

# “EAA 50 January 2021 Newsletter.”

## Presidents Corner.

Welcome to the new year! I trust you and your families enjoyed celebrating Christmas and the New Year with family and friends! Personally, I feel we have just a few more months and we can get back to normal. It will be great to enjoy more aviation events and the fun of being with great people. Your newly elected Board will be processing Educational Meetings, BSA Aviation Programs, Fly Ins, and other aviation events for 2021. The “Nifty Fifty” will be back in all its glory!

As I write this newsletter in December for the January publication, I will not forget how important the month of December is to all of us, as Christians and Aviation enthusiasts. First in my opinion is the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ!

Now I will add some Historical December Aviation events.

December 1892 the Wright Brothers opened their bicycle shop

December 8<sup>th</sup> 1903 Samuel P. Langley's Aerodrome Pilot Charles Manley crashes into the Potomac River.

December 17, 1903 The Wright Flyer takes off at 10:35 am for the world's first powered, manned, controlled, sustained, heavier than air flight for 12 seconds and 120 feet.

December 27, 1906 French emissary visits the Wrights and acquires the option to buy an aircraft for \$200,000

December 10, 1911 Cal Rogers piloting the Wright EX VIN Fiz, completes the first flight across the USA from Long Island to Pasadena Ca.

December 24, 1925 the Wasp, Pratt & Whitney's first engine is completed.

December 1, 1935- First airway traffic control tower is established in Newark, N.J.

December 17, 1935 The Douglas DC-3 flew for the first time in Santa Monica CA.

December 1, 1941 The Civil Air patrol is established.

December 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor HI.

December 20, 1957 Boeing's 707 first flight.

December 15-16, 1965 Gemini V1-A orbital rendezvous flown by astronauts Wally Schirra and Tom Stafford.

December 21-27, 1968 Apollo 8 orbits the moon- Frank Borman, James Lovell and William Anders.

December 7-19, 1972 Apollo 17 crew makes first lunar landing- Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans and Harrison Schmitt

December 23, 1986 Voyager flies nonstop around the world without refueling.

December 17, 2003 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of powered flight and the first flight of SpaceShipOne

December 15, 2009 First flight of Boeing 787 Dreamliner.

December 23, 2014 Airbus delivers the first A350

December 7, 1941 my mother my brother and I were living with my grandfather Archibold Warren Rhoadberger at his home in Lima Ohio. After getting up from our bedroom in the cold upstairs we always came down and sat by the coal burner stove in the living room and listened to the radio while grandpa read the morning paper. Suddenly the radio message confirmed the Pearl Harbor attack and grandpa jumped out of his chair and starting cussing saying bad thigs about the attack. When your four years old, events like this you never forget! When you love aviation as I do many of the event's I have listed will never be forgotten kind of like that first solo when your 18 years old in a Champ in the AM and a Taylorcraft in the PM or maybe the first time you roll an aerobatic aircraft for the first time and then get to do it again by yourself in an open cockpit by plane! The love of aviation has and will always create thoughts never forgotten.

# What's Happening with the Nifty Fifty?

Great News your Board has got the Chapter renewed with National EAA and our Insurance is active for 2021.

We had a Hinde resident sell his airplane, so we have a Hangar open. Rent Now! Do not wait, you can finish your project in it! Call Joe Bores 419 503 5665

Sadly, Don Roth's wife Mary, beloved by many went West to fly with the Angels! She was a special lady, a devoted catholic a great volunteer for EAA 50 She worked hard in the food serving lines of our Fly in Breakfast when she began many years ago.

Well Joe Bores and Scott and Mike never stop working to improve Hinde 88D. Both runway thresholds cleared of trees as well as along the RR.

Ok time to pay your 2021 Chapter dues of only \$20.00 for the member and his or her family. Dues are due in January each year no matter when you joined. You may pay by check and simply mail to EAA 50 Hinde Airport 1819 Boos Rd. Huron, Ohio 44839 or give to any officer. After receiving you will receive confirmation from yours truly When you consider what you get for 20\$ family membership, free tool use, free shop use! WOW!



# Airplane of the Month

It could only be this one!



Experimental Aircraft built in the USA by Wilbur and Orville Wright. First flight was December 17, 1903 only one was built! The aircraft was called "Flyer 1". Addition models built by the Wrights were called Flyer 2 & 3. They were, considered to be experimental Conard Biplanes and they were manufactured by the Wright Cycle Company. Flyer 1's last flight was December 17, 1903 four test flights were completed. The aircraft is currently on display at the National Air & Space Museum at the Smithsonian. It always amazes me from Kitty Hawk to the moon

Yours truly will be awarding special certificates to the following list of EAA 50 volunteers for their 2020 contributions to "50". The certificates will be presented at early 2021 spring events.

Steve Risner 2020 EAA 50 Vice President  
Dennis Sokol 2020 EAA 50 Secretary  
Sue Weber 2020 EAA 50 Treasurer  
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Bruce Molnar 2020 Web Master  
David Ross 2020 Technical Counselor  
David Ross 2020 Flight Advisor  
Robert Opper 2020 Young Eagle Coordinator  
Robert Opper 2020 Eagle Flight Leader  
Roger Munsterman 2020 Special Volunteer  
Ed Beer 2020 Special Volunteer  
Jerry Roberts 2020 Special Volunteer  
Galloway Family 2020 Best EAA 50 Fly In

In addition to the above we would like to recognize Brian Safran and family for the establishment of the Don Helmick Mechanics Scholarship

EAA 50 Members and Volunteers are the best, without them EAA 50 would just be another EAA number. God Bless You all!

