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Coming Events

- Well, we STILL don't know much of what's coming up in 2021. With the COVID-19 pandemic, and an abundance of caution for the kids and our pilots, we did not fly any Young Eagles this year, and may not be able to fly any Young Eagles in 2021. We will have to wait and see.
- For now, all our upcoming chapter meetings will continue to be virtual, on line.
- **January 25:** EAA 196 Chapter Meeting, 7:00pm: Speaker— TBD.
- **January 19:** VMC Club
- **January 26:** IMC Club

News

- Craig Maiman flew his recently completed and painted Sling 4 aircraft from Oklahoma to Minute Man Air Field, arriving on November 14. See Craig's photos and descriptions in this newsletter.
- The airport has a new beacon! And we have the old one, refurbished, as a back up. More information in this issue.

Licenses and Ratings

- Congratulations to Marcy Capps in receiving her Private Pilot Certificate! Marcy is our chapter's first ever Ray Aviation Scholar.
- In October, Peter Alberti soloed for the first time!

Sadie Comes Home

By Michael Smith

After 5 years of construction by Craig Maiman, and several months of final assembly and finishes in Oklahoma, Craig and his test pilot, Bob Zaleski, flew the Sling 4, nick named "Sadie," back to 6B6.

Crew and aircraft left Norman, OK on Friday the 13th, of November 2020, arriving later that day in Dayton, OH for an overnight stay. On Saturday the 14th they completed the trip to 6B6, arriving to much fanfare of friends and local pilots! Total flight time was 9 hours.

Sadie has some miscellaneous punch list items to complete, such as nose wheel alignment, interior panels, etc., but it otherwise complete. Craig is working with his CFI to get some more time in the aircraft before flying it solo.

Mike Smith put together a video of Sadie's arrival (click on the link): [Sadie Arrives!](#)



Fueling up for departure from Norman, OK. Vergil Caskey, on the right, was the guy who helped Craig get the plane finished and flew off the 40 hours. He's a 747 pilot for Atlas Air.

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Craig on the right, with Bob Zaleski (retired American Airlines captain and Sling builder/flyer) on their way to Dayton, OH



The mighty Mississippi River!

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On the ground in Dayton, OH for their overnight stay.



Fly by into 6B6 after their non-stop from Dayton!

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All smiles upon arrival to 6b6 Minute Man Air Field!



Triumphant de-planning!



