



The Observer



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THE GETTYSBURG BARNSTORMERS, EAA CHAPTER 1041, GETTYSBURG PA.

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perienced pilot, or just
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aircraft, EAA Chapter
1041 welcomes you!

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The Gettysburg Barnstormers, EAA Chapter 1041 -

July 2023

A Record-Setting Weekend In The Books!

1,016. One-thousand sixteen. One. Thousand.. Sixteen. We really didn't think we'd ever get 1000 people coming to the pancake breakfast. At 11:11AM on Sunday, #1000 and #1001 came into the hangar. Phil Walter, his wife Tessa, and their toddler were surprised as the cheer went up as they paid.

Even though we started doing the bi-annual breakfast event in 2012, this is our 11th year of holding the breakfast (it would have been our 12th year if Covid didn't get in the way). Our lows were in the Spring of 2016 (526), 2018 (527), and 2012— our first (555). In contrast, our last four Spring breakfasts have seen increasing attendance— 2019 (901), 2021 (903), and 2022 (947), and now 2023 with 1,016.

We often had the line out the hangar heading towards the taxiway, but everyone got served quickly.

Not only was there food, but loads of planes (we also had a glider come by to party with us) and even some antique cars for everyone to see.

A flight simulator, remote controlled models, and balsa gliders were available for the kids. Hope to see you September 23rd and 24th for the Fall Pancake Breakfast!



Henry's Hangar

Congratulations, Barnstormers ! Once again, you have set a new record for breakfasts served at our June 3-4 event. Thanks to the great help we had from so many of you, our wonderful members, 1,016 breakfasts were dispensed! That is a spectacular new 2-day record.

You've read about this year being our 30th anniversary of being an EAA Chapter. We'll

celebrate this occasion with our annual summer picnic, Sunday, August 13th. Gary & Kathy Mathna will host us at their beautiful grass airstrip near York Springs, PA. You can drive in or fly in, the runways are 06-24 and 1,800' long.

The best part of this years' picnic is going to be a completely catered meal. The menu will include Pulled Pork, Brisket, and

BBQ Ribs along with baked beans, mac & cheese, and cole slaw. For dessert, we'll have a special anniversary cake, commemorating our 30th milestone. Dale Graves will again bring a keg of delicious root beer direct from Sprecher's in Wisconsin !

Members will enjoy this special day at no charge, guests will be \$20.00 per person.

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS For JULY 2023

- **July 8th -
IMCI VMC
gathering 9:00
AM to 10:30 AM
at the airport**
- **July 10th -
Regular Chapter
meeting 7PM
Gettysburg
Regional Airport**
- **July 15th -
IMCI VMC
gathering 9:00
AM to 10:30 AM
at the airport**
- **July 24th-30th
OSHKOSH!**

A LOOK AHEAD TO AUGUST 2023

- **August 12th -
IMCI VMC
gathering 9:00
AM to 10:30 AM
at the airport**
- **August 13th -
Chapter Picnic-
Mathna Airport**
- **August 19th -
Chapter Fly-Out**

Henry's Hangar (continued from page 1)

Please contact me to reserve your seats, we need to give the caterer an accurate count in advance of the event. Please RSVP no later than Saturday, August 5th, which is also the day we are traveling by motor coach to the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles Airport. I would like to hear from you with your reservations for both events.

The September gathering program will feature an instructional video from EAA with lessons on how we will handle guests with the Ford Tri-Motor when we host it at the York Airport September 14-17. We will be needing 4-5

volunteers for 2 shifts each day and are counting on you to make this event a success.

The weekend following the Tri-Motor visit will be our second and final breakfast event of the year (Sept. 23-24) and we'll be looking for your help again. Please mark your calendars for these dates and plan to enjoy some quality time with your fellow Barnstormers.

Prior to our August and September gatherings, AirVenture Oshkosh runs from July 24-30, and the closing day will include the EAA Memorial Wall Dedication Ceremony and the unveiling of Bob Howe's name on

the plaque. Many of you have asked about the availability of a video of the ceremony for those who are unable to attend. My contact at EAA assures me a link to the official video will be made available to us in the September timeframe. We will make sure all Barnstormers will be able to view the ceremony at some time this fall.

