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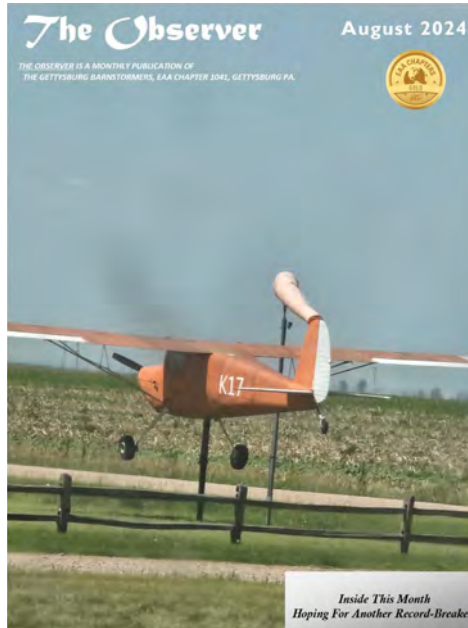
## On The Cover:

The Aeroshell aerial acrobatic team is a fixture at the annual AirVenture event. This photo, taken in 2016 by Dianna Moy shows the extremely tight formation flying of this spectacular group.

## A Sneak Peek at Next Month!

Airport K17 (Montezuma Municipal Airport) in Montezuma, Kansas has a similar wind sock as Gettysburg's Yellow Bird!

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## The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA)

...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

*"Aviation seeds must be transplanted to future generations if we are to see our rich heritage passed on for others to see, to feel, to touch, to fly."*

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

Hello Barnstormers! This month's column is being written on day 4 of what is predicted to be an 8-day heat wave of 90+ degree high temps. I'm so very thankful it was not this hot the first weekend of June when we smashed our previous record number of breakfasts served. In case you have not heard, the total this time was 1,202, compared to 1,016 in June of 2023.

I would be remiss if I didn't use this article to say THANK YOU to all of our members who volunteered and helped to make the June breakfast event a huge success. I have said many times we are very blessed to have so many members with the great "EAA Volunteer Spirit". Not only do we raise money to promote youth in aviation, but we also have so much fun in the process! It was a joy to see the good response of folks who came out and contributed time and effort for all the tasks that needed to be done. Without your help we would not have the active, vibrant organization that we do.

In the coming month, many of us will be spending some time at Oshkosh for the annu-

al EAA Convention known around the world as AirVenture. A number of us volunteer during the convention and enjoy some very nice perks for doing so. If you would like to get in on this worthwhile activity and have questions, please ask! If you are attending AirVenture, please share your itinerary with me so we can coordinate our usual Thursday evening Chapter 1041 dinner engagement.

During August, we forgo a monthly meeting in favor of our annual Chapter Picnic at Gary & Kathy Mathna's beautiful grass airstrip near York Springs. That event will take place on Sunday, Aug. 11th and we will again enjoy a catered meal. More information will be shared during our July 1st regular Chapter gathering.

Please make plans to attend our July gathering when member Jason Pape will tell us about and have pictures of his flight from Texas to Maryland by way of Florida. This will certainly be a most interesting program and will be greatly enjoyed.

Thanks again to our loyal members for everything you do to truly make our Chapter worthy of the Gold status we have been awarded for another year.

*Henry*



### UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS FOR 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-28th - AirVenture 2024!

### A LOOK AHEAD TO AUGUST 2024

- August 10th - IMC/ VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport
  - August 11th - Chapter Picnic at Mathna Airport
  - August 17th - Chapter Fly-Out



### Last Month's Program Review

Jamie Sides – Engineer with SARAA – Jamie showed an aerial photo of the airport property and described the upcoming projects and improvements. Following a question about a parallel taxiway, Jamie announced a

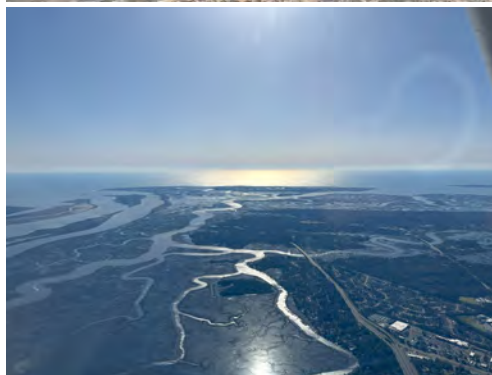
traffic counter is scheduled to be placed on the runway. The FAA has a minimum number of operations, 5000 per year, required before they would fund that project.



### This Month's Program Preview

Our July 1st meeting program will be Jason Pape talking about his flight from Texas to Frederick via Florida.

**"There and Back Again, A Pilots Tale By Jason Pape"** - I went on an adventure, well, technically, two... There, and Back Again. I will be sharing pictures and experiences from my flights to and from Midland Texas. I'll throw in some lessons learned and how some poor planning led to some of the other, other "P" factor... the "pucker factor".



## A New Record For The Spring Breakfast - 1,202!!

One.Thousand. Two.Hundred. Two!

