

EAA 50 AKA. The Nifty Fifty March 2021 Newsletter

Presidents Corner

Wow another month gone by with all kinds of Ohio weather. Plan on coming to our monthly educational meeting March 6th, 2021 You can read about our fantastic speaker a little farther in this newsletter.

I am so excited to welcome Miles James Missler into our family. Miles was born to Wesley & Heather Missler and is currently going through a challenge, but my bet is he will be another Missler Pilot! Welcome special guy!

More good news Roger Munsterman who has been ill for several weeks is improving according to his lovely wife Karen. Truthfully, she is probably ready for him to go to the "50" and begin volunteering again. (Kidding Ha ha)

If you have not paid your \$20.00 EAA 50 family dues for 2021 please get them in the mail. This money helps with all the goodies we gobble up! THANK YOU!

Did you know in 1958, two men piloted a modified Cessna 172 for an amazing 64 days, 22 hours, and 18 minutes over the desert in the Southwestern United States. Their world endurance record in a propeller-driven airplane still stands today. This is out of site when you read all about it.

Plane of the Month March 2021

I do not know how many people like airplanes like I do. I was raised as young man in the middle of WW-2 and since I loved airplanes, I fell in love with the USA's military aircraft! For example, the P-51, P-38, P-39, F4U, B-17, B-25, B-24, F6F, F7F, and of course many more.

This month's aircraft is the FAU Corsair. The aircraft was also known as the Bent Wing widow Maker.

The Corsair had a top airspeed of 446 MPH. There were 12571 built for our military by Goodyear Brewster! There was a variant built called Goodyear F2G Corsair. The wingspan was 41'. The wing was a gull wing configuration because the wing airfoil was too thick to support landing gear struts! The wing was foldable and was perfect for Aircraft Carriers. The aircraft was powered by a Pratt and Whitney R2800 Double Wasp Engine with 2000 HP.



March 6th 2021 @ 01:00 PM Educational Meeting. Speaker Mr. Tommy Taylor

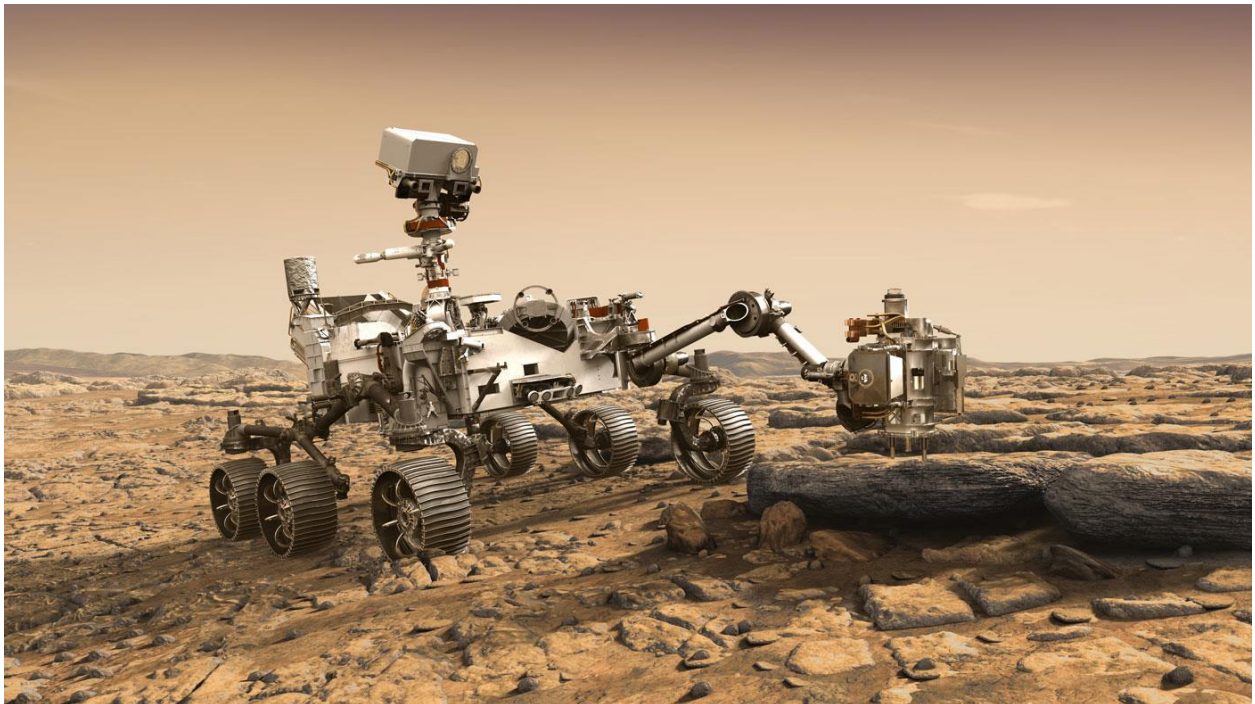
Location 1819 Boos Rd Huron Ohio 44839 Historic Hinde Field
Tommy was born in Sandusky Ohio his Grand Parents are Harry & Sue Griffing and his mother is Melody Griffing Taylor. I think you will all agree this man knows a lot about Aviation & Flying. Tommy received all ratings at the minimum age of requirement he began flying for Griffing Aviation at the age of 18. He then joined American Eagle and flew for almost 4 years as an Airline Captain and ground instructor. From here Tommy joined the Ford Motor Co. for 5 years and began flying internationally!



