

EAA 50 December 2021 Newsletter

Presidents Corner:

As many of you know yours truly has been an active member of EAA 50 for many years. It has always been a pleasure for me to see people enjoy aircraft and aviation as much as I do. When you belong to a volunteer organization it is often difficult for people to volunteer to help the organization! This doesn't seem to be a problem with "Fifty". Your Board just certified our 2022 Election of Officers and Trustees at our November Board meeting! Your 2022 officers are Ben Gleason Pres., Steve Risner VP., Dennis Sokol Sec., Wes Missler Treas. and Trustees Mike Weisenberger, Bruce Molnar, Roger Miller, and Jim Molnar. Everyone chose to allow their name to be put on the ballot and you as members voted them in! They are all volunteers with the intention of promoting aviation in our area and plan family events for all members and the public to enjoy! Every member who volunteers to assist in our programs is special, and I can only say thank you job well done!

Hope you all got the invitation I sent out on 11/22/2021 in regards, to a little social time breakfast, at "LEMmy's restaurant" Huron, Ohio beginning at 8:30 December 4th 2021. A little fun time to start off one of the best months of any year when we celebrate the Birth of "Jesus Christ"

Plane of the Month Experimental Sky Bolt

The aircraft has a classic structure consisting of a welded tube [fuselage](#) and wooden wings, all [fabric covered](#). It is a tandem open-cockpit two-seat biplane and is stressed for normal aerobatics. The cockpits are frequently constructed as a single tandem cabin with an enclosing bubble canopy. Some aerobatic competition aircraft are built as single seaters with the front cockpit closed off.



The original Steen aero Hale Wallace over 300 hp Skybolt named Yellow Bird

The original Skybolt had a 180 hp (134 kW) [Lycoming HO-360-B1B](#) engine, but powerplants of 150 to 260 hp (112 to 194 kW) can be installed.^[3]

The Skybolt has become popular as an amateur-built sporting biplane, with over 400 aircraft having been completed from construction plans sold in over 29 countries.^[3] A Skybolt won the Reserve Grand Champion Custom Built for 1979 at the [Experimental Aircraft Association](#) airshow in Oshkosh Wisconsin.^[4] Sixteen examples were registered in the United Kingdom.

- **Crew:** one
- **Capacity:** one passenger
- **Length:** 19 ft 0 in (5.79 m)
- **Wingspan:** 24 ft 0 in (7.32 m)
- **Height:** 7 ft 0 in (2.13 m)
- **Empty weight:** 1,080 lb (490 kg)
- **Max takeoff weight:** 1,650 lb (748 kg)
- **Powerplant:** 1 × [Lycoming HO-360-B1B](#) piston, 180 hp (130 kW)

Performance

- **Maximum speed:** 145 mph (233 km/h, 126 kn)
- **Cruise speed:** 130 mph (210 km/h, 110 kn)
- **Range:** 450 mi (720 km, 390 nmi)
- **Rate of climb:** 2,500 ft/min (13 m/s)

I had the pleasure of owning my SkyBolt for almost 20 years.

Nifty Fifty News

Unfortunately, I'm starting the post with some sad news. Long time EAA 50 member Gene Leonhardt went "West" while visiting his daughter in Colorado. Gene was a great EAA 50 member, as well as a wonderful father and husband to his wife Delores. Gene was a "50" member and Kris Leonhardt's father.



Kris, Gene, Delores, and Johnnie attending the Gleason Veterans event! Great people!

Special day December 4th at 08:30 EAA 50's first social Breakfast LEMmy's 2027 Cleveland Rd. west Huron, Ohio.

Nifty Fifty News.

At our banquet held November 13th at the VFW in Sandusky, yours truly had the pleasure of presenting David Ross with his wife Patti his FAA certificate “Master Pilots” award. This award is only given to pilots who have flown 50 years or more since solo and safely! There is no question that David is one of our tremendously admired members. David builds and restores aircraft, has flown the Ford Tri Motor, B-25, most all RV’s and others. David and his family are simply outstanding!



Do not forget “EAA 50’s” first social breakfast LEMmy’s!

Thank You Steve Risner and family!

I know I have said many, many, times how blessed the Nifty Fifty is to have such fabulous members and their families. On 11/23/2021 I was treated to a wonderful surprise and very special for EAA 50. Steve called me to visit him at his father's residence. On arrival Steve presented EAA 50 with his and his fathers "Protech" project. It will soon be moved to the Gleason Hangar for temporarily storage. The aircraft comes with a lot of stuff completed, including a new propeller and a Cont. 65 HP engine. When completed it is two place side by side with folding wings and probably light sport. Protech picture below.



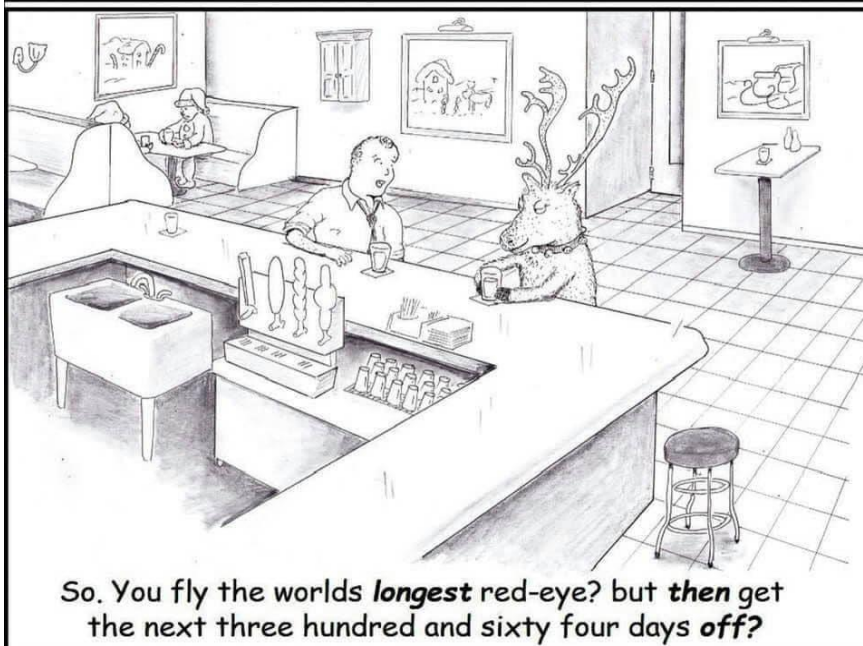
Simply one very special generous family! God Bless!

The month of December is one of the best.
I trust you will all celebrate Christmas with your families and a
begin a wonderful and pleased 2022!



coffee & pretzels

Greg Kaley



Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless America!
Enjoy your life and family.