



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION



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PRESIDENTS NOTES

What is happening now!

To all our members:

We started the year off with some fun aviation related activities, namely the fly-in to LaBelle with a barbecue outside Sam and Patti James' hangar, then a couple of weeks later at Page Field with the arrival of the Ford Tri-Motor. That plane is a truly nostalgic piece of aviation history and many of the paying passengers were drawn there just from seeing it fly over their homes.

This was a 4 day event and I want to thank all members who gave their time and energy. All volunteers were offered a free ride in the aircraft and a few of us got to fly the right seat. That thing is all rudder! If you turn the yoke to the left, you'll go right unless you give it heavy left rudder (ball in the middle). The pilot even signed my log book so I now have 15 minutes of taildragger time. On Saturday evening we had a pizza party at the club house. Len DeNardo ordered the pies and was right on the money! There was enough for everyone, yet no waste!

Bob Ackert did an outstanding job of coordinating the volunteers and assigning "shift leaders", whose responsibility it was to call all the members assigned to his respective shift. Contact info along with the days they chose to volunteer was provided on handout sheets, which also included the various positions and responsibilities of each. I will save this info to a folder so we can duplicate it next year. Thank you, Bob, for your organizational skills.

At one builders' night we all went over to Curt Hosterman's hangar for some tutelage on replacing an oil seal at the front of the crank shaft of his Lycoming engine. It was a very valuable lesson and it was good to see about ten builders show up. These are the kinds of things that should be encouraged. We learn from watching each other. We also learn from each other's mistakes. Make sure the belt for your starter is the proper size! (LOL, Curt)

THINGS TO REMEMBER

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**Young Eagle
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Sunday
Pancake Breakfast**
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**Next
Breakfast
Sunday March 5th**

**Board Meeting
Thursday Feb 16th
at 6:30**

**General Meeting
February 21 7:00 PM**

There is no shame or embarrassment in mistakes. This thing we do is not for sissies. Building a plane places many demands on us as we strive for perfection. Mistakes, as frustrating as they are, are inevitable. Let's make 'em on the ground.

We'll be getting together for a Poker Run which will be sometime in March and we'll inform you of the details as soon as we know them.

One last thing. I want to acknowledge Mark Williams for all he has done for our club. He's not a pilot and he's not building anything. He just wanted to be a part of something. He served as Secretary, while simultaneously taking care of the newsletter. In addition to that he was always manning the grill at general membership meetings and other events. Sadly, other commitments have forced him to resign his membership. He was a valued member and will be sorely missed. Thank you, Mark. Stay well.

Bill Bresnan

BUILDER UPDATES

Progress Report

Bill Bresnan moves to new hanger!

Finally after a several years working in his garage Bill moved out of his home into a new hanger in Punta Gorda

What is Happening

The EAA Ford Tri-Motor event was held January 26th to the 29th. Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make this a success. Over the course of the 4 days we had a number of people show up for rides. Thursday was Press day and channel 4 was there along with the Free Press. We had some of our members see the results on TV and we made a single picture with a caption on the second page of section A.

Friday was a banner start with 10 trips flown. Great start for a Friday! On Saturday the weather



was perfect and we had quick turns with a total of 14 flights.

Sunday was a little different. IFR conditions until noon were followed by low clouds outside the pattern. We did eventually get 5 full flights in and the last one was near 5:30 PM with the sun out and clearing skies!

We did sell a number of shirts, not all but we did bring in some dollars from the event. We also had a number of visitors donate to the hangar fund.



Saturday Cocktails

We had a great turnout last Saturday and spend time talking about flying and building. Sorry to the few who missed it!



The move was accomplished using a flatbed trailer and the EAA trailer. It appears that Bill is very happy to move this to the hanger and his wife is happy to have him out of the ~~house~~ garage (wink).



Bill is a happy camper now that his Hatz is in final assembly!



and demonstrated that this is not a monumental task. Kurt removed his propeller, cut away the old seal and stretched the new seal over the propeller hub. Don't forget to protect the seal by taping and removing any burrs from the hub. Kurt used blue tape. Thanks for the demonstration!

Ray and Bob and the team move forward with the 4th wing of their airplane.



David Burns also moved his airplane to a new hangar in foxtrot. And with the help of our members was able to hang the wings onto the airplane. It took about 5 hours and that included lunch that Nancy provided.



Thanks Nancy everyone said.

All who have seen it are very impressed with the workmanship and detail that has gone into their airplane.

As we all know **Jerry Strom** has moved to his new hangar home in Buckingham and is continuing to make lots of progress.

Nothing like having more than one of the same airplane being constructed at the same time, another CH750 has been purchased by **Mike and Art** and is making great progress.

Kurt Hosterman replaced the front seal on his Superior IO 360

Our vagabond Bob Willaford has moved hangers again! Bob is now over in Foxtrot at the end of the taxi way. Bob is getting ready to call the DAR to review his airplane for an airworthy certificate.

Neal Trombley has ordered the empennage of a Vans RV9A.

It looks like we are going to have an air force here at Page Field before we know. Way to go Neal, keep us informed on how you are doing!

The fly in at LaBelle was a success! We had quite a few people show up and we served all of the hotdogs and all of the hamburgers that we brought with us. **Bill Bresnan** did a fine job of cooking!

The day of the fly-in there was snow in 49 states! We did see a little ice but it was gone in no time.



NEW NEWSLETTER FORMAT

Hey. If you haven't noticed, we are working with a NEW newsletter format. As always, comments and suggestions are always welcome. Feel free to contact me.

Steve Gagnon - Newsletter Editor
David Burns – Technical Support

Chapter 66 General Meeting
Third Tuesday - Each Month
7:30 PM

Chapter 66 Board Meeting
If you know, you know.
Sometime PM

Chapter 66 Pancake Breakfast
First Sunday - Each Month

Airplane Builders
Every Thursday
7:00 PM

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