

EAA 50 September 2020 Newsletter

Presidents Corner.

Some years ago, I was completing some hangar work for Joe & Elaine. In the process while pulling some siding off I found an old metal sign from "Ortner Airport" Bill had used it to cover up a hole in the hangar. Of course, you would never want another airports sign on your airport! Ha Ha! Well you know how this ole collector is even though in bad condition I placed it in the Gleason Hangar Museum! Several years back I was visiting with a good friend at Cleveland Hopkins and saw an ole windsock sitting in the corner found out it was being scrapped, woops not on my watch. Paul gave it to me so of course back to the Gleason Museum.

One day while trying to figure out how to display I had an idea, why not collect other old airport goodies and create a Historical Circle on our Historical Hinde Airport bounced the idea off Joe & Elaine and got the go ahead!

Well the sock was installed by yours truly and the Nifty Fifties amazing volunteers. Unfortunately, Griffings were closing and the opportunity again to swipe something cool turned up the tetrahedron! Roger Munsterman and I went over and disassembled it and brought it to Hinde where, as usual Roger began restoration and now it joins the Historical Hinde Airports Historical Circle! We also swiped all the runway lights which will also be put on display, some already on the finished

tetrahedron Now you know the whole story! Fly safe, God Bless America.



Our 2020 Scholarship Winner

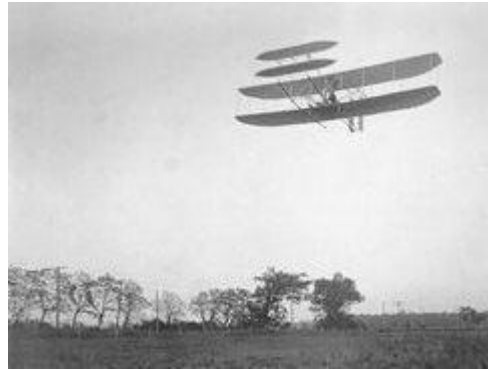
Samuel M Lopez! I had the pleasure of meeting with Sam at chapter offices confirming and explaining the Nifty Fifty's scholarship answering any of Sam's questions and then an airport tour ending at the Gleason Museum. This young man's credentials are fantastic! Already a licensed Pvt pilot and just graduated high school! Enrolled at Western Michigan University who has some of the best aviation programs of all universities.



One Super Young Man with a great aviation future!

Plane of the Month

Most all of us are aware that the Wright Brothers from Dayton Ohio were the first to build and fly a heavier than air aircraft. Question how much do you really know about the brothers and their aircraft? In 1903 the brothers made the first powered sustained and controlled flight! Two years later they built and flew the first practical airplane!



The Flyer III being launched by catapult (the tall tower to the right) in June of 1905. The Flyer III during one of its public tower flights on October 4, 1905.

1907-1909 Wright Model A – This was the aircraft that convinced the world that the Wrights had indeed flown. It was also the first two-seat aircraft, and the first Wright aircraft in which the occupants sat upright. Like all previous aircraft, the Wright built it in Dayton, Ohio; then shipped it to France in 1907. When they had hammered out a deal with some French industrialists, Wilbur put it together in 1908 and began to fly. Back in America, he demonstrated the Model A before millions of people in New York City, circling the



Statue of Liberty..

1915 Wright Model K – This was a seaplane, manufactured for the United States Navy. The Model K was Wright Company's first tractor airplane with the propellers facing forward.

September 2020 with the “Nifty Fifty”

Good News, as chair of the Sandusky Fair Grounds our esteemed member Doug Galloway and his partners just pulled off the 2020 fair. Adjustments had to be made but the team did it! Doug and I feel we can go with the super fun “Fly In” at the Mather Field located on Bardshar Rd. Sandusky Ohio 09/12/2020. There is lots of room for social distancing and common sense. Event begins at 12:00 noon and goes till? Please bring your favorite covered dish. Homemade Chili will be on site! Get that airplane out and fly over, or drive over, or walk over. Just get there! Questions? 419 239 8292



What's Happening with "50"

Big news! Your board decided to not put any more chapter \$'s in the Ercoupe restoration. Once a price is given the aircraft will be sold as a project.

One of your Boards thoughts were, the Firelands Campus of Bowling Green University, located a half mile away from Hinde might be able to contribute to a flying club. Unfortunately, we have been advised all campus aviation activities are only done on the main Campus in Bowling Green Ohio.

Wow hard to believe that we only have four more months in 2020 when we finish August. This opens another subject, time to begin thinking about the Nifty's Fifties Officers for 2021. All members are eligible to become an officer. The primary thing is you must be a national EAA and a Chapter member. All people have some good input if interested, please let a board member know. The Ballots must be ready to go by November of the election year. Come on down what position do you seek?

In October we are planning on our "Oktoberfest" by the lake for Brats and Beer always a fun day we are looking at the Galloway event to help guide us!

Thought, this was interesting! The US Army Aviators when signing on to become an Army pilot will now have to commit to 10 years of duty. Army claims cost of equipment etc. is the cause! Hope to see you at Galloways Be safe & God Bless!

