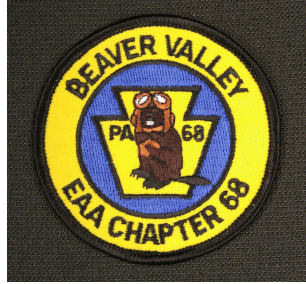


Newsletter



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The March monthly meeting was on March 8, and was held at Roy's shop. There were 12 members in attendance.

A reminder to all, it's 2022 and time to pay your dues. If you haven't got around to it yet you can pay them at the next meeting or mail a check to Dewey Clawson at 611 Anderson Road, Enon Valley, Pa. 16120.

Next month's meeting place is to be at the Air Heritage Museum on Tuesday, April 5th, at 6:00 P.M.

Air Heritage is having an Aviation Appreciation Day coming up on May 21, 2022. Check their website for additional information. [AIR HERITAGE INC. NEWSLETTER 1st QUARTER 2022.pdf](#)

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I requested an update from Mark Overby on his RV-7 build. Here it is in his own words.

‘The painting/project got winterized. Temps made for very difficult, if not impossible, conditions for paint.

The painted fuselage got moved home to the garage again so that color sanding and interior work could continue. Little did. Seems winter can demotivate.

Getting back to it now. Prepping the last of the fuselage parts for paint. Hope to finish that this week.

Started investigating avionics. NEWS FLASH: Nothing is cheap, and NOT getting cheaper. About, and everyone is bitten by this reality, 5 month lead time for a IFR panel from Advanced Flight Systems, Dynon, and probably every other aircraft kit supplier.

Some remember, I was going with an inexpensive alternative to the “National Brands”, but minds change. Wallet is getting considerably thinner. If only I’d known...’

Below are selected pics for Mark’s project.



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The Pres sez...

On April 2 I celebrated the tenth anniversary of the first flight of the RV-7. Ten years go by just like that. Total time is now up to 547 hours, which would make the yearly average out to be something over 50 hours per year. While that doesn't seem like a lot of time that average is consistent with the use of private aircraft. I guess I could always hope that I could have flown it more, I'm glad I didn't fly it any less. Fifty hours in a year living in Pennsylvania, or as I call it, Penn-syl-RAIN-ia, is doing pretty well considering the winter we just witnessed. Yes, the trash cans were covered in ice just yesterday, the driveway was a skating rink, and, by the end of the day the temperature got up to seventy degrees. Go figure all the logistics of that. It is ironic that the RV shares the same initials as recreational vehicles, motor homes, campers, trailers. It's hard to explain to the uninitiated that calling the airplane an RV is a lot easier than calling it a Richard VanGrunsvan. It is a recreational vehicle after all. I liken it to a magic carpet that will take you where you want to go whenever the inspiration strikes. It is simple, elegant, and efficient transportation. Point it in any direction you like and one hundred plus miles an hour will pass beneath you with no effort at all. The Covid debacle disturbed our universe for the last two years because for the first time we all became aware of the frustration of having a traveling machine with nowhere to go. Lockdowns, restrictions, mandates, are all antithetical to the realization of freedom that we get from our gift of flight. Perhaps the greatest tragedy looms ahead as we find the costs of inflation that will make each hour we fly that much more expensive. Once again, we will become more efficient, we will find ways to eke out whatever fun we can and we will persevere. Here's to another ten years—miles of smiles, calm, clear mornings, and happy landings.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 5, at Air Heritage. Thanks again to the leadership at Air Heritage for their hospitality. Our program topic for the night will feature our own Tamela Peterson and she will give us some perspective on the efforts to bring our Chapter into the twenty first century with a new presence not only on our website but on social media. For those of us who must be brought kicking and screaming into the new age of technology it is a privilege to have someone like Tammy working to make our presence known. Those of you who get the Chippewa and Beaver Life magazines will be pleased to know that Tammy was instrumental in placing a very nice article about our Chapter activity there this month.

Remember our meeting time is now 600 PM with the usual board meeting at 500.

As April showers bring May flowers I hope to see everyone there.

