



# The Observer



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## The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

...is not just Experimental Aircraft!

This organization is for everyone that has an interest in aviation. Whether you're an experienced pilot, or just someone who loves aircraft, EAA Chapter 1041 welcomes you!

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## “Stormer Claus” Makes His Annual Appearance!

Tossed Salad, Roast Beef, Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans with diced ham... what a way to end the year!

On Friday, (December 9th) the 2022 Barnstormers Christmas Party was held at the Spring Grove Area High School in Spring Grove PA.

Compliments and our deepest thanks not only to the

kitchen workers who cooked, served, cleaned, and made our holiday party so enjoyable, but to the school administration who extended the invitation to us to hold our party at the high school.

We look forward to another year of working with the school to continue the work that Bob Howe started on the STEM program and getting more youth interested in pursuing careers in the aviation industry.



Beautiful centerpieces on every table (above). Getting gifts from Stormer Claus! (below)



## Henry's Hangar

*“As a result of EAA, I have become a millionaire, because I have a million friends through aviation.”*  
Paul Poberezny  
EAA Founder, 1921-2013

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Depending on the timing of this edition of the Observer, Christmas might be in the past with New Year

ahead of us. Peggy and I wish you the very best for this Holiday season and hope the coming year is filled with blessings for everyone.

September 24, 1993 – does that date have any meaning to you? It was on that day that EAA Chapter 1041 was officially chartered! If my math is correct, 2023 is our 30<sup>th</sup> anni-

versary as a Chapter. Twenty-one names are on the charter, and it was signed by then-EAA President Tom Poberezny.

Ten of the original members have since passed away. Several of the signers have moved out of the area. A few others have not stayed active and we have lost track of them.

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

- **January 9th**  
*Regular Chapter meeting 7PM  
Gettysburg  
Regional Airport*
- **January 14th**  
*IMC/ VMC  
gathering 9:00  
AM to 10:30 AM  
at the airport*
- **January 21st**  
*Chapter Fly-Out*
- **January 26th**  
*EAA's Birthday  
Born 1953*
- **January 29th**  
*Soup-R-Sundae  
Gettysburg  
Regional Airport  
Noon to 3:00 PM*

## Henry's Hangar (continued from page 1)

Let's celebrate our 30-year history with something special! Do you have any suggestions or ideas to propose to the group? There are all sorts of things we can do to commemorate this occasion, and we have the entire year to pull it off! Please attend our monthly gatherings and share your thoughts on this subject with the rest of us.

Speaking of monthly gatherings, we are always looking for interesting speakers and topics for our programs. Many of the

coming months are available and we would like your help to fill the slots. Do you know someone with an aviation connection? Maybe they were in the military, worked in an industry associated with aviation, or had a relative with a flying connection. There are many folks that have a story to tell and we're hoping you can help to find them.

In December we had a large contingent of Barnstormer members attend the Celebration of Life service for Bob

Howe. I want to thank each one of you who was there, the rest of Bob's friends and family appreciated the show of support. Thanks again for remembering Bob, our Chapter will be doing more to memorialize him in the next few months.

Looking forward to seeing you the evening of January 9<sup>th</sup> for our first gathering of the New Year!

*Henry*

## Last Month's Program Review

Tradition with the Barnstormers is that no meeting is held in December as we have the holiday party.

Stormer Claus had awards for Board members, gifts for everyone, along with some special gifts for the little ones that attended.

More photos from the party appear on pages 4 through 8 of the **Observer**.



## This Month's Program Preview



**REMEMBER, FOR  
JANUARY, IT'S THE 9TH!**

For our January meeting, we will review a number of EAA videos, ones we didn't see from late 2022.

There will also be a very historic surprise video with a flashback for one of our members.

Be sure to be there to see the reaction!

### Annual Award Presentations

At the end of the year, awards are presented to the Board members and others for their contributions to the organization (not pictured: Henry Hartman and Wendi Clark).

Bob Howe was slated to get four awards this year for his work on the Observer newsletter, as Webmaster, and his work with the IMC and VMC Clubs. These four awards were presented to

his family at Bob's celebration of life held on Saturday, December 10th.

Thanks to all of the members of the Board for all they do to keep Chapter 1041—The Barnstormers—flying right along!

Pictured to right: Peggy Hartman (presenter). From left to right below: Richard Horigan, Karen Radzai, Jason Pape, Art Shaw, Andy Toussaint, and Sam Kistler.



