





# Chapter 1041 NOTAMS:

- August 11th 9:00— 10:30 IMC/VMC Club G'Burg Regional Airport
- August 12th Picnic
   Mathna Airport
- August 18th Fly-Out Destination TBD
- September 8th
   9:00—10:30 IMC/
   VMC Club G'Burg
   Regional Airport
- September 10th 7:00 PM Regular Chapter Meeting G'Burg Regional Airport
- September 15th Fly
   Out Destination
- September 29th & 30th Pancake Breakfast
- October 1st 7:00
   PM Regular Chapter Meeting G'Burg Regional Airport
- October 13th
   9:00—10:30 IMC/
   VMC Club G'Burg
   Regional Airport
- October 20th Chapter Fly-Out Destination TBD
- November 5th 7:00 PM Regular Chapter Meeting G'Burg Regional Airport

# Henry's Hangar

# By Henry Hartman

What a week many of us had at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh! I think it's safe to say a record number of Barnstormers made the trip this year, at least 16 members enjoyed a day or more, some for the entire week! There will be lots of news about the Oshkosh adventure over the next several months.

While at Oshkosh, several of us visited with the four Air Academy campers we sponsored this year. They all expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to attend and were very excited to tell us all about the learning experiences they were enjoying. We look forward to having them as Program Presenters later this year at the October meeting. The four of them have indicated they will do the program as a unit, all 4 the same night!

Our August routine is to forego a monthly meeting and instead have a Picnic! Gary and Kathy Mathna will again host us at their beautiful 1800' super smooth grass strip near York Springs. Look for more information about the picnic in this issue of The Observer; the date is Sunday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to be there and see what "goodies" are handed out. Those of you that are considering flying in to the picnic, it would be best to phone Gary to get an up-to-date report of the runway condition. All this rain . . . . Gary's numbers are: 717-432-7389 (home), and 717-609-5295 (cell). If conditions permit, planes landing at Gary's strip make him very happy!

I've taken the liberty of inviting a special guest to the picnic, and this visit could be one of the most important things we do

this year. Please make every effort to attend the picnic and see what has many of us gearing up for a very important project.

Speaking of projects, it occurred to me recently that 2019 will be the Barnstormers' 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of being an EAA Chapter! The former Hanover Barnstormers first became an official EAA Chapter in 1994. I would like some volunteers to form a Committee and plan some celebration of this milestone.

Please be sure to join your fellow Barnstormers on Sunday, Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> and enjoy all the good food and fellowship at the picnic.

# Henry



Volunteer to be part of Barnstormer leadership. All offices are up for election for the 2019-2020 term.

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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







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# August meeting is The Chapter Picnic Sunday August 12th Mathna Airport

# Picnic Details on page 8

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

Election of officers and The Board of Directors will be held at the October Meeting.

Nominations are still being accepted

#### Chapter Election Preview

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www.1041.eaachapter.org

www.intrepidmuseum.org

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www.airfactsjournal.com

www.jerryandersonart.com

https://www.airportcourtesycars.com

https://airandspace.si.edu/events/

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Name Tags for the following members can be picked up in the airport meeting room.

Herb Bartell Conrad Brown

**Richard Brown** 

Joe Gungel

**Paul Tully** 

**Richard Smith** 

2019—2020 sleight of officers follows:

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# **July Meeting**

Dawayne Wilcox and family presented details concerning his new business, Avionics Exchange LLC, located at York's Thomasville Airport



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The August IMC/VMC Meeting will be held in the Chapter Meeting room at the Gettysburg Regional Airport. will be the 2nd Saturday, August 11th, from 9:00 to 10:30. Phil Roth will host the event. Topics include 1. Flying a non-precision approach inbound or shooting an ILS, we sometimes unintentionally end up "chasing the needle." Why does this happen when we know better? What rudimentary navigational information did we overlook (or ignore)? 2. "Single Engine Night IFR."





Additional Information on EAA Website Here: http://bit.ly/2DzNEaq



Light refreshments are served prior to every meeting

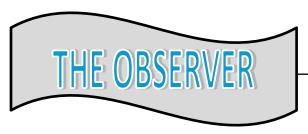


A real life flying scenario will be presented for discussion. "Single Engine Night IFR."

Non-EAA members attending are granted a 6 month free membership to EAA and a subscription to Sport Pilot for the trial membership period.



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The history of Gettysburg Regional Airport will be published in installments in this and future issues of *The Observer*. Thanks to Phil Roth, Charlie Tipton, John Donmoyer and the Doersom family for their efforts in compiling this abstract.