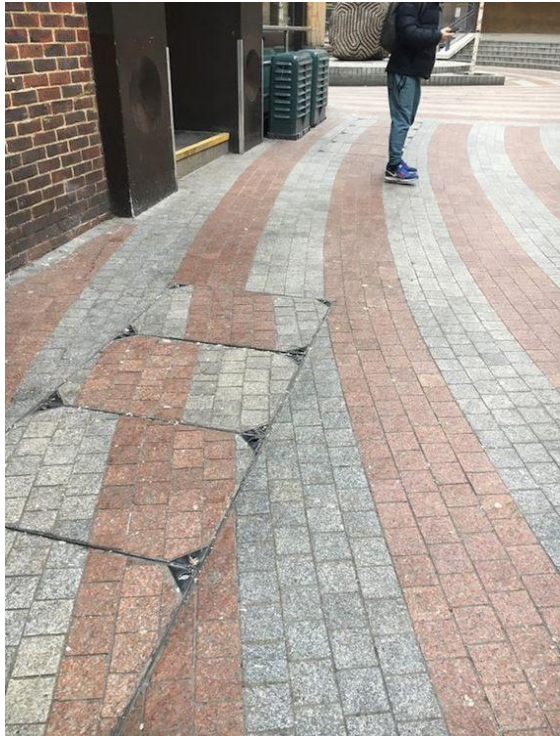
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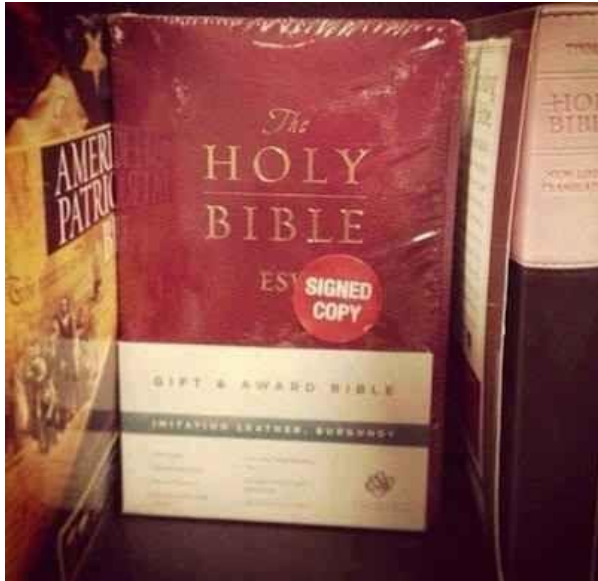
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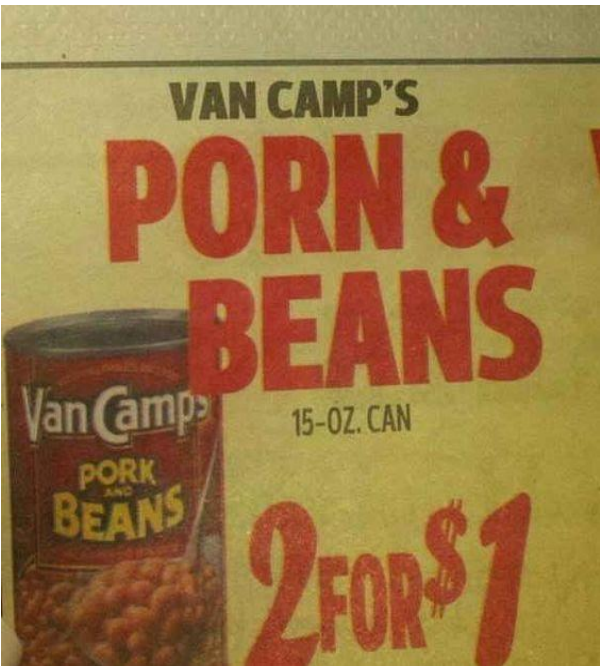
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Reminders.....

The monthly meeting will be held on April 5th, 6:00 P.M. at the Air Heritage Museum.

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

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