A new record was set for the Spring Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast- a whopping 1,202 folks came to the Gettysburg Airport to chow down on pancakes, eggs, sausage, hash browns and beverages.

Final statistics for the event:

### STATISTICS FOR JUNE 1, 2024:

TOTAL NUMBER: 585 (451 last year- at this point we only needed 431 to break the record)

- 461 ADULTS (last year- 394),
- 124 YOUTH (last year- 57).

### STATISTICS FOR JUNE 2, 2024:

TOTAL NUMBER: 617 (565 last year)

- 454 ADULTS (last year- 420),
- 162 YOUTH (last year- 145),
- 1 COMPLIMENTARY- Homer) beat Sunday Spring last year by 52.

### TOTALS:

TOTAL NUMBER: 1,202 - BEAT RECORD OF 1,016 SET LAST SPRING BY 186!

- 916 ADULTS
- 286 YOUTH

Will we have a record breaker in the fall? We shall see, but typically our Fall breakfasts have lower attendance than

the Spring due to the many events that are going on at that time of year.

Weather also plays a significant factor in attendance. As you may recall, the Fall pancake breakfast last year was a victim of heavy rain that cut attendance by almost half of what we normally get.

Many thanks to all that volunteered to help make the Spring pancake breakfast a success. From the Friday night hangar cleaning and setup, the food and drink prep for the entire weekend, the cleanup and breakdown, and especially those that went on supply runs on both days as we started running low on supplies- we couldn't have done this without you!

Flyers for the Fall event are available for distribution now. Please contact Dianna either by email at:

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or by phone/text at 301-717-7412. Let her know how many copies you need. Remember, the earlier we get the word out, the sooner folks will add our event to their calendars- especially those outside of the Gettysburg area.

The more people we can get to attend, the more help we can provide to our young pilots!



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

**BREAKFAST \* 8 AM – Noon \* RAIN OR SHINE!**  
**Saturday and Sunday \* September 28th AND 29th, 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](http://WWW.1041.EAACHAPTER.ORG), or contact: Henry Hartman, Chapter President, at 717-637-3741 or (cell) 717-465-5952



## Barnstormer Breakfasts Huge Success

by Michael Cooper-White for The Gettysburg Times, Monday June 10, 2024

While they had served 585 breakfasts at the Gettysburg Airport by noon last Saturday, the Gettysburg Barnstormers still doubted they could surpass last year's record two-day total of 1,016. Sunday's breakfast attendance typically falls somewhat short of the prior day. But, when the makeshift kitchen in the airport's main hangar closed Sunday, that old record was shattered by almost 200 at the hands of the members of Experimental Aircraft Association's (EAA) Chapter 1041.

At the debriefing session, chapter Treasurer Karen Radzai said 1,202 breakfasts were sold to adults and children. While some expenses remain outstanding, she estimates approximately \$7,000 was gained for the chapter's support of young people interested in aviation. Thanking all his fellow members who volunteered, the pilot group's president, Henry Hartman, said, "It was an unbelievable weekend!"

Every year, a sizeable delegation of Barnstormers is among the more than half-million people who fly or drive to Oshkosh, Wisc., for the acclaimed AirVenture air shows, aviation seminars, and aircraft displays. Hartman is proud that during his two decades leading the Barnstormers, the chapter has sent three dozen youth to the weeklong Air Academy held in conjunction with AirVenture. All costs for their attendance are covered by proceeds from the pancake breakfasts.

Many of the young people introduced to aviation by the Barnstormers have learned to fly, and a number have gone on to become professional pilots. Several recent "graduates" of 1041 are currently in training to become airline pilots. While still in high school, Liam Dwyer received financial support from the chapter for his initial flight training. Back Sunday at the airport where he learned to fly, Dwyer reported he just passed his instrument rating flight test, a major milestone on the journey to becoming a professional pilot.

Former Air Academy participants and student pilots supported by the Barnstormers sometimes offer one of the group's monthly programs. This fall, Delta Airline pilot Evan Kerr will talk about his typical workday flying widebody Boeing 767's throughout the U.S. and overseas. In a recent note to his first flight instructor, Kerr wrote, "It all began there in Gettysburg," when he was taken on a Young Eagles flight and sent to Air Academy by the Barnstormers.

### **Chapter's Efforts Rewarded**

When the national EAA organization received a multi-million dollar gift to support aspiring young aviators, Chapter 1041 was one of the first local groups to sponsor candidates. Ray Scholars, as they are known, undergo a rigorous screening before being awarded scholarships, which range from \$5,500 to \$11,000 toward their flight training.

Last year, twin sisters Madison and Katarina Richardson both received Ray Scholarships from 1041 and another chapter. "Kat" was the first student pilot nationwide to complete her training in a helicopter and receive the coveted rating. While many chapters throughout the country receive Ray scholarships, being granted two this year is rare and testifies to Chapter 1041's successful support for young aviators.

