

LOGBOOK

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EAA 602 ADIRONDACK CHAPTER

EVENTS

November —EAA Meeting
CANCELLED

Fulton Co Fly-In — December
Outside with social distancing
Details to follow

Winter 2021
Ice Shanty Chili Fly-In
Details to follow



Photo provided by: Corey Drapala

President's Hangar

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What's been going on:

Well who would have thought that we would still be here knee deep in this pandemic at the end of the year. This has truly put our club and most of GA on hold for some time now. Hopefully everyone in Chapter 602 sticks around for a better 2021 and we can do some great things again. I was not able to get out in November due to some family issues but hope December is a little better. I heard some people were taking advantage of the very low water on the Sacandaga Lake and found a safe place to land on the shore. Ed Szwolinski is flight testing his new Zenith build. Sun N Fun has been scheduled for April 2021 and hopefully things will have progressed enough that it will occur and be a great start of the new flying season back with a vengeance.

Remember we have the groups.io message board to keep in touch during these times and please share any activity you have going on by submitting a newsletter article.

UPCOMING:

The board has decided that with the rise in COVID cases that has come with cooler fall weather that we should hold off on the regular November and December meetings as well as the holiday party for 2020. We will have to see what the new year brings for future meetings.

- We will however have an outside fly-in at Fulton County Airport on December 5th or 12th. We will announce the date when we work out the details soon. Just a short outside gathering with social distancing and lots of fresh air.
- Possibly we can do another outdoor event in early 2020 like the Ice Shanty Chili Fly-In or something similar.

For now, it's one month at a time. Hope you are all doing well and looking forward to seeing you all sometime soon.

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Vice-President ~ Darryl White

Well I finally got out flying! There has been some nice fall weather and I got in about 1.5 hours with landings at NY0, and 3NY7 before heading back to the Pines. I did have a little excitement landing at Hiserts. I haven't been out to the field all summer but I figured I have landed there hundreds of times and I know the field pretty well. I set up for landing on 09 and the west end looked wet but that is not unusual. I just planned to land long as I always have when landing on 09. I touched down about 1/3 of the way down the runway and all was good. Next thing I know I hit a large patch of water and I had water flying everywhere and the plane skidded right before I got past it, after that I hit another patch of wet but by then I was slowed down enough it wasn't a problem. There hadn't been a lot of rain lately but it is always good to check out conditions on a grass strip you haven't been at for a while BEFORE you land there. In this case the hawk just got a bath and I got a good reminder and a valuable lesson learned. After stopping to check over the plane carefully I took off on 27 and used my best soft field technique and got her off the ground before the small office building (~400 ft). The flight home was uneventful and got her dried out before I pushed her back into the hangar at the Pines.

Victory

By Ed Zwolinski

Well boys and girls, I have finally done it. After almost exactly three years of construction and a month or so of fussing around with FAA paperwork, “Phoebe” has passed airworthiness inspection and made her first forays into the sky. Huzzah!

The inspection occurred on Saturday (Nov. 7). The DAR had a couple minor suggestions that I addressed later that afternoon, but no significant findings. Just a heads up, the airworthiness application paperwork all has to be submitted electronically now. You can select a DAR or FAA rep you want to work with though, so it’s definitely still a good idea to call someone first and have them review what you plan to submit to make sure the application is complete and won’t be kicked back. The online forms seemed straightforward, but I am used to working with that sort of thing so your mileage may vary. For what it’s worth, I recommend finding a DAR ... there is an online directory on the FAA website that can help get a list of local names. At least for the time being, the Albany FSDO is still in “working remotely” status and no one has yet returned my calls.

I could not have asked for better weather for initial flights. Both Sunday (the 8th) and Monday were mild, sunny, and calm with air as smooth as a baby’s butt. I spent a good chunk of Sunday morning doing a thorough preflight, and psyching myself up to strap in and git-r-dun. The initial takeoff went well enough, but it was equal parts exciting and terrifying ... took a minute to get my leg to stop bouncing on the rudder pedal in the initial climb. Overall though, she’s an easy flier. Controls are light and responsive but feel well balanced and, at least so far, without any surprises. Her left wing is slightly “heavy” but I can probably null it out with a tab or a little tweak to the aileron. I can take my feet off the rudder pedals. Cruise has come in at around 105-110 mph indicated with my current 50-pitch prop.

Between Sunday and Monday I took three flights (four TO/landings) with breaks in-between to do inspections and make minor adjustments. Apart from a little experimentation with flaps, trim, and landing approach speeds, the first few hours have been rather “boring” flying. I’m working through break-in of my new top end. So far so good – CHT, oil temp, and oil pressure all in the green band. A little more of that and I can start properly putting her through the rest of the Phase I paces.

37 hours to go!



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