

January 2021

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## Chapter 1041

### NOTAMS:

- January 1st Happy New Year
- January 4th Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt
- January 9th IMC/VMC gathering 9AM-10:30AM G'burg Regional Apt
- January 16th Chapter Flyout destination TBD
- January 26th EAA Founded
- January 31st Soup-R-Sundae NOON TO 4pm G'burg Regional Apt
- February 1st Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt
- February 13th IMC/VMC gathering 9AM-10:30AM
- February 20th Chapter Flyout destination TBD
- February 28th Soup-R-Sundae NOON TO 4pm G'burg Regional Apt
- March 1st Regular Chapter meeting 7:00 PM G'burg Regional Apt

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## Henry's Hangar

By Henry Hartman

Greetings, Barnstormers! Happy New Year! Let's all hope and pray for a much better year than 2020.

Our old buddy from the North Pole – 'Stormer Claus – has asked me to pass along his most sincere wishes for a (belated) Merry Christmas. Stormer has entrusted me with the task of handing out the goodies he hoped to deliver to all his Chapter 1041 friends. Each member will be receiving a 2021 Barnstormers Calendar along with some collectible mementos from AirVenture 2020, which did not happen!

Sadly, we were unable to hold our usual Christmas Party celebration for 2020, so as members attend our monthly meetings in 2021, we will attempt to distribute the items mentioned above. A number of you already received your goodies during the December meeting. There will be a supply of the 2021 Calendars available at the airport so stop by and get your copy.

Depending on the guidelines mandated by the State, we may or may not be meeting in person for the January 4<sup>th</sup> regular Chapter meeting. If

needed, we'll meet via "Zoom" as we did last June. Stay tuned for all the details as we approach the January meeting date.

EAA is conducting a series of "Homebuilders Webinars" in January. If you have not looked at the information about these events, go to the EAA website and check them out.

Peggy and I wish each of you a very Happy New Year. We are looking forward to being able to hold our usual events, especially our Breakfasts. Please be safe and stay well.

*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.*

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[www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)

[www.1041.eaachapter.org](http://www.1041.eaachapter.org)

[www.intrepidmuseum.org](http://www.intrepidmuseum.org)

[www.york-aviation.com](http://www.york-aviation.com)

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The January meeting will feature a presentation by David Pape, son of member Jason Pape. David recently completed instrument training and provides this insight concerning his experience. "The instrument rating is a lot more than just flying in clouds. There are many other valuable things that can come out of the rating. This presentation will discuss some of these benefits."

Hopefully third time's a charm



**Volunteers** are needed for the refreshment committee. There will be a sign-up sheet available at December Meeting. You may volunteer to provide refreshments for one meeting or several meetings. Cost is covered by The Chapter.

**If you want refreshments at the meeting please volunteer!**

## Book Review



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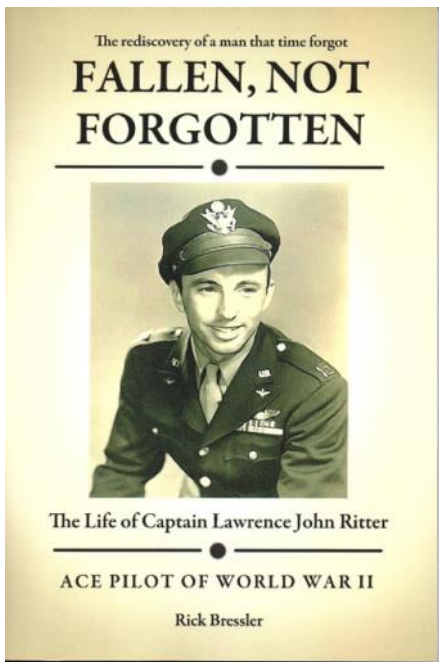
The Life of Captain Lawrence John Ritter



