

# The Tail Spinner



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## NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS

The next Board Meeting is June 6, at 7 PM. The next General Membership Meeting is May 23, at 7:30 PM.

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Work in Washington continues to be my excuse for less than full attention to a rigorous president's column; perhaps you will bear with me in a few more anecdotes from work that include some slight aviation connections.

The now named Eisenhower Executive Office Building, or "EEOB"

([http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/eeobtour/index\\_nonflash.html](http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/eeobtour/index_nonflash.html) or google EEOB) was originally begun in 1871 with the idea that it would house all offices of the government in one building next to the White House. (Excluding Treasury which had been completed on the other side of the White House a few years previously) Sadly, with the onset of WW1 our bureaucracy began its never declining increase, and despite corridors a quarter mile long, the building was soon outgrown.

The building is part of the White House compound. When news media report that "White House sources today indicate....", all those "White House sources" offices are in the EEOB. At 6 am each day I enter the building from the 17<sup>th</sup> street entrance courtyard drive, turn right into the building passing the Office of White House Management on the left, and take a small elevator on the right up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. The office suite I work in was most recently the Office of the Vice President of the United States. During preliminary construction to update the HVAC and communications systems a few years ago, some spectacular hardwood parquet floors were inadvertently destroyed and taken to the landfill. My task was to replicate them, and now to work with the crew on site to install them and restore the remaining damaged sections of other hardwood floors. This suite of offices was originally built to house the Department of War.

You probably think I'm never going to get to the good stuff, about airplanes, but the connection goes back to the beginnings of practical aviation. In 1910, pioneer aviator Claude Graham-White was the

first to land a heavier-than-air craft on a street in any city in the world. He basically flew in, landed on West Executive Avenue, had lunch with the Secretary of War to talk about the defense advantages of aeroplanes, and then took off from the street again! Before I ever expected to work in the building, one of my favorite photos of the event was this:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/eeobtour/photos/past/05.html>

In following years this apparently was a not unusual practice. In Frederick EAA chapter 524 during the late 1970's, we had older members who related landing private airplanes on the Mall in Washington during the 1920's and 30's.

Of course many aviation related decisions were made in these offices over the immediate following years as the US entered WW1 and became a world power. I haven't found directly related photos of those years, but a few years later the famous "Round the World Flyers" were decorated in one of the reception areas by Secretary of War Dwight Davis on Sept 5 1924.

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/history/eeobtour/photos/room231/01.html>

More about the rooms can be seen by googling "EEOB room 232" which is the room in which one of my floors is the complete replication. 231 will be about 40% replication and 60% restoration.

I feel like the kid who gets out of his essay assignment by writing down whatever comes to mind, and writing it really big to fill up the sheet of paper, but it does look like this is getting lengthy. The aviation connection that ended my trip home on Friday was in Williamsport. I stopped for iced tea and a milkshake. Juggling both and searching for change in a pocket, I left my wallet flopped on the counter. The kid waiting on me spied the corner of the partially exposed gray cardboard slip issued by the FAA and exclaimed in an excited voice "is that a pilot's license?!" It turned out he had recently soloed, was working at Mickey D's to pay for his flight training, and was very enthusiastic about proceeding to finish his private. Conversation was curtailed by the growing line behind me, so I conveyed our (EAA) best wishes and encouragement, and headed on home, enthused myself.

Hopefully, no one from our chapter will try to re-create history and land on the White House lawn. But get out there and fly somewhere.

I will miss this coming General Membership meeting due to work.

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## THE SECRETARY'S REPORT; BIRTHDAYS; NEW MEMBERS by Sharon Kaiser

The week of May 7th, I mailed members 10 tickets for our June 17th Pig Roast, which will follow our fly-in breakfast that day, Father's Day. Advance tickets are \$9 for adults, \$5 for 12 & under. Tickets at the door are one dollar more. The tickets were mailed to members for pre-sales. Please turn in ticket money at the Pig Roast. Checks are to be made payable to EAA 533. The menu is: pig roast, salt potatoes, baked beans, cole slaw, rolls, lemonade, and coffee. Soda is not included, but may be purchased separately.

The Pride Ride is Saturday, June 30th this year, because of aircraft arriving for Indy at the Glen, which will run July 8th. The annual fireworks, "Set the Night to Music," will be held on June 30th. EAA 533 will do breakfast for the Pride Ride motorcyclists, historically our biggest breakfast of the year, so mark your calendars. Some years, members have gathered at the hangar before the fireworks with a dish to pass supper, and then watched the show. We will canvas members at the general membership meeting on May 23rd about doing that this year.

There will be a clean-up day on Sunday, June 3rd, following the cook-it-yourself breakfast. Equipment will be checked in addition to a general clean up, to get ready for the season.

Member Martin Green wrote a nice article about EAA 533, which appears in the most recent edition of "The New Big Flats Times." There is a supply of the publication in the clubroom, so check it out!

I have been in contact with Sandy Brown, the Elmira Stop Chair for the Air Race Classic (formerly known as the Powder Puff Derby), put on by the 99's organization. Elmira is one stop in a race that begins at Oklahoma City and ends at St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. The racers will be coming in all day on June 20th and 21st, and the organization could use some help, needing timers and drivers. We have discussed this at the board meetings. We want to help, but realize that the racers will be here during the work week and, therefore, available members will be limited. I told Sandy that realistically, there may be only 4 or 5 members who could help out. If you are available those days, please let me know at the general membership meeting on May 23rd. See you then.

### Board Summary

Meeting held May 2, 2007

Attending: John Flanagan, Brian Jones, Sharon Kaiser, Ryan Smith, Stephen Thomas

Guests: Louis & Cecil Beverly

Minutes of the prior board meeting were read and approved. Treasurer's report presented.