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The Barnstormers announced this year's Ray Scholarship recipients, Andrew Anderson of Gettysburg and Kylie Keperling of New Oxford. Both expect to begin their flight training this summer. Attending the Air Academy in Oshkosh next month, thanks to the Barnstormers support, will be Tyler Mack. Students supported by the chapter are expected to "give back" through volunteer participation in its activities. All three new awardees were on hand during the weekend helping out with various kitchen and hospitality duties.

## ***Aircraft Galore Also***

Chief "ground controller," during the annual spring and fall airport events, Art Shaw of Gettysburg, reported a total of 75 aircraft came in for the breakfasts. They ranged from fragile powered paragliders to a two-person glider from the nearby Mid-Atlantic Soaring Association at the Fairfield airport to single- and twin-engine airplanes of many types.

Drawing special attention Saturday was a World War II-era Beechcraft C-45H twin restored to like-new condition by its local owners Cliff and Fred Weaver. After making the short flight from their grass airstrip near East Berlin, Cliff Weaver explained the brothers' special attachment to that particular aircraft.

Owned by their father in the 1970s, the plane had changed hands over the years until they located it in Ohio and bought it back in 2019. Asked about their biggest challenges in restoring the vintage aircraft, Weaver responded, "Everything, especially watching the bank account go down!"

## ***Airport's Future***

At Monday night's Barnstormer meeting, a presentation on future plans for the Gettysburg Regional Airport was offered by Jamie Sides, deputy maintenance director for the Susquehanna Area Airport Authority (SAARA). SAARA owns and operates Gettysburg, Franklin County, Capital City, and Harrisburg International airports. Sides noted recent construction of several new hangars by private owners on land leased from SAARA, and an expanded aircraft parking area on the south side of the sole runway.

In the years ahead, SAARA hopes to construct a parallel taxiway, so planes no longer have to remain on the runway after landing as they move to park. Federal funding for the project will hinge on W05 (official FAA airport designator for Gettysburg) demonstrating an annual total of 5,000 takeoffs and landings. Sides also reported long-range plans for a new terminal building but said that's likely a dozen or more years down the road. Since deer continue posing a hazard to aircraft, Sides said, the airport perimeter fence will soon be replaced by a higher one.

Wondering if they might surpass the newly-established record attendance, the Barnstormers announced the fall breakfasts will be Sept. 28-29.

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Kylie Kepperling, left, and Andrew Anderson, right, were recently awarded Ray Aviation Scholarships by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA). Both members of the local EAA chapter based at Gettysburg Airport will begin flight training soon. Tyler Mack, center, will attend the acclaimed Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisc., next month, with all costs covered by the local Barnstormers chapter.

Below, a bi-plane takes off from the Gettysburg Regional Airport during the recent fly-in and pancake breakfast at the airport. (Darryl Wheeler/Gettysburg Times)







## Member Want-Ads

### Free, For Sale, Wanted, and Services!

#### 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 Stream 14-cb111wm with 14" screen, 8GB of RAM, 32GB eMMC hard drive, SD card slot, HDMI and 3 USB ports. Memory has been upgraded to its maximum. Hard disk cannot be upgraded. Running Windows 10 Home, has Google Chrome and AVG Free Antivirus installed. \$125 in original box. Call Dianna (301)717-7412.

Touchscreen Laptop computer - HP Stream 11-d010nr with 2 GB of RAM,

and 32GB eMMC "hard disk". Memory/HD cannot be upgraded as both are part of the motherboard. Running Windows 10 Home, has Google Chrome, and AVG Free Anti-virus installed. \$100. Call Dianna (301)717-7412.

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## Celebrate Veterans at AirVenture 2024

To express their gratitude, the EAA has designated Friday, July 26, as Salute to Veterans Day during AirVenture. They would also like to extend a Veterans and Active Military discount as a token of their appreciation. This special celebration is their 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. All EAA members look forward to celebrating your service and the rich history of aviation with you at AirVenture.

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### Letter From the Editor

Well, we did it. I know there were a few that doubted that we could, but many of us, yours truly included, felt that if the weather was right, we could beat our Spring pancake breakfast attendance record set last year at 1,016. Beautiful weather was had for the entire weekend, and we beat that record by 186, setting the bar at 1,202.

Several times during the breakfast, some of our volunteers had to make emergency food runs to make sure we didn't run out of food! Many thanks to those that volunteered- if it wasn't for all the help, we never would have pulled it off.

Having enough volunteers has always been a challenge, and we've been lucky that we've had just enough volunteers, some at the last minute, to step in and help with the myriad of tasks that are part of putting this semi-

annual event together. Our Fall event is less than 90 days away, so please signup to help us make it a success.

*Dianna Moy*

Just prior to this edition of *The Observer* going to press, I was informed by the EAA that I had won an EAA newsletter award that will be presented to me on Saturday, July 27th at the breakfast award ceremony at AirVenture.

Many thanks to all the Barnstormers, and especially Henry for nominating me. I am grateful for all the suggestions, criticisms, and compliments - this lets me know that the effort that I put forth into the production and distribution of the newsletter is worth every single minute. Again, my sincerest thanks to everyone.

*Dianna Moy*



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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=NVNKUIRQKy9RUXcrdGY0UVNiTjBjdz09>

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.*

