

“Nifty Fifty’s” Jan 2020 News Letter

Presidents Corner

Wow what a great start to 2020! The Educational meeting presented by Brian Safran was par excellent. The meeting answered many questions in addition to many others. Brian has also advised yours truly that he would like to take some members for a tour of Hopkins Tower. We will be putting some info out I’m sure like yours truly there are many who would like the tour. In addition Brian is also willing to assist in going to Oberlin for some members to take in there very successful “Rain Check” program. With the addition of additional controlled areas to Oberlin this could be very enlightening.

This year 2020 for our special group, we some special plans! We are going to approach bringing youth into the organization, developing a program to attract female aviation enthusiast, developing other ways to support our foundations treasury, completion for fly in breakfast is becoming more difficult every year, seems every other EAA chapter, local churches and clubs like the rotary are doing weekly breakfast. Top that off with the ability to go to some local restaurant’s, and eat all you can eat for 6.00 bucks well see what I mean. Scholarships, meeting cost, and normal expenditures take funding, and we at fifty are proud of the fact we have been able to exist with our minable \$20.00 annual family dues. For all we accomplish this is impressive. Other suggestions are to continue to take aircraft to market but also add marketable items like automobiles, cycles, boats, and apply for more grants!

It is our intention to continue to make flying more affordable therefore the flying club. When this is finished it will make really interested people flying with less out of pocket expense. The key is the idea is to reduce cost it’s impossible to do it for free.

OK what's coming up on our Agenda?

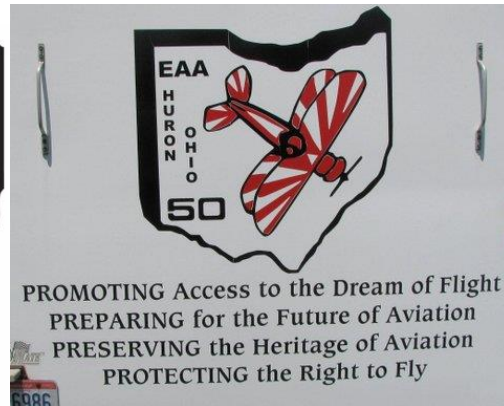
February 1, 2020 beginning at 01:00 Am we are holding an educational program on "Owner Assisted annuals" This meeting will be conducted by our own Mr. Ed Rusch. We could spend the next 5000 words talking about this man's aviation career. He has done it all restored antique aircraft, overhauled many engines and parts, rated in jet aircraft multi engine aircraft, IFR, Flight instructor, and has flown single engine aircraft from California to Hawaii and all over Arabia. This man knows!

The idea of owner assisted is special it teaches the owner things about his aircraft that most plain ole pilots don't have any idea about! Before I started being instructed by Ed I honestly had no idea the gap setting on a spark plug, or the torque value of the plug into the cylinder. I knew what an aileron cable was but had no idea what a balance cable was even though without it the controls are nonfunctional! With Ed's teaching I was personally able under his guidance to totally rebuild an aircraft I had flown acrobatically for 20 years after my purchase and did it all in 364 days! That's what's so much fun and educational about Owner Assisted Annuals. Guess what you even save a buck also!

Here is an example of an educational moment for a son and father under Ed's guidance. I guarantee Jim Graham (one of our members) and his father, know more about his Ercoupe then simply owning and flying it! This is an Owner Assisted Annual and complete rebuild!



A real learning experience!



It's pretty clear our educational meetings are super good. The food is great, the camaraderie outstanding, level of learning high, teachers and instructors our par excellent and where else can you understand the beauty of the USA's military pilots and their nose art during WW2 and even today! God Bless America.

“Our EAA Chapter 50 People”

When yours truly had the pleasure of walking on to the Historic Hinde airport in 1973 and my first meeting was with the owner’s wife Dorothy Hinde, never did I think I would be fortunate to become part of the Hind Field folks, but then in 1974 I met Col. Wayne B. Jenkins Retired who became my aerobatic instructor. Wayne then introduced me to Kenny & Gene Patch, Oliver Weiker all members of the coveted EAA 50. Well then I joined 50 and became an active member. I slowed down between 1980 and 1987 because my job required daily, weekly, and monthly corporate back and forth from here to California! But wow did I ever accumulate “Advantage Miles” Still have a few thousand! Now my point is I have met many great people but unfortunately in 2019 another one of the best went west. We lost a very special guy Mr. Virgil Phillips! Virgil owned his grass strip in Shelby Ohio He owned a “Pietenpol” and several other aircraft and a truck load of parts. I do not think he ever missed an Oshkosh Air Adventure. He simply will be missed and I wanted to recognize him for what he was. One special guy! Enjoy your flights with the Angels Virg. God Bless!



EAA Chapter 50's family is so special!



EAA 50 is simply a stand out organization! We have many different families and one thing we have in common is love of family, love of aviation and aircraft. We have restorers, builders, dedicated instructors and educators. Every member brings something special to our table!