



# The Observer

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THE GETTYSBURG BARNSTORMERS, EAA CHAPTER 1041, GETTYSBURG PA.



## The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

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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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## The Gettysburg Barnstormers, EAA Chapter 1041 -

May 2023

### Good As Gold Again!

For the second year in a row, the Barnstormers have been awarded a gold level status recognition! Thanks to all of the Barnstormers to making our 30th Anniversary year a Gold winner! Here is the letter received (edited for space):

"Dear Henry,

Congratulations to your chapter in successfully reaching the GOLD level status recognition level for the 2022 year. EAA is happy to present you with a chapter recognition banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at EAA.org/FindAChapter with a specially designed emblem. You are encouraged to use your emblem on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials; your chapter emblem is attached in this email....

This program was developed and measured in partnership with EAA's Chapter Advisory Council

and is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. An additional 11th criteria point was included to enable chapters to bring forward a chapter event or program which enhances their chapter by bringing more people to engage with their chapter. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 11), silver (8 out of 11), and gold (at least 9 out of 11).

Below are the qualifying Chapter Recognition criteria, along with your chapter's points. A one (1) indicates that your chapter earned credit for the associated criteria.

- Attends a chapter leadership training session: 1
- Growing or steady membership: 1
- Offers IMC or VMC Club programs: 1
- Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs: 1
- Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor: 1

- Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey: 1
- Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, Ray Aviation Scholarship program, or sends a youth to EAA's Air Academy: 1
- Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email: 1
- Hosts at least two public events each year: 1
- Owns/leases a facility: 0
- Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship, a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.: 0

EAA Chapter 1041, Inc.'s 2022 Chapter Recognition total is 9 out of 11.

Tailwinds,

EAA Chapters Staff"

With some of the projects we've talked about, we could possibly get 10 of 11 next year! Keep it up Barnstormers!

### Henry's Hangar

"Can you imagine living years and years ago, as a person with a desire to fly but no way to achieve it? We have the opportunity, we have the materials and the desire."

Paul Poberezny,  
EAA Founder, 1921-2013

Greetings, Barnstormers! This month's column is being written during a much-needed rainstorm. It's nice to hear the

drops hitting the roof as I'm typing my monthly message for you.

We've said we hope 2023 will be the "Year of the Field Trip" and we're pleased to report there are two Field Trips already in the works. The first one will be to the Piper Aviation Museum at Lock Haven, PA on Saturday May 6th. Lock Haven is an easy flight from our area

for those that want to travel that way, weather permitting. For those that want to drive, we have an option of leaving Friday late-afternoon/evening and doing an overnigher at the Dutch Trail Cutters Snowmobile Clubhouse near Milroy, PA. More details have been presented at our monthly meetings and will be again on May 1st.

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## UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS For MAY 2023

- **May 1st - Regular Chapter meeting 7PM Gettysburg Regional Airport**
- **May 13th - IMC/VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
- **May 18th - Chapter Fly-Out**
- **May 22nd - Board of Directors meeting 7PM Gettysburg Regional Airport**
- **May 27th - Movie Night Gettysburg Regional Airport 7 PM**

## A LOOK AHEAD TO JUNE 2023

- **June 3rd and 4th - The Spring 2003 Wings, Wheels, and Pancakes Fly-In/Drive-in from 8AM to Noon at Gettysburg Regional Airport**
- **June 5th - Regular Chapter meeting 7PM Gettysburg Regional Airport**
- **June 10th - IMC/VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
- **June 17th - Chapter Fly-Out**

## Henry's Hangar (continued from page 1)

Our second Field Trip of this year will be Saturday August 5th, to the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles Airport. We have a 55-seat tour bus chartered and will be taking reservations starting at the May 1st Chapter meeting. Members in good standing will travel for free; guests will be charged \$ 35.00 per seat. Be sure to reserve your seat early!

We're now just a month away from our June 3-4 Breakfast event. We need you to help! There are many fun tasks that make the event successful and when everyone contributes we share the load and no one has to be over-burdened. This will be discussed at the May 1st Chapter gathering, please be there and volunteer to help at the breakfast.

As we've mentioned before, this year is our 30th Anniversary of becoming an EAA Chapter. We have some ex-

citing things coming together for later this summer and fall, the actual date of our Chapter Charter is Sept. 24, 1993. That date falls on the weekend of our Sept. 23-24 Breakfast, and a week before that we will be hosting the Ford Trimotor on the EAA tour. Get ready for some fun!

