

# The Tail Spinner



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## NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AND BOARD MEETINGS

**REMINDER!** The next General Membership Meeting is Wednesday, October 1, at 8:00 PM. The Board Meeting is also on October 1, starting at 7:30 PM.

## THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well, I'm finally getting back in the swing of working in the hangar again. One of the frustrations of having to work for a living is the fact that sometimes the hobby takes a backseat to the other events going on in life. But, since we have successfully gotten off a couple of flights of the X2 Technology Demonstrator, some of the heat is off. A year ago, I promised myself I would start working on the Hummelbird project again after first flight. Since I've been back at it, I've drilled and clecoed the leading edge skins on, practiced my welding, and am starting to weld up the landing gear. One of my co-workers came to the hangar with me at lunchtime and gave me a quick tutorial on the basics of using the lathe. After I welded up some washers to my landing gear mount bushings, I faced them off in the lathe so they would sit nice and flat on the spar. What a huge step up from the capability we had before. EAA national's byline of "Education and Recreation" really is true. I've learned a little just from the welding, and the facing, and had a lot of fun doing it.

During my time away from the project, the one consolation I had was that the chapter, the hangar, the project, and all our members were going to be there when I had time again. I'm sure there are those of you out there who are in the same situation. Remember, the chapter and our facilities are there for you. If you think there is anything EAA 533 can do to help your project, we'd like to know about it. Write a short note for the newsletter talking about your project. Come to the meetings. There is a lot of value even in the simple hangar flying we do. It provides motivation and encouragement. It can give us the confidence that we can tackle a project, by hearing about other regular people's experiences and successes.

There has been some good activity at the hangar recently. Ray Speicher is making progress on his one design. The C140 has been flying a fair amount. Don's champ just got through annual. We had some visitors from the Vidalia, Georgia EAA chapter. One of their members bought Ray's Colt, they flew up in a Bonanza to get a checkout and fly it back home. Mitch from Iowa came out and bought Lou Beverly's Dragonfly. Though I was sorry to see it go, Mitch seemed like a great guy and has a couple of completions from unfinished projects under his belt. I'll be glad if he can get it airborne. A few of us showed up at the hangar to help him and Louis load it up in the truck. And, talk about a classy guy, he even gave the chapter a small donation thanking our members for helping him out. We wish him the best of luck.

Our last pancake breakfast of the year is coming up on Sunday, 10/12 from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Please come and help out if you can. Hope to see you there.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

Mitch Hargin, the purchaser of my Dragonfly, came by the chapter hanger on 9/6 and picked up the project. Loading the aircraft went well, thanks to chapter member assistance. I want to thank Bryan Cotton, Lee Robbins, and Steve Thomas for their help with all the heavy lifting and securing the aircraft in the truck. I met Mitch just hours before arriving at the airport and we bonded immediately during our drive from Binghamton to Elmira. He is an airplane nut and good people. So I am not at all surprised that he left a thank you check to the Chapter on our bulletin board.

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

Expect a Secretary's report in the next issue.

### EAA e-HOTLINE

The EAA e-Hotline subscriptions can be submitted at <https://secure.eaa.org/ehotline/subscribe.html>.

Here are some sample items of interest from the latest issues:

#### **JEFF DUNHAM AT OSHKOSH!**

Rotorway International brought ventriloquist and comedian (and RotorWay helicopter builder) Jeff Dunham to AirVenture this past summer. He has graciously allowed EAA to upload this 13-minute, "Oshkosh-Themed" excerpt from his appearance at Theater in the Woods in which Dunham and "Walter" poke fun at EAA and Oshkosh in front of the record crowd, estimated at 10,000. Click here for [Jeff Dunham at Oshkosh!](#)

#### **MORE THAN 60 NEW 'HINTS FOR HOMEBUILDERS' ON THE WAY**

With some 50 new videos shot during AirVenture and another 13 taped over the past weekend, EAA's wildly popular Hints for Homebuilders series is well-stocked with fresh episodes into the foreseeable future. Charlie Becker, EAA director of member programs, reports that EAA captured 13 new hints with Brian Carpenter of Rainbow Aviation Services this past weekend at the EAA aviation center. EAA is hosting for Rainbow Aviation's 120-hour Light-Sport Repairman Maintenance training course. Click here to: [Read more](#)

#### **EAA 'TIMELESS VOICE OF THE WEEK': CHUCK AARON**

When Chuck Aaron was a child, he had a reoccurring dream of flying on a magic carpet. At age

