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NOTAMS:

- **August 13th IMC/VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
- **August 14th Chapter Picnic Mathna Airport**
- **August 20th Chapter Fly-out**
- **September 10th IMC/VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
- **September 10th 11AM to 4PM Young Eagles Rally**
- **September 12th Regular Chapter meeting 7PM G'burg regional Apt**
- **September 17th Chapter Fly-Out**
- **September 24th Chapter 1041 chartered**
- **September 24th Fly-in Drive-in breakfast 8:00 AM to Noon G'burg regional airport**
- **September 25th Fly-in Drive-in breakfast 8:00 AM to Noon G'burg regional airport**
- **October 3rd Regular Chapter meeting 7PM G'burg regional Apt**
- **October 8th IMC/VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**

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Henry's Hangar

Greetings, Barnstormers! This month is a little different in several ways, the first one being I'm not starting with the usual quote from Paul Poberezny, founder of EAA. The second difference is that I'm typing this while on the way home from AirVenture Oshkosh 2022. This is Monday evening, August 1st, and Peggy and I are laying over in Carpentersville, Illinois at the home of a relative.

There could be many pages written about the 2022 AirVenture EAA Convention. The week started with the sad news that Tom Poberezny had passed away at the age of 75, on opening day of the convention. Tom succeeded his father as President of EAA and was in charge of constructing the EAA Aviation Museum and Headquarters in the early 1980's. He was also Chairman of the annual convention for many years, making "Oshkosh" what it is today, the premier aviation event of the entire world.

On a much happier note, everyone agreed that the weather for this year at Oshkosh was probably the best ever, temperatures all week in the upper 70's with a wonderful breeze. The usual storm that typically occurs during the convention arrived Sunday evening prior to the opening Monday. Little damage was reported and the rest of the week was basically as good as it gets!

During the Chapter Leaders Breakfast on Saturday morning, EAA President Jack Pelton reported that a record 13,000

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aircraft had arrived at Oshkosh. He hosted the German Aviation Administrator, and they noted that Oshkosh had more planes on the ground than are on the entire German registry! Think about that and let it settle into your mind. Jack also mentioned that the title of "World's Busiest Control Tower" was confirmed on Thursday as they logged over 400 more aircraft operations than either Atlanta Hartsfield or Chicago O'Hare.

More encouraging numbers show that 2022 is on track to fly the pre-pandemic yearly 60,000 Young Eagles which suffered during the last 2 years. The Ray Aviation Scholarship program is seeing great success, with 80-90% of the students completing their training and earning a Private Pilot Certificate. The national average otherwise is only 20-25%, so our Chapter can be very proud of the contribution we are making to this effort.

I could go on and on, but there is only so much space on this page! Please make plans to join your fellow Barnstormers at our annual Picnic on Sunday, Aug. 14th.

Kathy & Gary Mathna will be our hosts again at their beautiful airstrip near York Springs, much more information about the event is contained in this edition of The Observer.

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic,

Henry

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Editor's Notes

If you have read an interesting aviation related book let me know and I will include it in a future edition of The Observer



Have an aviation related link? I'll include that in a future edition also.

www.eaa.org

www.aopa.org

www.1041.eaachapter.org

www.intrepidmuseum.org

www.york-aviation.com

www.airfactsjournal.com

www.jerryandersonart.com

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August Program

The August program will be the chapter picnic.

See page 6 for complete details



President Hartman and Peggy ready to head for Oshkosh

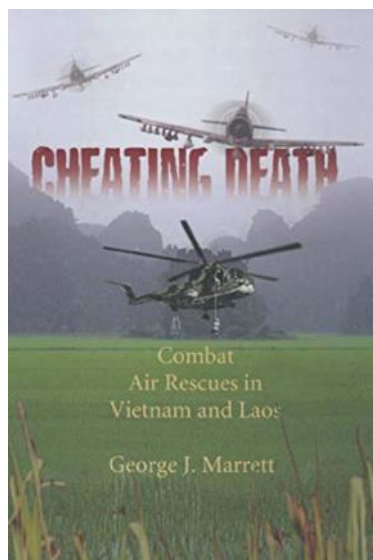
Book Review



Cheating Death: Combat Rescues in Vietnam and Laos: By [George J. Marrett](#)

The colorful characters and daring rescues of downed pilots engaged in the Secret War in North Vietnam and Laos are vividly captured by one who was there, in some of the most exciting stories ever written about aerial combat. Sandy Marrett and his squadron colleagues flew some of the most dangerous air missions of the war as on-scene commanders, in charge of rescuing the scores of US Navy and Air Force pilots shot down over North Vietnam and Laos.

