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*Inside This Month
Hoping For Another Record-Breaker!*

On The Cover:

Two photos from the record-breaking breakfast where 1,016 people were served! Top: pancakes being cooked up on our famous pancake griddle, and bottom: the line out the door and down the taxiway.

A Sneak Peek at Next Month!

A review of the fun at AirVenture 2024! The cover photo was taken by our editor during AirVenture 2016.

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...is not just
Experimental Aircraft!

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

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Henry's Hangar *-by EAA 1041 President, Henry Hartman*

*"EAA stands for family, high standards,
and cleanliness."*

Paul Poberezny, EAA Founder, 1921-2013

Summer is here and it's time for our first Wings, Wheel's, & Pancakes Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast of 2024. And that means we need YOU! Last June we served a record 1,016 breakfasts over the 2 days, there is no telling what sort of response we will have this month.

Regardless of how many folks show up to eat, we need you to help make everything run smoothly. There are all sorts of fun tasks to be done and if you have not volunteered in the past, you don't have any idea of the enjoyment and satisfaction you'll get by contributing a few hours of your time and talents. I hope to see you on June first and second!

Our June 3rd regular meeting night will feature a program with Jamie Sides, an engineer with SARAA. Jamie will bring us up to date with what is in the works at the airport. You've probably noticed new hangars being built on the town side of the runway, the area that was prepped a year ago. Come out for Jamie's program and a recap of the weekend breakfast. Let's find out if we equaled or exceeded the record from a year ago!

The Chapter 1041 Ray Aviation Scholarship

Committee is pleased to announce our two student pilots for 2024. Congratulations to Andrew Anderson and Kylie Keperling. These outstanding young people are both members of our Chapter 1041 family and we look forward to their achievements.

It's still a few weeks away, but in July our own Tyler Mack will be attending the Advanced Air Academy at Oshkosh. Tyler is very excited to be going there since he knows his week of Air Academy overlaps AirVenture and all the activities associated with the annual EAA Convention. Later this year, Tyler will tell us about his experiences at Oshkosh when he presents a program for one of our monthly gatherings.

Mark your calendar for our annual summer Picnic, Sunday, August 11th at Gary & Kathy Mathna's beautiful grass airport near York Springs. Much like we did last year, we will enjoy a catered meal, and members will add to it with side-dishes and desserts. More information will be forthcoming in the next few months and we ask you to RSVP at an upcoming meeting.

One last request this month – we need your help to set up for the breakfast on Friday evening and then again on Sunday after Noon when we clean up and pack things away. I hope to see you there!

Henry



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS FOR JUNE 2024

- June 1st and 2nd- **Spring 2024 Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast**
 - June 3rd - **Chapter Monthly meeting, 7PM at the airport**
- June 8th - **IMC/ VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
 - June 9th - **Young Eagles Rally for Breakfast Attendees**
 - June 15th - **Chapter Fly-Out**

A LOOK AHEAD TO JULY 2024

- July 1st - **Chapter Monthly meeting, 7PM at the Airport.**
- July 13th - **IMC/ VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
 - July 20h - **Chapter Fly-Out**
- July 22nd - **Start of AirVenture 2024!**

Last Month's Program Review

The Richardson girls (plus Mom) discussed the differences in the training for fixed wing vs rotary wing. Maddy and Kat gave a very thorough explanation of their flight training with slides and photos. They explained the different requirements for getting a pilot's license for airplanes compared to helicopters.

Each reviewed the costs associated with their respective PPL certificates and talked about their future goals in aviation. Mom Tina explained her journey through getting her check-ride and how as parents, they subsidized the girls' initial training.



This Month's Program Preview

Our June program will be two-fold. First, Jamie Sides from SARAA will be letting us know what is going on with the construction here at the airport, and if there are any updates or changes to the plans.

Second... Will we do it again? The second half of our program will be recap of how things went at the pancake breakfast. Hopefully we will have a repeat of our cover story from last year.

Forgot what it said? Well, here's a reprint from the July 2023 Observer:

A Record-Setting Weekend In The Books!

1,016. One-thousand sixteen. One. Thousand.. Sixteen. We really didn't think we'd ever get 1000 people coming to the pancake breakfast. At 11:11AM on Sunday, #1000 and #1001 came into the hangar. Phil Walter, his wife Tessa, and their toddler were surprised as the cheer went up as they paid.

