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The Gettysburg Barnstormers, EAA Chapter 1041 -

June 2023

AirVenture at Oshkosh—Celebrating 70 Years

It hasn't always been AirVenture. And it hasn't always been in Oshkosh. And it sure as heck hasn't always been this big. The first fly-in was 70 years ago, back in September 1953, the year Paul and Audrey Poberezny founded EAA. It was at Curtiss-Wright Airport in Milwaukee. Twenty-one aircraft and 150 people showed up. It was in Oshkosh a few years later in 1956, and then moved back to Milwaukee.

In 1959 it got too big, so it was moved to Rockford, Illinois, for 10 years and then made Oshkosh its permanent home in 1970. It was renamed EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in 1998.

Now it has grown from 21 aircraft to more than 10,000, from 150 people to more than 600,000. Some people call AirVenture "aviation's family reunion" — and that's a darn good description. When you wander around, you're sur-

rounded by friendly and respectful people who love aviation just as much as you do.

Everyone is either an old friend or a potential new one, and that atmosphere is fun and contagious. As Paul often said, you come for the airplanes but come back for the people. And remember, about 6,000 of those people are the volunteers who work like crazy, sometimes for months, to make sure you enjoy yourself.

AirVenture isn't an event you attend; it's something you do. It's not like going to a ballgame where you buy a ticket and just sit and watch. AirVenture is what you make it. It's not a spectator sport.

There's too much to put into the small space in this newsletter, but briefly know:

The North 40 and the South 40 are fly-in campgrounds on

the north and south sides of the grounds.

Warbirds—This is where ex-military aircraft spend the week. This area also has presentations, youth activities, and a dedicated shop for T-shirts and things.

Homebuilts—The aircraft of EAA's roots. This area includes commercial exhibits and a camping area in addition to hundreds of showplanes flown in by proud builders and pilots.

IAC—This is the home base for the International Aerobatic Club (aka EAA members who aren't happy unless they're upside down).

Boeing Plaza—This is the center of the show. It's the area where the biggest aircraft, are parked along with the ones that highlight that day's theme.

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Henry's Hangar

"I've had the privilege of enjoying what I've loved since I was five or six years old."
Paul Poberezny,
EAA Founder, 1921-2013

Hello Barnstormers! Summer is here and it's a great time to have some fun with your fellow Chapter members. Here's a run-down in order by calendar dates:

June 2nd – (Friday) – hangar clean-out starting in the morning, then set-up of the breakfast equipment, tables & chairs at 6:00 pm.

June 3 & 4 (Saturday & Sunday) – our usual Wing's Wheels, & Pancakes Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast. We need YOU to contribute a few hours and help make the event a success. There are lots of easy tasks to do starting

with early morning prep (6:30) through serving (8-12 Noon) and clean-up on Sunday afternoon. We hope to see you there!

June 5th (Monday, 7:00pm) – Chapter Gathering, and the program will be the history of the "Doodle Bug" single-place homebuilt airplane that was

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS For 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***

A LOOK AHEAD TO JULY 2023

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Henry's Hangar (continued from page 1)

donated to our Chapter. This aircraft has some amazing stories to tell and we'll explore what we can do with it. Also on the agenda is a review of the weekend breakfast event.

July 10th (Monday, 7:00pm) – Chapter Gathering, the program will be by the Director of the Hagerstown Campus of the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics, and he expects to have a special guest with employment information for PIA students & graduates.

July 24th – 30th (Monday - Sunday) – AirVenture Oshkosh – your Annual EAA Con-

vention, with too many attractions and programs to list here. Sunday, July 30th, we will participate in the dedication of the Memorial Wall Plaque including Bob Howe, who was an incredible asset to our organization. Bob's children and their families will be there for this service that starts at 11:00am.

August 5th (Saturday) – Field Trip by motorcoach to the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Center near Dulles Airport. Barnstormers members ride for free, guests are \$ 35.00 per person. Only 55 seats available so get your reservations to me soon ! August 13th (Sunday) – Barnstormers Annual Picnic, com-

bined with a 30th Anniversary Celebration – we expect to have a complete catered meal, free of charge to members. More discussion on this will be at the June 5th gathering.