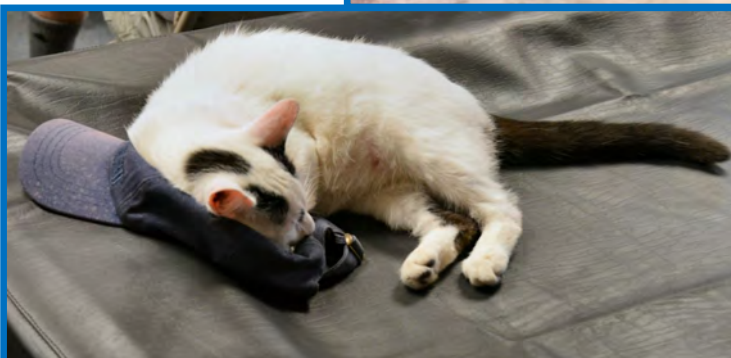
Henry



Pictures from June's Chapter Meeting

(and Program Review!)

Our meeting was relatively brief as we were all exhausted from a fantastic weekend. The program was Henry's discussion on the Doodle Bug donated to us.



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

BREAKFAST * 8 AM – Noon * RAIN OR SHINE!
Saturday and Sunday * SEPTEMBER 23rd AND 24th, 2023
Sponsored by Chapter 1041 of the Experimental Aircraft Association
(the Gettysburg Barnstormers) at: GETTYSBURG REGIONAL AIRPORT (W05)
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FEATURING

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

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



From Pancakes to Pilots - reprinted from the Gettysburg Connection, June 7, 2023 by Deborah Collins

Tessa and Phil Walter saw a roadside sign Sunday morning as they drove along Route 30 west of town, so they came to the hangar at Gettysburg Regional Airport for a pancake breakfast. As they paid for their meals, a gleeful shout went up and they found they had helped the Gettysburg Barnstormers top a record 1,000 breakfasts served at their twice-a-year two-day "Fly in! Drive in!" Pancake Breakfast.

"It's an honor," said Phil, who works for Adams County as an IT specialist, "We haven't been here before. We thought it would be fun to bring our toddler." Tessa, the owner of a local luxury picnic business, had to work hard to keep the little one's attention on breakfast and not the big screen a few feet away for which young people were lining up to try a flying simulation program.

Since they began serving breakfast in 1998 at Gettysburg Regional Airport, the Gettysburg Barnstormers, Chapter 1041 of the Experimental Aircraft Association, have used the funds raised to award scholarships to young people to attend EAA Air Academy summer camp in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. They spend a week there, among around ten thousand pilots who fly in for the event, getting an immersive introduction to flying, making lifelong friends, and discovering their future. When the scholarship recipients return, they give a presentation at the next Chapter 1041 meeting to share what they learned. Some go on to become licensed pilots.

According to Henry Hartman, Chapter President, thirty-five young people between the ages of twelve and eighteen have been sponsored to attend summer camp in Oshkosh since 2005. Eleven of those have earned their Private Pilot Licenses, and four fly for commercial airlines. Henry added, "Twin girls that we sponsored last year for the EAA Air Academy are both now Student Pilots under the Ray Aviation Scholarship program. Our Chapter has, so far, sponsored 5 student pilots through the Ray Scholarships which are made available through EAA. We have also provided flight training funding to 4 other young people."

Another popular program at the airport is Young Eagles Day, coming up on July 8 this year. Children ages 8 to 17 can register to come to the airport and get a free 15-20 minute ride in a small-engine plane, a certificate for their flight, and a log book to record their air time. They also take a tour of the airport with a pilot available to answer questions. More information is available on the Chapter 1041 website, chapters.eaa.org.

Meanwhile, as sausages sizzled, small planes were landing and taking off on the runway, while those in attendance walked among those parked, talked to pilots, and perhaps dreamed of taking the controls. "My dad has that white and red one over there," said a young teen watching a plane take off, "He's going to teach me to fly it." The smile on his face and the twinkle in his eye said to this reporter that he already knows how, he just doesn't have the license yet. "You can get a license to fly a plane before you're old enough to get one to drive a car," said pilot Dave Speranza with a chuckle. He's been a member of the Gettysburg Barnstormers for ten years, after seeing one of their signs on the side of the road for the pancake breakfast.