Even though we started doing the bi-annual breakfast event in 2012, this is our 11th year of holding the breakfast (it would have been our 12th year if Covid didn't get in the way). Our lows were In the Spring of 2016 (526), 2018 (527), and 2012– our first (555). In contrast, our last four Spring breakfasts have seen increasing attendance– 2019 (901), 2021 (903), and 2022 (947), and now 2023 with 1,016.

We often had the line out the hangar heading towards the taxiway, but everyone got served quickly. Not only was there food, but



loads of planes (we also had a glider come by to party with us) and even some antique cars for everyone to see.

A flight simulator, remote controlled models, and balsa gliders were available for the kids. Hope to see you September 23rd and 24th for the Fall Pancake Breakfast!

We were even given a huge review by Deborah Collins in the Gettysburg Connection. That article, "From Pancakes to Pilots" is also reprinted in this newsletter on page 7.

As noted in the July 2023 article, our last four breakfasts have had fantastic attendance. Great weather, great food, and lots of fun all contribute to a successful event. The greatest contributor is the dedication of our volunteers.

Without our volunteers, none of this would have been possible. Thank You!



The Spring 2024 FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN “WINGS, WHEELS, & PANCAKES”

BREAKFAST * 8 AM – Noon * RAIN OR SHINE!

Saturday and Sunday * JUNE 1st AND 2nd, 2024

*Sponsored by Chapter 1041 of the Experimental Aircraft Association
(the Gettysburg Barnstormers) at: GETTYSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT (W05)
Route 30 West, 1130 Chambersburg Road, Gettysburg PA 17325*

ALL YOU CAN EAT!!!

Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Home Fries, Coffee, Tea, and Juice!

***Cash: \$10 Adult/ \$4 Youth (12 & under), *Credit: \$10.50 Adult, \$4.50 Youth**

*Prices may be subject to change due to fluctuating food costs.

A portion of the proceeds benefit Aviation Programs for Youth

Join us for Planes of all types, Antique and Classic Cars, and even flying model planes!

Also, come see “Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine”!



Above pictures from our last breakfast! On left, Floyd's Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine was constructed by Floyd Armstrong (1944-2014)

Check us out on the Web at: WWW.1041.EAACHAPTER.ORG, or contact: Henry Hartman, Chapter President, at 717-637-3741 or (cell) 717-465-5952



From Pancakes to Pilots - reprinted from the Gettysburg Connection, June 7, 2023 by Deborah Collins

Tessa and Phil Walter saw a roadside sign Sunday morning as they drove along Route 30 west of town, so they came to the hangar at Gettysburg Regional Airport for a pancake breakfast. As they paid for their meals, a gleeful shout went up and they found they had helped the Gettysburg Barnstormers top a record 1,000 breakfasts served at their twice-a-year two-day “Fly in! Drive in!” Pancake Breakfast.

“It’s an honor,” said Phil, who works for Adams County as an IT specialist, “We haven’t been here before. We thought it would be fun to bring our toddler.” Tessa, the owner of a local luxury picnic business, had to work hard to keep the little one’s attention on breakfast and not the big screen a few feet away for which young people were lining up to try a flying simulation program.

Since they began serving breakfast in 1998 at Gettysburg Regional Airport, the Gettysburg Barnstormers, Chapter 1041 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, have used the funds raised to award scholarships to young people to attend EAA Air Academy summer camp in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They spend a week there, among around ten thousand pilots who fly in for the event, getting an immersive introduction to flying, making lifelong friends, and discovering their future. When the scholarship recipients return, they give a presentation at the next Chapter 1041 meeting to share what they learned. Some go on to become licensed pilots.

According to Henry Hartman, Chapter President, thirty-five young people between the ages of twelve and eighteen have been sponsored to attend summer camp in Oshkosh since 2005. Eleven of those have earned their Private Pilot Licenses, and four fly for commercial airlines. Henry added, “Twin girls that we sponsored last year for the EAA Air Academy are both now Student Pilots under the Ray Aviation Scholarship program. Our Chapter has, so far, sponsored 5 student pilots through the Ray Scholarships which are made available through EAA. We have also provided flight training funding to 4 other young people.”

Another popular program at the airport is Young Eagles Day, coming up on July 8 this year. Children ages 8 to 17 can register to come to the airport and get a free 15-20 minute ride in a small-engine plane, a certificate for their flight, and a log book to record their air time. They also take a tour of the airport with a pilot available to answer questions. More information is available on the Chapter 1041 website, chapters.eaa.org.