Other Chapter activities such as the monthly Fly-Outs, IMC/ VMC Club meetings, and some possible work party days to refurbish and repaint the "Yellow Bird" will be planned. Be sure to come out and participate, it's a great way to make friends and share our common interest in all things aviation!

Henry



Last Month's Program Review

The Richardson's – Sun-N-Fun experiences - Kat & Maddy showed a series of pictures and described their 2023 trip to Florida and Sun N Fun. They talked about lodging, restaurants, and working for MyGoFlight during their time there.



The Spring 2023 FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN "WINGS, WHEELS, & PANCAKES"

BREAKFAST * 8 AM – Noon * RAIN OR SHINE!

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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.1041.EAACCHAPTER.ORG, or contact: Henry Hartman, Chapter President, at 717-637-3741 or (cell) 717-465-5952



June EAA Webinars



6/6/23 7 p.m. CDT Flying With AOA

Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Paul Dye

Wings fly, and stall, based on angle of attack, despite what you've been told about using the airspeed indicator. We were all told that stall speed goes up with bank angle, but does anyone remember by how much, or under what loading conditions? Angle of attack simplifies all of this — you only have to keep out of the “stall” regime to keep your wing flying! Paul Dye discusses and shows just how simple flying by AOA really is, and tells you how you can fly more precisely, and more safely, with any of the many AOA systems on the market today. Not ready to spend more money? If you have an EFIS, you already have it!

6/7/23 7 p.m. CDT Mechanic Crisis

Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit. Mike Busch

GA is now facing a severe mechanic shortage. Simply put, there are not enough A&Ps to maintain our airplanes. Mike Busch A&P/IA describes what this crisis looks like from both the shop owner's and aircraft owner's point of view, and explains what must be done to enable the industry to cope with this difficult and challenging situation. Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

6/13/23 7 p.m. CDT The Thorp T-18

Museum Webinar Series Chris Henry

At a time when many felt that the range of an experimental airplane was fairly small, one man decided to take his around the world. Join us as we take to the skies with Don Taylor and his T-18.

6/14/23 7 p.m. CDT Tips for Flying Into EAA AirVenture 2023

Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Fred Stadler

Learn all about the 2023 AirVenture NOTAM arrival procedures. EAA's volunteer NOTAM Chairman, Fred Stadler, describes FAA-required procedures and shares useful tips for reducing pilot workload when flying into Oshkosh for AirVenture 2023.

6/20/23 7 p.m. CDT How to Celebrate International Aerobatics Day

Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Gordon Penner

Find out how you can celebrate International Aerobatics Day. In addition to showcasing a number of organized events, Gordon Penner, Master CFI -Aerobatic and FAA Gold Seal instructor will be discussing how to get started in aerobatic or unusual attitude training. Video of some basic aerobatic figures from inside and outside the cockpit will be shown such as a loop and a roll and a full competition sequence.

6/21/23 7 p.m. CDT EAA AirVenture 2023 Features and Attractions Rick Larsen

Join this webinar to learn about what to expect at AirVenture 2023. Rick Larsen, EAA vice president of communities, member programs and AirVenture features and attractions, and Sean Elliott, vice president of advocacy and safety will discuss the latest news on what to expect at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023.

6/22/23 7 p.m. CDT International Aerobatics Day: What's It All About?

Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Patty Wagstaff

This webinar covers all the fun of how to celebrate aerobatics — from finding a celebration near you on Saturday, June 24, to how you can get started in aerobatics. Join Patty Wagstaff, IAC member, 3-time US National Aerobatic Champion, aerobatic instructor, and air show pilot as she describes the joy of aerobatics and how to get involved.

6/28/23 7 p.m. CDT Ultralight/Homebuilt Rotorcraft Arrival Procedures - AirVenture 2023

Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit. Mark Spang

Flying into the ultralight/homebuilt rotorcraft grass runway at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 requires compliance with the FAA-issued NOTAM. Mark Spang will discuss the NOTAM arrival and departure procedures specific to the Fun Fly Zone grass runway on the south end of the airport used by ultralights/lightplanes and homebuilt rotorcraft.



