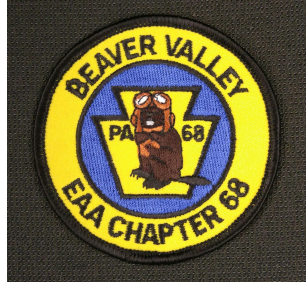


# Newsletter



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The February monthly meeting was on February 1, and was held at the Air Heritage hangar.

There were 12 members in attendance and two guests.

Although I do not usually include the details of the monthly meetings in this newsletter I do want to mention one significant change to our routine going forward. **The time of our meeting has been pushed ahead from 7:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.** This will be effective starting with the March 2022 meeting and continue unless altered in the future.

There is another note. The next regular meeting will be on **Tuesday March 8, which is the second Tuesday in March.** This altered date will only apply for the March meeting, then we will revert to the first Tuesday as it is normally.

**Next month's meeting place** is to be at Roy Early's shop (house, not hangar) on Tuesday, March 8, at 6:00 P.M. Directions are posted in this newsletter after Tony's comments below.

**Ralph Zinkham** has a couple of kerosene hangar heaters and a small air compressor for sale.

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## **EAA and Social Media**

Social Media Organizers say promoting volunteer opportunities in 2022 is worth the effort. Social marketing is now a key strategy to recruit, retain, and recognize volunteers. “The benefits of social media go beyond likes, shares, and followers. They result in actionable changes like more volunteers and donors,” said Danielle Miller, owner of Miller Media Management.

On Tuesday, March 8 at the Chapter 68 monthly meeting we will have a short discussion of our media presence for 2022 and outline a campaign launch to market for members and followers by setting up a Facebook page and Groups that link to that page.

The goals are sustainable growth by honoring the mission and goals of the EAA. Come join us, we welcome your input.

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**In past issues** of this Newsletter I have profiled members with emphasis on their projects. The time has come to look back and then update everyone about the progress that has been made. So...If you are interested to be included you can let me know and I will be happy to post your updated comments and photos. Otherwise I'll start through the list and see if we can arrange to meet, take some photos, and bring everyone up to speed.

**Air Heritage** is planning an “Air Heritage Aviation Appreciation Day and Classic Car Show” to be at Their hangar at Beaver County Airport on Saturday May 21, from 9:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Click on the link below to see what's up with Air Heritage.

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**In case you were thinking about how to get to Air Venture this year...**

Hello Aviation Friends,

It's been two years since a bus trip to EAA AirVenture has been planned, thanks to Covid. However, the wait is over and it's time we get back to the greatest air show on the planet. The format will be the same as always; we'll leave Wednesday morning on July 27th from the Butler Farm Show Airport (3G9) on Rt. 68 just west of Butler. We'll spend three days at AirVenture and then return on Sunday, July 31st. The dorms at Ripon College will be our base. Of course, we'll be traveling on an air conditioned coach bus with a restroom. The cost of the trip will be:

Double Occupancy: \$370.00

Private Room: \$470.00

The cost of the trip has increased from two years ago, along with just about everything else in our lives, however, I believe this is a bargain because it includes all transportation, 4 nights lodging, and breakfast each morning. Participants are responsible for the air show entry fees.

If you're interested in participating in this adventure, then I will need a deposit check of \$100.00 made out to Kent L. Shoemaker as soon as possible, with the balance due the first of May. Please complete the form below and send it, along with your check, to:

Kent L. Shoemaker 225 Glade Run Rd. Renfrew, PA 16053

In May, a final trip detail letter will be sent to all participants. If you have any questions, please call, text or email me: 724-766-5847 or kentLshoemaker@gmail.com

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### *The Pres sez...*

We will have our next Chapter meeting on Tuesday March 8. I know, we have scheduled our meetings to occur on the first Tuesday of the month, but this month is different. Due to circumstances we will move the meeting up one week and hope that all will adjust to the slight change. The meeting location will be Roy Early's home shop. We have shared in Roy's generosity before and thank him for the hospitality. Remember that the meeting time has been moved up to 600 PM. If the board can gather at 500 PM we can take on the nuts and bolts of chapter navigation at that time.