Meanwhile, as sausages sizzled, small planes were landing and taking off on the runway, while those in attendance walked among those parked, talked to pilots, and perhaps dreamed of taking the controls. “My dad has that white and red one over there,” said a young teen watching a plane take off, “He’s going to teach me to fly it.” The smile on his face and the twinkle in his eye said to this reporter that he already knows how, he just doesn’t have the license yet. “You can get a license to fly a plane before you’re old enough to get one to drive a car,” said pilot Dave Speranza with a chuckle. He’s been a member of the Gettysburg Barnstormers for ten years, after seeing one of their signs on the side of the road for the pancake breakfast.

Small children climbed in and out of a bright red plane with the word “experimental” in bold letters on the side. EAA member Phil Roth explained that “experimental” means that the aircraft is fully functional but was hand built from a kit. He pointed to the back of the hangar where sections of unpainted wings and fuselage wait to be assembled into a machine that flies. “The airplane goes through inspections along the process, just like a commercial builder; it just still has to be called experimental,” said Roth. “The whole goal of this breakfast is for kids to learn about flying and to raise money for scholarships so we can send kids to summer camp,” Roth said with a smile, “It’s about the kids.”

The chapter’s website chapters.eaa.org reveals their mission statement: “To encourage sport aviation, support the growth of EAA, safety in aviation, encouragement and education of our youth for the development of an area within aviation dedicated to flying, friendship and fun.” The friendship and fun is evident from the smiles and conversations among the volunteer workers, flipping pancakes, stirring scrambled eggs, and making sure people knew regular from decaf.

Wendy Clark, Chapter Secretary, happily stated, “It’s the camaraderie. We’re like a family.” Her words were echoed throughout the room by other members who were easily recognized by their aprons printed with aviation maps of Gettysburg Regional Airport. One aproned member, Carolyn Van Newkirk, enjoys working among the tables to chat with the people and drum up enthusiasm for flying.

Van Newkirk delighted in talking about her decades-long participation in the annual all-women Air Race Classic. To find out more about this challenge, go to airraceclassic.org. This year’s 2,685 mile race starts in Grand Fork, North Dakota and ends in Miami. Chapter member Doug Laptok educated this reporter about the Women’s Army Service Pilots in WWII; Googleworthy as well. As a father of four daughters, he has a lot of heartfelt things to say about what women have endured as pilots and what they can accomplish, both in the air and on the ground, civilian and military.

The Gettysburg Barnstormers meet on the first Monday of the month, except holidays, at the airport. The meeting is open to the public. The next Fly in! Drive in! Pancake Breakfast will be on September 23rd and 24th. Watch for the roadside signs! They seem to be the way most people have found a new kind of adventure they might have missed out on otherwise. And you sure want to witness Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine! Really...a rotating griddle! It’s very cool. And by the way, breakfast was great!!

EAA CHAPTER 518 RED BIRD FLIGHT SIMULATOR



Last year we introduced our Red Bird Flight Simulator to our local aviation enthusiasts. We have been up and running and many members and non-members have been able to increase their skills by practicing at times that it may not be practical for inflight instruction.

Our mission is to ...

- **Provide Members of EAA Chapter 518 the benefit of having such a resource.**
- **Provide a tool for new pilot training and development as well as a refresher program for pilots who want to keep their skills sharp.**
- **Enhance our already successful Aviation Ground School for students to experience what they only hear about in the classroom setting.**
- **Generate interest in aviation to the general public and make it available to non EAA members as well.**

For details on Simulator availability and use, email us-

EAA518.KRVL@gmail.com

Note: Individual use of the Simulator is limited to those 16 years of age and older. Children from the ages of 12 to 15 may only use the equipment if they are accompanied by a trained EAA Club member



This summer, ITA is offering:

FLIGHT LINE

INTRO TO HELICOPTER COMPONENTS,
CAREERS, FLIGHT AND SAFETY

Are you interested in
HELICOPTERS?

