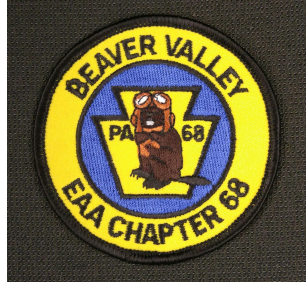


Newsletter



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The May monthly meeting was on May 3rd, and was held at the Air Heritage Museum. There were 14 members and 3 guests in attendance.

The next month's meeting place is to be at the East Hangar area at the Beaver County Airport on Tuesday, May 7th, at 6:00 P.M.

Air Heritage recently hosted an Aviation Appreciation Day and Classic Car Show on the 21st. of May. Chapter 68 took advantage of the day and displayed the airplane cockpit unit lovingly referred to as "the stimulator". Members were on hand to pass out information relating to the upcoming Young Eagle flying event. Despite the many classic cars, hot rods and other unique vehicles that populated the ramp between Air Heritages hangar and the tower, we had a rather prominent and easily found location, directly behind Ed Campbell's Bücker Jungmann. Thanks to those members who manned "the stimulator".

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The “Luck of the Irish”, C-47 was proudly on display.

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I talked with **Dave Larson** last week to get an update on his project. Dave is in the process of building a Zenith 750 STOL aircraft. His builders shop is inside hangar 23 at KBVI.

Dave started his build as many of us do, starting small to get a sense of the process and become comfortable with the challenges that will be sure to follow. Dave completed the fabrication of several of the control surfaces and now is awaiting delivery of the kit components for the remaining elements. After talking with Dave I got the sense that he has thought his project through. What I mean is that even though he is in the earliest of stages he has sources prepared for his engine, propeller, and interior. There are links below if you would like to know how he sees that.

“Having fun with some little projects. Fuselage and wings will be coming in August. Now In the process of selling my 1955 Tri-Pacer to make room for the incoming parts. I’ve decided to go with a Garmin VFR panel powered by Vertical Power. Airplane should be around 850 pounds giving me approximately 600 pounds of useful load. Some of the upgrades that I’ve added are larger tundra tires, adjustable seats, dual toe brakes, and dual brake calipers.

Deposit has been placed on the 160 hp MWFly engine with an expected delivery late next year.

Thanks,Dave”



Dave in his shop at hangar 23.

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Dave is the second Zenith builder at KBVI, the first being Jon Mio.

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We rapidly approach summer. Seems like yesterday we were shoveling, chipping and slipping on ice and snow. Now it is back to the shorts and T-shirts. If not already, we have our airplanes back in the air, or we might have our projects in progress again. It is so much easier to work on a project when the temperature is agreeable and the days are long. As you might know, I like flying the dawn patrol on those clear summer mornings when the sun is coming up, and the air is still. There is a quiet that exists then, capturing and crystallizing the beauty of a summer morning before the concerns of the day intrude.

The first event of the season is behind us now. Air Heritage hosted Airport Appreciation Day on May 21 to a large crowd of aviation and car enthusiasts. Estimates of the participation had all of us wondering about the size and scope of the event. Pent up demand brought about by two long years of sequestration and isolation brought hundreds of people of varied interests out to the airport on a clear sunny day in May. The Chapter participated by displaying the award winning Bücker, Thanks Ed, and bringing out the old “stimulator” as we call it, to acquaint a new generation to the physical aspects of getting in and getting out of a real airplane. Long ago the cockpit of a 172 was adorned with wings, tail, and an engine as it fulfilled its duty in the sky. Today, all that is left is the cockpit, controls, instruments and seats so kids and their parents can have their photo op. The “stim” serves its purpose well as it presents a non threatening way for those who never saw or sat up close in an airplane to do so. The other great feature of the “stim” is that there is nothing to break. Kids can move the controls and flip switches all day long without any worry about taking to the sky. Thank you to all who helped facilitate the successful event.

Thinking about the success of Appreciation Day brought me to ponder the basis of motivation. Where does inspiration and motivation come from? For me, the motivation started very early, maybe I was four or five years old when I looked up to the sky when an airplane roared overhead. They used to roar, you know. Radial engines with multiple banks of cylinders, gasoline and oil and fire and smoke mounted on silver wings of a DC-7 or a Constellation fueled my imagination and longing to be there too. I could never play baseball because my eye on the ball was distracted whenever an airplane roared overhead. “ Sorry, didn’t make the catch for the out because, did you

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see, that was a Super G! “ Pretty soon it was obvious that I would never make the team but I had pictures and drawings of airplanes everywhere. There was another Appreciation Day long ago at the DuPage County Airport, near Chicago, where I wheeled my bicycle to be there. I did a lot of wheeling then. Sixteen miles to DuPage, ten miles to Lombard, just to peer through the airport fence to get a peek at the treasures tied down there. Cessna, Piper, Navion, Ercoupe, even a B-25. My first ride was in Piper Tri-Pacer where I sat in the right seat and got to see through the front window. Later that day I have a picture of me sitting in a Piper Apache thinking about the thrill of two engines in an airplane at the same time! I hope that inspiration brings memories such as these to a new generation who will seek out their dreams and play out their fantasy.