Today Tommy is the Fleet Director for NetJets Aviation he is also known as the Fleet Chief Pilot. He has worked for NetJets for almost 23 years. He over sees Global and Gulfstream fleets. He is also qualified as a Global 5000/6000 Check Airman/ Worldwide qualified Captain! In addition to his management position, he has oversight of 47 aircraft and 375 crewmembers. Tommy's program will be conducted with social distancing seating and choice masking.

NASA Mars Rover landed Feb. 18,2021

Wow have we ever come a long way in aviation! This rover was launched 203 days ago and has traveled 293 MILLION miles! The rover is about the size of an automobile and weights 2263 #'s. All the flight was controlled by NASA in our world! It was landed in the Jezro Crater on the planet Mars sometimes called the "red" planet the crater is 28 miles wide Scientist think that 3.5 BILLION years ago this crater was filled with water. The Rover gathers samples from the planet in an attempt, to determine if the Planet Mars, ever supported any type of life!



I think back listening to Neil Armstrong talking about taking man's first step on the moon and many of us felt space travel was coming but probably not quick enough for any of us to see.

Many of our members have built or restored aircraft! Lots of fun & educational!

I personally started building in my garage in the early 70's a Monerai Glider designed by John Monnett. I purchased a 1962 Cessna 172 Basket case and under A&P guidance rebuilt her repainted and flew her all over our area. In 1974 purchased a new Citabria 150, flew her for 20 years unfortunately she was factory painted with enamel paint with no flex agent. After all the years of aerobatics she had cracks all over her. One day after landing at Hinde I said to my passenger and aerobatic instructor Wayne I need to rebuild her he laughed and said never. I took my pocket knife out and cut through the fabric next to a rib. Wayne grabbed my knife and went to the other wing and cut several more with the statement "now you will rebuild her!" After coming home from daily working heading to the hangar sometimes not leaving until 02:00AM I went home jumped in bed up at 07:00 back to work at 08:00 home and back to rebuilding. She had her test flight 364 days later next I purchased a Sky Bolt that needed work in Texas. She came home to Griffing's then to Hinde and I rebuilt and painted this beauty. Flew her into Tiffin for fuel one day, sitting in the corner all in a pile is the Aeronca 7KCAB sitting in my hangar today. Bought her from Virgil Grimes. Wayne was building a HP-18 in his basement so yours truly after work over to Wayne's bucked 10000 rivets. Reading you can do anything I found out! FUN!

EAA 50's Members are the Best!