Going to Oshkosh for AirVenture? Chapter Camping is open for reservations, you can reserve a spot with our group over the next few weeks. We hope to submit

our Chapter Camping request before the end of May, so don't delay making your plans. Contact me for more information if you need details.

Thank you to each and every one of our members for making this a really wonderful organization. As you'll see in this edition of the Observer, we are again listed as a Gold Level Chapter for 2022. Congratulations on a job well done!

Henry



## Our 30th Anniversary Logo!

As we showed you last month, Sam Kistler put together and updated some graphics for us!

Below is the 30th-Year Anniversary logo, and above, the closer for Henry's Hangar with

our Chapter President, Henry, flying the plane!





## Last Month's Program Review

Last month's program was presented by Jamie Sides, SARA Engineer. His presentation was:

### **"What's happening at W05?"**

Jamie showed engineering drawings explaining the 20-year plan for the airport. Lots of good information was shared and many questions were answered.

Jamie confirmed the current building we use is intended to be there for the foreseeable future. Most changes will be on the south side of the runway. A counter to record aircraft operations is the key to securing more funding from the FAA for improvements, particularly a parallel taxiway.

Thanks for all the great info, Jamie!





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## The Spring 2023 FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN “WINGS, WHEELS, & PANCAKES”

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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 right, Floyd’s Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine was designed by Floyd Armstrong (1944–2014)

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



## Inaugural Learn To Fly Week

**May 15 - 20, 2023**, is the inaugural EAA Learn to Fly week!

The EAA will be providing five days of webinars and chapter Flying Start events will be the highlight of the week.

We’ll keep you posted on the inaugural week and our planned events here in the Observer, so keep an eye out!

## AirVenture Dates

**2023: July 24—July 30**

**2024: July 22– July 28**

**2025: July 21– July 27**



## May EAA Webinars

There's a lot of webinars this month, any are special for the Learn-To-Fly Month. Take time to take in these free webinars and some qualify for FAA Wings and/or AMT credits!



These live multimedia presentations are informative and interactive, allowing the presenter to use slides and audio, while audience members can ask questions and be polled for their opinion. See the EAA webinars site for more information.

### **5/3/23, 7 p.m. CDT—Booted Out of Annual! - Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit, Mike Busch**

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction. In this webinar, Mike Busch tells the story of a Beech Debonair that was undergoing an annual inspection. The inexperienced owner was told by the shop manager that the airplane's engine required a costly major overhaul. The owner was shocked and questioned whether that was really necessary. One thing led to another, and the shop manager ordered the airplane to be thrown out of his shop in pieces. Worse, there were no other shops or mechanics on the field. The rest of this unusual story involved twists, turns, sabotage, and a kind FAA inspector from the local FSDO who was actually "here to help."

### **5/9/23, 7 p.m. CDT- The P-6 Hawk—Museum Webinar Series, Chris Henry**

During the years between WWI and WWII, the U.S. saw great developments in military aircraft. The P-6 Hawk is an airplane that became one of the frontline pursuit aircraft of the time. We will discuss the type and the wonderful airframe in our collection.

### **5/15/23, 12 p.m. CDT- Stop Dreaming and Start Flying – Flight Training First Steps—Learn to Fly Week Webinar, Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit, EAA Staff**

So, you're ready to jump in and begin your flight training, but where do you start? Join EAA staff members as they cover all you need to know to jump-start your flight training journey.

### **5/15/23, 7 p.m. CDT—Flight Simulators 101 - Leveraging a Home Simulator for Flight Training—Learn to Fly Week Webinar, Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit, Chris McGonegle**

Flight simulators have exploded in popularity recently. With new software options, impressive flight controls, and EFB app integration, it has never been easier to use a home flight simulator for real training (in addition to fun). In this fast-paced webinar, Chris McGonegle, a commercial pilot and Sporty's flight simulator expert, will discuss how to use simulators effectively and how to avoid making mistakes that will degrade your flying skills.



