

EAA Chapter 50's April 2020 Newsletter

Presidents Corner

Well I must confess, after joining EAA and Chapter 50 in the early 70's and becoming an officer for many years I can truly say, this has been one of the most chaotic few weeks that I can remember. My family always said! "You win a few, loose a few, and some get rained out! WE WLL PREVAIL! God Bless America.

Well I'm hoping things will level out because on April 18, 19, 20, 2020 We have a Troop of 25 Boy Scouts planning on attending our Chapters coveted Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge program and camping at Hinde

Our March Meeting was Super Fun. After listening to Tracy Hille and learning about his simulator construction it became clear to yours truly that I always felt I had some talent but in this area no way! Tracy is one super engineer and I'll bet-cha, when his Piper is complete we will all want to own it! I would not be surprised to see her come back from Oshkosh with a big plaque in the baggage area.



OK folks see you on April 18 as a BSA Aviation Merit Badge Instructor.

Plane of the month “SR 71 BLACKBIRD

Many of us thought the SR 71 was the world’s aircraft and it was for many years. This airplane was first built in 1964 by Lockheed. This was a project developed from the Lockheed A-12 reconnaissance at the “Skunk Works” division also known as a “Black Projects” division. The object was to build high altitude Spy plane fast and undetectable! The “71” sure did its job, taking pictures of subjects all over the world so fast and at such a high altitude no one on the ground or radar knew they flew over! This might be a few of the reasons she was undetectable. She had a crew of one pilot, a maximum speed of mach3.35, service ceiling 85,000 ft., rate of climb 11,800 ft. per minute, and she had a range of 2500 miles. WOW!



When I was working out of California I kept my Stinson at Fullerton, anytime another pilot heard a SR-71 was returning to Edwards Airforce base if we could, we would jump in our aircraft from different areas take off skirting controlled airspace and fly north along the Ocean Shore in hopes of getting a look at the bird from our aircraft as she descended to landing at Edwards. As she would be seen letting down to landing altitude from above the shoreline her approach because of speed often took her over the state of Utah then back to California. I personally got to try a couple of times to view the descent but was never fortunate enough to actually have an, eyes on view! Now for another day the #1 fast jet is North American X 15 Mach speed 6.70. Wow that’s 7200 km!

EAA Chapter 50 Local News!

The Crank for the Ercoupe that we have interest in purchasing has been sent to a specialty repair shop, after completion it will be offered to us for purchase at the original price. Our A&P -Ed Rusch, has advised the shop is a good one!

Good News Snow Birds Elaine and Joe Bores have returned from Florida without virus! Thanks for that! They have taken our Ohio Governors suggestion and are self- quarantining for 14 days. Joe by internet has been working with the Ohio Department of Transportation, Bowling Firelands Campus and the RR, to remove all brush and trees beside and in line with Hinde (88D) approach in order to make the Historic Hinde Airport even safer for operations. I got to talk to Joe Thursday but he made me stay across the fence. I got tired of hollering so I said good bye.

Yours truly has sent our Aviation Scholarship Applications to all local Schools, Face Book, and E-Mail to Membership and our Aviation friends. As you know we are offering two \$750.00 scholarships to graduating seniors enrolled in a college aviation program and this year we will begin offering a \$500.00 Mechanics scholarship, in Honor of our special aviation friend Don Helmick, to a graduating senior attending an Aviation Mechanics school. This is the first of this annual award!

Our next planned Educational meeting will be May 9th 2020. April educational meeting as you no is cancelled!

The May 9th meeting will be outstanding. The history of the Historic Hinde Airport will be presented on power point by none other than Elaine Hinde Bores with husband Joe's assistance. This will be terrific Elaine's father started the "Historical Hinde Airport" in the 30's. Elaine was raised on the airport and her family, are now the owners of one of the finest and beautiful privately owned and public use airports in Ohio.

ENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION

AIR MAIL 100 STORY

On September 8, 1920, a DH-4 biplane lifted off in the early morning from a grass air strip east of New York City on Long Island, beginning a grand experiment to carry mail from the East Coast to the West in a series of hops across New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Ohio and points west. Regional air mail service had commenced two years earlier linking New York and Washington, D.C. By 1919, 400 HP deHavillands were regularly carrying mail sacks between Omaha and Chicago, but the September flight that now pointed its nose towards the distant Hudson would link an entire continent, but not without financial cost and human sacrifice. Those first pilots called themselves "The Suicide Club."

Air Mail 100 will commemorate that historic event, which led within the decade to the commencement of commercial passenger air service. With the support of the [Experimental Aircraft Association](#) and others, we seek to organize a series of volunteer flights linking the sixteen original transfer points, only seven of which continue today as active airports. The other nine have been "lost" to sands of progress, hidden under golf courses, urban shopping centers, hospital parking lots, and poetically, wind-swept grass fields again.



If you are interested in working one of the stops or flying a route the local stops are, Cuyahoga CGF or Williams County OG6 Contact (Airmail 100: Commemorating) on- line.



Dave Ross Pilot, Geraldo Rivera News Media, Brain Safran Event Coordinator, Todd Mather Pilot, Ed Patrick Aircraft owner. Bryan set up the event to fly Veterans in the Museums B-25 What a tribute!

Let's talk Safety for a few seconds!

As most of you know our Brian Safran, is involved with the FAA Safety Team. We were talking about spring and since Brian is a ½ owner and lives on Valley City Airport which is grass or sod we discussed the runway conditions. So here are some great suggestions.

- 1.- First flight after Aircraft setting a couple of months **COMPLETELY CHECK OUT EVERY ITEM.**
 - 2.- How about you? **NEED A CHECK RIDE?** Guys like Brian are around to sit in the right seat with you!
 - 3.- If you are operating off of grass or sod and the runway is cleared to fly still **EXCERSIZE SOFT FIELD OPERATING TECHNICS FOR YOUR AIRCRAFT!** In other words **No Nose Over!**
- Your all special be safe and practice safe flying in the air and on the ground! Let's all enjoy the pleasure of flying!



Just another safety issue! Ha Ha! Hope you enjoy your April EAA 50's Newsletter. God Bless you all and your families and God Bless America! From "Ole Flyboy".