



EAA 50 NEWS

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Fall Banquet Another EAA 50 Success.

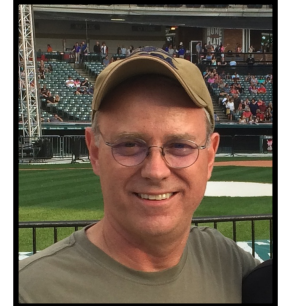
Tracy Hille and dedicated 50 members put together an outstanding banquet with an excellent speaker on Nov. 23. The event was held at the Sandusky Yacht Club, which provided a first-rate venue with excellent food.

Speaker Jody Brausch presented an impressive update and overview of the Tin Goose restoration at the Liberty Aviation.



President's Notes

From: Tracy Hille (419) 624-6243



What to do? Fly & Give back

Well, it's official, I had to scrape the snow and ice off my truck windows; Summer is gone and we have another winter to fly through. This winter will be a bit different for my wife Laurie and I as we are heading to Florida for January & February. It's been something she has always dreamed of doing. For me, well my hangar is insulated and I have heat so I can survive the winter season comfortably and keep working on my Vagabond project. As much as I like working on my project, I love my wife more so I guess I will survive by working on the documentation portion of the project as I wear my "Snowbird" Tee Shirt in Florida.

A special thanks goes out to all the Chapter members that came to our Fall Banquet that we had at the Sandusky Yacht Club. The



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Jody skillful set the program up into three parts, Henry Ford and the Tri-motor, the history of this particular plane, and the restoration progress with goals. Jody informed the audience the Tri-motor in the museum hanger first rolled off the Dearborn assembly line in 1929. It was sent to Mexico for air service there and later sold to a buyer in Cuba and then sold to Juan Trippe as one of the first planes in the fleet of what would become Pan American Airlines. By the 1940's, it was back in Ohio and flew for Erie Islands from 1946 to 1952. Then it was



sold to the U.S. service in Idaho used in fighting forest fires as a smoke jumper's plane. In 1958, however, it crashed. Its parts and wreckage were later recovered and those parts are the seeds from which this restoration project grew.

venue was outstanding, the food was awesome and Jody did a wonderful presentation about the restoration of a unique Ford Tri-Motor that is being done at the Liberty Aviation Museum in Port Clinton. This is a unique project that's right here in our back yard.

We are working in December to finalize the 2025 events calendar, of course we will have the usual Fly-In and Fly-out events. The BFR Ground School will be offered again early in the year and maybe a deeper dive into some Foreflight flight Planning training.

Hinde Field continues to improve and we foresee the final clean up in the area where the old Hangar was removed this fall. The surrounding walls will be cleaned up with fresh material, the ground will be leveled out and new grass and landscaping will be installed early in the spring. Along the north side of the runway you can see the fill dirt has been spread out and the area seeded with new grass to remove the remaining ruts that were created when the new Bores Aircraft Salvage building was completed.

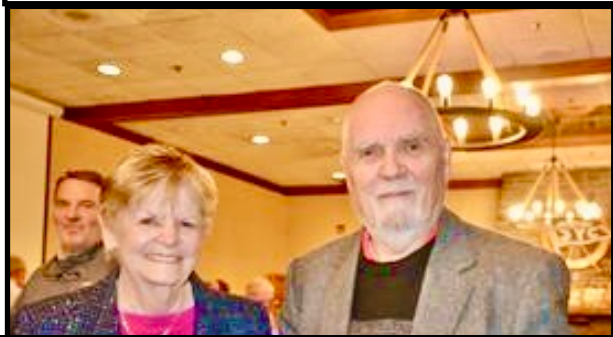
Remember, Chapter 50 has a nice workshop that is available for members to use so If you want to do some work on a part of your plane, the shop is available and can be heated (BYOP – Bring Your Own Propane). There are two 30 lb LP bottles to use, we only ask that if you use them, fill them back up when you are done. Just give me a call and we can discuss how to use the shop and get the heat going. It's a great asset that is available to all our Chapter members.

Cheers – Tracy



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In addition to the speaker, Tracy Hille presented current Chapter 50 news, a 50/50 was held and door prizes given.



Kevin Klien



Excellent turn out



Road Trip to Upstate New York

by Dave Hirt

Can anyone venture a guess as to who holds the pilot's license number One? We know him around here as the one who set the world's record for the longest flight over open water flying from Euclid Beach in Cleveland to Cedar Point Beach in Sandusky (some 60 miles) way back on Aug 31, 1910. Then on the following day, he turned his plane around, added fuel and flew it back to Euclid Beach, another 60 miles. Before that, in 1907 he rode a V-8 motorcycle over a one-mile course on Daytona Beach to the blistering speed of 136 miles per hour to become the fastest man on earth.

Hammond sport, is a quiet little village in the wine country of the Finger lakes region of upstate New York and was the home of the American inventor and aviation pioneer Glenn Curtiss. Orville and Wilbur got the heavier-than-air machines off the ground in controlled flight, but Curtiss gave them dual control, retractable gear, and *Ailerons!* He is also credited with the first successful flying boat becoming the father of Naval Aviation.

Hammond sport is also home of the Glenn H. Curtis Museum, a tribute to him and their local history.

<https://glennhcurtissmuseum.org/about/> I had the opportunity for a visit there and found it very rewarding. Many historic air craft from his early "June Bug" to later "Jenny's" and a C-46 Curtiss Condor in the front yard, plus many other items on display.





EAA 50 Member's Plane Makes Calendar.

Recently the 2025-2026 Seaplane Pilot Association Calendar was released. The February 2026 layout features Tim Stienbauer's Lake Buccaneer as taken by Tim on the beach in marblehead.. Tim is a 50 member and his Buccaneer is based at Hinde Field. Many a boater has been surprised by his lake landings.



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However, it was the back-stage tour that was impressive. They have an original Curtiss P-40 they are restoring, recovered from a wreck site in the Everglades. The P-40, like the Ford Trimotor is a daunting challenge. The wings and fuselage are showing a lot of progress, but what restoration project couldn't use more volunteers? They also have on display a WWI 400 hp Liberty engine. This was the same type as used on the Stout 2AT's. This was a very worthwhile museum, even having some doll houses to occupy my wife's attention. Great afternoon, and a great road trip. End story

Pictured below, Tim's photo featured as the February 2026 Seaplane Pilot Association pick



Wassail & Hors d'Oeuvers Christmas Event

Chapter 50 members gathered Friday, December 6th with friends for a little Christmas spirit at the last last event of the season, Wassail & Hors d'Oeuvers. The event is held in the EAA gathering room and shop at Hinde Field. As always, 50 members brought an excellent assortment of Hors' d'Oeuvers to pair with Elaine Bores' famous Wassail. A few braved the cold weather and snuck in a few minutes around the fire pit.