### **5/16/23, 12 p.m. CDT—How to Pass the Private Pilot FAA Written Test in Less Time—Learn to Fly Week Webinar, Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit, Bret Koebbe**

It's something all pilots have to do during training for a private pilot certificate — pass the FAA Knowledge Test. While this test has gotten a bad rap over the years from some, the reality is it's a non-event when you approach it with the proper mindset and use the right study tools. In this webinar, we'll show how to use tried-and-true study methods using Sporty's Learn to Fly Course to make the process an engaging and meaningful learning experience, and not just another exercise in rote memorization.

### **5/16/23, 2 p.m. CDT—How to Save Time and Money in Flight Training—Learn to Fly Week Webinar, Larry Bothe**

Learn what it really takes to learn to fly. Is it difficult? Do I have to deal with higher math? How much testing must I undergo? What is the real total cost of learning to fly? Are there "hidden costs"? How can I save money along the way? All this and more in this comprehensive look at flight training.

### **5/16/23, 7 p.m. CST—Become a Professional Pilot; Which Path is Best? - Learn to Fly Week Webinar, Paul Maloy**

Being a professional pilot is often considered a dream job. If that sounds good, you most likely have bunches of questions! How do you start? What are the requirements? What are the training options? How much time and cost will be needed? This webinar can help you prepare for your next steps. And learn how EAA's new AeroEducatE.org website can help you on your path.



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### 5/17/23, 12 p.m. CDT—Getting Back into the Left Seat – No Matter How Long It's Been—Learn to Fly Week Webinar, Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit, Jamie Beckett

Falling out of currency is a common risk for general aviation pilots. Fortunately, getting that currency back is often easier than you might think. This webinar explores the FAA requirements for currency and explains how most pilots can get current and back in the left seat no matter how long it has been since they flew last. From medical requirements to flight training options, and even a few hints on how to contain costs, the webinar is the perfect place to begin planning your next flight review, whether you're current now or haven't been in the left seat in decades.

### 5/17/23 2 p.m. CDT Getting Started in Ultralights Learn to Fly Week Webinar | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Timm Bogenhagen

Ultralight vehicles have long been an affordable way to experience the 3-dimensional freedom and exhilaration of the sky. Join EAA staff member and ultralight and light-plane guru Timm Bogenhagen as he discusses the simple rules of Part 103 and tips for getting started. Topics covered include types of vehicles, regulations, costs, training, comparison to sport pilot and light sport aircraft.

### 5/17/23 7 p.m. CDT Pass Your Checkride (Part 1 of 2) – The Oral Learn to Fly Week Webinar | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Larry Bothe

Get your paperwork right so the examiner is happy. Do your homework. Bring everything you need. Learn the common errors in the oral quizzing portion, and how to avoid them. You have more control over your practical test than you think. Take advantage of these things, and pass the first time.

### 5/18/23 12 p.m. CDT Preparing to Attend a Flying Start Event Learn to Fly Week Webinar David Leiting

EAA's Flying Start program will get you out to the local airport, where you will learn all about your local aviation community and how your EAA chapter can support your interest in learning to fly. EAA staffer David Leiting will help you prepare for this event so you get the most out of this experience.

### 5/18/23 7 p.m. CDT Pass Your Checkride (Part 2 of 2) – The Practical Exam Learn to Fly Week Webinar | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Larry Bothe

Do the flight portion of your checkride like a pro. Perform maneuvers in ways that always work. Learn to correct maneuvers that aren't working out. What will the DPE accept, and what is just flat bad? All this and more, in this detailed flight portion guidance. Includes a quick (5-minute) review of the paperwork & oral quizzing presentation. Fly well, and pass the first time.

### 5/19/23 12 p.m. CDT FAA Medical Certification and You Learn to Fly Week Webinar | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Tom Charpentier

Join EAA Government Relations Director Tom Charpentier as he covers all things aeromedical-related and addresses all your burning FAA medical questions.

### 5/19/23 2 p.m. CDT Conquer the Checkride: Strategies for a Successful Practical Test Learn to Fly Week Webinar | Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Loren French

In this session we'll discuss the structure of a checkride (practical test), and share examiner, instructor, and student perspectives on the process. We will talk thru some strategies to help you, or your student prepare for and conquer any FAA Practical Test. The session will include interactive Q&A following the presentation.

See: <https://www.eaa.org/eaanews-and-publications/eaawebinars> for more information and registration.