The thirty year anniversary of Young Eagles is this year. On Saturday, June 4, the Chapter will host the first Young Eagle event of the year. Thanks to our Young Eagle Chairman and Club Treasurer Dewey Clawson, we have a list of eager participants lined up to take their first flights of fantasy. There’s that inspiration and motivation thing that might spoil an otherwise mediocre career in baseball and lead to a lifetime career of reward and success as a pilot. Aviation is buzzing in the news lately, and it’s not all good. There are inexplicable airline accidents that have everyone puzzled. Horrified is the better word to describe the deliberate destruction of lives and property in the hands of a disgruntled pilot. Then there are the thrill seekers that look for notoriety and sponsorship on YouTube by crashing a perfectly good airplane for a thrill. Mechanical problems, software “glitches,” have besmirched the reputation of the most popular airline type of all time. Movies. The Top Gun franchise has come around again in a spectacular blockbuster movie of the summer, featuring not only a lot of young guys on the beach without shirts, just like the first one, but some great images of the power and spectacle of the latest military technology, taking out bad guys, and winning the girl.

Inspiration comes from any number of places. Is it from a movie, or a local event? Does it come from a teacher, a parent, a relative, a mentor? What does it take to become a builder instead of a destroyer? We all know how hard it is to put something together and how easy it is to take something apart. My hope is that the Young Eagle program will serve as a catalyst fueling the dreams and inspiration of a new generation of builders.

Remember that the Chapter will host a hangar fest and meeting at Dave Brunberg’s Hangar 65 at the Beaver County Airport on Tuesday June 7 at 600 PM. The barbecue grill will be up and running, so bring your food of choice. The board will meet at 500 before the short general membership meeting at 600.

I hope to see everyone there on Tuesday, June 7.

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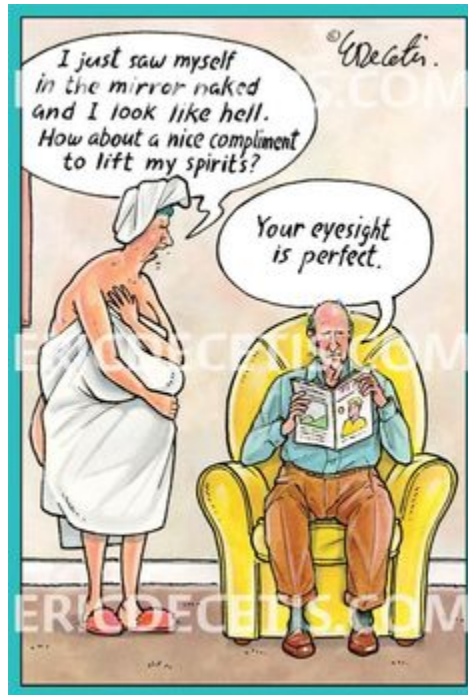
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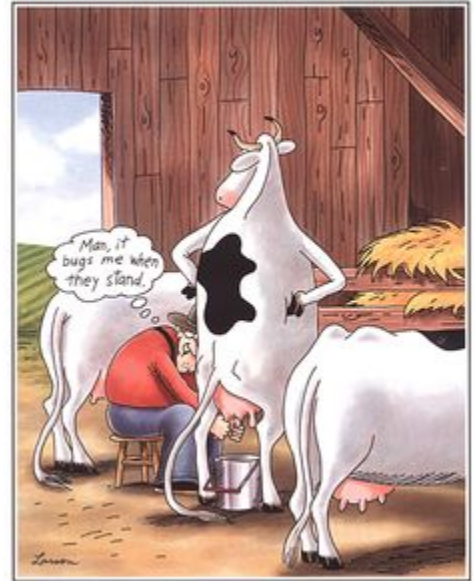
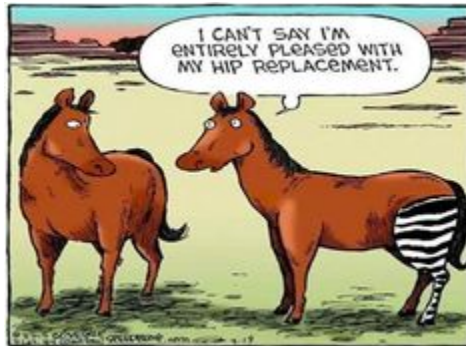
Since more and more seniors are texting and tweeting there appears to be a need for a STC (Senior Texting Code).

- ATD: At The Doctor's
- BTW: Bring The Wheelchair
- BYOT: Bring Your Own Teeth
- CBM: Covered By Medicare
- SCGU: Shit! Can't Get Up
- CUATSC: See You At The Senior Center
- DWI: Driving While Incontinent
- FWIW: Forgot Where I Was
- FYI: Found Your Insulin
- GGPBL: Gotta Go, Pacemaker Battery Low!
- GHA: Got Heartburn Again
- HGBM: Had Good Bowel Movement
- IMHO: Is My Hearing-Aid On?
- LMDO: Laughing My Dentures Out
- LOL: Living On Lipitor
- LWO: Lawrence Welk's on
- OMMR: On My Massage Recliner
- OMSG: Oh Migawd! Sorry, Gas.
- ROFL... CGU: Rolling On The Floor Laughing... And Can't Get Up
- SGGP: Sorry, Gotta Go Poop
- TTYL: Talk To You Louder
- WAITT: Who Am I Talking To?
- WTFA: Wet The Furniture Again



"Surgery went well, Mr. Moore. I had a lot of fun rebuilding your knee joint."



Reminders.....

The next monthly meeting will be held on June 7th, 6:00 P.M. at Dave Brunberg's hangar #65.

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

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

Board Members in addition to the current officers: Ed Campbell and Kenny Gray. Newsletter Editor: Stan Kocuba

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