

## EAA 50's Monthly News Letter June 2020

### Presidents Corner:

I'm sure many of you look forward to reading the monthly issue of "Sport Aviation" which is published by our national organization. Just a little note if you ever need a reference, I have every yearly publication bound in aviation blue from the year 1958 to 2019. 2020 is not completed yet!

Many people like me will agree nothing pleases us more than seeing people being recognized for their personal success. Then when you have the pleasure of calling them your friend or simply had been introduced to them, well that even makes their success more of a pleasure. Over my 80 plus years I quickly understood we are all equal but not with certain talents. Some people are simply outstanding and the Nifty Fifty has some of those talents.

A great example of this is right on the front cover of May 2020 "Sport Aviation" followed by a very impressive article inside! The Howard restored by Ken and Jim Kreuzfeld is a perfect example of that talent, that not all of us have the pleasure of having. I know I do not! I have had the pleasure of meeting Ken and he is one super intelligent guy. Unfortunately, I have not met his brother who lives out of state. Ken lives in Marblehead and has a hangar at Port Clinton.

Now another cool thing was when I saw the cover there was a familiar face, in the Copilots seat. After scrutiny with my magnifying glass I confirmed it was Thomas Griffing then excitement really grew! Thomas is the son of one of EAA 50's "Lifetime" members, Tom Griffing! I could write a book on what this family has brought to this area's Aviation Community. From Tom's dad and mom Harry and Sue, to his sister Melody to her son's aviation involvement and back to Tom's other son, Lee who is a corporate pilot! Well you can see the "Griffing Aviation Legacy" would be a great title for a book on special aviation people! Incidentally in the Gleason Museum Hangar located on the Historic Hinde Airport (88D) I have a full collage of Thomas on his 16<sup>th</sup> birthday flying the heck out of everything he could get his hands on while dogging friends and photographers from the Sandusky Register! Nothing like the pleasure of many aviation friends! God Bless America! Fly safe and think about introducing a friend to the fun we have.

## Aviation News for the “Nifty Fifty” and Beyond

The Historic Hinde Airport is becoming better every day! Hangar restoration, all hangars are filled with tenants, Scott is cutting trees on the east and west end of 11 & 29, the runway is mowed and rolled! Draw a twenty mile circle, around Hinde you will find no better general aviation facility! As a manner of fact draw it bigger, we have more based aircraft! What a pleasure for our owners to support “50”.

At present time the radio controlled models, flown from Hinde on July 11, 2020 looks like a go! From 10:00 am -02:00pm

You have been updated on the Ercoupe each week progress is good.

Tracy Hille has really got a cool paint booth in his hangar!

Ed Rusch has got the RV ready to take to the new Canadian owner when border opens!

Well June is a big month for the Nifty fifty. High school seniors interested in applying for one of our three scholarships must submit their application by following instructions in letters sent to all area schools!

Did you know EAA national now has over 200,000 members?

### FAA’s New enforcement rules for ADSB

Good morning. I was on an FAA webinar last night and was provided some new information about automatic monitoring of aircraft by the ATC system. The "performance monitoring" system looks at all aircraft in flight providing some sort of data, like having their transponder and Mode C turned on. If that aircraft wanders into ADS-B Out restricted airspace, a report is produced and sent to the FSDO. A Non Performing Equipment letter is sent to the aircraft owner (if it can be determined) and you have to contact the FAA with 45 days. Please advise all your pilots who fly aircraft with an electrical system not to stray into Class B airspace or the Mode C veil. They most likely will get a nastygram from the FAA. Brian Safran.

## Aircraft of the Month “Cessna”

Clyde Cessna's partnership with Lloyd Stearman and Walter Beech at Travel Air ended after years. Cessna was determined to build a high-performance, single-wing plane, without struts. He was confident that his design could outperform any biplane.

The Cessna model “AW” was completed in late 1927. It could reach speeds of 145 miles per hour and remain in the air for more than seven hours. The AW was innovative and successful, but this success led to financial difficulties. Cessna borrowed money to expand his operation and increase production, but his principal customer, the Curtiss Flying Service, went bankrupt at the beginning of the Great Depression. Unable to recover what was owed them Cessna’s board of directors closed the plant in 1931. Three years later, Cessna re-opened his Wichita plant. When he sold the business to his nephews to return to farming in 1936, Cessna's company was on firm footing."

Cessna rejoined the company as president in 1934. The company produced passenger planes, gliders, seaplanes, and racers. In 1940 Cessna began building its first twin engine aircraft, the AT-17 Bobcat, for military use. Later during World WarII the company suspended commercial production and focused on components for the Boeing B-29 and Douglas A-26. Cessna returned to commercial production after the war. Its line of small business planes included the Cessna 172, the most popular airplane in history. Its first business jet, the Fan Jet 500, was produced in 1969. Cessna continues to be a leader in business aircraft, and it still headquartered in Wichita. It has sold more aircraft than any other company in history.

There are over 180 thousand Cessna’s flying all over the world today serving in almost every imaginable capacity from work planes to war planes, stunt planes, to business jets on every inhabited continent and it all started with a farm boy in 1880 a handy man and mechanic. By 1911 Clyde Cessna had saved over \$7500.00 Then it all began.



Cessna 172 Great aircraft!

# Beautiful RV 7 Project for Sale, Close to completion

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The RV-7 build project is nearly complete and is available for sale.

Be flying within a few months, not years!

All new Aero Sport Power O-360 engine, Hartzell C/S prop, full custom IFR Garmin/Dynon panel, autopilot, custom leather interior.

Selling at \$20k below materials cost.



# Normal, here we come have some fun!

