

## October 2020 Newsletter.

### Presidents Corner

Twenty, Twenty I must confess I have never seen a year like this especially if you are business owner, and like your board trying to provide our EAA 50 membership with enjoyable family programs. 2020 has been tough on many people, but I always think about the old saying "Tomorrow, Tomorrow the sun comes up tomorrow" meaning a new day and change!

Let me get the bad stuff out of the way! Based on input from membership and your elected board, due to the virus and state regulations we have decided to not have our annual Oktoberfest or Fall Banquet. Our attendance would be low and therefore extremely costly to our treasury. We are considering changing the Banquet to spring.

Now the good stuff and there will be lots more than the bad! I simply could not accolade the Galloway family enough for what they do for "50" family and friends! This family truly does work together. Their event held at their airport and hangar was outstanding. Dianne had tables spaced per regulation had sanitizer in all the right places allowed for masks and outdoor separation and on top all that excellent food! The attendance was great and there were many airplanes flown in from many different areas. The variety of aircraft was amazing composed of beautiful antiques, fantastic experimental homebuilt, in addition to several very historic Howards and a de Havilland!



Family fun and airplanes best there is! Lucky us!





# Plane of the Month! Fast and big money.

Dasher TBM 910 & 940 most of us will never own one of these turbo prop executive airplanes but what caught my eye was the fact, Dasher just built their one thousand executive type aircraft this September 2020! Flying one of these would be much different than sitting at the former Griffing Facility on Cleveland Rd. in Sandusky Ohio years ago talking and BS with Harry. He had just taken delivery of their new Piper Tomahawk. Of course, he allowed me to fly the new bird which I hated the little T tailed bird being a conventional gear nut. You know the kind we call Tail Draggers. Seriously these TBM's are cool!

These are fast single engine turboprop airplanes. The airplanes maximum cruise speed is 330 knots! They have a 1730 nautical mile range with fuel consumption of only 37 US. gallons per hour. The TBM 940's maximum pay load is 1400 #s and can take off in in 2380 feet. Couple this with the ability to land at small airports with 6 passengers and you end up having a remarkable aircraft for only 6 million! Well it's not a tail dragger but it sure would be fun to buzz around with.



# What's happening in the Nifty Fifty?

Sadly, one of our fine members and a Hinde resident is leaving us. Al & Kathy Gahagan sold their summer home located at Franklin Flats and will be moving his Taylor Craft back to his Texas home! Will miss both of you! Come back next summer.

Dave Ross our RV expert just completed and got his FAA sign off on his RV 7. I have been watching for many years those awesome rolls David's RV 4 does when it goes by Hinde! Will be waiting to see the "7" rolling over Hinde!

Ed Beer is having the A&P that worked on Mike Weisenberger's Tri - Champ, fly up from Delaware Ohio to check out our Ercoupe! Members Ed and Fred Melick may have interest in purchasing the bird.

Very Special Thank You to Ed Beer. Your Chapter just received a \$500.00 donation from Erie County Community Foundation that Mr. Beer is active with!

According to EAA 50's Bi-Laws we must elect officers in November. Here are the people we currently have on the Ballot for 2021. Ben Gleason Pres. Steve Risner VP. Dennis Sokol Sec. Sue Weber Treas. Five Trustees Roger Miller, Jim Molnor, Bruce Molnor, Mike Weisenberger, Wesley Missler. This ballot is subject to plus and minus! If you would like to be on the 2021 ballot, please contact Ben Gleason 419 239 8292.

# Our Area is loaded with History!

The Wright brothers from Dayton Ohio are the most notably known when it comes to early aviation but since yours truly moved to this area in 1973, I have found out that we have a lot of history in our area. For example, did you know the Wilbur Brothers from Norwalk flew their aircraft shortly after the Wrights? EAA 50 owns and has the wing skids exhibited on our meeting room office wall. On August 31, 1910 Glen Curtis took off at Euclid Beach in Cleveland flew along the shore over water and landed at Cedar point beach. This was the longest over water flight at that time! Tom Benoist from Sandusky Ohio was an aviation pioneer in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century! Tom and his brother started an auto repair shop in 1907 in Missouri. As time went by, they began to manufacture aircraft parts. In 1909 Tom Began building airplanes. He established a Benoist flying school in 1911. In addition to the Missouri school Tom also established another school in Sandusky Ohio. In 1917 Tom established an airplane building facility in Sandusky Ohio. It was located on Columbus Ave next to the Lake Shore RR tracks. The aircraft testing grounds was East Battery Park. In 1916 Elmer Straub flew a Benoist Aircraft over the house tops of people in Sandusky Ohio. Another Sandusky resident, Reinhardt N. Ausmus was a Sandusky native and an instructor for the Benoist flying school. He designed and built his on airplane in 1910 took two years to build and then he flew it! At one time there was a plaque placed at Battery Park in honor of these aviation historians! Now add Ralph Detrick, Harry Griffing, Bill Hinde, Arlo Mather, Oliver Weiker equals Aviation Country!



Sandusky to Cleveland and Toledo for \$15.00!



Arlo Mather.

