

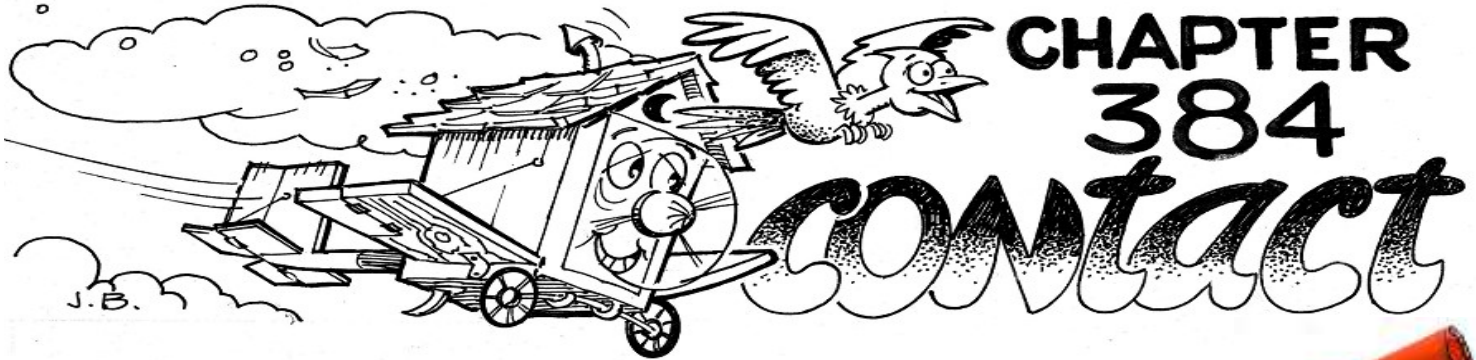


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EAA Chapter 384, Brighton, MI
BRIGHTON SPORTPLANE ASSOCIATION



February 3, 2022



UPCOMING EVENTS

- The next meeting of your EAA Chapter is this Wednesday, February 9, 2022 at 7:00pm. The meeting will be at the BAA House/terminal building.
- The March meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 09, 2022 at 7:00pm.

AROUND THE AIRPORT 45G

- **Saturday morning breakfast**
Breakfast is served at the BAA House, on Hyne Road, every Saturday morning at 9:00am.
- **Pilot Proficiency Night**
Monday evenings



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EAA CHAPTER DUES FOR 2022

Your EAA Chapter dues are due. The dues remain at \$25.00 for this year. Please forward your payment to Brighton Sportsplane Association C/O Rodney Beckwith III at 1980 Pinckney Road, Howell, MI 48843

ARMAMENTS AGAINST THE ENEMY

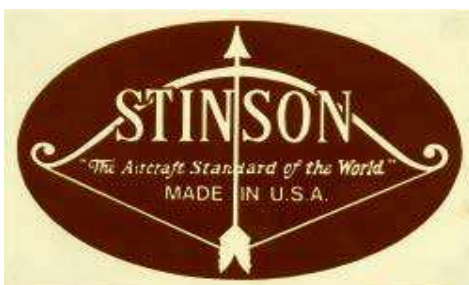
In this article I am reprinting excerpts from an article done by Steve Alvarez called "Our Little Effort Contributed So Much"

The U.S. Civil Air Patrol was born in the early days of WWII when German Submarines operated brazenly off Americas east coast. In an often unheralded role, CAP airmen helped drive the enemy away while losing 68 crew members in the process.

In January 1942, most Americans were unaware that NAZI submarines lurked off the eastern seaboard in US waters. The Kriegsmarine U-boats were the main weapon in the German offensive known as *Operation Paukenschlog* (drumbeat).

Their mission was to sink American merchant ships and hinder the logistical lifeline to Allied Forces.

The Nazis caught the United States unprepared to defend its coastline. The U.S. War and Navy Departments had little resources to devote to merchant vessel escort duty. By its sixth month, the Nazi operation was responsible for sinking three million tons of shipments in the Atlantic according the Allied Navy records.



ARMAMENTS AGAINST THE ENEMY (cont.)

Gill Robb Wilson, a Presbyterian Minister and former World War I pilot, and other aviation enthusiasts devised a plan to mobilize America's civilian aviation community for national defense purposes.

Their vision would come to fruition on December 01, 1941 with the founding of the Civil Air Patrol. Several weeks after the Nazis began hunting in the Atlantic waters, CAP, as it became known, took on a huge challenge: hunting enemy U-boats.

"For eighteen months, from 1942-1943, CAP civilian volunteers flying armed, light private aircraft operated an anti-submarine coastal patrol as part of the American military effort in the Battle of the Atlantic." said Dr. Frank A. Blazich Jr., the curator of military history at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History in Washington, DC.

The civilian aviation effort represented a prewar possibility-turned-wartime exigency, and CAP's coastal patrol initiative developed from a critical need to stem the tide of German submarine operations inflicting heavy losses on coastal shipping.

OUR THOUGHTS WERE WITH THEM

Unpaid and underequipped, the pilots improvised and created ways to arm their aircraft to carry bombs, or depth charges. By the fall of 1942, CAP aircrews had dropped 70 bombs in 51 submarine attacks, according to the CAP. They were operating from 21 bases flying approximately 423 privately-owned aircraft on coastal patrols from Maine to the Texas border.



Thanks to Greg Pawczuk for forwarding this article.

The dummy bomb below, was donated to the Stinson 10A restoration project for addition to the restoration once completed. Our challenge is to find drawings on the holding, and release mechanism used during the war. Our dummy bomb matches what was used during the war.



FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Groundhog day	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 EAA Meeting	10	11	12
13	14 Valentines Day	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

MARCH 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 EAA Meeting	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19
20 Spring Begins	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 EAA Meeting	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Mothers Day	9	10	11 EAA Meeting	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 Memorial Day	31				