



The Observer



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interest in aviation.
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perienced pilot, or just
someone who loves
aircraft, EAA Chapter
1041 welcomes you!

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The Gettysburg Barnstormers, EAA Chapter 1041 -

October 2023

Flying High with the Ford Tri-Motor

For four days in the middle
of September, a beautiful,
nearly 100 year-old plane
called the Ford Tri-Motor
provided breathtaking rides
out of the York Airport.

This plane, one of 199 made,
and one of the 18 still re-
maining made a total of 32
flights to the delight of all.
Unfortunately, Sunday was

cut short due to the rain
that impacted the area.
Thanks to the many Barn-
stormers that took the time
to come and help out at the
event.

This effort was recognized
by the EAA as our President
received a call from EAA
Tour Director, Paul Zenner,
expressing how positively

impressed the EAA crew
was with our Chapter 1041
members and the York Air-
port staff and facility.

Great job, Barnstormers! I
know we all look forward to
another opportunity to host
the Ford Tri-Motor. Hope-
fully this experience that the
EAA had with our Chapter
will open up the opportunity.



Henry's Hangar

**"To be a success you must
love people." - Paul
Poberezny,
EAA Founder, 1921-2013**

Congratulations, Barnstormers !
What a wonderful pair of week-
ends we experienced ! The Ford
Tri-Motor visit was extra spe-
cial, and then our September
breakfast went very well even
with the rainy weather.
The 1928 Tri-Motor arrived at

York Airport as scheduled on
Monday, Sept. 11th, the day of
our Chapter gathering for the
month. I drove to BWI on
Wednesday and picked up Steve
Craig, one of the EAA's Tri-
Motor pilots.

Thursday was the first day for
rides, with 5 flights taking place
in the afternoon. WGAL-8 sent
a videographer and publicized
the event Thursday, Friday, and

Saturday on various installments
of their newscasts. Friday saw
10 flights, Saturday had 13
flights, and on Sunday 4 flights
were finished before rain moved
in.

I received a call a few days later
from the EAA Tour Director,
Paul Zenner, and was told how
positively impressed the EAA
crew was with our Chapter

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS For OCTOBER 2023

- Oct. 2nd -
Chapter meeting, 7PM at the airport
- Oct. 9th -
Board of Directors Meeting, 7PM
- Oct. 14th -
IMCI VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport
- Oct. 21st -
Chapter Fly-Out

A LOOK AHEAD TO NOVEMBER 2023

- Nov. 6th -
Chapter meeting, 7PM at the airport
- Nov. 11th - *IMCI VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport*
- Nov. 18th -
Chapter Fly-Out

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1041 members and the York Airport staff and facility.

Many of our volunteers (nearly all) got to ride on the Tri-Motor when there were open seats on a flight. And a number of us had the thrill of flying "Right Seat" and taking the controls for a portion of a flight.

On Monday the 18th, the Tri-Motor departed York and flew to Altoona-Blair County Airport (AOO), with 10 Barnstormers riding along! I understand about half of them took turns flying Right Seat and logging time in a fantastic 95-year-old Ford airplane. Thanks to Linda Nolte for

driving to AOO and helping to bring back the passengers by ground transportation. Linda and I both hauled the tour supplies to Altoona since the plane was loaded with passengers, our members!

A week later, our typical September Breakfast event was a success, in spite of the tropical storm remnants that brought rain all day both Saturday and Sunday. I'm pleased to report there was a very good turnout of our members and the workload went very well.

From Friday clean-out and set-up through Sunday teardown and pack-away, we had enough volunteers for efficiency.

