

CHAPTER 153



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

NOVEMBER 2022

Hello Everyone,

We hope you are enjoying the beautiful fall weather and are doing well!

Last month's presentation by Bob Meyers on the Bellanca restoration was very interesting. He has been putting in the hours on it and has many more to go. It should be a fine flying machine again someday.

For this month's Veteran's Day presentation, we will feature a fine Military Training Aircraft and learn a few tips on how to fly it.

"LEARNING TO FLY THE STEARMAN" is our presentation to be given by *Chris Coltrin of Holiday Airways*, which is a flight school at Schaumburg Airport that offers lessons in their Stearman.

We will all meet in the lower level at 06C Schaumburg Airport on November 11th at 7pm for social time before the 7:30 start of the presentation. Currently, the experts are suggesting masks for any crowded indoor settings, like our meeting room. (Maybe pretend they are oxygen masks and you are flying over 10,000 feet on a military mission). We will also be Zooming it if that works better for you.

We will also hold some simple and short elections for some key positions: treasurer, secretary and directors. There will be no recounting, shenanigans or rioting. Let me know if you want to run and serve on the Board. Then we will take a short break and come back to Builder's Reports/Flying Stories/Show and Tell.

On December 9th at 7:30 in the same meeting room, our Technical Counselor Ron Liebmann, will be doing another patriotic presentation entitled "Warbirds". Ron has been very active at EAA Warbirds for many years and he may talk us all into enlisting!

We are planning on a Pot Luck Holiday Party starting at 6:30 beforehand. Please bring some sort of tasty dish sized for about 10 people to share with everyone. There is a microwave there and a sink for you to clean up after yourself...We will have plates, plasticware, napkins and drinks.

Remember that our chapter has some aircraft tools for our paid members to use. We have Tech Counselors and Flight Advisors to consult with.

We always need volunteers. Special Thanks to Jim, Jake and Glenn for always going the extra mile. Thanks to Madeleine for publishing this excellent newsletter each month!

Our main purpose is to have fun with aviation and do it safely.

Remember to visit us on Facebook and to always invite your friends to our events.

See you soon,

Bob

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Congratulations to Bob Brandt, owner of our Plane of the Week!



Bob shares, "Here is my 1954 Cessna 180. It won awards at Oshkosh in 2006 and 2007. My father bought it in 1955 and it has been in the family since".

The story of N3890c, the 1954 Cessna 180

It was a hot summer day in 1953 at the Mexico city airport and my dad, an aerial photographer on assignment for an oil company, was taking off in his fully overloaded Cessna 170, using all the runway and an extra mile of flat desert to climb in the 100 degree heat.

He decided he would like a bigger, more powerful high wing taildragger plane, so on New Years Eve 1955, at 0F degrees, his friend and his fiancée, my mom, are flying to St. Louis to trade in the 170 and buy the 1954 Cessna 180 avionics demo plane that Bill Lear of Lear inc just traded in. They arrived back in time for a new years drink at the Hangar inn at Palwaukee. The next year they flew to LA for their honeymoon and had to land on a coastal street near Hollywood when LAX was grounded with fog. Later the story escalated to it being in front of Jayne Mansfield's house.

For years my dad flew it without the right door, using big cameras to take professional pictures. With only 1250 total hours, he parked the plane for 30 years and then rented helicopters or planes and pilots, while also working on the hobby farm he bought.

I bought the project in 1999. Since my sister went to Lewis University and my dad knew some of the aircraft faculty, we arranged for them to start a total restoration at the shop that works on the flight school fleet. Once a week I would go in and help, mostly cleaning, sanding, metal prepping, painting, detailing and writing checks, while they slowly completed the total disassembly and reassembly over a 5 year period. I tried to improve the performance and safety wherever we could. Because it's a Cessna and a popular design, parts and modifications were easily available.

When it was done in 2005 we had many new parts, about 37 modifications, 22 stc's and 3 faa field approvals. Then it went to Doc's paint shop, in Sandwich, where I tried to keep the same general Cessna design for that year, but in brighter safer Cessna 195 yellow colors. Then it went to JA for the radio work, while Cameron interiors worked their magic.

I took 30 hours of dual instruction in a 180, before flying mine. I now have about 700 hours in it. My landings have greatly improved, but I still rarely achieve a perfect one...the fun is in trying.

We've taken some trips around the midwest and want to go out west sooner or later. We like to go camping in it and have been to Oshkosh several times. In 2006 we came back with the winning Cessna 170/180 plaque and the next year earned the Bronze Lindy for classic aircraft from 200-250 hp.

It is a very powerful and utilitarian aircraft, ready to take on whatever mission you ask it, even if it is just a dinner at Lake Lawn airport. It has been in the family now for 68 years and hopefully I can tenderly care for it and fly it for awhile longer...it may need another restoration someday, but I'll be hoping the next owner does that.

Bob Brandt

OCTOBER MEETING PHOTOS

Schaumburg Airport



FEATURED GUEST—VP Bob Meyers

Discussing the current restoration efforts
on his new 1946 BELLANCA CRUISAIR SENIOR

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ADVANCE NOTICE

DECEMBER 9, 2022

HOLIDAY POT LUCK

6:30 PM Bring a dish that serves 10 to share

FOLLOWED BY

Technical Counselor Ron Liebmann, at 7:30 PM
doing another patriotic presentation

"WARBIRDS"

IN THE AIRPORT CONFERENCE ROOM



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NEXT MEETING

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11

SOCIAL TIME 7:00 PM

SAFETY PROGRAM 7:30 PM

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