

# EAA 50 News

## August - September 2024

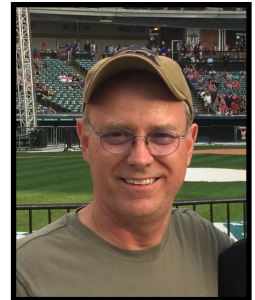
### **Gleason Memorial -Veteran's Steak Fry in Pictures**



**From the air by Doug Galloway in his Copter . Below, Max is ready for take off.**



### **Vice President's Notes**



A Fine Tribute by Tracy Hille

When aviation folks get together, our conversations usually start with the typical “How’s it going?” or “What’s going on?” There’s usually some small talk and then someone drops in the first story. Listening to it usually reminds you of a related story so when they are finished you keep the conversation going with your story. Over time, you’ll hear the same story more than once which isn’t always a bad thing because you get to see the reaction from the folks that haven’t heard it yet and the enjoyment coming from the one telling their favorite stories.



I bring this up because our August event was a Memorial tribute to



## Thank You!

EAA 50 greatly appreciates Nicole Gleason (Ben's niece) and Kathy Alves (long time friend and neighbor) for preparing and grilling the steaks. They did an awesome job.



a dear friend who poured his heart and soul into Aviation and EAA Chapter 50. Ben Gleason flew west last November leaving behind a lifetime of memories and stories he always shared when we were with him. I worked with him on EAA events going back to when I first started to volunteer on the Board of Directors back in 2011. He always called me "Top Gun" and like all the rest of you that knew him I'm sure you can recall the stories about one of his Flight Instructors, Colonel Wayne B. Jenkins, his many flights back to his Corporate Office in California and his time with Dolly Pardon.

For the Memorial, we were blessed with great weather (finally....). We carried on Ben's tradition of inviting Veterans from the Ohio Veterans Home out to the Airport and treating everyone to a fine Steak dinner. Nobody left hungry, our 'guestimation' on how much Steak to order was spot on. Turnout was fantastic, with lots of airplanes visiting the field. Special thanks to all that volunteered from set-up/tear down crews, Chefs and the Bores Family and Hinde Airfield

Ed Rusch gave Ben a wonderful tribute then took Sue Weber for a ride in the T6 Texan and shot us all up in a High Speed-Low Pass with all the guns blazing. (Some boys get to play with the real Toys!)

Our September 14<sup>th</sup> event is gearing up to be another awesome Fly-in Chili Cooking visit to Mather Field (10H3) on the west side of Sandusky. Their 3,400' long beautiful grass runway draws in loads of airplanes. The food and friendships keeps everyone wanting to come back year after year. So join the



Previous page: some of our fly in guest.  
Below: part of the crowd of over 130 people who came to enjoy the event.

Galloway Family and Don Mather for a great lead in to the Fall Flying Season.

Details on the below flier



EAA 50 AND THE GALLOWAY FAMILY PRESENTS THE

# CHILI FLY IN

Saturday, September 14th



DATE: SEPT. 14th

TIME: 12:00 - ?

WHERE: MATHER  
FIELD 10H3  
SANDUSKY, OH

THIS IS ONE OF  
CHAPTER 50's TOP  
EVENTS FEATURING

GREAT CHILI, GOOD  
FOOD, WITH THE  
COMPANY OF GOOD  
FRIENDS HOSTED BY  
THE GALLOWAY  
FAMILY. COME JOIN  
US.

Covered dish appreciated.  
Info: Tracy Hille 419-624-6243





Tracy Hille and Scott Brogan took on the task of replacing the antenna for the Flight Aware System located in the Gathering Room. The system is back on line.

## Remembering my First Flight

By Jim Graham

I always loved airplanes. In 2001, I was a rookie cop diligently patrolling when I passed a house in Vermilion with what looked like a plane in a back yard. I put the cruiser in reverse and pulled in the driveway, and I walked up to the house and rang the doorbell. The home owner answered, and I told him who I was and that I was interested in his plane. We talked for about an hour as he showed me his Stinson project. I told him I had to get back to work but asked if I could come over again sometime and was advised to come over anytime. As I walked away the man asked, "Hey you love planes so much have you ever been in one?" I advised him I had not but hoped to someday. He told me to be at Hinde Field my next day off to see his other plane. Shortly after, I met him at Hinde Field in his private hangar and after talking and looking at his plane for a bit I was told to get in your going to fly! I was shocked that a man I just met would take me flying. That was my first flight and how I met Ben Gleason, who became my friend and mentor.