Young Eagles Update

Young Eagles –Jason recently flew 15 autistic children from the SEEDS program in conjunction with the Frederick chapter.

Gettysburg will be holding our Young Eagles event on May 13th; currently 24 children registered.



The Ramblings of a Barnstormer on Our 30th Anniversary -

By Randy Kalp

Greetings, Barnstormers.

I attended my first meeting in September 2009 and volunteered at my first fly-in breakfast that month. As I recall, our attendance back then didn't exceed 120/day and remember Paul Selmer asking what I wanted to do since we weren't overly busy. Ah yes, Paul Selmer, committee of one, ordering necessary supplies, checking order after delivery, hauling water, making sure equipment worked properly and disposing of garbage.

Perhaps he was a visionary in that he is responsible for the chapter having a Vulcan grill and commercial refrigerator and mixer! Or maybe he just didn't want to work so hard preparing food!!

Twenty fly-in breakfasts after my first one, we start the pandemic but not before serving 504 on that final Sunday in September 2019! Who can forget the pandemic with its masks, social distancing, and Zoom meetings!? Before the pandemic, our highest membership number was 90 and our treasury funds never exceeded four figures. In 2020, there was no picnic or Christmas party not to mention the breakfast fundraisers. The treasury hovered between 6K to 7K, membership dues being the primary source of revenue.

Our treasury funds now are over twice that amount and our membership is 58, down from 70 last year.

At the Leadership Boot Camp

in March, two truisms about non-profit volunteer organizations were stated: 1) the normal attrition rate is 20%/year and 2) ten percent of the members do 90 % of the work. Our chapter membership is slightly above that 80% retention rate.

Based on this, maybe we should consider a goal of increasing our membership by whatever means to 100 or more!! Indeed, an ambitious goal but for me a selfish one since the 10% would be closer to doing half as much! Something to think about .

I'm looking forward to the chapter having an amazing year with the two fly-in breakfasts and hosting the Ford Trimotor along with our 30th Anniversary celebration(s)!!!

This Month's Program Preview

June 5th (Monday, 7:00pm) – Chapter Gathering, and the program will be the history of the "Doodle Bug" single-place homebuilt airplane that was donated to our Chapter. This aircraft has some amazing stories to tell and we'll explore what we can do with it.

The H-1 Doodle Bug is a homebuilt aircraft designed in the 1950s by Continental Airlines DC-6 pilot Lawrence K. Heuberger. It's first flight was in December, 1954.



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REFURBISHING the COMPASS ROSE

This spectacular 80' diameter aviation navigation compass rose originally painted in 2013, was refurbished on Saturday, May 20th! Take a look at the team as they worked to make the Rose gorgeous again!

(photos by Henry Hartman)

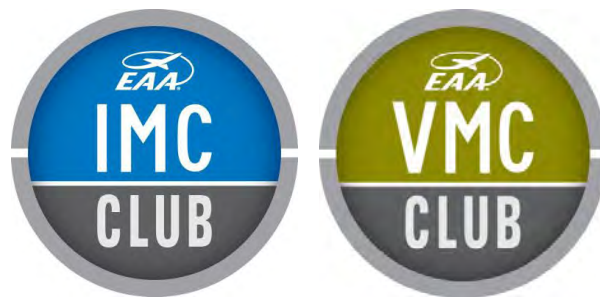


IMC/VMC Club

The IMC question is: "What is the accuracy required for an airborne VOR Check?"

The VMC question is: "What do the large print blue numerals on a sectional chart represent?"

Find out the answer in next month's newsletter!