Nieuport project reviewed. Website issues discussed. Members are encouraged to submit personal write-ups to newsletter editor, Louis Beverly. Clean-up day will be Sunday, June 3rd, following the regular Sunday morning breakfast. Discussion on the pig roast. Tickets need to be mailed for pre-sales. The date for the Old Engine Show and breakfast will be determined by the members of the engine group, who will be meeting this month.

Pride Ride discussed. Flying Start Program will be held August 18th, Noon-4PM. Discussion on EAA 602's fly-in day to our airport this summer. Programs for the next general membership meeting reviewed. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the best way to proceed on getting more members out to the monthly meetings, as well as increasing membership. Topics included a survey, recognition of outstanding members, "bring a friend" night, community outreach, among others.

### May Birthdays

Ray Thweatt May 2

Gerald Jones May 14

Scott Johnson May 15

Dwight Myers May 17

Paul Zaleskie May 25

## EAA e-HOTLINE

The EAA e-Hotline subscriptions can be submitted at <https://secure.eaa.org/ehotline/subscribe.html>. Here are a few sample items of interest from the latest issue:

### **FAA RELEASES LATEST REVISION TO AMATEUR-BUILT CERTIFICATION POLICY**

#### **Clarifies intent on use of TC'd parts**

The FAA recently clarified aircraft certification policy regarding the use of parts from previously type-certificated aircraft in the construction and certification of an amateur-built aircraft. The agency added the following statement to FAA Order 8130.2F change 3:

*"NOTE: A rebuilt, altered, or repaired type-certificated aircraft DOES NOT meet the intent of § 21.191(g) and DOES NOT meet the § 21.191(g) requirement that the major portion of the aircraft be fabricated and assembled."*

In the past some people in the aviation community believed that by rebuilding or restoring entire aircraft or sections of a type-certificated aircraft, they could receive credit for the fabrication and assembly done.

Read more at [http://www.eaa.org/communications/eaanews/070514\\_faarelease.html](http://www.eaa.org/communications/eaanews/070514_faarelease.html)

### **59 DAYS (AS OF MAY 23) UNTIL EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2007!**

Useful Links below:

[PRELIMINARY DAY-BY-DAY SCHEDULE](#)

[AIRLINES DISCOUNTS FOR EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH](#)

[ORDER YOUR EAA AIRVENTURE 2007 NOTAM](#)

[AIRVENTURE WAYPOINTS, FUEL STOPS](#)

[SUBMIT YOUR EAA AIRVENTURE TYPE CLUB EVENT](#)

[FIND, PROVIDE A RIDE TO OSHKOSH WITH EAA RIDESHARE](#)

Read more at <http://netscape.compuserve.com/whatsnew/new.jsp>

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## EAA 533 CHAPTER CALENDAR – Events normally held at the Chapter Clubhouse/Hanger

- Board Meeting: 1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM
- Membership Meeting: 4<sup>TH</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:30 PM
- Nieuport 11 Project Meeting: Every Sunday at 9:00 AM unless there is a breakfast open to the public. It follows the Cook-it-yourself breakfast
- Cook-it-yourself Breakfast: Every Sunday at 7:30 AM
- Newsletter submission deadline: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month

2007 EVENTS (there are some dates and times yet to be nailed down.)

Vintage Car Show Breakfast – Sunday, June 10, 2007, 7 – 11 AM

Father's Day Fly-In Breakfast/Pig Roast/Fly Market – Sunday, June 17, 2007,  
EAA 533 Hangar, Breakfast 7 – 11 AM, Pig Roast 12:30 PM

Pride Ride Breakfast – Saturday, June 30, 2007

Flying Start Program – Saturday, August 18, 2007, EAA 533 Hangar, Noon – 4 PM,  
A seminar to promote aviation, open to the public with speakers, displays, FAA WINGS  
program, etc.

Old Engine Show Breakfast – Date to be announced

FROM THE RIGHT SEAT – a perspective from our 'copilots'

**Spouses, significant others, family, or friends of Chapter members are encouraged to submit their thoughts about this activity we love from their points of view.**

*[Editor's note: This is one of the new features I would like to see as a permanent or periodic feature. The heading for this piece is a take off on the heading "The Left Seat" written by Jared Jones back in 2002. My wife Cecil described her experiences in light planes in the March newsletter. Please feel free to provide your submission for the next **Tail Spinner**.]*

## THIS MONTH'S "TAIL SPINNER"

*[Editor's note: This is another new feature we should consider as a permanent or periodic feature in our Tail Spinner newsletter.]*

Louis Beverly's Dragonfly Mk 2



My Dragonfly began life in 1979 when the original owner started the project in Naperville, Illinois. It is powered by a Revmaster 2100, 75 hp, with Ellison throttle body and dual Bendix single drive mags. I acquired the project in 1997 and refurbished all systems since then. This poor aircraft has seen over 2000 ground miles in 25 foot rental trucks since my ownership and has been hangered in Janesville, WI (see photo above from January 2003), Siler City, NC, and now EAA 533. Current status: 95% done with 95% to go.

### HAS ANYONE EVER...

Last month's question was "Has anyone ever bought or sold an aircraft or engine on eBay"? We did not get any submissions, so I assume no one wanted to implicate themselves! So far, my most significant aircraft-related eBay auctions include selling a HAPI 1835 4-cylinder engine and a propeller for the HAPI. This past December, I sold a Loving's Love project, which consisted of a completely framed fuselage and plans, to a buyer in North Carolina. Loving's Love is an all wood single seat race plane of 1950's Cleveland race vintage. The original aircraft is in the EAA Museum. Louis Beverly