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Aero Club Highlights:

Silent Auction raises funds

The Aero Club held a silent auction in conjunction with the Wright Brothers Dinner. Two tables and 14 quality items were auctioned, including memorabilia, certificates for helicopter, aircraft and balloon flights, and a theme basket. The auction raised \$1300 for the Aero Club Memorial Scholarship fund.

Wright Brothers Award

President Robert Dant presented Mary Wunder with the Aero Club Person-of-the-Year Award in appreciation for her dedication to the Aero Club, especially in her role as the VP of membership.



President Robert Dant presents Mary Wunder with the annual Wright Brothers Award

Scholarships available

The Aero Club Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Bob Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Eastern PA Chapter of the 99's are accepting applications for scholarships to be given out in June. For details, see pg 7.

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Aero Club honors the Wright Brothers

...and the Age of the Aviatrix

The Aero Club of Pennsylvania held its annual Wright Brothers Dinner on December 17 at the Desmond Hotel. The event began with a reception and a silent auction which raised money for the Aero Club Memorial Scholarship Fund. Also, in the spirit of the theme of the evening, "the Age of the Aviatrix," several posters of the aircraft collection of Eagles Mere Air Museum were displayed, including some of the aircraft that were flown by women pilots in the early days of aviation. 70 members and friends were in attendance.

Following a wonderful dinner and dessert, President Robert Dant presented a review of the activities of the Aero Club in the year 2010. Rob also conducted the official annual member meeting with the approval of five new board directors, Nancy Kyle, Elaine Farashian, Juliet Lindrooth, Glenn Long and Dennis Ryan. Also announced was this year's recipient of the annual Wright Brothers Award, Mary Wunder, for her many remarkable contributions to the Aero Club of Pennsylvania.

Continuing with the meeting, Rob recognized the three Bob Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund trustees, Adelle Bedrossian, Jack Schreffler, and Terry Hatcher, who were in attendance. He announced that after

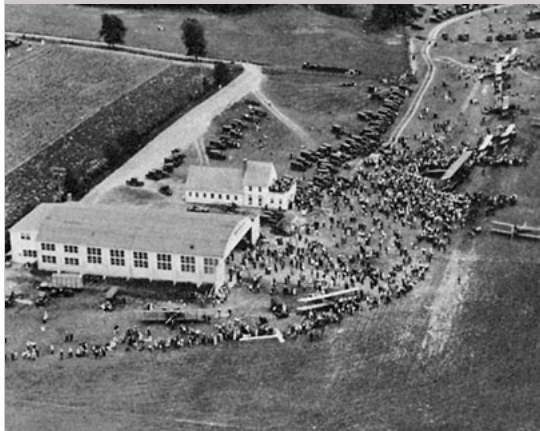
Gene Nora Jesson presented on the first women's national air derby in 1929.

periodic discussion during 2010 with Deb Harding, Vice President of Scholarships for the Aero

Club, the Shannon trustees elected to gift the monies in their scholarship fund to the Aero Club of Pennsylvania Memorial Scholarship Fund. The Aero Club also agreed to expand the scope of their scholarship guidelines to include a younger age group who would be seeking primary training.

Finally, George Merrit Jenkins introduced the main speaker, Gene Nora Jessen, who provided a lively description and PowerPoint presentation of the first women's national air race, based on her book, *The Powder Puff Derby of 1929*. A book signing followed and Gene Nora was presented with flowers and a gift. After a few final words, the event adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Highlight: Pitcairn Airfield, Bryn Athyn, PA



The first Pitcairn Airfield was located near the Pitcairn estate in Bryn Athyn, PA, north of Philadelphia, and was home to Harold Pitcairn's early autogiro development. This photo was taken during the grand opening in 1924. Next to the large hangar was the clubhouse building for the Aero Club of Pennsylvania. An estimated 20,000 spectators were on hand to witness the airshow event. This photo was taken from Frank Kingston Smiths' book, "Legacy of Wings" about Harold Pitcairn.