Another Great Friend of the Barnstormer Passes Away

S. Dale Doutrich of Hellam, PA, died May 20, 2023 at the age of 92.

Born in Columbia, PA, to Frank B. Doutrich and Zelva (Kocher) Doutrich. He was a 1948 graduate of Hellam High School. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Phyllis (Gotwalt) Doutrich, with whom he shared 56 years of marriage. Violet Smyser was his long time loving companion, also deceased. Dale is survived by a brother Frank Doutrich Jr., Columbia, PA and a sister, Arlene (Doutrich) Dellinger, Wrightsville, PA.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Cleon Doutrich, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; a sister, Rose (Doutrich) Leibert, Saskatchewan, MA; and Donald Doutrich, Columbia, PA.

He is survived by daughters, Tresa (Doutrich) Lohr and husband, Jeff, King George, VA and Renee Doutrich Mellinger and husband Marlin, Wrightsville, PA.

He has 3 grandchildren, Barret Lohr, Petra Lohr, Jared Wolf and 5 great grandchildren. Dale retired from Precision Components with 45 yrs. service.

He was a member of High Flyers, member of the previous Kreutz Creek Valley Ambulance Club, York Barber-shoppers, Quarter Century Club Voith Hydro, 25 Year Club for Precision Components.

Dale was an aviation enthusiast since childhood and has flown most of his life. He was a docent for the National Air and Space Museum, Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, VA. He was a life long member of Trinity UCC in Hellam and a lifetime member of the choir.



AirVenture at Oshkosh—Celebrating 70 Years (continued from page 1)

Four Corners- This is the central hub for EAA stuff during the week.

Central Exhibits- this is where you'll find the four main exhibit hangars and hundreds of outside aircraft displays.

EAA Aviation Museum and KidVenture—you can't miss our world-class aviation museum. The adjacent Pioneer Airport turns into KidVenture, which is overflowing with fun activities for the young ones. Pro tip: Get there early if you want your kids to be able to try everything.

Vintage- This section features the lovingly restored classics from yesteryear,

The Fun Fly Zone- This area is AirVenture's home to ultralights and ultralight-type aircraft, including trikes, powered parachutes/paragliders, and rotorcraft. It's also where you'll see STOL and RC demos as part of the Twilight Flight Fest on evenings without a night air show.

Camp Scholler- This is the drive-in camping area that, for one week every year, becomes a city of 40,000. Even if you're not camping, go check it out — some people go all out on their campsites.

Towers- the regular control tower (the busiest in the world that week) and the

four wayfinding towers. They're tall, colorful, and hard to miss, which makes them great landmarks and meeting places.

EAA Seaplane Base- There's one neighborhood that you need to take a little bus trip to as it is too far South, and it's the EAA Seaplane Base. The Seaplane Base is a quiet lagoon full of airplanes and has the most laid-back vibe anywhere at AirVenture. You can drive there, but it's a lot easier to just hop on a bus. It's well worth the 10-minute ride and the three bucks for the roundtrip ticket.

HAVE FUN AT AIRVENTURE 2023!

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Letter From the Editor

It's been six really quick months since we lost our great Barnstormer colleague, Bob Howe. Trying to pick up the pieces and move forward has generally been a smooth process, but there have been a few hiccups along the way.

Early in the month, it was brought to my attention that the website was not updating. Apparently a couple of things were still linked to Bob's personal accounts and smartphone, so of course, any verifications that were being sent were not

being seen. The updates were then discarded by the system. Anyway, I got around that (I think), so anyone who finds an issue with the website, please let me know.

Also, as most of you have noticed, I have been using mass texts to remind or notify everyone. Please note that the number that appears at the top of the texts is NOT my phone, it is the texting system. I will not see any replies to the mass text until the next time I go into the system to send out

another message. If you need to reply, please test me on my personal cell (301)717-7412 and please remember to include your name.

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=NVNKU1RQKy9RUXcrdGY0UVNiTjBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 7116 6916
Passcode: EAA1041



The Piper Museum Trip!

In mid-May, several of the Barnstormers went to Lock Haven to view the Piper Museum, and fun was had by all that went. Next rip–Udvar-Hazy Center!



AVIATION LINKS

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

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www.intrepidmuseum.org
www.york-aviation.com
www.airfactsjournal.com
www.jerryandersonart.com

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



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