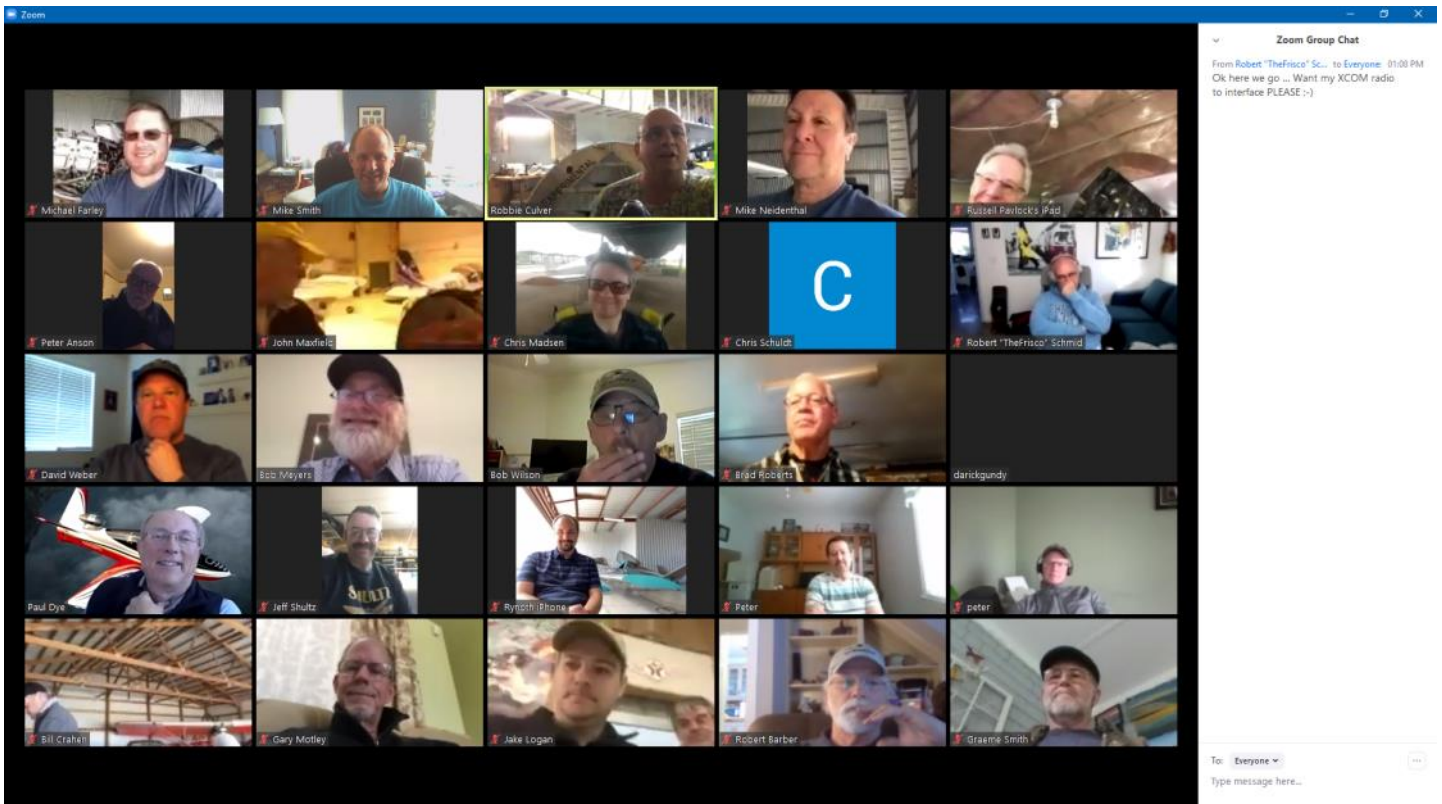
A beautiful sunset after a great day!

Virtual Meetings

By Michael Smith

2020 was the year of the COVID-19 global pandemic. With meetings and gatherings, especially large ones, curtailed by the virus, much of the world turned to online video conferencing to keep in touch and keep their organizations active. EAA Chapter 196 was no different. With Peter Alberti providing a Ring Central login for the chapter to use, we have met regularly every month. Online events included regular monthly meetings, IMC Club and VMC Club meetings, and monthly Hangar Talk breakfasts.

Local members such as Penny Bowman, Mike Smith and Charlotte Richardson gave online presentations. EAA also has a Speaker's Bureau where chapters can contact speakers anywhere in the country to give talks at chapter meetings and events. In "normal" times we'd look for local speakers to visit our chapter in person. But with the pandemic came the opportunity to have live online video presentations from anyone in the country; location was no longer a limiting factor. We took the opportunity to have several online presentations, including Brian Bishop, ex-Thunderbird, giving a behind the scenes presentation about the T-birds, and Bill Barry, former NASA chief historian, giving a presentation on "Hidden Figures: The Story Behind the Story."



Airport Beacon

The 6B6 airport beacon was becoming more and more troublesome this year, between bulbs burning out and motors not working. Chapter member Kerry Lynn took the beacon under his wing as a pet project, replacing and rebuilding just about everything in the beacon. At the same time, Don applied for State funds to buy a new beacon. The end result is we have a new beacon, but also a rebuilt beacon as a back up. Besides Kerry, other members and pilots helped with the months long project, including Paul Young, Charlotte Richardson, Kim Peck and Bob Glorioso.



Zoom in and read the label...

BEACON
FAA L-801
MODEL NO P182/1000AB
SERIAL NO K3-2901
VOLTAGE 120AC
WATTAGE 1000
MFG BY ALNACO
BLACKLICK OH 43004
REFURBED BY
EAA196 AUG 2020

The innards of the refurbished beacon.