"'That others may live' was their motto and each of us who flew in that war knew should our luck run out they would be there. I cannot recount the times pilots were plucked out of enemy territory, or out of the jungle trees of Laos by those brave men whose call signs were Sandy and Jolly Green. Often they gave their own lives to save another. Greater love hath no man than that. To each of them I give my everlasting respect, admiration, and deep affection. Reach into your hearts as you read this book and understand the lengths to which men can love and support one another in the times of stress. It will make you just a bit prouder to be an American." —Robin Olds, retired general and triple ace



Available on Amazon

<http://tiny.cc/y8auuz>

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Images from AirVenture 2022



The traditional gathering at Jeff's on Rugby
7/28/2022



Camp 1041 Thursday 7/21/2022



Camp 1041 Wednesday 7/27/2022



Remembering Tom Poberezny

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Hayden finishes his week at Advanced Air Academy
Pictured L-R Henry, Hayden, Peggy



Packing for the flight home with Art and Savy



Young Eagles root beer float
social



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Ray Scholarship Update

Three Ray Scholarship candidates representing three area high schools were interviewed by the scholarship committee on May 15th. As usual all of those interviewed were extremely well qualified making a decision very difficult. The results of the interviews should be known in a few weeks. Every candidate that we recommend is reviewed by the EAA Chapter Office Ray Scholarship Committee. We are awaiting the results of their review process. We have requested that some of the residual funds from Ross's scholarship be applied to a second scholar. That request is also being reviewed.

The Nominating Committee is seeking candidates to fill the following offices for the 2023-2024 term.

President

Newsletter/WebEditor

Vice-President

Young Eagles Coordinator

Secretary

**Board of Directors
6 Directors needed**

Treasurer

Membership Coordinator

If you would like to serve the chapter as an officer or on the Board of Directors please submit your name to Art Shaw or Bob Howe by the September meeting



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Chapter Picnic Sunday August 14th Mathna Airport

Note: Latimore Valley Road is closed

Gather anytime after noon. Lunch is ready about 1:00. We usually end the picnic around 4:00



The Chapter Provides

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs

Corn

Root Beer

Tables

Members Provide

Plates, Cups, Utensils, condiments, sanitizer

A dish to pass

Napkins

Chairs

Big Appetite.....Bring an airplane

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Last month's Observer did not have room to publish the article that follows so it is included in this month's edition.

It was originally published in *The Gettysburg Times* on Thursday 6/9/2022 and is reprinted here with permission.

Record-Setting "Barnstormer" Airport Breakfasts By Michael Cooper-White for The Gettysburg Times

For a quarter century, area residents and visitors have enjoyed pancake breakfasts at the Gettysburg airport, held spring and fall by Chapter 1041 of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

Better known as the "Gettysburg Barnstormers," the 70-member organization uses proceeds from the breakfasts to send aspiring young aviators to the annual Air Academy held in conjunction with the world-famous AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wis.

This year's spring breakfasts, held last weekend, set an all-time record, with 947 breakfasts served over the two days.

Dubbed "Wings, Wheels and Pancakes," the events attract fly-in and drive-in customers from near and far.

Blessed with pristine flying weather, this spring's event drew a total of 85 aircraft to the local airport, including a gyrocopter, air ambulance, and a glider and its tow plane from nearby Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association (M-ASA) based at the Fairfield airport.

Sunday's mid-morning takeoff of the glider, towed aloft by a converted crop duster Piper Pawnee airplane, drew special attention from a long line awaiting breakfast.

Also on display were a handful of antique automobiles and several radio-controlled small planes.

"It was fantastic," said the Barnstormers' president, Henry Hartman of Hanover, as chapter members reviewed the breakfast at their regular monthly meeting Monday evening.

When not cracking eggs or otherwise helping out in the makeshift kitchen at the airport's main hangar, Hartman was shuttling breakfasters from parking areas in a golf cart.

"I never hear any complaints," he said in describing how diners respond on being returned to their vehicles.

"The kids especially love our pancakes," Hartman said. The chapter's special pancake recipe is featured in a kit available from the EAA national organization for a revolving griddle like the one featured at the Barnstormers' breakfasts.

While precise records have not been kept each year since the breakfasts began in the late 1990's, Hartman calculates that more than 25,000 breakfasts have been sold.

"We could put it on our sign, like McDonald's," the Barnstormer president said.

Youth Inspired

Through exposure to planes and pilots at the breakfasts, as well as the chapter's "Young Eagles" flights, Barnstormers inspire young people to consider a career in aviation or personal flying for travel and recreation.

Among those in the kitchen crew Sunday was Ross Clements of Fairfield, a graduating senior.

While still in high school, Clements earned both airplane and glider private pilot ratings. Recently, he also set several national records at a radio-controlled contest in Arizona.

