



**PITTS AND CHAPTER  
MEMBERS AT  
FAYETTE COUNTY**



**RARE CANARD WING  
AUSTRALIAN EAGLE  
150 @ FYE**



**HANNA UNDERWOOD  
FLIES IN RICK  
HENRY'S MUSTANG II**

# 182 FLYER



## President's Column

Hello, All,

We had a great gathering at McNabb Field with a good outcome, great food and some nice looking airplanes. I think the most admired plane was Sol Radford's Chipmunk with a perfect new IO540 P1A5 Lycoming engine overhauled by Richard Starnes installed. we were very happy to see Dwight Smith visiting us and we send prayers to him and his family for a quick

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recovery. Also, a big thanks to all who volunteered and got everything set up and to Mark McNabb and family who make this event possible. We all hope we can have another one there next year.

Our chapter was invited to participate in the Aviation Day at Fayette County Airport and we showed up with several volunteers to give out information about our chapter and the Young Eagles flights. We had several experimental airplanes on exhibit and there was a very rare Eagle 150 there. It is an Australian design mainly used for surveillance tasks. It has a canard wing and a regular tail. There were not many people coming out to see the airport and the planes, but one family, the Underwoods, came to talk about careers in aviation as their daughter, Hannah, was looking for a path to aviation. While looking at planes, it just so happened that our member Rick Henry was there with his grandson and his nice Mustang II. He instantly invited Hannah to go flying! After her first flight she was laughing and was very happy to report that she took the stick and did some flying! It sure looked to us as if she is now hooked on flying! A big THANK YOU to Rick Henry for making this happen! THIS is the way to pay it forward to the next generation of aviators!

Last week we heard about the fatal crash of the Collings Foundation's B-17, Nine-O-Nine in Connecticut. It is a big loss for the aviation community and, of course, for the families involved. We send them our sincere condolences for their losses. Everyone of us who has been fortunate enough to fly with EAA's B-17, "Aluminum Overcast", experienced the deep impressions we received flying in these wonderful aircraft which have given us some idea of what it was like to fly during World War II conditions. No one forgets these rides and we hope that historic flight experiences can still continue.

Our next gathering will be on October 19th at DeWitt Spain Airport and will be combined with a Young Eagles event starting at 8:30am until noon. Please support this event with volunteering and providing airplanes for the rides.

Please keep in mind that we need proposals for the election of chapter officers. The elections will be held at our November gathering.

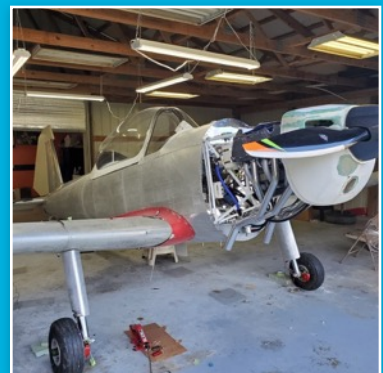
I hope to see you all there.

Blue Skies,

Gerhard Schubert

President, EAA 182 Memphis

## September Gathering at Mark McNabb's



(Top): The Rice brothers chat while Dwight Smith takes a cool drink.

(Center): Sol Radford's beautiful Chipmunk nearing completion.

(Bottom): Frank Civera checks Eddie Brewer's corn grilling skills.

## VP Ramblings

RIP those lost in the B-17 Nine-O-Nine accident. I won't add anything else about that loss since people far more eloquent than I have already said all that needs to be said and many have said a lot that should not have been said. Instead, this month I thought about the wider aspect of vintage aviation and the thorny question of whether vintage aircraft should be flown or be in museums. My belief is that airplanes belong in the air where they can be seen doing what they were designed to do but I would temper that with one caveat - if the example is the **ONLY** complete original example of the type anywhere in the world, then it should be grounded. It's a tough call, but at least if there is one complete example, it is possible to rebuild or replicate others. Preserve the engines and all parts, maintain it to the appropriate country standard to get an airworthiness certificate or equivalent but don't run it and don't fly it. Once a last surviving example is lost, there is very little possibility of a new example being built.

I'm sure many of you will disagree and you have a (First Amendment!) right to say so, but as always, my scribbles are not intended to change minds but to provoke thought, so please feel free to reply to [ea182memphis@gmail.com](mailto:ea182memphis@gmail.com). We might even start a 'Letters to the Newsletter' discussion page?

CAVOK and tailwinds to all...

Gary

## September Meeting Minutes

Please refer to the first half of Gerhard's President's Column for last month's minutes report for this issue of the newsletter (I think he covers it pretty well, don't you?).

## 182 Flyer Marketplace

# October

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Editors note: Page one photo - Goodbye Nine-O-Nine (photo contributed)

Alan Howell, 182 Flyer Editor



*Don't be this guy...really...just don't!*

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