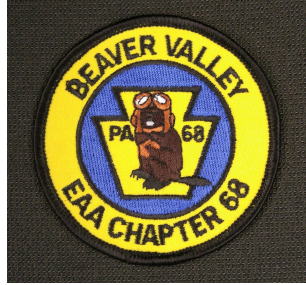


Newsletter



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I hope that this Newsletter finds all of you well.

There was a regular monthly meeting of the Chapter held on the first Tuesday of June.

The meeting was lightly attended, as would be expected given the current nationwide health situation that continues to have us all in its grip.

Without editorializing the subject I'll just wish you all well and hope to get back to normal sooner than later.

With that thought in mind the next meeting will be held on July 7th at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the East Hangar area. We will have the grill up and running, but you should bring your own food.

Ed Campbell has agreed to be the featured speaker.

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Saturday morning “unofficial” meetings have returned

It looks like the Hot Dog Shop in Chippewa has reopened, at least for now, so if you're in the area on Saturday mornings at 9:00 a.m. stop in for breakfast.

Just a reminder.... Last week you received an email from our VP, Dave Brunberg, requesting feedback regarding your thoughts about potential “fly out” destinations that we could enjoy as a group. Take a minute and share your ideas.



In Chapter 68 there are no less than 4 RV-7 airplanes being assembled currently.

I kicked it off last month showing the progress made on my project. This month I talked with two of our members who are in that group of 4.

I know that most of you probably know that the RV-7 is a two place taildragger, and the builders are Mark Overby and Jim Rosenkranz.

Earlier this month when I decided to do this article I first called Mark, and found him driving cross country with his finishing kit on board. Mark admitted that he had recently ran himself out of parts for his build, thus the trek to get more. He said he was “on vacation” but who goes on vacation hauling new airplane parts?

Mark presently is preparing to dress out the fuselage, which he purchased as a quick build, I'm guessing an attempt to shrink the time to completion. Mark has the wings complete and the tail mounted on the fuselage. He informed me that he has the seats in and is aiming his focused attention to the instrument panel. Mark's RV is being built with a sliding canopy, one of the options that he desired, and because of that option access to install instruments in the panel will be easier at this stage of the build.

Well with a truckload of additional parts he'll be able to continue without delay.

I also got an update from Jim on his RV-7 build.

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Jim purchased his project with the quick-built option on the fuselage and the wings. He has recently mounted the empennage and has just finished installing the fairings around the stabilizer and tail. Next order of business will be the engine mount so that he can complete the main gear.



Before and after, fairings done!

Jim's hoping to be in the air within the next three years.

Keep pressing on guys, you'll be flying before you realize it.

About that 4th RV-7..... another day.

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On the lighter side...

Proofreading is a Dying Art these days!

Proofreading is a dying art, wouldn't you say? Here's a few examples. You decide.

“Man Kills Self Before Shooting Wife and Daughter”

This one I caught in the SGV Tribune the other day and called the Editorial Room and asked who wrote this. It took two or three readings before the editor realized that what he was reading was impossible!!! They put in a correction the next day.

I just couldn't help but send this along. Too funny.

“Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says “

Really? Ya think? -----

“Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers”

Now that's taking things a bit far! -----

“Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over”

What a guy! -----

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“Miners Refuse to Work after Death”

No-good-for-nothing' lazy so-and-so's! -----

“Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant”

See if that works any better than a fair trial! -----

“War Dims Hope for Peace”

I can see where it might have that effect! -----

“If Strike Isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last A While”

Ya think?!-----

“Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures”

Who would have thought! -----

“Enfield (London) Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide “

They may be on to something! -----

“Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges”

You mean there's something stronger than duct tape? -----

“Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge”

He probably IS the battery charge! -----

“New Study of Obesity Looks for LargerTest Group”

Weren't they fat enough?!-----

“Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft”

That's what he gets for eating those beans! -----

“Kids Make Nutritious Snacks”

Do they taste like chicken?-----

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“Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half”

Chainsaw Massacre all over again!-----

“Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors”

Boy, are they tall! -----

And the winner is....

“Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead”

Did I read that right? -----

Now that you've smiled at least once, it's your turn to spread the stupidity and send this to someone you want to bring a smile to (maybe even a chuckle). We all need a good laugh, at least once a day

The Pres sez...

“The June meeting of Chapter 68 in exile was held at Dewey Clawson’s bar’n in Enon Valley on Tuesday, June 2, 2020.

There were four members in attendance. We read and approved the minutes of our last meeting and the treasurer’s report.

Old business included a discussion of our Young Eagle’s event to be held at a future unspecified date. Dewey is our Young Eagles Event Chairman. He has a list of participants who have expressed interest. They will be contacted at such a time when circumstances allow. We discussed combining food truck participation to bring others out. Participation with other tenants at the Beaver County Airport, such as Moore, Aces, and AirQuest would combine our flying activity with food.

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Fly out events in the future were discussed. Empty seats available in member's airplanes would allow for more participation to accommodate a maximum number of members. We will forward a questionnaire to poll our membership for fly out ideas. We are close to many destinations easily reached in a morning or a day. The Erie Islands, Put in Bay, Port Clinton, First Flight at Kittyhawk, Port Meadville, Franklin, Carroll County, and Indiana are examples of destinations of interest that can be reached in a day. The combination of food and destinations of interest would be a great way to bring members together as we cope with the lasting effects of this crisis.

After the business portion of our meeting we had an informal show and tell demonstration.

Yours truly talked about building your own antenna at minimal or no cost that would improve the performance of air band radios. Some of us monitor tower, ground and ATIS with portable receivers that would see better performance with an efficient antenna.

Dave Brunberg brought Zip tips for show. These are beautiful plug and play wing tip lighting systems that can be installed on many aircraft types incorporating position, landing, and taxi lights in a streamlined aerodynamic package. He plans installation of these in his RV-10 project, but similar systems are available for other experimental models.

Dewey demonstrated his laser engraver. High quality graphic imaging and labeling is now available for instrument panels, switches, placards, logos, and pictures. The results are high quality, achievable with a portable computer, a program download, and placement of the engraver over the work space.

Thank You to Dewey for making his bar'n available. Beaver County at the time was still under the executive order banning meetings, while Lawrence County was not. Dewey's bar'n is within a few feet of the Lawrence County line which enabled a meeting place for the chapter. What a bar'n it is. High fidelity sound system, big screen TV, heating, disco mirror bar, fully stocked bar and refrigerator, along with coffee and donuts as always. Plus, the centerpiece in the room is a Cessna 140 fuselage standing proudly on its gear as it nears completion of restoration. Now there's a centerpiece to get everyone's attention.

We will keep the chapter alive during this difficult trying time. As always, the choice to participate is a personal one that balances the benefits and risks of meeting with others. For those who venture forward we will plan whatever events we can until this crisis is over, and appreciate your attendance. For others, I will keep you informed about what we are doing and have done so you can experience the activities through the newsletter. Looking forward to the time when we will be seeing everyone up close and personal without the masks, distancing barriers and restrictions.

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Our next meeting is scheduled for July 7.”

Tony

Reminders.....

The monthly regular meeting will be held on July 7, 7:00 P.M. East Hangar Area. We have the grill, bring your own food.

Reminders: The weekly “unofficial” meetings held at the Brighton Hot Dog Shop in Chippewa are rebooted.

Officers: President Tony Pavilonis, 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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