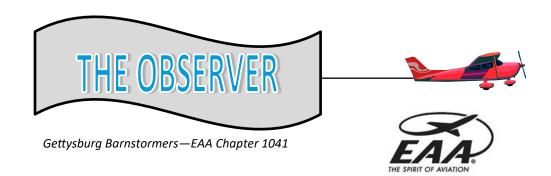
# **ABSTRACT**

An accounting of Adams County's second and single surviving commercial airport, from an off-airport beginning in 1923 to 2018

Prepared by EAA Chapter 1041 – "Gettysburg Barnstormers"

90th Year Anniversary, 2018

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# **Gettysburg Regional Airport - W05**

90<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary, 2018 continued from the July edition of *The Observer* 

Another side of Charlie's personality can be illustrated by a Gettysburg Times article August 4, 1928. Pennsylvania statutes governing the registration and licensing of pilots went into effect July 1, 1928. Charles however, refused to register as a pilot; at least until he was arrested by PA State Police. The Times' stated, "The present action (against Doersom) will be watched with considerable interest not only in Pennsylvania but elsewhere." Grandson David Doersom is not certain if or when Charlie did register for a pilot's license and no Times' article establishing the case's outcome was found.

It is not clear but presumed that Charlie continued with auto repairing and scaled back his flying activities for a year or two. It is known however, that in 1927 he tried again, hiring on as chief mechanic for Adams County's first commercial airport, the Forney Farm on Oak Ridge (on present day National Park Service Land, near the Peace Light [erected in 1938]). A group of investors already involved with a flying program in Maryland, organized Gettysburg Flying Service, to operate from the Forney farm.



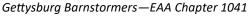
Charlie's first airplane rebuilt from a wreck, Curtiss JN-4 (Jenny) WWI cadet trainer.

Photo: taken 1924, Courtesy Barbara Ann Ball

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Fearlessly, he branched out on his own again February 17, 1928, buying 20 acres for \$1,100 with frontage on US 30, two miles west from Gettysburg. The boundaries were suitable for laying out a 1,000 ft southwest-northeast sod runway and a short intersecting second east-west runway. He kept his job with Gettysburg Flying Service, planning to shift his auto and aircraft repair work to this new site, a second airport for Gettysburg and Adams County. Two Gettysburg Times' articles show that Charlie hired two ex-Army pilots, arranged for parachute jumps and wingwalkers on weekends to attract public attention. Daughter Barbara Ann says her dad did some of the "barnstormer" flying. In retrospect, Charlie's third effort came to fruition, chiefly due to his trader shrewdness, his faultless work ethic and his broad manual skills that kept things humming and operational. But the unknowable future can be merciless; the "Great Depression", August 1929, essentially closed the Gettysburg Flying Service in 1930 (The Forneys continued to maintain their airport until 1935) and triggered a broad contraction for private aviation for nearly two decades.



Shop, hangar and living quarters (second story) built by Charlie Doersom early 1930s on US 30. The building was considered unessential and leveled by new owners after 2006 2001 Photo: courtesy Arthur S. Cunningham's estate

But Charlie Doersom survived. He opened a Texaco service station on US 30 adjacent to his home and garage, which supplemented his auto repair. In 1938 an adjacent 180-acre dairy farm was purchased (from the deceased farmer's widow) adding acreage toward Herr's Ridge Road eastward and south beyond Old Mill Road.

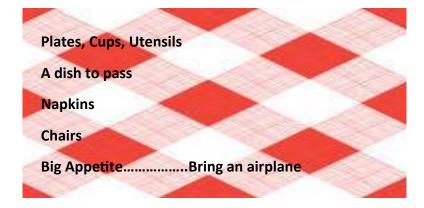








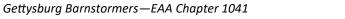
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# AirVenture Oshkosh 7/23 through 7/29/2018









Chapter Camping
Barnstormers Andy, Bob, Craig, Jeff, and Neil occupied the campground

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# AirVenture Oshkosh 7/23 through 7/29/2018



W05 Charted Aprons for the Breakfast



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# AirVenture Oshkosh 7/23 through 7/29/2018







The original pancake griddle

Bob Howe Photos

The wait at Jeff's was long but worth the wait





# AirVenture Oshkosh 7/23 through 7/29/2018



Barnstormers gather at Jeff's for traditional Thursday dinner



The lounge at the Air Academy Lodge



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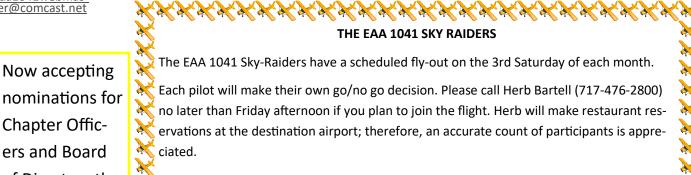
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# **Fly-Out Destination**

# Fly-Out destination for August Will be decided at the Picnic



ers and Board of Directors the 2019—2020 term. See Bob or Art. Volunteer to serve

Check out our website. It has been updated!!

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