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The Observer is a monthly publication of
The Gettysburg Barnstormers, EAA Chapter 1041, GETTYSBURG PA.



***This Month's Preview:
David Tulis and His Tri-Pacer
Go Cross-Country***

On The Cover:

David Tulis took this photo from a wing-mounted camera while flying over the Rockies during his cross-country flight in his award-winning 1953 Piper Tri-Pacer.

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS For JANUARY 2024

- **January 8th - Chapter Monthly meeting, 7PM at the Airport**
- **January 13th - IMC/ VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
- **January 20th - Chapter Fly-Out**
- **January 28th - Soup-er-Sundae at the Airport**

A LOOK AHEAD TO FEBRUARY 2024

- **Feb. 5th - Chapter Monthly meeting, 7PM at the Airport.**
- **Feb. 10th - IMC/ VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
- **Feb. 17th - Chapter Fly-Out**
- **Feb. 25th - Soup-er-Sundae at the Airport**

Henry's Hangar

"Standing at the fence next to the old, white, wooden terminal building and gazing at the biplanes and Ford Tri-Motors was a thrill I shall never forget."

Paul's first trip at age 14 to what is now Mitchell International Airport in Milwaukee, a nine or 10-mile walk from his home

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

Happy New Year, Barnstormers, and a belated Merry Christmas !

As we start another New Year as Chapter 1041 members, we look to all sorts of great activities for the coming 12 months. If you missed our December Christmas Party gala, you not only missed a fantastic meal but also an evening of fun, reminiscing, and camaraderie. Now it's time to embark on another year of more of the same !

When searching through Paul Poberezny's many quotes, the one above, taken from his book "Poberezny, The Story Begins", struck me as particularly interesting. Our Chapter also has many fond memories from our September hosting of the Ford Tri-Motor. Our members who helped to make it happen will never forget those experiences. And, thankfully, none of us

had to walk nine or ten miles to see it !

We will start our New Year with our first Chapter Gathering on the second Monday of January. Look for more details in this issue of The Observer about a very interesting program we feature have to begin the year. Our thanks to Randy Kalp for lining up our speaker for January.

Please plan to spend a Sunday afternoon at the airport for our first "Soup-er-Sundae" of 2024. Bring a can of soup to add to the 'common brew' and also another dish to share. Bring your place settings and preferred beverages for a fun time with your fellow Barnstormers. We'll have an aviation movie or documentary to show while we eat and do some "hangar flying". Be there !

Field Trips – we are looking for volunteers to coordinate traveling to places of interest. If you have a favorite museum or other aviation-related location, we would be interested in hearing about it, and possibly making plans to visit. What can you share with the group?

Looking forward to seeing you often in 2024,

Henry



Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 22

An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days.

We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024.

Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions.

To sign up for the sessions, visit:

www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft.

We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of

building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying.

We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26th, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, and Scheme Designers, Inc.

Visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to sign up.

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On The Cover

Private pilot David Tulis overcame logistical and personal challenges during a 2,000-mile winter flight from Hood River, Oregon, to Frederick, Maryland, when he ferried his 135-horsepower 1953 Piper Tri-Pacer across the Rockies.

Does the name David Tulis sound familiar? For those that read AOPA publications, you know that David is a Senior Photographer for AOPA Media and the “Hangar Talk” podcast co-host.

New friends, lifelong memories, and a sense of accomplishment rounded out the journey in an award-winning aircraft. And you can do it too! Find out how on Monday night, January 8th at 7PM! If you can’t make it Monday night, join in on the monthly program meeting via Zoom beginning at 7PM. Typed messages will be responded to as audio will be turned off on the presentation side to prevent feedback, so we won’t be able to hear you. The link for the meeting is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86271166916?pwd=NVNKU1RQKy9RUxcrdGY0UVNiTjBjdz09>

If your system doesn’t support the link, the Meeting ID and Passcode are:

Meeting ID: 862 7116 6916

Passcode: EAA1041

Photos by David:

*Top right– David flying over the Rockies.
Picture from a wing-mounted camera.*

Right– David bundled up flying over snow clouds.



Stormer Claus Helps to Close Out 2023

As is our tradition, we closed out 2023 with our annual Christmas Party. Spring Grove Area High School prepared yet another fantastic meal with plenty enough for all to have seconds.

Stormer Claus brought gliders and calendars for all, beautiful Christmas decorations were handed out to all, and there were even some sweets on the table. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Barnstormers Christmas Party 2023

Calling all Barnstormers! Join us **Friday evening – December 8th** for our Annual Christmas Party Gala.

We will repeat our location of last year – Spring Grove Area High School
1490 Roth Church Road
Spring Grove PA 17362

Drive around the high school to the rear parking lot, enter at "Door 10".

Doors Open at 6:00pm, Meal Served at 6:30 pm

Menu includes: Tossed Salad, Roast Beef, Turkey, Filling, Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Corn, Green Beans with diced ham, Coffee, Hot Tea, Iced Tea, and a Cup Cake Dessert!

As usual, we expect that "Stormer Claus" will have goodies on hand for everyone.

Chapter 1041 members are FREE, guests are \$ 18.00

Reserve your seats no later than Thursday, Nov. 30th by contacting Henry Hartman at 717-637-3741 (days), 717-465-5952 (cell), or e-mail: hartmansteiner@comcast.net

This is the "Grand Finale" of our year, be sure to be there for the fun, great food, and fellowship. Thank you for making Chapter 1041 a great organization!













The First EAA 1041 Ray Scholar Helicopter Pilot!



December 22, 2023 -

Katarina Richardson successfully completes her Checkride!

Less than six months from start to finish, Chapter 1041 and EAA now have their first Ray Scholar female helicopter pilot! Congratulations, Kat !

We are anxious to see what Kat does next in her aviation career.

Fantastic job! keep up the good work!

IMC/VMC Club Pictures



December Fly-Out!



Three of our Barnstormers made the December Fly-Out. The Fly-Out was on a super clear day across the Bays to a really good restaurant.

We even got Sam IN a picture for once! Looks like they had a good time, and by the looks of what was left on the table, and the smiles, the food must have been good!

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Letter From the Editor

Happy New Year!

Did 2023 do a fly-by on us? It just seemed like yesterday when we had our record-breaking pancake breakfast, and the Ford Tri-Motor visit. As noted on the front page, the 2024 Spring Pancake Fly-In/Drive-in is only 152 days away! The flyer for the event will be in the February issue— we hope to break that record of 1,016 that we set in 2023!

It's great to see that we gained several new Barnstormers last year, including several youths. I hope that

we can continue that growth into 2024. We are currently at 88 members, so 100 isn't that far off.

The last couple of months I've asked how we can make this newsletter even better. I'd love to add articles submitted by our members, such as a book or movie review, Q&A/tech sections, "want ads", "for sale" listings, maybe even advertising for our members if you have a service or small business.

I have my own IT Consulting service as well as being a

Bonded Notary public Sam Kistler has a consulting firm as well doing sign fabrication design, structural drawings, along with dimensional and photographic (ground and aerial) surveys.

This newsletter goes to all of our members, several complimentary recipients, and is posted on the EAA website for the chapter.

Our members come from all walks of life, and if you have a business or service, let me know about it so that I can get the word out.

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Zoom Broadcast of January 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>

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