



CHRISTMAS POTLUCK DINNER

December 18, 2020, 6:00 PM

Hosted by Phyliss & Eddie at "The Landing".

Potluck Dinner.

See the last page for meeting location and directions

Interested in aviation? Join our local EAA Chapter 123.



THIS MONTHS PROGRAM

Christmas Potluck

Christmas Music

Hot Chocolate

Reminisce

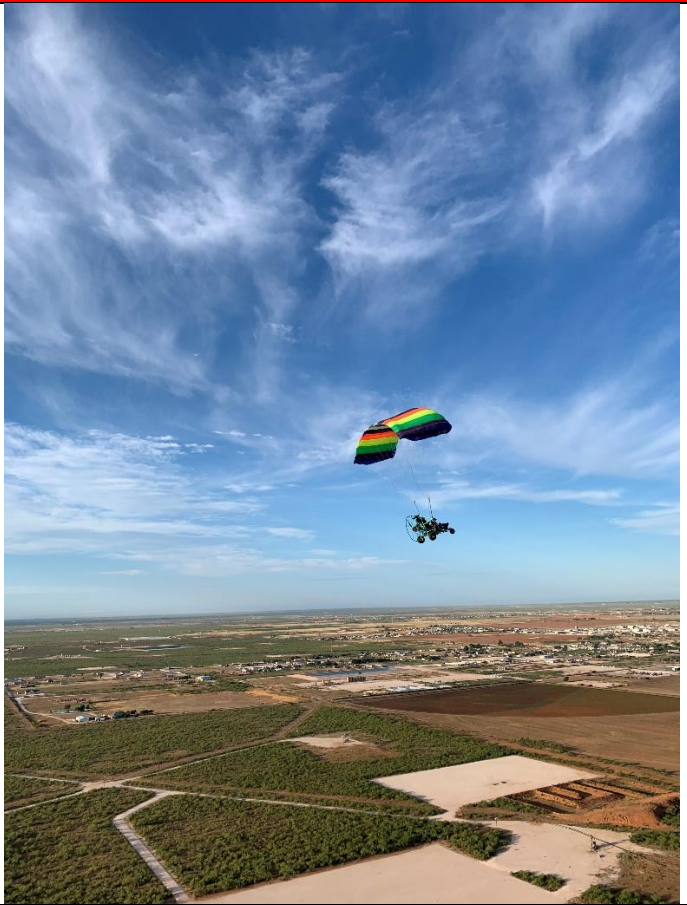
Enjoy the season

Elect Officers for 2021

Reminiscing – A visual lookback of 2020













This Month In Aviation History

1 December 1783 - J.A.C. Charles and another man make the first trip in a hydrogen balloon, flying 27 miles from Paris to Nesle, France. After landing, Charles goes up again by himself, achieving the first solo balloon flight.

2 December 1976 - The Boeing 747 SCA, an ex-American Airlines airliner which has been adapted to carry the United States Space Shuttle, makes its first flight.

3 December 1945 - A DeHavilland "Sea Vampire" fighter becomes the first purely jet powered airplane to operate from an aircraft carrier, when Lieutenant Commander E. M. "Winkle" Brown lands his aircraft on the *HMS Ocean* in England.

4 December 1991 - Pan Am World Airways goes out of business after 64 years of service. The sudden shutdown of this aviation pioneer strands many passengers and leaves about 9,000 employees out of work.

5 December 1949 - Douglas D-558-2 "Skyrocket" exceeds speed of sound in test flight at Muroc Air Force Base, California.

6 December 1960 - The first flight of the Sikorsky S-61L helicopter is made in the United States. It serves as a transport craft as well as patrol, rescue, and even anti—submarine duty.

7 December 1941 - [Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. United States enters World War II.](#)

8 December 1964 - A United Air Lines "Caravelle" makes the first landing in the United States completely controlled by a computer (automatic touchdown).

9 December 1909 - American Dr. Henry W. Walden makes the first flight with his triplane known as the "Walden III." It is powered by a three cylinder, 22hp Anzani engine and takes off from Mineola, Long Island, New York.

10 December 1919 - Capts. Ross Smith and Keith Smith become the first Australians to fly directly between Great Britain and Australia, a distance of 11,340 mi., after flying 135 hr. 55 min. at an average speed of 83 mph.