23 he began taking helicopter flight lessons, and as soon as possible was working as a crop-duster building up flight hours. Over the years he started and grew a successful helicopter business doing airlift, charter, weather and traffic reporting, and helicopter restoration and sales. In the 1990s he acquired three demilitarized surplus Huey Cobras, and was able to restore them to flying condition. These aircraft soon led Chuck into film and television work. He eventually sold the Cobras, the last going to Dietrich Mateschitz, founder of Red Bull and an avid aircraft collector. A conversation with Dietrich led to the idea of a fully aerobatic helicopter routine. Today, Chuck's dream of flying his own magic carpet has come true as pilot of the Red Bull Helicopter. [Watch the video](#). Also see an [in-cockpit video](#) of Aaron flying the Red Bull Helicopter at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008.

#### **EAA 'TIMELESS VOICE OF THE WEEK': BILL MARTIN**

Scotsman Bill Martin enlisted in the Royal Air Force during World War II and was trained as a flight engineer. He had never flown on an airplane before he joined a Lancaster crew assigned to 57 Squadron, 5 Group Bomber Command, in June of 1944. By the end of the month he was flying both day and night bombing raids over Nazi-held territory. By November he was a seasoned veteran, having completed a tour of 30 ops. Click here to: [Watch the video](#).

#### **FIND A CURE! OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH!**

Show your support for Breast Cancer Awareness with our iconic Rosie the Riveter t-shirt. For over 60 years, Rosie the Riveter has reminded women that with strength, focus, and determination, any challenge can be met. Now, this true American icon takes on another great challenge-the battle to cure breast cancer. Five percent of the proceeds from the sale of this garment are donated to the Project Woman Coalition. Get the t-shirt for only \$18.99, or the sleep shirt for \$25.99, while supplies last. [Order online](#) or call our toll-free number, 800-564-6322.

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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 7:30 PM
- Membership Meeting: 1<sup>ST</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8:00 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: last Wednesday of the month

### 2008 EVENTS

May 4 - Flying Start

June 8 - Vintage Car Show and Breakfast

June 15 – Father's Day Breakfast/Pig Roast

June 28 – Pride Ride

August 10 – NASCAR Breakfast

October 12 – Old Engine/Tractor Show

## FOR SALE - PITTS PROJECT IN EASTERN CONNECTICUT

From: [tjcarr01@comcast.net](mailto:tjcarr01@comcast.net)

Forwarded to Bryan Cotton by David Peters

EAA Members - I have a Pitts project for sale, N22JE. Below is a partial list as well as a picture attached of the airframe. I no longer have the time to complete the airframe restoration and have decided to place the aircraft up for sale.

Airframe as pictured, noseowl, Interplane Struts, Ailerons, Pushrods, Steen Aero Preformed P/W LE's for lower wings, McWhite Wires, Pitot Tube (Raven), Upper Wing, Plexiglass Belly Panel, Panel forward tin, Lower Wing Spar Blanks, Steen Aero Lab CNC Rib Jigs, New Ribs for Lower Wings, Plans, Dynafocal Mount, FAA Paperwork (Reg. and O/L's) and other misc. parts. No engine or prop. Asking price, \$6000. Plane located at Chester, KSNC.

Please call or email with questions.

Regards,

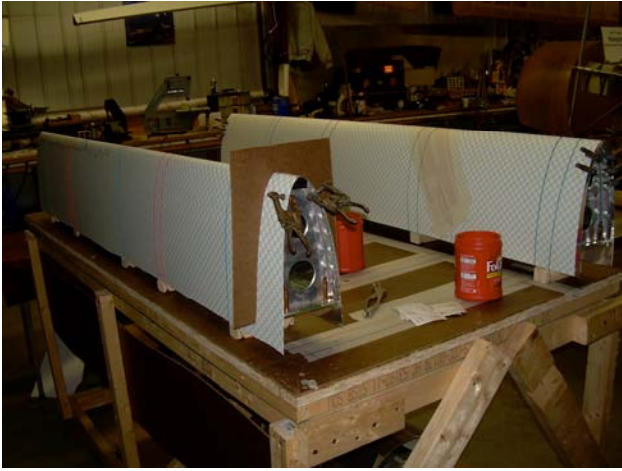
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## Progress on Bryan Cotton's Hummelbird



Initial fitup of leading edge skins



Landing gear bushing right after welding. My first welded part for the Hummelbird.



This is starting to look like an airplane wing



Left wing with skins clecoed in place. Champ and C140 stand guard over the other side of the hangar