



The Observer



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everyone that has an
interest in aviation.
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perienced pilot, or just
someone who loves
aircraft, EAA Chapter
1041 welcomes you!

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The Gettysburg Barnstormers, EAA Chapter 1041 -

September 2023

Touring Udvar-Hazy With Our Resident Expert!

Barnstormers had a couple
of really fun events last
month— our annual picnic
made extra special by having
BBQ catered for our 30th
birthday, and just before that

was our trip to the Udvar-
Hazy Center in Dulles, VA.

Our deepest thanks to Rich-
ard Horgan who shared his
many years of experience at

the center by giving us back-
ground stories of the aircraft
there and giving us a better
tour than any of the staff
there could ever do! Thanks
again, Richard!



Henry's Hangar

Greetings, Barnstormers !

About 70 of our members and
guests enjoyed a splendid after-
noon on Sunday, Aug. 13th at
Gary & Kathy Mathna's beautiful
and smooth grass airport for
our 30th Anniversary Picnic
celebration. You should see
photos of the festivities in this
issue of The Observer. The
catered food was extra special,
the weather was nearly perfect,

and three airplanes flew in. As
the old saying goes: "A good
time was had by all!" THANK
YOU to Kathy & Gary for their
gracious hospitality.

Two weeks before the picnic,
on Sunday, July 30th, six mem-
bers of the Bob Howe family
attended the EAA Memorial
Wall Dedication Ceremony,
joined by eight Barnstormers.
This took place on the closing

day of AirVenture. A very nice
luncheon was part of that event.
During a future Chapter Gather-
ing, we will view the ceremony
that was recorded that day.

A week before the picnic, we
had about 35 members and
guests enjoy a motor-coach trip
to the Smithsonian's Udvar-
Hazy Center. A great big
THANK YOU to our resident

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UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS For SEPTEMBER 2023

- Sept. 9th - **IMC/ VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
- Sept. 11th - **Chapter meeting, 7PM at the airport**
- Sept. 14th to 17th - **Ford Tri-Motor at York Airport**
- Sept. 23rd to 24th - **Fall Fly-in/ Drive-in Pancake Breakfast**

A LOOK AHEAD TO OCTOBER 2023

- Oct. 2nd - **Chapter meeting, 7PM at the airport**
- Oct. 9th - **Board of Directors Meeting, 7PM**
- Oct. 14th - **IMC/ VMC gathering 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM at the airport**
- Oct. 21st - **Chapter Fly-Out**

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Smithsonian encyclopedia, Richard Horigan, for serving as Tour Guide and relating stories of interest about so many of the artifacts in the museum.

As we start the month of September, I would ask each of you to plan some time for our events. On Saturday, the 9th, we have our usual IMC Club meeting at 9am, followed by a Young Eagles Rally at 11am. Monday, the 11th (Patriot Day) will be our monthly Chapter Gathering, and we'll view the Safety Training Video for our upcoming Ford Tri-Motor visit at York Airport. The Tri-Motor is expected to

arrive at York that same Monday, rides will be conducted Thursday the 14th through Sunday the 17th. We need a few more volunteers to fill the roster and will discuss the plans in greater detail on the 11th. Anyone interested in being at York Airport to greet the Tri-Motor should let me know prior to the 11th so I can alert you as to the expected arrival time.

Of course, our biggest event in September will be the last weekend (23rd-24th) when we host our increasingly popular Wings, Wheels, & Pancakes Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast at Gettysburg Airport. As you recall,

we set a new attendance record during the June event, so we need lots of volunteers this time to insure we can handle the crowd! We have had so many good comments from first-time volunteers, be sure to give a few hours and enjoy this fun time with your fellow Barnstormers.

Looking ahead, our 2023 Advanced Air Academy camper, Dominic Drenzo, will present his program at the October or November meeting, and then in December we will have our annual Christmas Party.

Henry



IMC/VMC Club

The IMC question is: “At a non-tower controlled airport where pilots are operating under VFR, does an inbound aircraft completing an IFR approach and planning a straight-in approach to the runway in use have right of way over the VFR traffic in the pattern?”

The VMC question is: “An aircraft is maneuvering at an uncontrolled airport to pick up a banner alongside the runway in use. The intent is to pick up the banner, and then depart the airport area. For the purposes of right-of-way, would this airplane be considered “on approach to land?”

Come join our meeting to find out the answers!



August Fly-Out

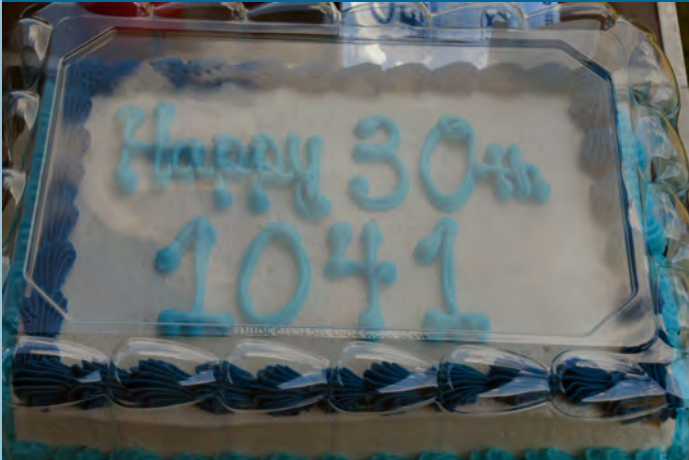
We got another month of good weather to fly out! We made it to Altoona!

Immediate right: At Tradishions in Amish Country Altoona.

Below: Four for lunch at Tradishions.

Below right: Three of the Four that made the Fly-Out. Not pictured: Sam Kistler











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

BREAKFAST * 8 AM – Noon * RAIN OR SHINE!
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Above pictures from our last breakfast! On right, Floyd's Fabulous Flying Flapjack Machine was designed by Floyd Armstrong (1944-2014)

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Letter From the Editor

A few wandering thoughts this month...

It seems that this is the year that we're "back to normal". I don't really like that phrase— I think more are ditching the phobias about coming out to do things in public than they were last year.

The number of events that have filled my calendar is overwhelming— car shows, club meetings, weddings (two of them!), EAA events, and the list goes on and on. I don't think I can come up for air until January.

This extra busy calendar is good in a way though— it shows our resilience to come back from something

that affected everyone around the world in one way or another. I hope that all of you have been able to get back into the swing of things, and perhaps even start something new.

I did, just the other day.. Yours truly will be a "stringer" for the Gettysburg Times. While my primary territory will be Fairfield/Ortanna/Cashtown, I will be covering other areas and events. As many of you know, Michael Cooper-White worked for the Gettysburg Times, and actually lives down the street from me.

On the thought of writing and editing, I just realized that 9 months have elapsed

since Bob Howe passed and I took over the job of the newsletter and website. There's still a bunch of hiccups to get ironed out, but I know we'll get there soon. Bob, we'll always remember you and your contributions to the Barnstormers.

As I mentioned last month, I push the "printing" of the newsletter as far to the end of the month as possible to allow for coverage of the events for the month without a month going by in-between. Thank you to the clubs in our chapter for providing information and photos on their activities from last month and their plans for next month.

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=NVNKU1R0Ky9RUXcxdGY0UVNiTjBjdz09>

Meeting ID: 862 7116 6916
Passcode: EAA1041



Even After Three Months... Please Don't Hit 'Reply'

For the last couple of months, we've been using text messaging to let membership know of events or as a heads-up of an important email.

Again, 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 tex-

ting and is connected 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 the 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!**

www.eaa.org
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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