Small children climbed in and out of a bright red plane with the word "experimental" in bold letters on the side. EAA member Phil Roth explained that "experimental" means that the aircraft is fully functional but was hand built from a kit. He pointed to the back of the hangar where sections of unpainted wings and fuselage wait to be assembled into a machine that flies. "The airplane goes through inspections along the process, just like a commercial builder; it just still has to be called experimental," said Roth. "The whole goal of this breakfast is for kids to learn about flying and to raise money for scholarships so we can send kids to summer camp," Roth said with a smile, "It's about the kids."

The chapter's website chapters.eaa.org reveals their mission statement: "To encourage sport aviation, support the growth of EAA, safety in aviation, encouragement and education of our youth for the development of an area within aviation dedicated to flying, friendship and fun." The friendship and fun is evident from the smiles and conversations among the volunteer workers, flipping pancakes, stirring scrambled eggs, and making sure people knew regular from decaf.

Wendy Clark, Chapter Secretary, happily stated, "It's the camaraderie. We're like a family." Her words were echoed throughout the room by other members who were easily recognized by their aprons printed with aviation maps of Gettysburg Regional Airport. One aproned member, Carolyn Van Newkirk, enjoys working among the tables to chat with the people and drum up enthusiasm for flying.

Van Newkirk delighted in talking about her decades-long participation in the annual all-women Air Race Classic. To find out more about this challenge, go to airraceclassic.org. This year's 2,685 mile race starts in Grand Fork, North Dakota and ends in Miami. Chapter member Doug Laptook educated this reporter about the Women's Army Service Pilots in WWII; Googleworthy as well. As a father of four daughters, he has a lot of heartfelt things to say about what women have endured as pilots and what they can accomplish, both in the air and on the ground, civilian and military.

The Gettysburg Barnstormers meet on the first Monday of the month, except holidays, at the airport. The meeting is open to the public. The next Fly in! Drive in! Pancake Breakfast will be on September 23rd and 24th. Watch for the roadside signs! They seem to be the way most people have found a new kind of adventure they might have missed out on otherwise. And you sure want to witness Floyd's Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine! Really...a rotating griddle! It's very cool. And by the way, breakfast was great!!



IMC/VMC Club

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

The VMC question is: "What is the standard format for the sequence of information provided in an IFR clearance?"

Find out the answer in next month's newsletter!







Pizza Party!

Earlier this month, Dave Speranza and his wife Kerri held a Pizza Party at their home. The party was open to all Barnstormers.

Many thanks to Dave and Kerri for their hospitality.



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Letter From the Editor

Last month we had the first pancake breakfast of the year, and our next one is less than three months away. I think Bob's spirit help push us to be even better than our first record-breaker in June of 2022. Over 1,000 breakfasts in two days in our birthday year! Absolutely amazing.

This chapter started doing the pancake breakfasts back in 2012, and (with the exception of 2020 and Covid), we've been doing this twice a year ever since. The feeling of community is very

present with so many people saying they're looking forward to the event, and the look of wonder in the kids' eyes when watching aircraft take off or land.

As we typically don't start advertising the picnic until two to three weeks before the event, we started getting the word out a little earlier this year, and the flyers for the Fall event are ready for distribution now. The more advance notice the public has, the more likely we can meet (or perhaps even bear) the record

we set in June of 1,016. Flyers will be available at the monthly meetings, or you can email or call me— just let me know how many you need.

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=NVNKU1RQKy9RUxcrdGY0UUVNiTjBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 7116 6916
Passcode: EAA1041



Getting The Word Out!

As most of you know, we've started to use text messaging to let membership know of events or as a heads-up of an important email.

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.

Some notes to remember: the first is that the number that appears is not my personal phone number. It is a special one specifically for group texting and is con-

nected to the computer and not a cell phone. 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 in 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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