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Boston City & Logan Airport Tours

By Charlotte Richardson

About the Logan Airport overflights (we made three of them). It wouldn't have occurred to me that you could do that on a whim even during the pandemic, until Chris Brandon said he had requested to do so after flying around Plum Island area. You used to have to get permission an hour before taking off, and they would give you the exact route to adhere to. I did a photo flight with Eli Luria (for shots to put on the flight school's web site) and later one with Devan that went that way. So after Chris's experience, the next flight Paul and I made with Mike Roman a few days later, we did my practice approaches at KLWM, swapped places there after lunch, headed over to Plum Island, and then asked, and were immediately granted, permission! We were so elated that we didn't dare ask for anything else, such as a low approach over a runway, or even a practice approach.

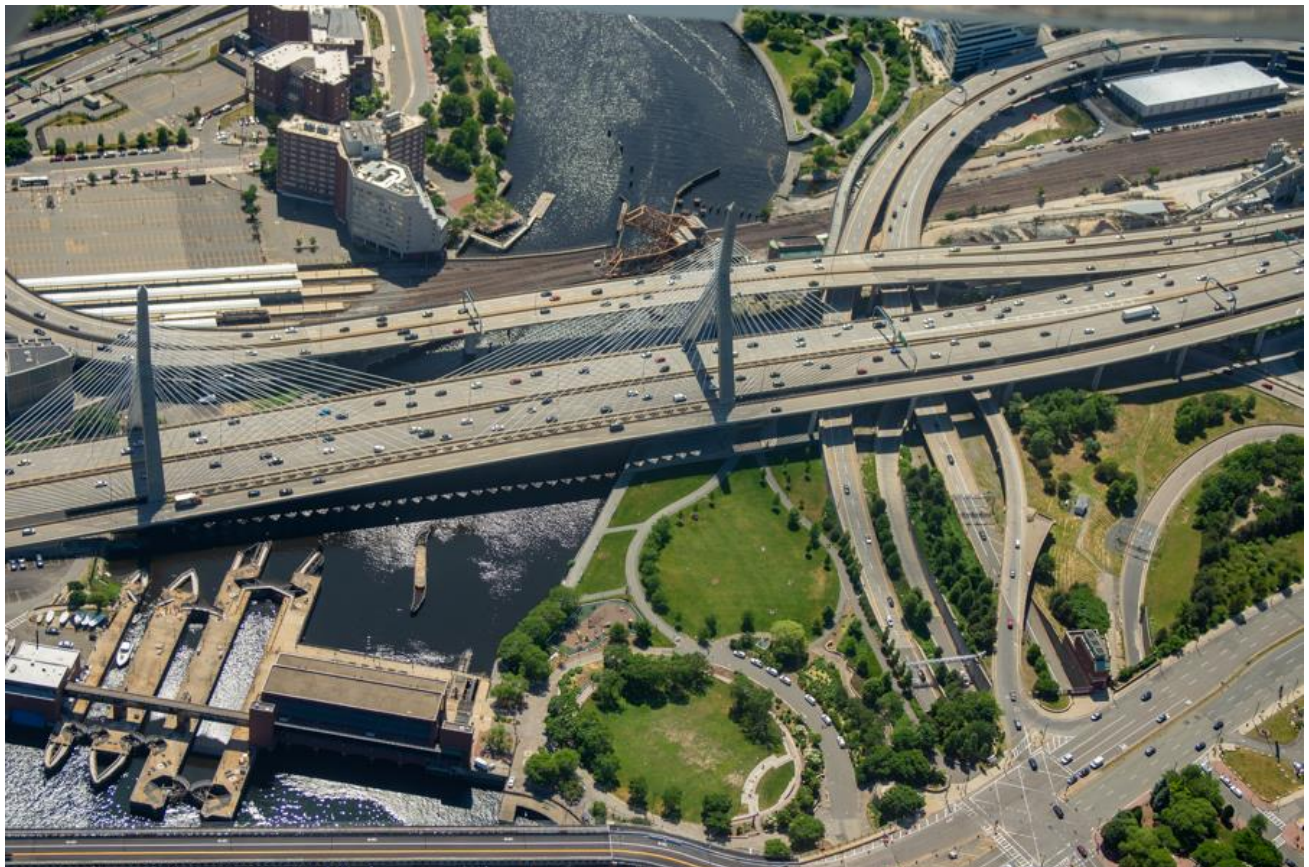
The second flight was from the south, after one of the Cape Cod scenic flights (and lunch at Hyannis, outdoors), as was the third one. On the third trip we did ask if we could do a low approach, but the tower said they weren't allowing that anymore; apparently if we had thought to ask the first time, we would have gotten it, because at the time 6B6 was busier than KBOS was. The nice lady in the tower would still issue directive about where we could go and at what altitude, such as to stay west of a particular runway or to stay at 1300', but was fine with whatever we said we were going to do, such as fly west along the Charles River to the MIT boathouse, turn back there, and then fly along the waterfront south and west of the approaches to KBOS.