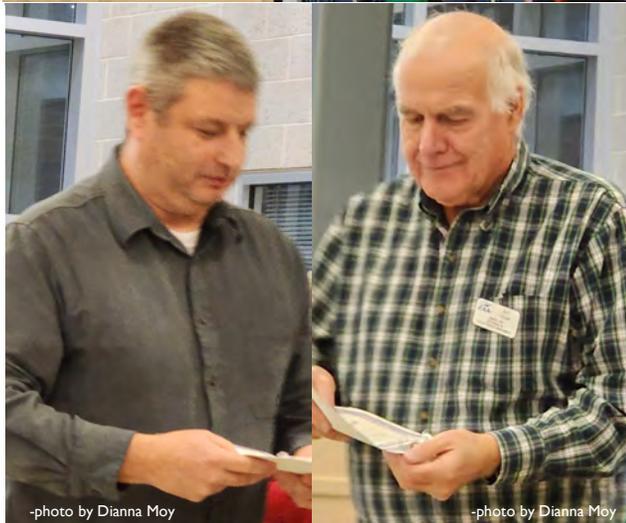
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## The EAA Celebrates 75 Years on January 26th!



**Paul H. Poberezny**

**1922-2013**

*EAA was founded in 1953 by Paul H. Poberezny who served as the organization's president from 1953 to 1989 and then as chairman of the board until 2009. It has grown from a handful of aviation enthusiasts to an international organization representing virtually the entire spectrum of recreational aviation.*



**Tom Poberezny**

**1946-2022**



## Paul Poberezny and Tom Poberezny

Paul Poberezny came from humble beginnings, yet he created one of the world's largest aviation organizations and emerged as one of the 20th century's greatest aviation leaders, creating a worldwide aviation organization and the world's largest annual fly-in event, EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

He died at age 91 on August 22, 2013, in Oshkosh after a career that spanned more than 70 years of flight at the controls of more than 500 different types of aircraft.

Tom Poberezny (1946-2022) was first elected president of EAA in 1989, succeeding his father, EAA founder Paul Poberezny.

He assumed additional duties as EAA's Chairman of the Board in February

2009, then retired as chairman of EAA and EAA AirVenture in August 2011.

An accomplished aviator in his own right, Tom was a member of the U.S. National Unlimited Aerobatic Team that captured the World Championship in 1972. The following year, he won the U.S. National Unlimited Aerobatic Championship.

He subsequently flew for 25 years as one wing of the legendary Eagles Aerobatic Team (originally the Red Devils), the most successful civilian precision flying team in history.

During his career with EAA, Tom led a number of the organization's milestone events. In the late 1970s, he spearheaded EAA's first major capital campaign, which supported construction of the

current EAA Aviation Center headquarters and museum complex at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

In 1992, he led the creation of EAA's Young Eagles, which has become the most successful aviation youth program in history.

Realizing the importance of mentoring to the future of aviation, EAA aimed to give one million kids between the ages of 8 and 17 an airplane flight by the centennial of powered flight on December 17, 2003.

The one millionth Young Eagle was flown in October 2003, celebrating the efforts of 85,000 EAA volunteers to reach the goal. The Young Eagles Program has now flown more than 2.2 million young people.



## Remembering Bob



-photo from Kenwirthyfh.com

During the holiday party, there were many remembrances of Bob- pictures in the slide show, remarks by Henry and others, and at the end of the party, the awards recognizing his contributions to The Barnstormers that were being given to his family were shown.

At his service the next day, Bob's impact to not just the Barnstormers, but to

the entire community was evident. The line of people to pay respects wound out the door and around the building.

People from all walks of life were there, young and old. Bob had a passion for all he did, but none more than his love of aviation and encouraging the youth in the community.

His legacy will long be re-

membered in getting the STEM program started in Spring Grove High.

The slogan "Be All You Can Be" was adapted by this former Air Force veteran, and it showed in everything that he did, even in his retirement.

Goodbye, Bob Howe.

Soar on your angel wings.

—DM



-photo by Sam Kistler



-photo by Dianna Moy

## Not just Louie- meet Piper and Max!

Over the last couple of months, those that have attended the meetings at the airport have seen a couple of new little faces that have been trying to get some of the attention that Louie gets.

Piper and Max were found near one of the hangars, and had some medical issues, Dan brought them in and got them the medical care they needed.

They're both happy, active, and wanting attention!



-photo by Dianna Moy

## EAA "Day of Flight"



While EAA members receive notices on EAA events, the general public does not. Many of these events are open to the public. We will attempt to post some of these events here in The Observer.

On December 14th, the EAA held it annual "Day of Flight" event. Day of Flight is an opportunity for EAA

members and aviation enthusiasts to help fuel the future of aviation. By helping EAA to raise funds and awareness for EAA's education, safety, and outreach programs.

This year, \$10,074 was raised to help support The Spirit of Aviation.