## Future of Wright brothers' West Dayton airplane factory is murky after fire

In The Observer last month, there was an article about a fire at the Wright brothers' airplane factory. This is an update on that disaster, and portions of this article are from April 7, 2023, by Cornelius Frolik, Staff Writer for Dayton Daily News

Even though nearly two weeks have passed since the Wright brothers airplane factory site caught fire, the city of Dayton still does not have an assessment of the extent of the damage.

Engineering experts have not been able to get inside the damaged hangars to do a thorough evaluation of the condition of the buildings, officials said. The city hopes to soon hire a company to assess the West Dayton property.

Mackensie Wittmer, Executive Director of the National Aviation Heritage Area, said it is too soon to know how the fire might impact plans for the property.

"It's still so early ... I really can't speak to the extent of the damage, because I just don't know," she said. "And I can't speak to what this means for the future because we don't know the extent of the damage."

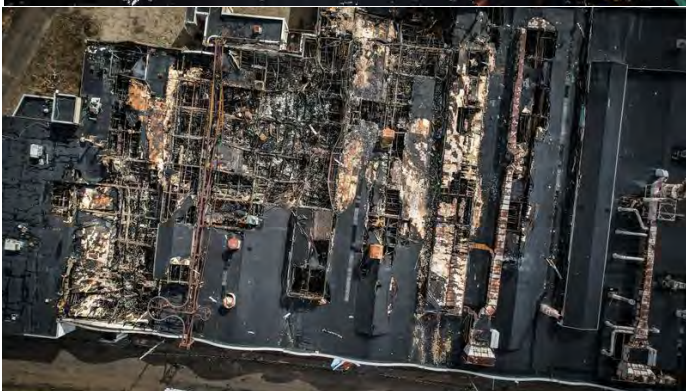
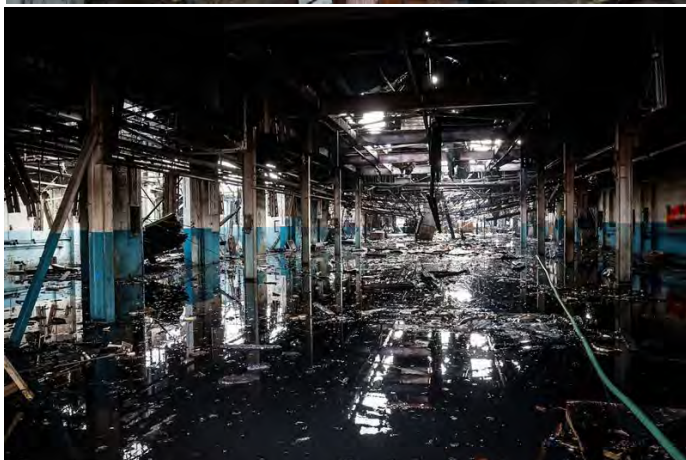
A fire broke out at the Wright company airplane factory site in West Dayton on March 26 that caused significant damage to multiple hangar buildings. Aerial drone photographs show collapse and severe damage to parts of the roofs of multiple buildings on the site. Two of the buildings on the site were historic and housed the first airplane manufacturing facilities in the United States, which belonged to the Wright brothers. Three adjacent hangar buildings were constructed years later that matched the architectural style of the original factory buildings.

Parlette said the city plans to pay for a structural engineering assessment. "Hopefully out of that will come recommendations on the site's future and the cost associated with redevelopment," Parlette said.

The National Aviation Heritage Area wanted to preserve and restore the historic hangar factory buildings to make it part of the Aviation Heritage National Historical Park. Dayton had proposed investing about \$3.4 million of its \$138 million in federal COVID relief funds into the Wright factory site to help with its redevelopment, and the city said the historic hangars (buildings 1 and 2) would become an aviation museum and tourist destination, and the plan for the three non-historic hangars (buildings 3, 4 and 5) was to renovate them into a 50,000-square-foot operational center for entrepreneurs who are people of color.

The city hoped that the property could become home to a food hall, an urban market and community space, and that the goal was to create a mixed-use development offering retail, entertainment and dining options.

Wittmer said that "before the fire, the historic hangars had nothing inside, but the buildings themselves had strong historic integrity, including the walls, the windows and the roof, and that some of that historic fabric has been damaged or lost. The National Aviation Heritage Area has been working on this project for 20 years, and a museum in the hangars would help complete the story of the national park, from the inception of the idea of aviation to the start of the aviation industry."



Photos above credit: Jim Noelker



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## The EAA Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20!



Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the check-ride, and so much more.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area.

Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

"Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process," said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. "Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is." Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at:

[EAA.org/LTFWeek](https://EAA.org/LTFWeek)

## New Parts Program Big Win for Vintage Fleet

Thanks to years of EAA's advocacy efforts, the FAA has unveiled a new program for the use of off-the-shelf parts in type-certificated aircraft. This is the first approval granted under the new Vintage Aircraft Replacement and Modification Article (VARMA) program, the next big step in keeping vintage aircraft flying.

Anyone who owns and operates vintage aircraft knows that finding parts can be a major challenge. This situation is especially frustrating when perfectly safe and functional alternatives are readily available, but can't be used because there's been no legal way to install them in a type-certificated aircraft. With VARMA in place, some aspects of vintage aircraft ownership and operation are about to get a lot simpler.

Notably, VARMA uses several existing FAA policies to create a program that requires no new regulations, orders, or advisory

circulars. It applies to small (less than 12,500 pounds) type-certificated aircraft built before 1980. The program allows ordinary maintenance personnel to validate that certain low-risk replacement parts are suitable for installation on aircraft, without the need for extensive engineering analysis or complex and time-consuming design and production approvals from the FAA.

"This is great news for those of us who own and fly vintage aircraft," said Jack Pelton, EAA's CEO and chairman of the board. "There could easily come a time when a classic airplane that would otherwise be grounded for want of a part that's no longer available will fly again thanks to the parts substitution enabled by VARMA."

The program applies to parts whose failure would not "prevent continued safe flight and landing." While this means that safety-critical components are not subject to this

program, there are plenty of hard-to-find parts that meet VARMA's criteria.

For the trial, EAA chose to apply for an off-the-shelf starter solenoid used as a substitute part in a Cessna 150, as the failure of the starter system is generally irrelevant to flight safety. The FAA granted the first Form 337 approval under the program several weeks later. Since that time, we've also been granted approval for alternators and voltage regulators in VFR aircraft.

There are many more parts that are eligible under VARMA. For the time being, the FAA will be primarily managing the program through its Chicago Aircraft Certification Office, which can be reached at 847-294-7357, but VARMA is supported all the way to the highest levels of the agency. At this time approvals will be considered on an individual basis, although type clubs and ownership groups are encouraged to keep track of substitute

parts that have gained approval.

"EAA has had a longstanding commitment to maintainability and modernization in the legacy aircraft community," said Tom Charpentier, EAA's government relations director. "Our EFIS and autopilot STCs broke new ground in affordable avionics, and it is our hope that VARMA opens new doors for easily found replacement parts. As with the STC programs, we blazed the trail with the first application. Now we're excited to see the program grow in the GA community."



The Cessna 150 EAA used for the first approvals under VARMA is the same airplane that served as the testbed for the EAA autofuel STC.



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## April Fly-Out... Grounded Again



The April showers and some lingering March winds resulted in the Fly-Out group getting grounded once again.

Instead of flying, they drove over to Dunlap's in Gettysburg. By the looks of the photo, it looks like they had a good time, anyway!



## Young Eagles and Ray Aviation Scholarship Update



### Young Eagles –

Dominic gave an update on all the great things happening for him! His 2023 Scholarship was approved! This will be the only one for 2023.

A committee was formed (Carolyn, Jason, Henry, Sam, Karen, and Andy) and they will be interviewing our candidate



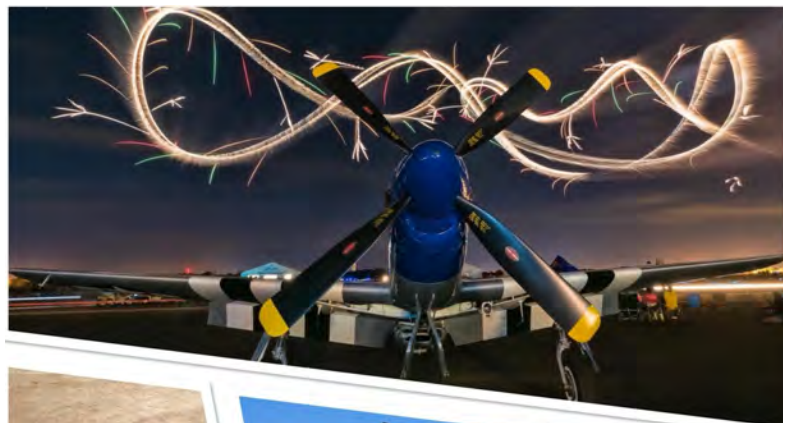
to make a final decision.

