

March 2019

**Chapter
732**



March 17th Meeting

Arkansas Air & Military Museum

1:00 Food

2:00 Meeting

Bring a side dish!

Send newsletter items to: ea732newsletter@gmail.com

*St.
Patrick's
Day*



Pam Doughty & Ada Younkin

Well, it's March already and spring is coming soon. I already have buttercups blooming on the hillside behind my house. So hopefully, the weather will improve enough for some of us to get back in the air again. Our next meeting will be St. Patrick's Day, March 17! Rick and LaNita have a great meal planned for us--corned beef and cabbage as well as a reuben casserole. So bring some yummy sides and desserts to go along with this great meal. Remember, food is at 1:00 and the meeting is at 2:00.

Don't forget we are making another order of shirts and hats for the chapter this year, so if you want something, please let Randy Doughty know. He will be closing the orders as of March 20.

I also want to remind everyone that chapter dues are due: \$20 per year.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting!

Pam Doughty, President EAA chapter 732



Don't forget your name badge!



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HATS OFF TO STEVE BRAY !

N750SB received a Special Airworthiness Certificate and operating limitations today (see attached photo). Now I have to start working on getting myself ready to fly. The plane will stay in the shop until it has a qualified pilot. The wings will then come off one more time for transport to the runway where Phase 1 testing will begin.



You would not be alone if the word Tillamook conjures up mental images of luscious melting cheese on buttered, grilled bread. Mmmm! After all, Tillamook, Oregon is home to the Century-old Tillamook County Creamery Association, the dairy co-op that ships 130 million pounds per year of aged cheddar cheese to grocery stores across the country.

Ok, relax, this is not a story about cheese.

If you found yourself in Tillamook, Oregon you'd be about as far west as you can get in the lower forty-eight. Driving south from town along coastal Highway 101, you would soon spot an unmistakable wooden hangar plunked firmly down in the farmland between the mountains and the sea with the fading words "Air Museum" visible across its arched roof. What makes it unmistakable is its sheer size. Over 1,000 feet long, 296 feet wide, 15 stories high, and constructed of 2 million board feet of lumber, it's the largest clear-span wooden structure in the world. Trust me, you couldn't miss it.

Built by the US Navy in 1943, Hangar B and its twin, Hangar A, (destroyed by fire in 1992) housed 8 blimps each, used for anti-submarine patrol along the entire Pacific coast. Today, the blimps are long gone and it is home to the Tillamook Air Museum.

The hangar now looms over an eclectic collection of some 30 warbirds, a half-dozen antique fire trucks, a couple of rotorcraft, a retired Aero- Spacelines Mini- Guppy that may have once carried the Pioneer 10 spacecraft, a handful of notable homebuilts including a Rutan Long E-Z, the forward fuselage of a Convair 880, one Learjet, a 1938 Bellanca Aircruiser that missed its chance at making history, a rather lost-looking 1917 Heisler locomotive, and a Douglas A-4 Skyhawk that lives on a post along Hwy. 101.

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As it turns out, our own long-time chapter member, Jeff Hill, flew Convair 880s for TWA during the early 70's. He has recently been consulting with the Tillamook Air Museum's Curator, Christian Gurling, on the cockpit restoration of their 880, providing the museum with checklists, control panel diagrams and other useful information.

The plan is to restore the forward fuselage so visitors can walk through get a peek at the cockpit, lavatory, and buffet. Though there is much more work to be done, the museum hopes to open the unfinished restoration for viewing later this summer. You can follow the museum's restoration progress at: <http://www.tillamookair.com/convair-880-restoration/>

Hey Jeff, we hope be able to post a new photo of you sitting in the left seat of that 880...maybe with a grilled cheese sandwich? For more information on the Tillamook Air Museum, please go to the museum's website at <http://www.tillamookair.com/>

Galt Traffic Feb 2019 newsletter is the EAA Newsletter from northern Illinois. If you would like to see the complete article with photos please request to be added to their distribution list and request the February newsletter by contacting: Jerry Thomas, Galt Traffic Editor, EAA Chapter 932, web: www.eaa932.org eMail: editor@eaa932.org

Chapter Shirts and Hats

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Deadline is March 20th

The Pietenpol has a Cowl !

Submitted by Randy Resh



A recent picture of Gereld Resh and his Pietenpol Aircamper project.

(A 1929 design)

June 1st, 2019
Fayetteville, AR
Drake Field
KFYV
Arkansas Air
Museum Ramp



Hope
to see
you!



Hosted by EAA Chapter 732 members
Rick "NWA Wingman" Wantz Sonex 0367
Frank "Captain" Klimek Onex 090

For more information email
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Arkansas Air & Military Museum
4290 South School Ave, Fayetteville, AR

- Enjoy meeting other Sonex Aircraft builders and enthusiasts
- Fly-in's and Drive-in's are welcome
- Arrivals starting at 8:00 am, drive-in attendees use gate south of museum
- Programs starting at 10:00 am
- Discounted admission to Arkansas Air museum \$5 per person.
- Lunch served at 11:30 - Donations accepted to cover cost
- KFYV Class D CT 128.00 WX 119.575

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February Meeting



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Paul Howard Poberezny

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“Through EAA, I’ve learned much more about people than I ever have about airplanes”

A special thanks to Randy who contributed to the newsletter !

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