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The Aero Club of Pennsylvania was formed in 1909 to encourage and promote aviation in Pennsylvania and the Greater Delaware Valley. We are both a social and civic organization which plans field trips, holds an annual dinner, sponsors presentations, awards aviation scholarships, and produces this quarterly newsletter.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Robert Dant

What more is there to say about this year's Wright Brothers Dinner? Beside the joy I get from wearing my French nickers and button down suspenders, I thought we had a wonderful evening!

We had a surprisingly successful silent auction, thanks to our coordinator Denise Burke and many others who helped and who donated wonderful items. We had a really great menu, thanks to Debbie Harding and Mary Wunder. Thanks go to the many people who help put the event together, including Nancy Kyle, Jim Kilduff, and in particular, George Jenkins, who recruited, and provided lodging and hospitality to our speaker. And to George for sponsoring the aircraft displays and to Juliet Lindrooth for producing them.

We were honored with the presence of the Bob Shannon Scholarship Trustees who have done so much for so long to help the Aero Club and to provide scholarships to young aviators. And we were blessed with a wonderful speaker, Gene Nora Jesson, all the way from Boise, Idaho and introduced by our own George Jenkins. We all hope that you will join us again next year on December 17 at the Desmond Hotel.

But, the fun does not stop with the annual dinner. Our planning committee is already organizing more events, starting with a special showing of the acclaimed documentary, "Breaking Through the Clouds," to include a wine and cheese reception and attendance by the producer, Heather Taylor. We will also be planning other events, the highlight which will be a visit to the Air Mobility Museum at Dover Air Force Base.

Stay tuned for other events, which we will advertise on our web site and via our email list. If you have not gotten our email announcements and wish to get them, please send your latest email address to aeroclubpa@aol.com.

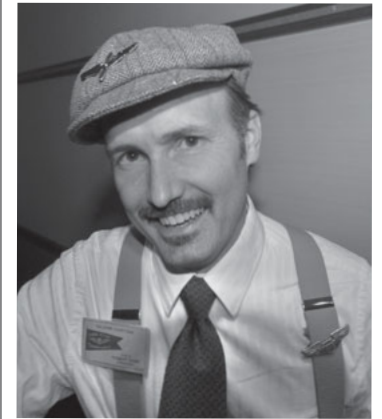
BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Nancy Kyle, Secretary

The Aero Club Board of Directors met at PACC at Wings Field on January 20. President Rob Dant welcomed five new board members.

Nancy Kyle presented the minutes from the October meeting and the Business Meeting held at the Wright Brothers Dinner. Then the group discussed financials, membership and newsletter details. Mary Wunder reported 105 paid members of the club as of the new year. Renewal reminders are being sent.

Deb Harding presented status of the Scholarship awards program. New applications will be available this month on the Aero Club website.



Yours truly in period garb.

The board talked about the success of the dinner and silent auction which raised over \$1,300 for the Scholarship Fund. Everyone agreed that the event was very enjoyable.

Discussion ensued on Special Events, beginning with our upcoming March 3 Presentation. And, Walt Ellis offered additional ideas for the new year. Announcements will be made via the Aero Club e-mail list.

The meeting adjourned for dinner and a presentation by Nancy Kyle on her trip down into the Grand Canyon by helicopter.

AVIATION CALENDAR

MARCH

- 03 **Aero Club** Film Presentation, Wine & Cheese Tasting
- 05 Fly-in/Drive-in BBQ, American Flyers, Morristown (MMU)
- 13 "Save the Airport" Rally, Queen City Airport (XLL)
- 29-03 Sun'n Fun Fly-In; Lakeland Florida

APRIL

- 02 Fly-in/Drive-in BBQ, American Flyers, Morristown (MMU)
- 09 **Aero Club** Visit to the Air Mobility Museum, Dover, DE
- 21 **Aero Club** Board of Directors Mtg, Thursday, 6PM, PACC

