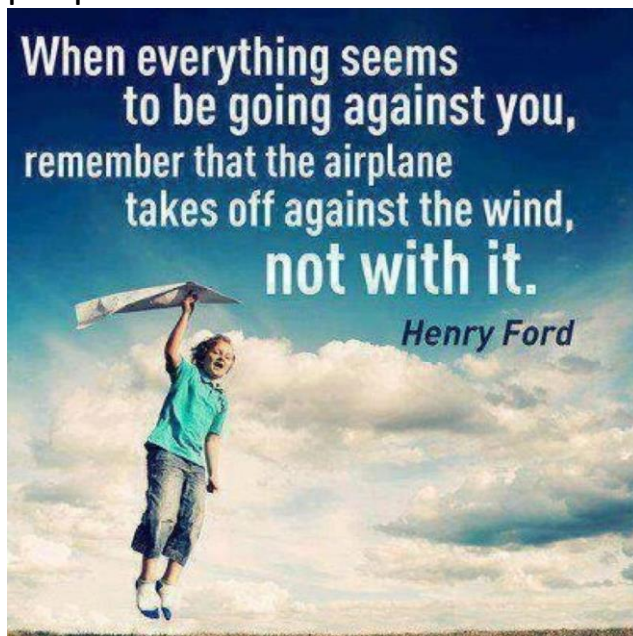


Nifty Fifty's March 2020 News Letter

Presidents Corner

Well here we are March 2020 seems like only a few moments ago I was thinking here comes Jan. 2020 and that will be cold and snow, snow, snow! Well thank you Lord, looks like we may have dodged that bullet.

There are some things that we all need to review! If you have followed the news recently you are aware the Boy Scouts of America have filed bankruptcy because of the problems they have had with some troop leader's fondling or sexually assaulting scouts. It again shows a few scum bags can harm the whole system. This is a mind opener for all of us who deal with or fly Young Eagles in our national program. If you are involved with Young Eagles, remember its ok to shake hands but its best if you do not touch the Young Eagle by putting your arms around her or him. Some parents do not take this lightly! It's hard for yours truly because I have always been a hugging guy! Unfortunately in our society today many things are construed differently by individual people!



F-86 Sabre Best aircraft of the Korean War!



This aircraft was sometimes called “Sabrejet”. This aircraft replaced the P-80 “Shooting Star” and in combat she had a 10 to 1 kill ratio being flown by very experienced United States WW-2 pilots! This model was the fastest with speeds over 685 miles per hour. This aircraft was designed and built in the late 1940’s and became outdated in the 1950’s. Wing Span 37 Ft. 1 inches, length 37 Ft. 6 inches, weight 37,791 pounds loaded, six 50 caliber machine guns and eight 5 inch rockets or 2000 pounds of bombs made her very deadly.

What’s interesting is, if the pilot had to eject in enemy territory his usual defense was only brains and a 45 caliber side arm. Recently the military just released 2700 new “Air Crew Defense Weapons” special design for pilots and crew members. The weapon is a 7 pound 5.6 mm rifle located in the injection seat in two pieces and can be put together in 30 seconds with deadly accuracy of 200 meters. If our pilots had those instead of only a side arm I’m sure it would have cut down on the number of our people captured in previous conflicts! We simply have to be very proud of all our military people! God Bless Them!

Information Important to 50's Membership

Your elected Board has made a sad decision! EAA Chapter 50 is not planning an annual EAA Pancake Breakfast! The reason is simple! When the "Nifty Fifty" began holding our "Annual Pancake Breakfast" we did almost 900 Breakfasts at the Griffing Airport on Cleveland Rd Sandusky Ohio from 08:00 Am until 12:00! It was profitable and supplied funds for our annual Scholarships and operational cost. Today every local EAA Chapter and area social clubs hold monthly and weekly breakfast programs! Based on the cost and work from our wonderful volunteers we decided we need to look at other venues to provide for operational and scholarship cost! For example we simply need product donations that we can sell or auction to fund our scholarships and monthly events. In the past the Hatz donation and now the Zenith is an example! Our simple family annual dues of \$20.00 will not cover expenses, insurance, scholarships, and monthly operational cost.

Kara Clifford our first scholarship winner who is now a chief pilot for Griffing Aviation and Don Helmick who we now have the pleasure of honoring with an annual "\$500.00 Mechanic's Scholarship" We are getting ready to send out applications to all local schools shortly! Be proud members for what you do!



Here is one super lady and a fantastic person! Dottie Patrick has contributed much too general aviation and especially women in aviation! She is special person and a loved “Nifty Fifty” Member!



Dottie received the “Congressional Gold Medal” She built in her living room a Bucker Jungmeister Bi Plane and flew it at the old Griffing Airport. Dottie is also a flight inst.



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Dear EAA Chapter President,

Early in the morning of September 8, 1920, a U.S. Post Office Air Mail DH-4 biplane left Long Island, New York with several hundred pounds of first class mail, some of it destined for California. On the 11th, another DH-4, No. 151, set down with that mail at Marina field on the shore of San Francisco Bay, completing the first transcontinental air mail flight, setting the stage for the eventual creation within the decade of America's commercial airlines and our global aviation leadership.

In a recent telephone conference call with Jim Busha and Hal Bryan, the EAA officially lent the organization's support to my proposal to commemorate that flight 100 years ago this coming September with the help of volunteer planes and pilots.

We are hoping that your Chapter will be willing to help us recruit a few volunteer pilots to fly one or more of the original segments of the 1920 route. At the suggestion of DH-4 pilot Dorian Walker, we plan to transfer one or more "ceremonial" sacks of commemorative letters and postcards between planes as they did in 1920. I

In addition to the support of the EAA, I am pleased to also note that Air Mail 100 also has attracted the interest of the Smithsonian's Air & Space Museum and National Postal Museums, as well as the AOPA. Chambers of Commerce at four of the original 16 air field locations (Bellefonte, Iowa City, North Platte, Reno) have also lent their endorsement of the project.

I have set up a web presence at <http://evworld.com/airmail100/> to provide more detailed information on the various historic waypoints of the original flight, as well as a form for pilots to volunteer for the project.

Can we count on your Chapter's support?

Respectfully,

J. William "Bill" Moore

EAA 50 Members! This could be fun. Interested?

More 2020 Upcoming “Nifty Fifty” events Pure Family Fun!

April 11, 2020 “Spring Fling” Pot luck then, Children and Adult airplane rides! Weather permitting of course.

May 9th 2020 History of our Historic Hinde airport presented by Elaine Hinde Bores, “How it all began in the 1930’s” and still operational as one of the finest airport facilities around!

Our last meeting February, like our meeting in January 2020 was simply super educational and fantastic!



Great News! Bruce Molnar is enhancing the EAA 50-web site that will be par excellent like our current “Face Book Page” Whoopee!