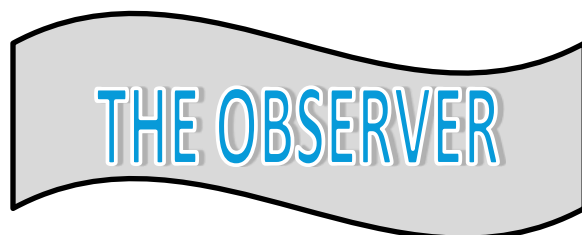
On Friday, April 26, 1946, less than a year after the Allies celebrated Victory in World War II, a highly-decorated Ace Pilot from the Mediterranean theater was flying a P-47 Thunderbolt from Selfridge Field in Michigan to Mitchel Field, Long Island, NY. A sudden severe snowstorm across the north-central mountains of Pennsylvania caught the pilot by surprise and the plane crashed, killing the sole occupant, Captain Lawrence John Ritter.

Local residents of the Slate Run area of northwest Lycoming County reported hearing a plane in the storm and a loud crash. Despite a massive ground and aerial search effort involving more than 10,000 man-hours, no trace of a crash site was found. That is, until the following November when hunters discovered the wreckage.

The story of Captain Ritter might have been mostly lost to history, until Lock Haven resident Rick Bressler started to research the life of Captain Ritter. Prior to becoming an Army Air Corp fighter pilot and earning status as an Ace, "Larry" Ritter was a gifted athlete in high school and college. Mr. Bressler's book is a tribute to an American hero who served his country with great valor, and died while still serving his country. Published by Gatekeeper Press, the ISBN paperback # is 9781642378047.



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## Gettysburg Barnstormers - EAA Chapter 1041 2021 Event Calendar

**Jan 4** - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport

9 - IMC/VMC Club

16 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

26 - EAA's Birthday – born 1953 !

31 - Soup-er-Sundae - Gettysburg Airport

**Feb 1** - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport

13 - IMC/VMC Club

20 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

28 - Soup-er-Sundae - Gettysburg Airport

**Mar 1** - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport

8 - Board of Directors meeting – Airport

13 - IMC/VMC Club

20 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

28 - Soup-er-Sundae - Gettysburg Airport

**Apr 5** - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport

10 - IMC/VMC Club

13 – 18 - Sun-N-Fun Fly-In - Lakeland, Florida

17 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

**May 3** - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport

8 - IMC/VMC Club

15 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

29 - Movie Night ! At the airport

**June 5-6** - Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast - W05

7 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport

12 - IMC/VMC Club

19 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

**July 10** - IMC/VMC Club

12 - Regular meeting – W05

17 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

26 – Aug. 1 - EAA AirVenture Oshkosh – Wisconsin

**Aug 8** - Picnic – Mathna Airport – 2PS3

14 - IMC/VMC Club

21 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

**Sept 11** - IMC/VMC Club

13 - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport

18 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

25-26 - Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast - W05

**Oct 4** - Regular meeting – Gettysburg Airport

9 - IMC/VMC Club

11 - Board of Directors meeting – Airport

16 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

**Nov 1** - Regular meeting - Gettysburg Airport

13 - IMC/VMC Club

20 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA

**Dec ?** - Christmas Party

11 - IMC/VMC Club

18 - Fly-Out - Destination TBA



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## Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 26



### *An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft*

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA is launching a new online learning event for aircraft builders: ([www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will launch on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, and run until Saturday, January 30, 2021. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start

at 1 p.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow plenty of time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

The launch of EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 68th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

**EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc.**



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Incredible paint jobs found on the internet.

Thanks to Carolyn for sending them.

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Join us on Sunday January 31st at the airport for the first Soup—R—Sundae event of 2021. Bring a can or two of soup to add to the “common brew” and enjoy the tasty result. To date we have never had a “soup failure.” Bring a dish to pass, soup bowl, utensils, and a hearty appetite. Soup is served about 1:00 PM. Plan to enjoy hanger flying as well as an aviation related movie or video. This event is certain to take the chill out of those cold winter months of January, February, and March.



