictions to our freedom that we endure have no bearing on anything I would think of as normal. The sooner we can get back to the lives we left behind last winter the better. We exist as a chapter because of our love for aviation, our participation in activities and events is something we do for fun. I can't begin to imagine the disruption brought down on schools, businesses, and churches, and the sacrifice of those who provide essential service during this time of upheaval. Medical, police, fire, and infrastructure must go on regardless of the danger to exposure with all the attendant risks. For many, events and circumstances have been lost because of the cancellations. We will never get them back. All we can do is plan for the future and resume all the while knowing what was lost. Other generations have suffered losses more devastating, and many of us lived through those times. The hardship is familiar and repugnant. We will get through this.

The next meeting we will have our own election. The office of President and Secretary are up for re-election and nominations will be taken. It has been a privilege to serve as your President for this term. I know that term limits can be a good idea and welcome the idea that new officers can bring about new direction. I have been surrounded with Officers, Board Members, and general members who have helped make this chapter successful even in these trying times. I am looking forward to continuing with this partnership as we move forward and begin anew.

As the year draws to a close, we will be glad to put this one away in the history books and will ever be looking to future events. Resumption of Young Eagle flights, fly-ins, breakfasts, barbecues, partnering with our friends at Herron Airport, field trips, shows and gatherings are all ready for full realization in the months ahead. Lakeland, Sentimental Journey, and Oshkosh will come back in full fruition. As we approach Thanksgiving and the Christmas Holiday Season we can be thankful that this experience has made us stronger, and better.

*Tony*



On the lighter side...

Fifty bucks is fifty bucs!

Every year Ed and his wife Norma go to Air Venture. There's always so much to see, old acquaintances to visit with and fun things to do. Ed would often mention that he'd like to take that helicopter ride that he has passed on many times previously.

Norma was not that enthusiastic and would remind Ed that "the ride cost fifty bucs, and fifty bucs is fifty bucs!"

One year Ed and Norma went to the fair, and Ed said "Norma, I'm 75 years old. If I don't take that helicopter ride this year, I may never get the chance."

To this Norma replied, "Ed, that helicopter ride is fifty bucs, and fifty bucs is fifty bucs."

The helicopter pilot overheard this conversation and offered the couple "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take both of you up for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny! But if you say even one word it's fifty bucs."

Norma thought that was a great offer. After all who can't keep quiet for a short helicopter ride, and as an extra bonus I won't have to listen to Ed complain each time we come here. And off they went.

The pilot noticed after a few minutes that they were keeping quiet and he began to get concerned that he wouldn't get paid. The pilot tried all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word....

When they landed, the pilot turned to Ed and said "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Ed replied, "Well, to tell you the truth I almost said something when Norma fell out, but you know, fifty bucs is fifty bucs!"

Reminders.....

The monthly regular meeting will be held on November 3, 7:00 P.M. at the Air Heritage hangar.

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