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President's Message

EAA chapter 146 hosts a fly-in pancake breakfast each Fall & Spring. This Spring's event on Sat. June 4th was the beneficiary of some of the finest weather we've had in the northeast in months! When Adam Raines & I arrived at Kline Kill around 10:15, the field was mobbed and the pattern was, manageably, buzzing. I don't know what the final tally was for fly-in guests, but I think this was as crowded as I've seen this popular event.

Ourn chapter had several members in attendance as well as some notable absences due to all valid reasons. Rico Cannone & Basil DeBush were there, flying in from Saratoga, N.Y. in Rico's Tri-Pacer. Frank Green & fatherinlaw were there with Frank's newly completed Tri-Pacer from the Mohawk Valley region of N.Y. Nick Frisz and faithful dog were parked next to Rico in Nick's Vagabond. Glenn Guilfoyle had his (I think) PA-11 with oversize tires. There were several past members as well as some Short Wing Pipers that we didn't recognize. It was mobbed and people were already starting to leave when we arrived!

There are always some great examples of homebuilts, antiques, and classics at this event. This year was no different. Some outstanding planes of note were a beautiful Waco UPF-7, Pioper J-5, Tiger Moth, Myers Biplane,

Zenith on amphibious floats, Tri-Pacers, J-3s, and on and on! Walking the line was a treat. It also took a bit of time because the line stretched the entire length of the field!

I was sorry that Bill Natale couldn't be there with his newly restored Waco as well as Melissa Schipul and her beloved Clipper. I assume both had work commitments. David Adams attended the opening of NAS Brunswick, Me. As a civil airport. That must have been a good event, drawing AOPA to take part in the festivities. Perhaps Dave can write something about it. Noel Anderson, who bases his Vagabond at Kline kill, was probably busy with sailplanes this day. I was sorry that Steve & Joyce Sevits were not here. We missed them.

We really didn't have a meeting to discuss anything other than the calendar for the remainder of the summer. Our next "event" will be at Sentimental Journey in Lock Haven, Pa. from 6/22-25. We'll try and hold a meeting on Sat. 6/24 under the pavillion at noon. Sat. July 16th with the 17th as the rain date, will be our beach party at South beach, Katama on Martha's Vineyard, Mass. (1B2) Our end of the year bash will be on Sat. Aug. 27th with the 28th rain date to Garnsey's. This is the event you won't want to miss! Tell your friends and try to make it!!

This was one of the few times I can remember not having to run out of there to beat incoming weather. Still, we wanted to be back at HPN by 2:00 the latest. Here's the thing. I haven't flown the plane a lot in the last few months due to work and weather. The last couple of times, I had to charge the battery to get it started. Saturday was no different. About 20 miles south of Kline Kill, N.Y. approach told me they had no mode C on my transponder; ditto Albany approach. On startup, I turned on the master, hit the switch, and – nothing!. The battery hadn't charged on the flight uyp. It couldn't even be hand propped! (Thanks to the good samaritan in the L-5 who tried) We had to get a jump start from another good samaritan with a car. I now felt that the alternator was the culprit. The radio worked fine all the way home but now there was no transponder reading by anyone.

It's always something with our planes and that something, as I told Adam Raines, usually costs around \$1000. Anyway, Monday we'll get that looked at. The engine is running fine since the new crankshaft. I hope to see you at Lock Haven on the 24th. There will be no e-mail go/no go. If it's VFR, it's on. Many of you will be there already. I think only David Adams will be representing us at the SWPC Convention in Spearfish. We will send out the appropriate gift donations.



Mystery Pacer from New Jersey



R to L: Andy Seligson, Rico Cannone, Nick Frisz, Frank Green & Fatherinlaw



Frank Green, fatherinlaw & beautiful Tri-Pacer



Glenn Guilfoyle C. & Pa-11



L. R. MacVicar & Adam Raines & Myers Bi-Plane



Neat Tiger Moth



Mystery Tri-Pacer