

# EAA 50 August 2020 Newsletter

## Presidents Corner

Wow hard to believe the month of August is here already. With all the other situations we have had in 2020 its still a little hard to discuss losing Oshkosh this year.

More super news! The Historic Hinde Airport (88D) was visited by the FAA inspector for the annual safety visit the FAA was blown away by the Bores Hinde investment in the airport! Joe was advised by the FAA Inspector our airport was the best grass strip privately owned public use facility he has inspected! In addition, the safety ratings we had were up graded. The Inspector said that so many of the facilities like Hinde are dying because the original owners are getting older and the children have little aviation interest!

Well many of you know Don Roth's Lark Commander has been sold and we will have a new tenant basing his Cessna 172 in Don's old hangar. If anyone has interest, I understand the J-3 is also for sale!

Now! It's my pleasure to welcome another new member into the "Nifty Fifty" Mr. Thomas (Tom) Taylor and his spouse Beth and family have now joined the "Nifty Fifty". Tom is an EAA member holds an ATP and CFI rating. This family brings much about aviation Tom's mother is Melody Griffing Taylor daughter of Harry & Sue Griffing! They bring more great input into the "50" family! Welcome Tom, Beth, and family!

More great news, our Nifty fifty member and Vans Aircraft consultant Dave Ross, is painting his new RV. In the air soon!

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## **R/C Flyers Invade 88D**

**If you want to be a millionaire, start with a billion dollars and launch a new airline. —Richard Branson**

I arrived early Saturday morning to help setup for the annual Radio Control flyers. The skies were clear and the temperature was rapidly advancing even at the early hour.

Who knows when Roger got up because when I got there the EAA Trailer was in position, and the back door ramp had already been lowered into place.

The concrete apron in front of Kris Leonhardt's hanger again this year provided an ideal setting for our pop-up tent, serving table, seven chairs and the all important coolers. The gas grill was situated on the grass next to tent. Steve Risner, Dennis Sokol, Tracy Hille and Ed Beer helped Roger Munsterman with the requisite sherpa duties emptying out the trailer for setup.

The nice thing about Leonhardt's hanger, as the sun continues to rise its shadow grows longer over the apron dispensing much needed shade as the temperature continued to rise.

The small plane flyers began to trickle in around 9:30. One, two, three and eventually 6 or 7 SUV's took their positions perpendicular to the freshly mowed runway. (cut one notch shorter than usual, thanks to Joe, to accommodate our guests) Each Van or SUV contained at least two airplanes and some had three.

These flyers put on quite a show from 10 am to 2 pm. The aerobatics were exciting to watch, such skill. And they came in all

varieties: vintage, military, bi-wing, conventional and many other types. One thing that surprised me... eight of the models were electric. So quiet and so *fast*. A single charge delivers roughly 8 minutes of flying time. I saw on the batteries tiny check marks indicating the number of times each battery had been charged. Row after row of check marks on a single battery.

Grill master Munsterman stayed busy as a constant flow of customers visited our space to enjoy a hamburger, hot dog, a bag of chips and a cold drink. The hamburgers ran out at 1:55 (perfect) and I think there were two or three hot dogs left.

Lots of enjoyable hanger talk at the booth made the day go fast.

The R/C Flyers were very appreciative of their invitation.

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I want to Thank our member Ed Beer for his super review of the RC event. Thanks a million Top Gun!



# Plane of the Month “Piper Cub”

If you ask most anyone involved with aviation or not to name the first aircraft they were aware of you can almost bet many answers would be the Piper Cub or simply J-3. Take for example based right on Hinde are three Bobby Engel, Dr. Keller, and Don Roth, reach out to other Nifty Fifty members and you will know David Ross is a Cubby owner as well as Tom & Thomas Griffing.

The Piper J-3 Cub is an American light aircraft that was built between 1938 and 1947 by Piper Aircraft. The aircraft has a simple, lightweight design which gives it good low-speed handling properties and short-field performance.

**Wingspan:** 35' 0"

**Top speed:** 87 mph

**Range:** 168 mi

**Weight:** 681.2 lbs

**Cruise speed:** 75 mph

**Unit cost:** 995–2,461 USD (1947) This aircraft is truly one of the most popular know aircraft in the world!







Nifty fifty members are super!

# EAA 50 Plans for the Balance of 2020

Well the virus keeps taking but we keep on trying! I said it before, but this is crazy. 2020 was the first time in the many years yours truly has been with EAA 50 we had a event planned for every month and two BSA missions.

So folks, keep your fingers crossed here is what we are planning for the balance of 2020.

August 15th 2020 EAA 50 Board meeting Offices at 10:00AM

September 12<sup>th</sup> 2020 “Galloway Fly In” Super fun event!

September 19<sup>th</sup> Nifty Fifty Board Meeting 10:00 AM

October 3 2020 Annual “Oktoberfest” 12:00, Covered Dish fresh brats!

October 17<sup>th</sup> 2020 EAA 50 Board Meeting 10:00 AM

November 2020 Fall Banquet speaker and date pending!

November 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting 10:00 AM

December 2020 no meetings Christmas time for members & families