*How they fly? What they do?
Interested in a career involving flight?*

ITA (IN THE AIR SERVICES) HAS A PASSION FOR HELPING TO DEVELOP AND BRING FUTURE PILOTS INFORMATION TO ASSIST THEM IN CHOOSING A CAREER PATH. LET US HELP YOU DECIDE IF AVIATION IS AN OPTION FOR YOUR FUTURE

OUR THREE-DAY 4-HOUR TRAINING SESSIONS WILL BE COVERING THE FOLLOWING:

- SAFETY
- HOW THEY FLY
- BASIC COMPONENTS
- FLIGHT CONTROLS
- COCKPIT INSTRUMENTS & EQUIPMENT
- HELICOPTER TYPES AND USES
- CAREER PATHS FOR BECOMING A PILOT

JUNE 26
THRU
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From 8am - 12pm

DAY 1 & 2

Learning sessions and discussions in a classroom setting along with hands on experience with the helicopter



DAY 3

Helicopter safety followed by 1 on 1 flight with a highly experienced Commercial pilot.

Classes and flights will be held at our facility:
MD26 Alyssa Taylor Heliport
2325 N. Feeser Rd in Taneytown

Cost Per Student: \$525.00 includes instruction, "Flight Line" t-shirt, notebook and more



Registration is now open!
Please email or call with any questions: (443) 608-4374 | coptercraig@gmail.com



Pictures from the May Flying Start Event / Fly-out and Familiarization Session





Member Want-Ads - Free, For Sale, and Wanted!

FREE:

Light plane maintenance publications - from 1985 to 2016. They are in 3-ring binders, likely they are in date order. Possibly some missing, but mostly all are there in good condition. Free to a good home. Call Larry Nolte- (717) 634-0034.

FOR SALE:

Laptop computer - HP 250-G4 with 15.6" screen, 8GB of RAM, 128GB SSD (Solid State Hard Drive), DVD-ROM, and VGA and HDMI ports. Memory/HD can be upgraded. Running Windows 10 Professional, has Office 2021, Google Chrome, and AVG Free Antivirus installed. \$325. Call Dianna (301)717-7412.

Touchscreen Laptop computer - HP Model 15-bs095ms with 15.6" touchscreen, 8GB of RAM, 500GB hard drive, and DVD-ROM.

Memory/HD can be upgraded. Running Windows 10 Professional, has Office 2021, Google Chrome, and AVG Free Antivirus installed. \$325. Call Dianna (301)717-7412.

Touchscreen Laptop/Tablet - HP X2 10-P011nr with 10" touchscreen, that has a 2GB of RAM, 32GB SSD (Solid State Hard Drive). This unit can be used as a tablet or a mini-computer as the keyboard is detachable. It is at its maximum configuration and cannot be upgraded further. Running Windows 10 Home, Google Chrome, and AVG Free Antivirus installed. \$200. Call Dianna (301)717-7412.

Laptop computer - HP ProBook 640-G2 with 14" screen, 8GB of RAM, 128GB SSD (Solid State Hard Drive), and DVD-ROM. Memory/HD can be upgraded. Running Windows 10 Professional, has Office 2021, Google Chrome, and AVG Free Antivirus installed. \$400. Call Dianna (301)717-7412.

Celebrate Veterans at AirVenture 2024

To express our gratitude, EAA has designated Friday, July 26, as Salute to Veterans Day during AirVenture. We would also like to extend a Veterans and Active Military discount as a token of our appreciation. This special celebration is our way of recognizing and celebrating the contributions of all veterans. Whether you served on the ground, in the air, or at sea, your sacrifice has paved the way for us to enjoy the freedoms we cherish today. We look forward to celebrating your service and the rich history of aviation with you at AirVenture.

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Letter From the Editor

It’s hard to imagine, but we’re almost halfway through the year already! This is issue #6 of our new format, and I hope that you’re enjoying it. The goal is to provide our members with stories and coverage of events that are interesting to them. Part of that is to bring our members information about goods and services that may be of value to them.

As you see on the previous page, a new section is now a part of our newsletter- our member “want ads”. If you have some to give away or sell, or are looking for something that a fellow member may

have, you can list it here! If you have a small business let me know, and we can give you an advertisement in the newsletter like the two in the middle of this page.

We’re always looking for ways to make this newsletter better, so if you have a idea, suggestion, or something to submit to the newsletter, email or text me. Also, if you have a comment- positive or negative, please let me know.

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Zoom Broadcast of Monthly 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=NyNkU1RQKy9RUxcrdGY0UVNiTjBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 7116 6916
Passcode: EAA1041

NOTE: *If no one joins the Zoom call by 7:05PM, the Zoom feed will be turned off.*

