



The Observer

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THE GETTYSBURG BARNSTORMERS, EAA CHAPTER 1041, GETTYSBURG PA.



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...is not just
Experimental Aircraft!

This organization is for
everyone that has an
interest in aviation.
Whether you're an ex-
perienced pilot, or just
someone who loves
aircraft, EAA Chapter
1041 welcomes you!

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The Gettysburg Barnstormers, EAA Chapter 1041 -

December 2023

Stormer Claus Slated to Make His Annual Appearance



2023 is rapidly coming
to a close, with just a
couple of events be-
tween now and the end
of the year.

★ December 8-
Holiday Party!

★ Dec. 9th IMC/VMC
At the airport

★ Dec. 16th- Chapter
Fly-Out

As usual, the Christmas
Party is our "Grand Fi-
nale" for the year. It
will be held at the
Spring Grove Area High
School, 1490 Roth
Church Road, Spring
Grove PA 17362. Drive
around the high school

to the rear parking lot
and enter at "Door 10".

STORMER CLAUS has
told us that he will be
making his annual ap-
pearance with goodies
on hand for everyone.

It's not too late to re-
serve your seats, so
contact Henry at (717)
627-3741 (days) or on
his cell at (717) 465-
5952. Chapter 1041
MEMBERS ARE FREE,
Guests are \$18.00.

DOORS OPEN AT
6PM, DINNER SERVED
AT 6:30PM.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Henry's Hangar

"Occasionally I get a letter from an individual not knowing the circumstances, who reads me off for not answering soon enough. All I say is there is no money involved for all the work we do in trying to promote private aviation and I hope soon that I get some relief in one form or another." Experimenter, July 1955

**Paul Poberezny,
EAA Founder, 1921-2013**

A belated Happy Thanksgiv-
ing and a Merry Christmas
wish to all Barnstormers !

We will finish out another
great year on Friday, Decem-
ber 8th with our Annual
Christmas Gala, again this
year at Spring Grove High
School. See all the details in
this edition of The Observer
and be sure to contact me

with your reservations by
Nov. 30th. I hope to see
everyone enjoying a fantastic
meal and all the fun that goes
with a Barnstormers Christ-
mas Party !

One of the highlights (at
least in my mind!) of the
Christmas Party is a contin-
uous slide show of all our

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS For DECEMBER 2023

• Dec. 8th -
**Chapter
Christmas Party,
6PM at the
Spring Grove
Area High School**

• Dec. 9th -
**IMC/ VMC
gathering 9:00
AM to 10:30 AM
at the airport**

• Dec. 16th -
Chapter Fly-Out

A LOOK AHEAD TO JANUARY 2024

• Jan. 8th - **Chapter
Monthly meeting,
7PM at the Airport.**

• Jan. 13th - **IMC/
VMC gathering 9:00
AM to 10:30 AM at
the airport**

• Jan. 20th -
Chapter Fly-Out

• Jan. 28th - **Soup-
er-Sundae at the
Airport**

Henry's Hangar (continued from page 1)

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activities of the year gone by. We are fortunate to have several photographers who record our events and activities and this gives us the ability to put together an historical record of our year.

As we look forward to 2024, I'm pleased to say we have several programs already lined up for our monthly meetings.

January 2024 and March 2024 are planned, we have a few other speakers checking their schedules and we expect them to fill a

few more slots. If you have a suggestion for an interesting program, please let me know.

The quote at the beginning of this month's Hangar from EAA Founder Paul Poberezny has some similarity to my thoughts at the current time. I have always tried to be optimistic about life, and Barnstormers activities in particular. I feel an up-beat attitude and a positive outlook are essential to making an organization successful.

Recently, I've sensed a few of our members are not happy with my style of lead-

ership. There have been rumblings and complaints filtering down and this makes me think it might be time for a change. With 2024 being the year we elect Officers and Directors for the next two years, please give serious thought to what you perceive for the future of this Chapter.

Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Henry





Barnstormers Christmas Party 2023

Calling all Barnstormers ! Join us **Friday evening - December 8th** for our Annual Christmas Party Gala.