This month's topic will include a presentation on the elements of a Condition Inspection. Those of us who have slipped the surly bonds in our homebuilts know that every year we must accomplish certain tasks to continue with the airworthiness of our aircraft. Hear from the experts on how it's done on Tuesday March 8.

In the coming weeks we will see a resurgence of activity as we climb out of our caves from the long winter and find our way once again to the airport. Building activity continues as usual and gradually we see the emergence of airplanes from the pile of parts that made their way to our doorstep. One step at a time we see our dreams turning into reality. For others, there might be a moment of decision. Whether to take the leap of faith necessary to do the transformation from parts to plane is a question that we all had to answer. Learning the skills necessary to complete a project is something we can learn from each other. Perhaps the coming of spring will be the time to get current again. Flying is like playing the piano—practice, practice, practice. Skills get oxidized by the fog of time, and as the weather improves we will have the opportunity to do the necessary polishing. Is it too early to think about the big events? Sun 'N' Fun is just around the corner, and Airventure is just a few months away. Don't forget that AirHeritage will once again host Airport Appreciation Day on May 21. Airplanes, cars, and more airplanes will be on display at the Beaver County Airport. The Chapter looks forward to hosting a Young Eagle Event in the Spring that will give kids their first experience in the mystery of flight. Stay tuned as we firm up a date for that! Add to all of that the resumption of our hangar gatherings with food, fun, and conversation coming in the next few months.

I feel great enthusiasm for what lies ahead. We have come through a period of great upheaval and turmoil and we are still standing.

I hope to see everyone at our meeting on March 8.

*Tony*

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## **Directions to Roy Early's house at 4545 Dutch Ridge Road, Beaver Pa. 15009**

Take the Brighton Exit off I376 and go toward the State Police barracks, then turn left on Dutch Ridge Road.

Sometimes GPS sends people to a road off Dutch Ridge called Yankee Ct. Roy's house is on Dutch Ridge. After crossing the bridge on Dutch Ridge it is the third house on the left, the house number is on the mailbox post. There is a gravel area by the end of the drive, by the mailbox, you can park there and in front of the garages. If you can please bring a folding chair.

Roy's phone number is 724-513-7350



On the lighter side... (thankx Dewey)

Beer was invented to make pilot stories more interesting.

You have never lived until you've almost died. Life has a special flavor the protected will never know.

Helicopter pilots are different from airplane pilots. Airplane pilots are open, clear-eyed, buoyant extroverts. Helicopter pilots are brooders, introspective anticipators of trouble. They know if something bad has not happened, it is about to.

Death is God's way of telling pilots to watch their airspeed on final.

You can't fly unless you can land, but you can't land unless you can fly. So, which is it?

It's better to be on the ground awaiting clearance to get into the air than in the air trying to get back to the airfield.

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What is the worst thing that can happen when you are flying? - running out of airspeed, altitude and ideas all at the same time.

All engine sounds are magnified over the ocean.

What do you do when you are in trouble flying? Call for help. What if no help is available? Then no sense calling.

What do you do if you don't like your boss? Go flying. What if he won't let you go flying? Go anyway, he won't be your boss for long.

We are reaching the age where "life sentence" is less of a threat.

FAA motto for pilots: "We're not happy unless you're not happy."

#### **Reminders.....**

The monthly meeting will be held on March 8, 6:00 P.M. at Roy Early's house and shop.

The weekly Saturday morning breakfast at Lance Port continues and usually starts around 9:00 A.M. Guests are always welcome.

Officers: President Tony Pavilonis, Vice-President Dave Brunberg, Treasurer Dewey Clawson, Secretary Stan Kocuba

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