

# EAA Chapter “50” December Newsletter



Congratulations to EA 50's elected officers for 2023. The count is completed and will be certified at next Board Meeting. Your Elected officers are Pres. Ben Gleason, Vice. Pres. Steve Risner Secretary Dennis Sokol, Treasurer Wes. Missler and Trustees Mike Weisenberger, Roger Miller, Bruce Molnor, Jim Molnor. The object of the Board is to continue to improve EAA 50, by recruitment, sponsoring safe events, holding educational meetings that are informative, following National EAA's guidelines, and listening to input from all EAA 50 Members

President's Corner.

For many years I have had the pleasure of being an officer in this fantastic organization. When I look back at our history and I see all the wonderful people who contributed so much, but have now Gone West, and I still see that we are still considered one of the best Ohio EAA Chapters it's clear that our members are super special. We may all be aviation and social nuts, but I'll take it for my remaining years.

At our November Board Meeting we decided to begin to put the history of "50" together so anyone can see what you all do and have done in the promotion of general aviation. In 1974 this chapter celebrated 20 years of existence in two years 2024 we will be "70" years one heck of job by many volunteers.

I subscribe to "General Aviation News" The paper has some interesting facts about aviation safety. One thing yours truly finds interesting and sad is the report of aviation accidents, between the publications 7 out of 13 reported accidents were human factors. They were not following proper landing pattern, aircraft landed did not say touch and go, failure to remove nose tow bar lost nose wheel, failure to remove AOA cover, ice forming on takeoff climb out, instructor flew a student in an aircraft he had grounded for maintenance, during multi engine training instructor suggested landing three times on runway last landing ended up in grass field, failure to close baggage door. I have made mistakes one very cold day reached back to pull carb heat on the Aeronca, my sleeve caught the fuel valve when I raised the carb heat it also shut fuel valve, causing off field landing. Designed and built a fuel valve lock slides open to move the fuel valve open or closed. Other Champs are using.

EAA50 EVENT  
CHRISTMAS WASSAIL &  
HORSD'OEUVRES  
FRIDAY DECEMBER 9TH



EVENT: EAA CHRISTMAS  
GATHERING  
DATE: FRIDAY DEC. 9TH  
WHERE: EAA 50  
GATHERING ROOM @  
HINDE FIELD  
TIME: 6PM - ?

\*\*\*\*PLEASE JOIN US FOR EAA  
50's NEWEST EVENT. GATHER  
WITH FRIENDS FOR SOME  
GOODIES AND CHEER.  
WASSAIL & SOFT DRINKS  
WILL BE PROVIDED.  
PLEASE BRING YOUR  
FAVORITE HORSD'OEUVRES  
& BYOB IF YOU WISH.



# Airplane of the month P 47 Thunderbolt

This was an amazing airplane research shows only 4 in existence. This aircraft “Tarheel Hal” was acquired by a Texas P-47 Museum for 5.4 million dollars.

The P-47 was **one of the toughest Allied planes during WWII** and had the most firepower from its eight 50 caliber guns in its wings (3,400 rounds.) It was even more effective as a ground attack aircraft. It was capable of carrying, as much as 3,000 pounds of external ordnance. **Power came from a Pratt & Whitney R-2800 Double Wasp two-row, 18-cylinder radial engine producing 2,000 hp**



The top speed was 553 MPH with a range of 800 miles wingspan was 41 feet and they weighed 10,000 #'s First flight was May 6<sup>th</sup> 1941 This was a very competitive aircraft great in air combat and devastating in ground support. With her 8 fifty cal. Machine guns you could add 6 more rockets!



The Gleason Veterans EAA 50 Fly-In will be coming back in June of 2023 in addition "Young Eagles" will be flown at the Historic Hinde Airport in June 2023. Let me tell you folks get your calendar ready because the "Nifty Fifty" will be super in 2023.