Photo from 2020 event ▲

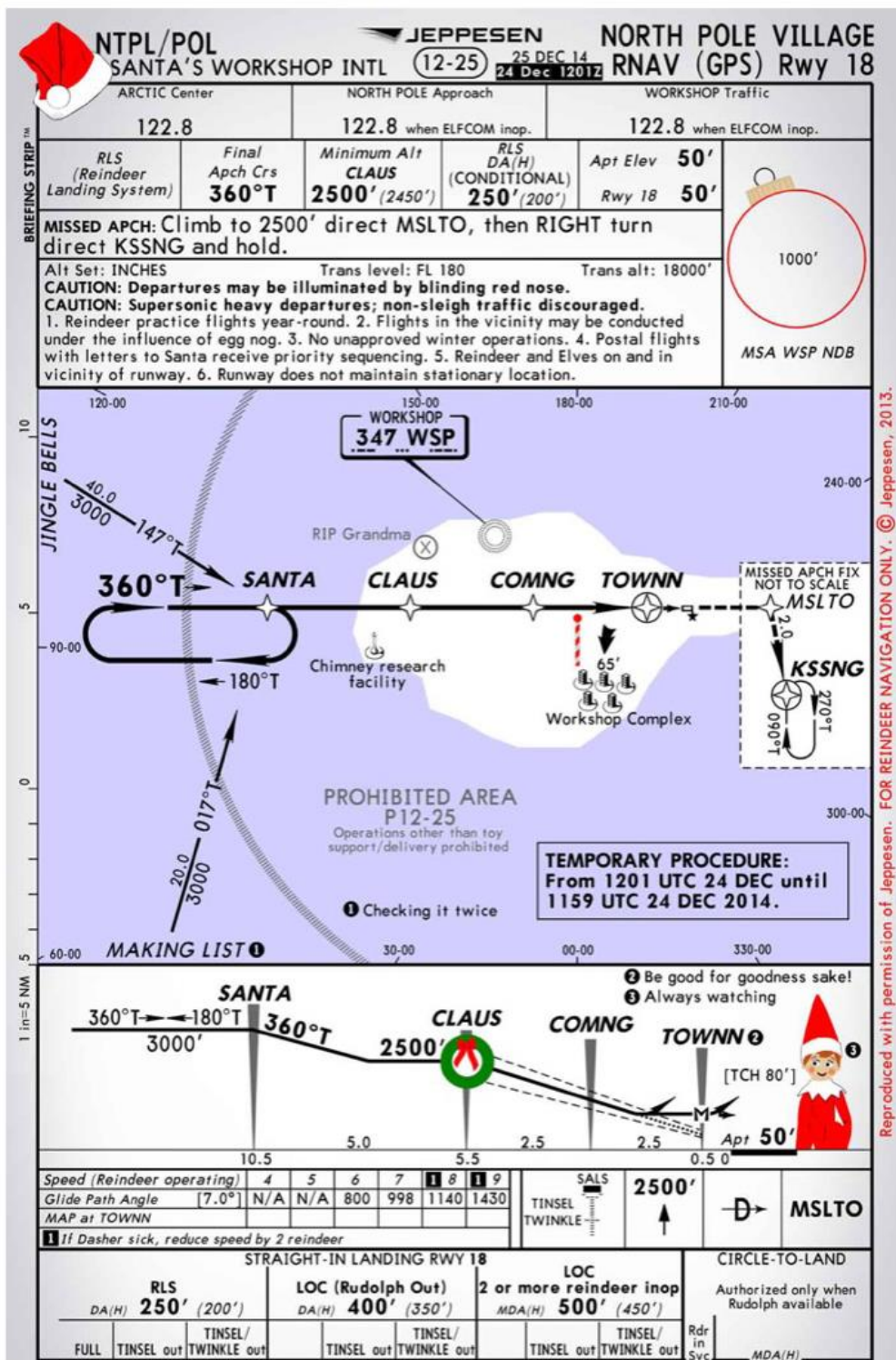


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Thanks to Henry's friend corporate pilot Randy Kilmer for providing this.