We will repeat our location of last year - Spring Grove Area High School
1490 Roth Church Road
Spring Grove PA 17362

Drive around the high school to the rear parking lot, enter at "Door 10".

Doors Open at 6:00pm, Meal Served at 6:30 pm

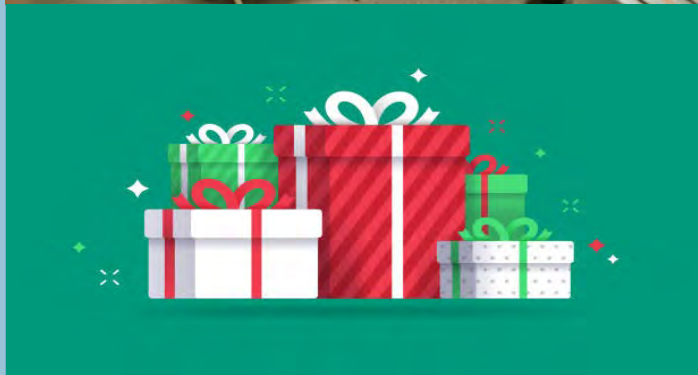
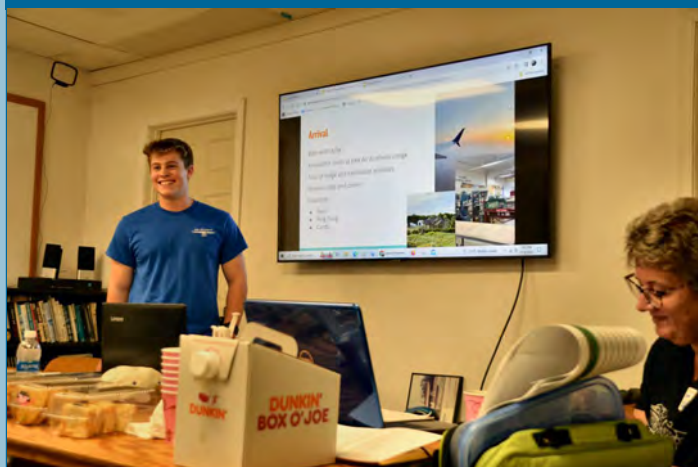
Menu includes: Tossed Salad, Roast Beef, Turkey, Filling, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans with diced ham, Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, and a Cup Cake Dessert !

As usual, we expect that "Stormer Claus" will have goodies on hand for everyone.

Chapter 1041 members are FREE, guests are \$ 18.00

Reserve your seats no later than Thursday, Nov. 30th by contacting Henry Hartman at 717-637-3741 (days), 717-465-5952 (cell), or e-mail: hartmansteiner@comcast.net

This is the "Grand Finale" of our year, be sure to be there for the fun, great food, and fellowship. Thank you for making Chapter 1041 a great organization!

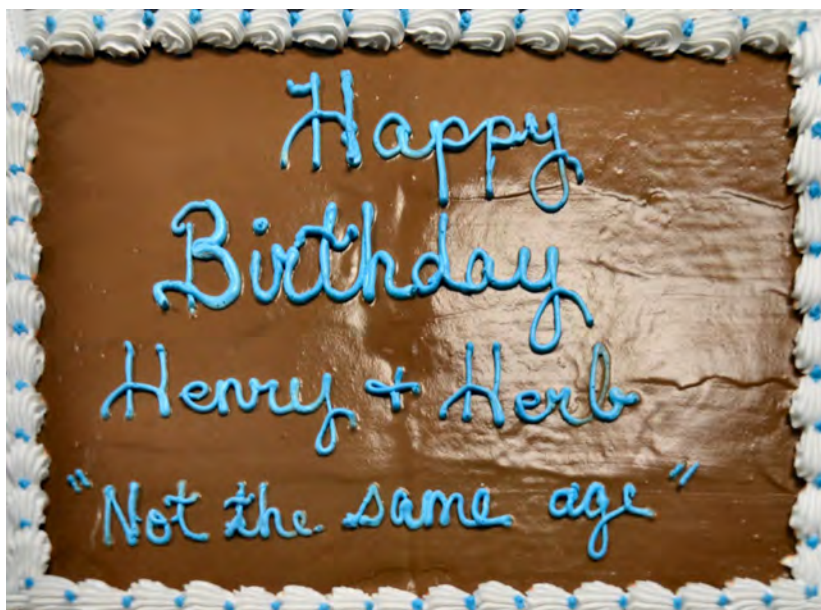


Last Month's Program Review

Dominic DeRienzo – 2023 Advanced Air Academy & AirVenture Oshkosh. Dominic gave a very nice presentation about his week at Oshkosh, day by day, with photos of all the events, classes, and friends.

He displayed an aluminum spark plug holder and a composite kneeboard that he built as projects. Following Dominic's program we viewed the monthly EAA Chapter Video from HQ.

We also celebrated two birthdays—Henry turned 68 and Herb celebrated number 95!



This Month's Program Preview??

Three F's— FOOD, FUN, and FRIENDS!

Help close out 2023 in style— mark your calendars for Friday, December 8th at 6PM at Spring Grove Area High School!



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Letter From the Editor

Hi, Barnstormers!

This newsletter is the start of my second year of being the newsletter and webmaster for EAA 1041. As in last month's "Letter From the Editor", I again want to thank each of you for your support and compliments on the newsletter. It is great knowing that the time and effort put into the production of the newsletter every month is worth it.

As this Chapter has won the EAA Chapter Gold Award for 2 years in a row now, I really want to make our Chapter stand apart from the rest with our Chapter communications, such as with "The Observer". Last month I asked how we can

make this newsletter even better? I'd love to add articles submitted by our members such as a book or movie review, maybe a Q&A/tech section, "want ads", "for sale" listings, maybe even advertising for our members if you have a service or small business. Please feel free to submit it, or suggest an idea.

For example, I became a Bonded Notary public at the end of October and am offering Notary Services out of the historic Cashtown Garage located at 1080 Old Route 30 in Cashtown PA.

Our members come from all walks of life, and if you have a business or service, let me know about it so that

I can get the word out.

Just a reminder as I close this last letter of the year will not be a membership meeting in December as we have our annual Christmas party. See you there!

**HAVE A SAFE AND
MERRY CHRISTMAS
(and a HAPPY HOLIDAY
SEASON!)**

The next issue will be coming out right before the New Year with loads of pictures from the party!

Dianna Moy



Zoom Broadcast of December Program Meeting Segment

The broadcast of our monthly program meeting segment via Zoom will begin at 7PM. Typed messages will be responded to. Audio will be turned off on the presentation side to prevent feedback, so we won't be able to hear you.

The meeting ID and password is the same as last month, and will remain the same for each meeting (unless we get a "meeting

crasher"). Below is the link to Join the Zoom meeting along with the password:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86271166916?pwd=NVNKU1RQKy9RUXcrdGY0UVNiTjBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 7116 6916
Passcode: EAA1041



SIX Months, and Again for the last time...

It's December, and we started using text messages in June. So, for six months we've been using text messaging to let membership know of events or as a heads-up of an important email.

The result has been very positive, as our members respond very shortly after receiving a

text message. I know there is a bad habit to just automatically reply, and while most of you don't, there are a now just a couple of you who just hit reply.

The number that appears is **not my personal phone number**. It is a special one specifically for group texting

and is connected to the computer and not a cell phone, so replies to messages sent to that number appear on the computer like an email, and I probably won't see it right away.

Store the number in your phone and tag it something like "EAA Broadcast". That way it might make it easier to remem-

ber NOT to just hit reply. My number for replies is:

301-717-7412.

If you don't want to get text messages, let me know.

Dianna Moy

AVIATION LINKS

**Have an aviation related link?
Let us know so that we can include it!**

www.eaa.org
www.aopa.org
www.1041.eaachapter.org
www.intrepidmuseum.org
www.york-aviation.com
www.airfactsjournal.com
www.jerryandersonart.com

You can find us on Facebook as well!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1101406127018136>

Coming soon: Instagram and Twitter! Keep an eye out here!



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