MAY

- 01 **Last day** to submit scholarship applications
- 08 EAA Chapter 287 Pancake Breakfast, Woodbine, NJ (1N4)
- 14 **Scholarship Interviews**, Brandywine Airport (OQN)
- 14 EAA 240 Pancake Bfst & RV Fly-In, New Garden (N57)
- 28-29 Wheels & Wings Airshow, Millville, NJ (MIV)

JUNE

- 03-05 Reading WWII Weekend, Reading, PA (RDG)
- 11-12 New Garden Airshow (N57), newgardenflyingfield.com
- 22-25 Sentimental Journey Cub Fly-in, Lock Haven, PA (LHV)
- 16 **Annual Scholarship Dinner**, Thursday, 6PM, PACC
- 17-18 Chester County Balloon Festival, www.WBYA.org
at Embreeville Sports Complex, Rt 162, Embreeville, PA

Board of Directors Dinner, April 21, 2010

Wings Field, Philadelphia Aviation Country Club

Following the board meeting at 6PM, Al Beerley and Denise Burke will present on their trip to the exclusive Apollo 14, 40th Anniversary Soirée at the Kennedy Space Center in January 2011. This once-in-a-lifetime event was limited to only 50 tickets and was attended by Neil Armstrong, Gene Cernan, Fred Haise, Jim Lovell, Edgar Mitchell and other astronauts.

Dinner (optional) begins at 7PM and the presentation begins around 8PM. Contact Rob Dant (rdant@mindspring.com) to announce your intention to attend. Dinner is around \$35 per person, plus drinks. Attire at PACC is business casual.

N.A.A. Charter found

According to our archives, the Aero Club of Pennsylvania was one of the first chapter organizations of the National Aeronautical Associate (then the Aero Club of America). We wer part of the "First NAA Flying Unit". This would have been around 1910. In 1966, then President Dr. Terry Wood and member Pete Wood helped re-establish our connection with N.A.A. and had our Certificate of Charter reissued. That certificate, mounted in a frame and dated December 17, 1966, was recovered from the now defunct Colonial Flying Corps Museum at New Garden Airport. We thank the Duponts for keeping good care of it over the years. The certificate will be displayed in the "Aero Club Room" at the Philadelphia Aviation Country Club at Wings Field. Thanks to our own Pete Wood for pointing us to this document and to Donald Hershey for recovering it for us.



Special Event: Wine Tasting and Aviation Documentary

Sponsored by the Aero Club of PA and the American Helicopter Museum
Thursday, March 3, 2010, 6:30PM-9:30PM
American Helicopter Museum, West Chester, PA

Join us to celebrate 100 years of women in aviation with this special opportunity to meet Heather Taylor, producer of the film "Breaking Through The Clouds", a documentary, years in the making, that tells the story of the twenty women who flew the first women's national air derby in 1929. We will start with a unique wine and hors d'oeuvres reception emphasizing wines with aviation-related labels. You'll have a chance to mingle with fellow aviation buffs and to wander the largest collection of helicopters in any museum in the nation.

As if that was not enough, stay for all or part of our private-viewing of the 90-minute documentary that is featured in the December issue of General Aviation News. It showcases rare film footage of the 1929 air race, including aerial recreations using planes like the women flew in the derby. Executive producer Heather Taylor will introduce her film which provides rarely before seen images, interviews with legendary pilots Elinor Smith and Patty Wagstaff, and discussions with family members of the pilots and aviation historians.

Limited seating. \$29 in advance or \$35 at the door if seating still available.

For more details: <http://www.aeroclubpa.org>



The aviatrixes and the making of the documentary.

Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission Meeting Report

Airport News

December 17, 2009
By Robert Dant



PHILADELPHIA INTERNATIONAL [PHL]

The F.A.A. approved the airport's long-term Capacity Enhancement Program which includes the construction of a third parallel runway 9-27. The expansion would take place over the next 12 years and would include a new Air Traffic Control tower and a relocated U.P.S. