

# EAA 50 May 2021 Newsletter

## PRESIDENTS COMMENTS

Well folks 2021 is starting out with a big bang for the Nifty Fifty! Our programs have been outstanding, and with the May 8th 2021 meeting presentation by Elaine Hinde Bores on the history of our Beautiful and Historical Hinde Field facility, WOW!

I have had the pleasure of passing out most of our awards from 2020 but there are a few that have not yet been given, as I make contact the presentations will be completed!

Here are your winners chosen by National EAA and yours truly! Our valued 2020 volunteers were, Trustees Bruce Molnar, Roger Miller, Jim Molnar, Wes Missler, and Mike Weisenberger! Our officers Sec. Dennis Sokol, Treas. Sue Weber, and VP. Steve Risner. Fly In of the year goes to the Galloway family Fly In. Super Volunteers of the year, Ed Beer and Roger Munsterman. Young Eagles chair Bob Opper! Flight adviser David Ross! Our most valued MVP went to Dennis Sokol for all his technical work. In addition, I want to say Thank You to all the membership who helps with the everyday work, things we often forget about like setting up chairs etc.!

Great News our Treasurer Wes Misslers son, Miles Missler is out of the hospital and home after being born prematurely. Whoopee! Another pilot on the way!

Joe Bores is already mowing the grass and the approaches to both runways have been cleared from trees and underbrush! Super job!

## Airplane of the Month Globe GC-1 Swift

Many years ago, we had one based at Hinde which I had the pleasure to fly, the Swift was such a cool aircraft your first impression was the Swift looks like a small military aircraft. The Swift was designed by R E "Pop" Johnson in 1942. The aircraft was financially handled by John Kennedy President of Global medicine company to begin his new Global Aircraft Company! Unfortunately, WW 2 slowed down their plans, but the aircraft production began with the 85 HP GC1-A. Two prototypes were built! Later in the year the HP was upgraded to 125 HP making it the GC1-B. There were 833 aircraft built in six months with "Temco" help! The production far exceeded Global marketing and forced Global into insolvency! Temco then brought the production rights for \$328,000. They built 260 more aircraft before ending production in 1951. Cruise speed was 120 - 140 miles per hour with 150 max speed and a never exceed speed of 185 MPH. Stall speed was 37. Range was 420 miles. One super airplane!



Side by side entry step on seat like the Ercoupe. Great visibility even more so if the bubble canopy was converted. Easy grass field operation. Control wheel that no one liked bad position.

# EAA 50's Fantastic programs!

Coming!

May 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 Historic History of Hinde Field by nonother than ELAINE HINDE BORES the founding father's daughter!  
Time is 01:00 PM Burgers, Hotdogs, and soft drinks on site!

May 14,15, & 16<sup>th</sup> 2021 Boy Scouts Merit Badge Program  
Can use volunteer teachers 09:00 Am on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>!  
May 22<sup>nd</sup> 2021 @ 10:00 AM EAA 50 Board Meeting.



Gary B. Teaching!



This was in the “Lorain Journal” last week.

## “Younger Veterans Sought!”

The article goes on to say that the elected director is currently the youngest person holding a position in the “Lorain Veterans Council” at age 49! They are desperate for young people joining their organization.

The EAA national and EAA 50 is losing members because of a very changing environment! There seems to be many reasons beginning with cost to become a pilot! In addition, it seems younger men and women are looking at different ideas to substitute what I and many of you wanted to do at our young age. For example, have you ever noticed several teenagers walking down the street together all on their cell phones with no personal conversation? Today you can buy a drone starting under \$50 dollars. You can get more involved using a drone in business by taking pictures of real estate damaged roofs etc. You can even race them for money and gaining prestige! All of this for under the cost of a dozen flight lessons.

Unfortunately, the “Nifty Fifty” had several members go west in 2020 in addition several other members moved out of state and several others simply did not renew! Your Board is currently working on a method to recruit members. Your Board needs members assistance to increase membership.

Good news coming out of 5-A1 Huron County airport. The Board is currently changing to people who seem to have a genuine interest in promoting the airport and general aviation rather the political stuff!

Jon Christman, who has a business domiciled on the facility has taken under his wing some great ideas that will promote the facility. He has purchased a piper 140 with the intention of forming a flying club called "Firelands Aero Club" "at the present time I understand there are about seven interested aviators. Ed Beer one of our members as I understand has even committed to adding his Ercoupe to the clubs use after restoration is completed! Jon is planning an "Aircraft Food Truck Fly In" on July 17, 2021. EAA 50 has been asked to fly Young Eagles under EAA's program on this date. Bob Opper our Young Eagle chair is consulting with Jon on our program. This could be beneficial to the "Nifty Fifty" helping us gain popularity as well as possible increased membership. If you are a Young Eagle Pilot, please put this date on your calendar! Word of caution if you fly or work your "EAA Youth Protection Policy" must be up to date. Simply go to Nationals Web site and you can log in and check your current date and expiration date!





You simply must love EAA 50 Members & their Family!



