

EAA 50 NEWS

January - February 2025

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President's Notes

From Tracy Hille

An update from the Sunshine State

Hey! This is the February Newsletter but I don't remember reading a January issue. Well, you're correct, we didn't publish a Newsletter in January. Just a lot of stuff going on with the Holidays, the new year, travel and getting settled into the "Snowbird Groove". Joe & I talked about a January issue several times and well as a Pilot would say "No Joy". Sorry!

So, what is so special about the number 44? Well, since you asked... It's an even number (dah), it's both a repdigit (repeating digit pattern) and a palindrome (reads the same forwards and backwards) in decimal form. You may have heard of Vicks Formula 44, it's a cough suppressant, or maybe you remember Agent 44 as a character on the television show "Get Smart". But 44 has another special meaning on the day I'm writing this article because 44 days from now is the start of spring on March 20. I've started my countdown! December is a great month; the Holidays are a lot of fun and a great time to spend





Board members Continued

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**Patrick
Galloway***



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with family. January brings in the excitement of a new year and all the optimism that goes with it. Then we get February... I really believe there is a good reason why it's the shortest month of the year. It's cold, the sky is gray and the weather and blah! Maybe you differ, but for me I just want it to be over with. Now I'm not complaining because I'm in Florida and it's 82 degrees outside but I'm filled with excitement when I think about spring, the fresh cut grass at Hinde Field, the sound of a plane flying overhead preparing to turn downwind. Yes; 44 days and counting.

In December, we sent out Snail-Mail letters to all of the Chapter Members with an enclosed self-addressed – stamped envelope with a goal of making it easier for everyone so send in your 2025 dues. The response has been good but we still have 34% of our membership that has not paid their dues yet. We look forward to getting everyone caught up.

Last week we sent out an updated Calendar of Events. The things that have changed or been added are highlighted in yellow. If you printed the one that was sent out in December, please discard it.

On March 15 we are again hosting Jeremy Colvin (CFI). He will be providing the Ground School portion of the Biennial Flight Review (BFR). It starts at 9:00. Bring you Log Book.

So, until we meet again, stay warm, drive safe, Fly often and if you're in Sandusky, shovel my sidewalks....

Cheers – Tracy 419) 624-6243

***=New Board Member 2025**
Thank you officers and board members, you make Chapter 50 great!

Chapter 50 2025 Calendar of Events

Chapter 50 announced its 2025 monthly calendar last month. All members received the calendar via mail. The event season began with a member breakfast at Lemmy's

restaurant in Huron.

February 8: ForeFlight Training Presented by member Jeremy Colvin. This training will take place at the Hinde Field



Gathering room from 9AM to 12. Bring your devices with ForeFlight and be prepared to spend a full day learning about flight planning, weight & balance and weather monitoring using the powerful ForeFlight



March 15: Ground School program presented by

Member Jeremy Colvin. This event will also be held at the Hinde Field gathering room

from 9AM to 12. If this is your year for a BFR, this program will cover your 1-hour Ground School portion. All are welcome even if it's just for the refresher. Bring your Log Books. **Continued page 4**



Brownie Girl Scout Airport Tour at PCW

By Dave Hurt

We were recently contacted by a troop of Brownie-Girl Scouts wanting a tour of the airport. So, I partnered with Kara Griffing from Griffing's and the airport and we hosted 10 young scouts plus their moms for a grand tour. It was a busy day with lots of island traffic in and out so they got to see how important flight operations are for the people who live out there. We then toured the aircraft maintenance area where they got to see up close planes getting worked on. Next Kara took them to a hangar with the jet aircraft and told them what a day was like for her flying a 500-mph plane, and where all you can go in a day and still be home for supper.

Then we all went to my hangar to see a Cessna 150, Echo. Now mind you, it's 18 degrees outside and just as cold



inside where I have a large scrap piece of carpet on part of the floor next to the plane. So, after I open the hangar door, there were 10 very polite little girls waiting to come in, lined up looking at the floor then looking at me. "Do we have to take off our shoes to come in?" Ah...no, of course not. They were precious. They all took turns in Echo with the head sets listening to the AWOS and the air traffic. We all went back to the main terminal for cookies and hot chocolate. And, yeah, I could not say no to an order for some Girl Scout Cookies. Great day with Troop 1419 from Danbury.