11 December 1917 - Katherine Stinson flies 606 miles from San Diego to San Francisco, setting a new American non-stop distance record.

12 December 1953 - Mach 2.5 is achieved for the first time by Major Charles "Chuck" Yeager in the Bell X-1A. The rocket-propelled experimental aircraft reaches 1,650 mph at 70,000 feet.

13 December 1949 - Prototype Of North American Aviation XF-93, Air Force jet penetration fighter, arrives at Edwards Air Force Base, California for testing. The XF-93 is a new version of the basic North American F-86 "Sabre" design, with a 38 foot wingspan and 44 foot length, powered by a Pratt & Whitney J42 engine.

14 December 1903 - Wilbur Wright makes the first and unsuccessful attempt at powered flight at Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. His aircraft stalls after 3½ seconds in the air and crash lands 105 feet away.

15 December 1964 - The first USAF gunship, the AC-47 enters combat in Vietnam.

16 December 1979 - A British Airways "Concorde" lands in London after flying from New York in 2 hours 58 minutes, at an average speed of 1,172 mph.

17 December 1903 - *First sustained controlled flight in a powered aircraft. On the morning of December 17, 1903, Wilbur and Orville Wright took turns piloting and monitoring their flying machine in Kill Devil Hills, North Carolina. Orville piloted the first flight that lasted just 12 seconds and 120 feet. On the fourth and final flight of the day, Wilbur traveled 852 feet, remaining airborne for 59 seconds. That morning, the brothers became the first people to demonstrate sustained flight of a heavier—than—air machine under the complete control of the pilot. They built their 1903 glider in sections in the Back room of their Dayton, Ohio, bicycle shop. That afternoon, the Wright brothers walked the four miles to Kitty Hawk and sent a telegram to their father, Bishop Milton Wright, back home in Dayton, Ohio: "Success four flights Thursday morning all against twenty one mile wind started from level with engine power alone average speed through air thirty one miles longest 57 seconds inform Press home Christmas."*

18 December 1941 - Lt. "Buzz" Wagner became the first American "Ace" of World War II.

19 December 1972 - *The last manned lunar flight, Apollo 17, crewed by Eugene Cernan, Ron Evans and Harrison Schmitt, returns to Earth.*

20 December 1941 - The AVG (American Volunteer Group), better known as the "Flying Tigers" in Kunming, China, shoots down three Kawasaki Ki-48 "Lily" light bombers in its first engagement.

21 December 1968 - *Apollo 8, the first manned mission to the moon, is launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. At 2h:50m:37s Mission elapsed time (MES), the crew performs the first ever manned Trans Lunar Injection and become the first humans to leave Earth's gravity.*

22 December 1964 - *First flight of the Lockheed SR-71 "Blackbird."*

23 December 1974 - The Rockwell B-1A Lancer makes its first flight at Edwards Air Force Base.

24 December 1955 - NORAD Tracks Santa for the first time in what will become an annual Christmas Eve tradition.

25 December 1981 - USAF lieutenant Thomas Tiller is rescued from the Atlantic Ocean by a boat after his plane, a McDonnell Douglas F-4 "Phantom II" had an accident seven days before.

26 December 1968 - *Apollo 8 splashes down in the Pacific Ocean, ending the first orbital manned mission to the Moon.*

27 December 1928 - Capt. Sir George H. Wilkins and Carl Eielson, in a Lockheed "Vega" ("Whirlwind" engine,) make first flight over Antarctica Continent.

28 December 1948 - Twelve USAF pilots rescued from Greenland icecap by Douglas C-47 "Skytrain" using rocket boosters.

29 December 1939 - First flight of the Consolidated XB-24 "Liberator" heavy bomber at San Diego, California. During the next 5½ years, over 18,100 B-24 "Liberators" will be produced (largest military production run in US History).

30 December 1972 - President Richard Nixon halts aerial bombing of North Vietnam and announces peace talks.

31 December 1908 - Wilbur Wright at Auvours, France, makes the first flight over 2 hours. He flies for 2 hours and 20 minutes, covers 77 miles, and wins the Michelin Cup for 1908.

The December Potluck dinner will be held at “The Landing” (aka Phyliss’s and Eddie’s house) on Friday December 18th @ 6:00 PM.

Off Loop 250 turn north on Elkins Rd (CR1150) 1.1 miles to the Water Runners sign, turn right to the end of the road and parking lot at The Landing.