## More Tool Donations

From Tracy Hille

Earl Smith donated several rolls of Stainless Steel Safety Wire in various Sizes along with a simple screw driver like hand tool for twisting the wire.

Warren Cermak donated an oxygen tank and a pair of Cannulas for high altitude flying. He also donated a Red Dragon model H-175-300 propane engine Preheater.



## Three in the Air

### From Hinde Field

As most pilots know, owning a plane does not mean you will be instantly enjoying flight. Sometimes more training is needed, often the project needs more work than planned, or there are extended hours on mechanical issues. In this past month 3 pilots based at Hinde Field overcame these obstacles and took flight.

Tim Brown got his Tri-Pacer in the air with help from Kaden Keegan and Jeremy Colvin.



**Click** above picture for video.  
**Provided by Jeremy Colvin.**

## Three in the air continued

Michael Barefoot finally rounded up an instructor and was able to take flight in his Gyrocopter.



Next, after a couple years of mechanical work, Tom Brandmeier has taken several flights in his Rans.



EAA 50 AND HINDE FIELD PRESENTS THE

## OKTOBERFEST

FLY IN



**Date: Saturday, October 5th**

**Time: Serving at 12:30**

Social Hour 11:30-12:30

**Location: Hinde Field 88D**

~Enjoy burgers, brats, sauerkraut & sausage with friends and family. (Cover dish appreciated)

~Hinde Field pond has great fishing for the kids. Bring their poles or use ours.

~Please join us for the last fly in / drive in of the season. (Held rain or shine. The event will be moved inside if needed)

# Isle of St George

North Bass by Dave Hirt

The wife and I enjoy taking walks in the various metro parks in the calm quietness of mother nature. Been to all the ones in Erie County as well many in Ottawa, and our local, close to home ones is getting to worn out. Huffman Woods is a good favorite, especially in its fall colors. However, finding new territory is getting to be a challenge. So, I asked her if she would like to try some new territory, not too far from home for a nice walk. Skeptical, she asked where this 'new territory' might be. Well, there is a nearly 600-acre state park very close by and one you have never been to. With a roll of her eyes, she sarcastically said ... really?

Do you want to go to North Bass with me? It is 15 minutes from PCW...we can be over and back and still home in time for supper. Now I have her attention. However, it is a bit primitive. No one lives there. Bathrooms and drinking fountains are scarce, but the runway is 1800' paved and the hiking is all on the roads with no vehicle traffic.

Just off the runway is a small 9 by 12 Isle St George post office with eight mail boxes inside and a wind sock on the roof. Down around the corner is the North Bass Chapel built in 1895. There is also the last one room school in Ohio, used until it closed in 1995. That's about it for tourist attractions, but it sure was quiet over there. Except for the Bing on your cell phone welcoming, you to Canada. It was quite

warm on the day we went, but the chapel (for some strange reason) was fully air conditioned and a nice cool break from the heat. Then on the way home I got a nice sunset photo of Put in Bay.

Just a heads up if you take your boat. There are some docks there, but they are all private. There are four mooring buoys on the south end of the island that you can tie-up to, but you'll have to swim in. Highly recommend flying.



**More St . George photos top of page 7**





## Camping on North Bass

From Jeremy Colvin

Myself, Jim Colvin, Kaden Keegan, & Craig Sinclair all camped at North Bass for a beautiful night under the stars. Our group try to do a camping trip at least once a month If anyone is interested. The more the merrier!! Our next trip is likely Michigan, with Cheat River to follow in October. Below are a few pictures of our adventures this month. My dog "Bellanca", loves to go





# EAA 50 Photo Gallery



Above and below: Sunset photos submitted by Hinde Field Fly in Campers



Above: Tom Wright and Jeremy Colvin headed to an Antique Tractor Show earlier last week







Veteran transportation from the Ohio Veteran's Home to attend the Gleason Memorial Veteran's steak fry



**Before there were  
airplanes.**

Elaine Hinde's Grandfather  
from the 1800's

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