April 15 IOAM Tour of the NASA
 Neal Armstrong Test Facility located
 on Route 250 in
 Sandusky.
 Details are still
 being worked
 out.



Information
 will be
 provided.

May 17 Hanging At Hinde Fly-in:
 Established
 by Bill
 Hinde,
 Hinde Field
 will be
 celebrating
 90 years of
 operation,
 1935 -2025. As most public grass strip



airports have faded
 away over the years,
 Hinde Field continues
 to thrive thanks to the
 support of local
 aviators and EAA
 Chapter 50. Don't miss
 this special
 celebration. Social

hour is from 11:30 - 12:30, food will be
 served beginning at 12:30.

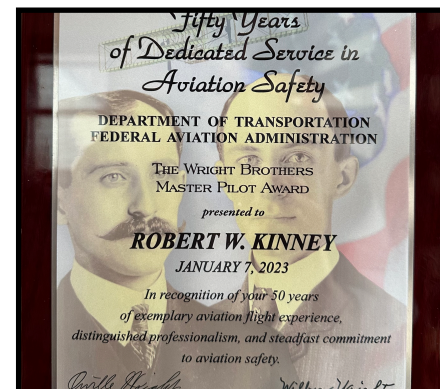


Tom Griffing Presented Prestigious Award



Recently at the Catwaba
 Island Club, Tom Griffing, EAA Chapter 50 Life Member,
 was presented the The Wright Brothers Master Pilot
 Award. The Master Pilot's Award is one of the most
 prestigious awards in aviation With over 50 years of safe
 flying under his belt, Tom is a staple in our aviation
 community having owned and operated the Family run
 Griffing Flying Service. EAA 50 is extremely proud and
 very grateful to have Tom as a Life
 Member.

Although the award is one of the most
 prestigious honors presented by the
 FAA, it is an extraordinary
 accomplishment for Tom because his
 50 years of flying were spent at the
 Sandusky Airport , where short jaunts
 and multiple landings daily is the norm. The average pilot
 flies about 20,000 hours in a
 lifetime. In over 50 years of
 flying passengers between
 the mainland and islands,
 Tom accumulated over
 33,000 hours of flight and
 made innumerable landings.



Congratulation Tom!

2025 Calendar continued

June ? Young Eagles Day. Hinde Field. EAA Chapter 50 will be flying Young Eagles Program. The final dates and times will be announced

July 12. Gleason Memorial Verterns Fly-in. The tradition continues, please join us along with Verterns from the Sandusky Soldiers and Sailors omen a great Fly-in event hosted at Hinde Field . Bring a covered dish. Social hour 11:30 - 12:30. Food service. Pool is open, bring the kids and grandkids!

Aug. 16 Valley City Fly-Out. This Fly-out event sponsored by EAA 50 and Valley City Airport (78OH) located 5 miles east of Grafton, Ohio. This is a private gras strip, RWY 18/36 2,300 x 100 turf. Inside the CLE 30 mile Mode C vail - ADSB out is required. Bring a covered dish please.

11:30-12:30 social hour. Serving at 12:30.

Sept. 13. Galloway Chili Fly-in. This event has become one of the largest fly-in and is held at Mather Field (1OH3). Enjoy the 3,400' grass strip, great food & antique cars. Bring a covered dish. Social Hour 11:30 - 12:30. Serving 12:30

Oct. 4. Oktoberfest Fly-in This fly is held at Hinde Field and continues to grow in popularity. Last year the fly-in used up the entire field space with parked planes and attendance hit an all time high. This is an enjoyable family oriented event. Please bring a covered dish. Social Hour: 11:30-12:30, serving begins at 12:30.

Nov 22. Annual Banquet. A good turn out showed up at the Sundusky Yatch Club. The food was excellent and a great program was presented by Jody Braush. More detail to come. Social Hour 5:30 to 6:30, dinner served at 6:30.

Dec. 5. Wassail & Hors d' oeuvres Christmas. Great Event! The event is held in the Hinde Field Chapter 50 Gathering Room, EAA50 shop, and fire pit. Bring your favorite Christmas Hors d' oeuvres and enjoy the company of your fellow members. BYOB