### Ray Aviation Scholarship –

Adrian passed his Written Exam ! We will be receiving

## This Month's Program Preview

As many of you know, The Richardson's were in Sun 'n' Fun the end of March for the second time. They also worked for the same company MyGoFlight! Make sure to attend this month's meeting to get the full story on their Sun 'n' Fun adventures!





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(Rain date May 21)**

## REFURBISHING the COMPASS ROSE

This spectacular 80' diameter aviation navigation compass rose originally painted in 2013, has survived chaotic weather conditions and a multitude of heavy and constant vehicular traffic for the past 10 years, is due a repainting and EAA Chapter 1041 and Eastern PA Ninety-Nines have been approached to help out with volunteers.

SARAA (Susquehanna Area Regional Airport Authority) has agreed to cover all expenses (paint and equipment) and will include a supervisor for the

challenge.

How can you help?

- Report for duty for an hour or two or three or more, bring gloves, rags, and/or any appropriate equipment.
- Paint, rollers with long pole extensions, paint containers, brushes, powdered chalk with string, paint can openers, masking or blue painters tape, straight edge, will help the process.
- Stirrers will be needed and a 3 ft piece of scrap wood would work. Great if someone has rope to borrow since when attached to a

pole, a compass would be produced for the large circles.

- Hats, sunscreen, bug spray, water, snacks, will make the project more palatable.
- Please sign up with Carolyn Van Newkirk at:

[cvannewkirk@comcast.net](mailto:cvannewkirk@comcast.net),

to get the code to access Airport Road Extended and the airport. We will be stationed at the base of the tower, next to flight schools and businesses.



Photos on this page are from the original painting of the Rose in 2013.

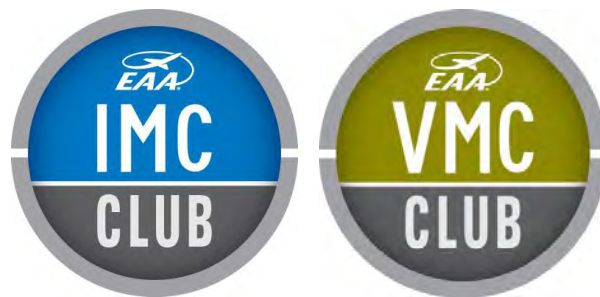


## IMC/VMC Club

*Not an April Fool's joke— we didn't have any questions or answers since the meeting had to be cancelled.*

**The IMC question is:** “....find out the question..... “  
and The Answer: by joining the May meeting!

**The VMC question is:** “....find out the question....  
and The answer: by joining the May meeting!



## What is a Barnstormer?

Barnstorming was a form of entertainment in which stunt pilots performed tricks individually or in groups that were called flying circuses. It became popular in the United States during the Roaring Twenties.

Barnstormers were pilots who flew throughout the country to sell airplane rides and perform stunts. Charles Lindbergh first began flying as a barnstormer. Barnstorming was the first major form of civil aviation in the history of aviation.

"Barnstorming season" ran from early spring until after the harvest and county fairs in the fall. Most barnstorming shows

started with a pilot, or team of pilots flying over a small rural town to attract local attention. They would then land at a local farm (hence the term "barnstorming") and negotiate for the use of a field as a temporary runway from which to stage an air show and offer airplane rides.

After obtaining a base of operation, the pilot or group of aviators would "buzz" the village and drop flyers. In some towns the arrival of a barnstormer or an aerial troupe would lead to a town-wide shutdown as people attended the show.

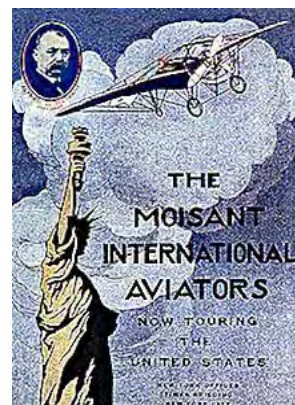
At an individual level, barnstorming "provided an exciting

and challenging way to make a living, as well as an outlet for their creativity and showmanship" for many pilots and stunt fliers.