Donations to the EAA supports things like:

\$25 provides Materials for a Classroom STEM Activity, \$55 sponsors a Student/Scout on an Overnight in the Museum, \$100 helps Facilitate a Young Eagles Flight, \$1,000 supports an EAA Speaker Series Presenter, and \$5,000 sponsors a Cockpit 360 Tour in One of EAA's Historical Aircraft.

EAA NEEDS YOUR HELP

## IMC/VMC Club

There are those that may wonder what “IMC/VMC” means.

Well, **Instrument meteorological conditions (IMC)** are meteorological conditions expressed in terms of visibility, distance from cloud, and ceiling, which are less than the minimums specified for **visual meteorological conditions (VMC)**.

The IMC/VMC Club met on December 10th (the same day as Bob Howe’s memorial service) and answered the questions that were presented last month.



## Last Month’s Questions

As usual, there were two questions, one IMC and one VMC.

The IMC question was “What reporting requirements must be met when a pilot declares an emergency and deviates from regulations?”

The answer: **When requested by the Administrator**, a written report

must be sent to the Administrator. For a full explanation, see the following link: [https://www.eaa.org/-/media/files/eaapilots/imc-vmc-qotm/2022/december/scenario---taxi-emergency---imc-009\\_aa.ashx](https://www.eaa.org/-/media/files/eaapilots/imc-vmc-qotm/2022/december/scenario---taxi-emergency---imc-009_aa.ashx)

The VMC Question was “In most production, light general aviation aircraft, which instruments rely on a vacuum pump for operation?”

The answer: Two instruments rely on a vacuum pump- Attitude Indicator, Heading Indicator (DG)



## Next Month’s Questions

For next month, the IMC question is: “What is the difference between a MOCA and MRA on a VOR federal airway?”

floor of 700 feet. The current conditions include a ceiling of 1,100 feet and 10 miles visibility. What is the highest altitude at which you can legally fly?”

The VMC question is: “You are contemplating a short, daytime over water VFR flight (sea level) in Class G airspace with overlying Class E airspace having a

On right and above: Pictures from the December IMC/VMC Club meeting.



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



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## Letter From the Editor

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year Barnstormers!

Well, we're about ready to dive into a New Year! A lot has happened this past year, some of it good, some bad. We've lost some friends, but we've made some too. Some changes around the airport have started— the plans look great, and hopefully we'll see the fruits of the remodeling soon.

As we all have gotten out of that depressing period of Covid-19, I have a good feeling that Chapter 1041 will see one of its biggest year of growth this year. You may recall that our Pancake Breakfast in June had the biggest turnout in the 11 years that we've kept records— 947 breakfasts in two days!

Can we break it this year? I hope so! We have nearly

75 active members, and with some luck, we could top 100.

Your support and contributions to the club, not just monetarily, but in the volunteer aspect as well, has helped The Barnstormers, EAA Chapter 1041 to be a certified Gold Chapter! Let's get the award for 2022-2023 as well!

*Dianna Moy*

## Letter To the Editor

Last month, as in this newsletter on the opposite page, I noted that Instagram and Twitter are coming soon. That prompted a few emails to me with the same question:

**What would the benefit be to get onto social media? We've got web pages, and we communicate via email. Our pictures are in the newsletter, so we've survived for so long without it, what would it gain?**

The Barnstormers consist of members of all ages. Yes, some of us are on the upper end of that age range, and our use (and need) for social media is nowhere as great as the younger members. Technology is rapidly replacing what many of us grew up with— radio, newspapers, magazines, and TV. A wired telephone? What's that? Think about it— that

telephone, radio, TV, stereo, magazine and newspaper subscriptions, and even your desktop/laptop PC are now on one device— your smartphone. Believe it or not, that smartphone is a full-fledged computer in your hand.

A little history: A fraction of the capabilities of what we have in our hands took several thousand air-conditioned square feet in 1943.

The first mainframe computer (the Harvard Mark I) weighed **five tons**, and cost about \$200,000 to build (about \$3,070,500 in 2020 dollars), and the amount of memory was around 45KB. Your smartphone has at least 32GB of memory (1,000 times more memory than that mainframe), is about 4"x 6" x 1/2", weighs maybe a pound, runs on batteries, and costs around 0.0004 percent (4 ten-thousandth) of that 1943

mainframe (\$1,228.20). Some smartwatches reduce that footprint even more.

We need to embrace technology and grow with it. The audio player has replaced the radio, YouTube (and streaming) replaces cable and satellite TV for many. News is off the web. Pictures are on Instagram, and on-the-spot comments are on Twitter.

The "evils" in the new technologies are the same as in the old ones, including slanted reporting, fake news, etc., We need to monitor how we use the various media to avoid those evils.

Remember, this organization will last beyond us, and those that follow us will have a much easier task if we adapt to "the new stuff".

*Dianna Moy*



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