

# EAA 50's July 2020 Newsletter

## Presidents Corner.

Well folks in this ole boys opinion, you simply could not begin a newsletter in the beginning of July without saying to all, I hope you and your family have a wonderful Fourth of July with family and friends!



From 1776 to the present day, **July 4th** has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from **fireworks**, parades, and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

It was a pleasure to be able to have a Board Meeting Saturday June 13 2020. EAA 50 is blessed to have some very, intelligent people in our midst. Felt good to get up to date since we have had no meeting since February 20 Good news our radio control fly in is going to be July 11 at the Historic Hinde Airport from 10:00 Am till 02:00 Pm. During that time Hinde (88D) will be closed! Goodies will be on site and we expect more model pilots then last year. Bring your families and friends and, Come on Down!

We have some great events coming up for the balance of the year. August 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 Gary Baker a real pro pilot and builder will hold an educational meeting on "Foreflight" then September 12, 2020 back to the Super Galloway Chili event at the "Ole Mather Field". Then "Oktoberfest" October 3 2020. Your officers are searching for a fall banquet speaker! Anybody got ideas? All suggestions welcome!

Feels wonderful to begin getting back to the "EAA Fifty" I have known.

## EAA 50 News!

I'm very proud to announce our par excellent chapter, has added another excellent person to our list of helpers! Congratulations to Mr. Jim Molnor! Jim has been an A & P but now add on the new certification IA! Jim passed his FAA exam and has now received his ticket! Simply a great job Mr. Molnor! In addition Thanks for the Ercoupe donation Jim!

It's great to see our member Al Gahagan back to his summer home from his Texas home, and flying his Taylorcraft from the Historic Hinde Airport.

Safety is always an issue with the Bores family and it sure shows in what Joe has accomplished with ODAT and the RR in the removable of trees and shrubs from areas around 88D. Look out he is not done yet!

Tracy & Roger moved the "Vag's" fuselage to Tracy's hangar!

If you have not met are newest member, his name is Dan DeClaro and has a beautiful yellow Challenger in the hangar north of our shop! In addition, he flies powered parachutes. EEEKKK!

Brian Safran has done an outstanding job creating a college scholarship through EAA 50 in honor of his father in law, Don Helmich.

Do you know what you want to know about the "Nifty Fifty"? Between your presidents e-mail our face book page and our web site you can know everything even read the Newsletter! ([Chapters.eaa/org/ea50](http://Chapters.eaa/org/ea50))

Progress on the Ercoupe is a little slow, workers were called to home duty! The Firelands Flying Club now has officers Ed Beer, Steve Risner, and Dennis Sokol. The filing with IRS & State of Ohio Continues!

## Plane of the Month

This month's feature plane was chosen simply because yours truly has a fetish for tail draggers and bush planes! This month we are going to talk about the "DeHavilland Beaver" one of the greatest bush planes ever manufactured.

The **de Havilland Canada DHC-2 Beaver** is a single-engine high-wing [propeller-driven short takeoff and landing](#) (STOL) aircraft developed and manufactured by [de Havilland Canada](#). It has been primarily operated as a [bush plane](#) and has been used for a wide variety of utility roles, such as cargo and passenger hauling, [aerial application](#) ([crop dusting](#) and [aerial topdressing](#)), and [civil aviation](#) duties.

Shortly after the end of the [Second World War](#), de Havilland Canada made the decision to orient itself towards civilian operators. Based upon feedback from pilots, the company decided that the envisioned aircraft should have excellent STOL performance, all-metal construction, and accommodate many features sought by the operators of bush planes. On 16 August 1947, the [maiden flight](#) of the aircraft, which had received the designation *DHC-2 Beaver*, took place. In April 1948, the first production aircraft was delivered to the [Ontario Department of Lands and Forests](#). A [Royal New Zealand Air Force](#) (RNZAF) Beaver played a supporting role in [Sir Edmund Hillary's](#) famous 1958 [Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition](#) to the [South Pole](#).

In addition to its use in civilian operations, the Beaver has been widely adopted by armed forces as a [utility aircraft](#). The [United States Army](#) purchased several hundred aircraft; nine DHC-2s are still in service with the [U.S. Air Force Auxiliary \(Civil Air Patrol\)](#) for search and rescue. By 1967, in excess of 1,600 Beavers had been constructed prior to the closure of the original assembly line.<sup>[2]</sup> Various aircraft have been remanufactured and upgraded. Additionally, various proposals have been mooted to return the Beaver to production.

The Beaver's versatility and performance led to it being the preferred aircraft of [bush pilots](#) servicing remote locations in the Canadian north, and it is considered by aviation historians to be a Canadian icon.<sup>[3]</sup> In 1987, the Canadian *Engineering Centennial Board* named the DHC-2 one of the top ten Canadian engineering achievements of the 20th century. The [Royal Canadian Mint](#) honored the aircraft on a special edition [Canadian quarter](#) in November 1999,<sup>[4]</sup> and on a 50-cent commemorative gold coin in 2008.<sup>[5]</sup> Large numbers continue to be operational into the 21st century, while the tooling and [type certificate](#) for the Beaver have been acquired by [Viking Air](#) who continue to produce replacement components and refurbish examples of the type. Just simply awesome Be safe!



The green fields of south-central Iowa create a smooth tapestry over which to fly—and Robert L. Taylor found his home a great place to restore and celebrate the classic aircraft he loved. Taylor, of Ottumwa, Iowa, founded the [Antique Airplane Association](#) in the Summer of 1953, taking out a classified advertisement in the September 1953 issue of *Flying* calling for like-minded pilots interested in “Flying Restoration and Photography of old aircraft” to join the newly minted group at \$1 per year. He had 12 takers—breaking even on the \$12 cost of the ad.

Taylor passed away on June 20, 2020, only 12 days ahead of his 96th birthday. While he had stepped down from leading the AAA, he remained its chief in spirit and on the board of directors. Based at Antique Airfield (IA27), an expansive grass strip near Blakesburg, Iowa, AAA continues under the guidance of Taylor’s son, Brent, who serves as its executive director and treasurer of the [Airpower Museum](#), also located at the airport in Blakesburg. Robert Taylor’s WACO pictured! Sad to loose him.



# The Nifty Fifties Normalcy!



# Oshkosh EAA General Aviation Week.

As we collectively get back into the skies after a long spring, there's still something missing for a lot of pilots: the promise of Oshkosh to anchor the summer's aviation activities. But with lingering state and local restrictions pre-empting [EAA AirVenture 2020](#), the association seeks to evoke the spirit of general aviation with a week full of many of [the elements of the fly-in](#) that we've come to know and love. [EAA Spirit of Aviation Week](#) will run from July 21 to 25.

“Nothing can replace the Oshkosh experience in-person during AirVenture week, as that event personifies the common passion we have for flight, in all its wonderful ways,” said Jack Pelton, EAA’s CEO and chairman of the board. “As unfortunate as it was that the cancellation of AirVenture 2020 took away that personal experience, countless people and groups have stepped forward to ask what they could do to virtually create something from Oshkosh that brings us together as aviators and aviation enthusiasts. We’re going to incorporate as many of them as possible during a full five-day event.”



Just a little fly in this year for folks that are missing Air Adventure.