For example, it allowed Charles Lindbergh to make a marginal living, and he always spoke fondly of the "old flying days" and the freedom of movement.

Following a barnstorming tour in Minnesota and Wisconsin in 1923 he decided pursue further formal instruction with the U.S. Army Air Service.

Cadet Squadron 23 at the United States Air Force Academy is known as the "Barnstormers."



## A Look Back At the Headlines 30 Years Ago When We Were Born...

These Events Happened in 1993

- U.S. / Russia - START II Signed
- United States --- Waco siege
- Space Shuttle Mission STS-55
- Canada - First Female Prime Minister
- World -- South African Leaders Get Nobel Prize
- Nelson Mandela and F.W. de Klerk United States --- Space Shuttle Endeavour
- Space Shuttle Endeavour mission to repair an optical flaw in the Hubble Space Telescope.
- United States --- STS-57 Space Mission
- NASA's STS-57 Space Mission is successfully completed during June and July.
- U.S. Bill Clinton
- U.S. Brady bill
- World Trade Center Bombing
- Haiti Ferry sinks
- Ferry in Haiti sinks
- India bombing
- U.S. Severe Blizzard
- Japan, India, and Indonesia Earthquakes
- NAFTA.
- Harley Davidson 90th Anniv.
- Beanie Babies are launched
- Australia Bush Fires
- Slovakia
- Rodney King

There's too many to list— How many do you remember, and any you remember that aren't listed here?

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## Letter From the Editor

Spring is finally here! Warm weather and lots of activities in the next five to six months! We're trying to do our best to keep you informed of upcoming events, and if you have something that you'd like to let the Barnstormer membership know about, let us know so that we can get the word out.

Communications is not as simple as it used to be. Before, it was fairly easy—flyers, an advertisement in the newspaper, maybe a radio ad, and word-of-mouth. A few years ago, we added email blasts to that list. It's not so easy today, especially with texting and smartphones.

There's several different avenues that we're using (or will be using in the very near future). First, we're slowly getting to get things restarted on the webpage:

[www.1041.eaachapter.org](http://www.1041.eaachapter.org), and if you haven't already, join us on our Facebook page:

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

We will be posting events there very shortly. Those of you that gave us mobile phone numbers should have received a text message earlier this month regarding the cancellation of the IMC/VMC meeting as well as notifying you of the Piper Museum field trip email.

We will use the text messaging sparingly (hopefully no more than twice a month) and usually only to notify you of something urgent.

Should you wish to "opt-out", the option to do so is at the end of the text message. For reactivation, you'll have to send me an email to request it.

Finally, Instagram and Twitter are coming very soon— we'd like to get both of these working smoothly before the first pancake breakfast of the year, and especially before the Ford Tri-Motor event.

The EAA will be assisting us in the publicity of the Ford event by con-

necting us with radio, TV, and printed press outlets, but your help is still needed. There are color posters and flyers for the pancake breakfast as well as the Ford Tri-Motor event that are available for you to distribute to local businesses and friends. These will be available at the next Chapter meeting, and the next Board meeting.

If you need more, you can contact me at 301-717-7412 or by email at [dianna.nicole.moy@comcast.net](mailto:dianna.nicole.moy@comcast.net). This is the 30th Anniversary of the Barnstormers. Let's make this 30th birthday year a resounding success!



## 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=NVNKU1ROKY9RUXcrdGY0UVNiTjBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 7116 6916  
Passcode: EAA1041

## Did We Start Something?

Some of the EAA Chapters (including us) had started to use the PayPal option for collecting their dues online. It was recently brought to my attention that some of the other chapters local to us have started to allow their members to pay for their events via credit card, which we started

to offer last year at the Spring pancake breakfast.

While the processing fee is nominal, for many, the convenience far outweighs the cost. Covid-19 had many businesses going to "card-only", and millions of people started do their shopping online.

Even as we continue "getting back to normal", and coin shortages disappear, I think the increase in the acceptance of credit/debit cards by smaller organizations and businesses will continue.





## AVIATION LINKS

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

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[www.intrepidmuseum.org](http://www.intrepidmuseum.org)  
[www.york-aviation.com](http://www.york-aviation.com)  
[www.airfactsjournal.com](http://www.airfactsjournal.com)  
[www.jerryandersonart.com](http://www.jerryandersonart.com)

You can find us on Facebook as well!

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



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