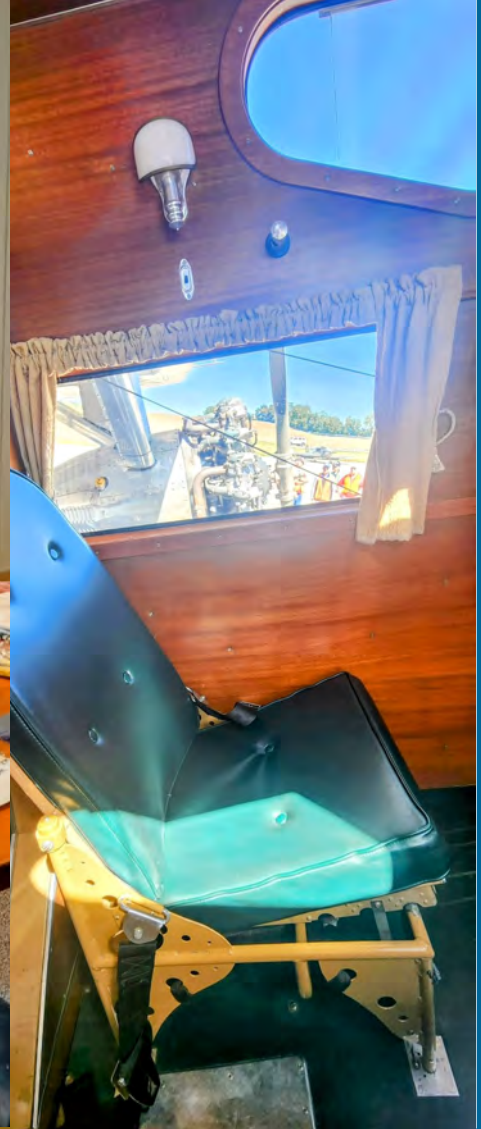
A great big Thank You to eve-

ryone who came out and helped make the weekend a good one. I'm not sure of the exact numbers we served, but it was obvious we have a very good following of local folks who look forward to our event each time and support us by visiting the airport for breakfast.

I hope to see you at our Oct. 2nd Chapter meeting, when we will see many photos and some video from both recent events. We will also start circulating a sign-up sheet for the December Christmas Party. You don't want to miss that evening of fun, food, and fellowship!

Henry







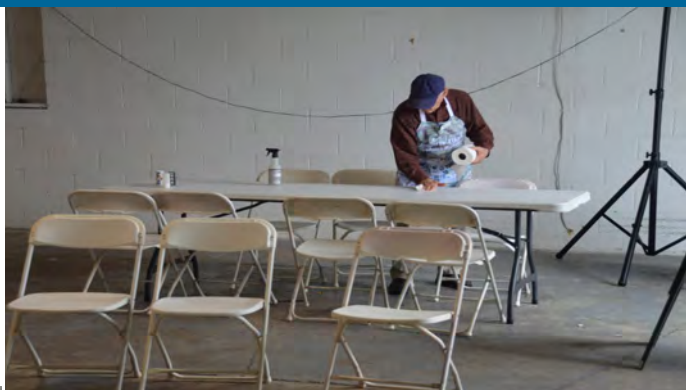






It Wasn't A Complete Rain-Out!

Even though we got just a little less than 50% of our spring attendance, it was great considering the cold and sometimes heavy rain. Especially since the Ford was in town only a week before, the lower attendance allowed all of the volunteers a little bit of a breather! Here's a few pictures of the fun— even Homer joined us!!





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Letter From the Editor

Sorry Barnstormers!

As I mentioned in August, I push the “printing” of the newsletter as far to the end of the month as possible to allow for coverage of the events for the month without a month going by in-between. This newsletter REALLY pushed it— one day late!

Well, the end of August and all of September was the busiest six weeks that I’ve had in a long time— two weddings, the Ford Tri-Motor visit, the pancake breakfast, just to name a few. I was so far behind in getting things done, the newsletter was finished literally an hour before October 1st was over. Again my

apologies. I want to thank all of the members that supplied photos from the events, as well as Sam. There were so many (almost 200), including videos, that there isn’t enough space to show them all.

As Henry noted, the EAA was impressed with the assistance and organization of our members at the Tri-Motor event. Hopefully, this first impression will prompt the EAA to ask us to sponsor the visit more often,

I had been in contact with another EAA member from another chapter (Frederick) and the Tri-Motor had visited there earlier this summer. Apparently, the num-

ber of volunteers and public turnout was nowhere near what we experienced.

Looking forward to the end of the year, I must note that the December issue will mark one year since Bob Howe’s passing. Time has really flown by. Thank you to everyone for your support and kind words. It’s great to know that you are enjoying the content of the newsletter.

If you have anything that you’d like to add to the newsletter— an interesting story, a book review, etc., please feel free to submit it. I will make room for it!

Dianna Moy

Zoom Broadcast of the 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=NVNKU1RQKy9RUXcxdGY0UVNiTjBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 7116 6916
Passcode: EAA1041



Even After Four Months... Please Don’t Hit ‘Reply’

Since June, we’ve been using text messaging to let membership know of events or as a heads-up of an important email.

Again, the reason we started doing this is simply the fact that a lot of people get so many emails that they’re easily missed, and that quite often personal emails aren’t even

checked until one gets home and could be late in the evening. With text messages, it will get to you right away. I know there may be an urge to reply, but please don’t! 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 may or may not 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 remember 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!**

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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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