



Chapter 1384 March 2020 Newsletter Update.

16 March 2020.

The March meeting was small by necessity, but productive. We chose a name for our fly-in, so we can advertise it, and we agreed upon some activities we will offer. It is scheduled for Saturday June 20th, the day before Father's day. Rain date is Father's Day, Sunday 21st June 2020.

- The name: Carrol County flight festival and 8th annual Vans Aircraft Fly-in. 9am-2pm.
- Agreed upon activities.
 - 50/50 raffle will return.
 - Have a guest speaker. Probably not from AOPA this year, considering how last year's forum turned out. Maybe an air traffic controller or someone from FAA.
 - We will offer food, but we have not decided to do it ourselves or hire a food truck. it depends on how much advertising to the general public and expected turn out. Greg from SkyTech offered help. Move beyond just plain hamburgers and hot dogs.
 - We expect to advertise early and often. High schools, middle and elementary schools, the county offices, newspapers and WTTR the local radio station. We need to write our own ad copy to make it easier for them.
 - We will reach out to other local chapters, Gettysburg and Frederick to see if they want to participate.
 - Dream Flight school is interested in hosting a static display.
 - So is Skytech.
 - The airport manager is on board too.
 - It would be a good idea to include and ask for help from the local C.A.P.
If it is open to the public, they are more flexible in offering help.
 - We need aircraft for static display, finished and unfinished.
 - We (Warren and Alan Hawk) will lead the "build a wing rib" event. Organizational meeting Saturday 21 March. Location to be determined.

Other news:

The airport manager is willing to buy the paint for the compass rose. Just get the magnetic reading as close as we can, and paint a disclaimer that it is not exact. Put our name on it too. EAA1384.

A tale of two bombers.

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It is actually the same bomber. The EAA B-17 Aluminum Overcast. It is a great fund raiser for chapters, and they will support us, but we must support the bomber.

The first tale.

A local chapter floated the idea to host the bomber, and 35 members promised to help out. Come Thursday before the bomber was to arrive, well, gee whiz, 30 of those people had soccer games and other things to do. They just could not help out. The event (surprise!) umm... bombed.

The second tale.

A chapter in Connecticut sponsored the B17. They got commitments from members, and followed up to make sure those who promised would actually be there. They advertised heavily- Thirty Nickel, Merchandiser, local papers and radio stations. The B-17 sold tickets for rides. The net result with good support was a NET GAIN of over \$15,000 for the chapter. That is enough for years of hangar rent and programs for outreach to the community and EAA members.

Now, the B-17 is booked for this year, but we can plan for it, or the Tri-motor for next year.

As we head toward the April 19 monthly meeting, please plan on attending, and please offer to help out with our fly in. And please, keep your promises. Last year we had a profitable fly-in with only 10 volunteers. But I suspect our reputation may be damaged, and I know it is with AOPA.

YOU make a difference in how this chapter grows.

Other activities that are still open for planning for the fly-in:

- A spot landing contest.
- Show how a Clamp-Tite works. It is neat, but I am not selling these things.
- Aircraft build judging.
- Other ideas that you are willing to support.
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