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The History Guy

Oodles of history stories including many about aircraft and pilots.

<https://www.youtube.com/c/TheHistoryGuyChannel/featured>

Pearl Harbor P-40 Arrives in Hudson

The American Heritage Museum has a new acquisition!

<https://www.bostonherald.com/2020/11/27/worlds-only-warhawk-from-pearl-harbor-restored-and-in-massachusetts/>

Affordable Flying: Building an Airplane for Less than \$6,500

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RO9vDnbPtYU>

Books

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Mike Smith shot this photo of Don McPherson flying N3339W to check out other local FBO/Admin buildings.



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From Jim Ellis: I was flying out of Sarasota-Bradenton Airport in a PA-28R-200 Arrow with an instructor. We flew in Tampa Cat B airspace over Tampa Bay to Albert Witted Airport which is located on the shoreline right in downtown St. Petersburg. Then flew south over the I-275 Sunshine Skyway Bridge and down the coast to just north of Venice, FL. \$289 for a 1.2 hour flight, which I thought was money well spent for another unique experience (and another Piper N-number in my logbook: my 261st fixed wing aircraft).



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Peter Alberty in the “Brown Bomber,” taxiing in after his first solo!



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All of the following photos are courtesy of Charlotte Richardson.



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Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 9:00 Hangar Talk Virtual Breakfast
6	7	8	9	10 Hanukkah Begins	11	12
13	14	15 7:00 VMC Club Meeting	16	17	18	19
20	21	22 7:00 IMC Club Meeting	23	24	25 Christmas Holiday	26
27	28	29	30	31		

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 New Year's Holiday	2 9:00 Hangar Talk Virtual Breakfast
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Marti Luther King Jr. Holiday	19 7:00 VMC Club Meeting	20	21	22	23
24	25 7:00 EAA 196 Virtual	26 7:00 IMC Club Meeting	27	28	29	30
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February 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9:00 Hangar Talk Virtual Breakfast
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 President's Holiday	16 7:00 VMC Club Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22 7:00 EAA 196 Meeting	23 7:00 IMC Club Meeting	24	25	26	27
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March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 9:00 Hangar Talk Virtual Breakfast
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16 7:00 VMC Club Meeting	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 7:00 IMC Club Meeting	24	25	26	27
28	29 7:00 EAA 196 Meeting	30	31			

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April 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 9:00 Hangar Talk Virtual Breakfast
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 9:00 Young Eagles Rally (?)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 7:00 VMC Club Meeting	21	22	23	24
25	26 7:00 EAA 196 Meeting	27 7:00 IMC Club Meeting	28	29	30	

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 9:00 Hangar Talk Virtual (?) Breakfast
2	3	4	5	6	7	8 9:00 Young Eagles Rally (?)
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 7:00 VMC Club Meeting	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 7:00 IMC Club Meeting	26	27	28	29
30	31 7:00 EAA 196 Meeting (Memorial Day)					