Clements is one of the young pilots awarded a \$10,000 flight training scholarship by the national EAA organization. He also received M-ASA scholarship assistance for his glider training.

Also receiving financial support from the Barnstormers for his private pilot flight training was Liam Dwyer, who just finished high school in Gettysburg.

Dwyer joined Clements and other youth helping out at the breakfast. Both young men have expressed interest in pursuing careers in aviation.

In a unique birthday celebration, 7-year-old William Yardley-Gontz of Fayetteville invited a dozen young friends to the breakfast on Sunday.

In his invitation, young Yardley-Gontz asked that instead of gifts his friends and their families contribute funds to the Veterans Airlift Command (VAC).



According to its website, VAC "provides free air transportation to combat wounded veterans and their families for medical treatment and other compassionate purposes."

The fall breakfasts will be held the weekend of September 24-25. Long-time M-ASA member Bob Jackson, who was present at Sunday's breakfast, told Hartman he plans to invite the east coast chapter of Flying Octogenarians.



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A Record June Breakfast!

Spring 2022 – 947 served Sat 372 + 75 = 447 Sun 382 + 118 = 500
AC: 49 + 36 = 85

Other breakfast stats compiled by Dianna

We've had a total of 19 pancake breakfasts (#20 coming up). It would have been 21 with #22 coming up if it weren't for Covid. Overall, we've served over 13,300 breakfasts (that's including an estimated 670 for Spring 2015 when no stats were available- "a record breaker" was noted though!).

That averages to around 350 breakfasts each day. If you break it down though as for the past 5 as we've had detailed stats, the first 14 we served only 318 a day, and for the past 5, 442!

So overall (all 19):

13326 total breakfasts (702/event) and 771 aircraft (20/event)

For the past 5 breakfasts:

4412 total breakfasts (nearly a third of the total!- 882 per event), and 356 aircraft (nearly half of the total!- 71/event).

	GR TOTAL	SAT TOT		SUN TOT		AIRCRAFT		COMMENTS/NOTES
	13326	351		351		41		<-all events (19)
	8914	318		318		30		<-first 14 events, avg. each day
	4412	410		473		71		<-last 5 events, avg. each day

Based on the stats, I would estimate about 12% above the average for planning and purchasing.





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The Fall 2022 FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN “WINGS, WHEELS, & PANCAKES”

BREAKFAST * 8 AM – Noon * RAIN OR SHINE!

Saturday and Sunday * SEPTEMBER 24th and 25th

Sponsored by Chapter 1041 of the Experimental Aircraft Association
(the Gettysburg Barnstormers) at: GETTYSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT (W05)
Route 30 West, 1130 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg PA 17325

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, Coffee, Tea, and Juice!

Cash: \$10 Adult/ \$4 Youth (12 & under), Credit: \$10.50 Adult, \$4.30 Youth

A portion of the proceeds benefit Aviation Programs for Youth

Join us for Planes of all types, Antique and Classic Cars, and even flying model planes!

Also, come see “Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine”!



Above pictures from our last breakfast! On right, Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine was designed by Floyd Armstrong (1944-2014)

Check us out on the Web at: WWW.1041.EAACHPARTER.ORG, or contact: Henry Hartman, Chapter President, at 717-637-3741 or (cell) 717-465-5952





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The July questions of the month were discussed as were several videos.

The August gathering will be held at the airport on August 13th. Questions of the month for August will be emailed the week before the gathering.

IMC & VMC Video scenarios provided by the Chapter Office will be discussed as well as video scenarios available from the AOPA Air Safety Institute

Sam Kistler Photos



Pictures from the February Gathering

On May 18th Art, Bob, Henry, and Phil received virtual training from the Chapter Office regarding conducting IMC/VMC gatherings. There are many resources available from the EAA to make discussions lively and pertinent. Many of these are scenarios based on situations provided by EAA members who experienced the situation outlined in the scenario.



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Meeting Night Refreshments



September 12th	<i>SAM & Kearyl</i>
October 3rd	<i>Tina Richardson</i>
November 7th	<i>Art Shaw</i>



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Fly-Out Destination

The Fly-out destination for August will be discussed at the Picnic. Fly-out requests can be made to Dick Young our fly-out coordinator. Due to bad weather on the weekends we will discuss the possibility of an alternate date Mid-Week if we cancel the normal Saturday date.

THE EAA 1041 SKY RAIDERS

The EAA 1041 Sky-Raiders have a scheduled fly-out on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Each pilot will make their own go/no go decision. Please call or email Dick Young (717-521-7942) (dicknraney@comcast.net) no later than Friday afternoon if you plan to join the flight. Dick will make restaurant reservations at the destination airport; therefore, an accurate count of participants is appreciated.

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