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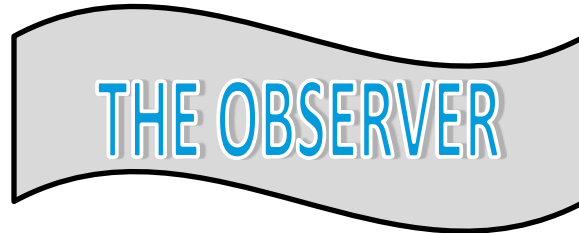
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## Refreshment Sign-up

Meeting Date	Volunteer Name(s)
January 4th	1 Wendi Clark
	2 Hayden Clark
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February 1st	1 Andy Reinhardt
	2
	3
	4
March 1st	1 Art Shaw
	2
	3
	4
April 5th	1 Gary Mathna
	2
	3
	4
May 3rd	1 Maehin Hottle
	2
	3
	4
June 7th	1 Henry Hartman
	2
	3
	4
July 12th	1
	2
	3
	4





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Holiday greetings to our partners, tenants, and friends at Capital City Executive Airport, Franklin County Regional Airport, and Gettysburg Regional Airport:

As always, we hope that you had a good Thanksgiving and this message finds you in good health. Please feel free to share this update with other tenants and airport users.

2020 has certainly been a year of challenges. The resurgence of COVID-19 cases has impacted aviation, though it is still too soon to know whether this is a small blip or a longer-term flattening of the modest growth we have seen since April. In either case, SARAA's Board and staff continue to follow a conservative plan for modest recovery from the current activity levels throughout 2021.

There have been highlights throughout the past few months. Aircraft operations from late summer and into the fall at Capital City Executive Airport have actually **exceeded** operations counts for the same months in 2019, and it appears that November will be the busiest month at CXY in 2020 so far. Most of this is local activity, so we believe that flight training is helping drive these numbers up. This is a good sign for the future of the industry. We also completed and opened the parallel taxiway at Franklin County Regional Airport, so it is now possible to taxi to either end of the runway without having to backtaxi. Finally, we welcomed Dan Blouch and DB Services, a new business at Gettysburg Regional Airport. Dan has the fuel farm up and running again and is based in the main hangar. We welcome Dan and look forward to the growth of his business.

At Harrisburg International Airport, commercial passenger activity continues a slow recovery. Fall months have shown some minor increases from the dips of late summer, but we are still averaging about 62 percent below last year's levels. Our forecast for 2021 includes an increase of about 30 percent over the passenger activity of this year, a nice increase, but still well below the average annual activity we usually have.

Capital development is still continuing. The design and permitting for the new aircraft apron at Gettysburg Regional Airport continues forward, with a goal of bidding the project in the spring of 2021, though construction isn't likely until 2022. At Capital City Executive Airport, we will be continuing the design phase of a project to rehabilitate several of the taxiways.

We look forward to 2021 as a year of change. Hopefully changes in the medical world will reduce the impact of the coronavirus, thereby allowing growth in business and opportunities to get together face to face. The camaraderie of aviation has always made us strong, and we look forward to better times.

We always close with this phrase because it cannot be overstated. Thank you all for your dedication and support of CXY, N68, and W05!! We wish you a great holiday season and look forward to a prosperous new year.

Best regards,

Marshall

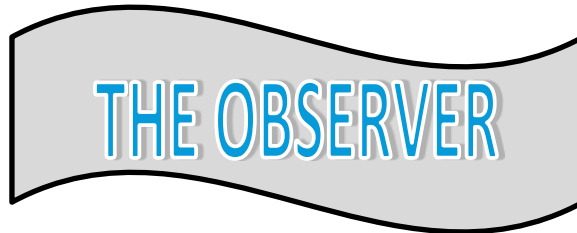


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## Fly-Out Destination

**The Fly-out destination for January will be discussed at the meeting. Fly-out requests can be made to Dick Young our fly-out Coordinator.**

**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](mailto: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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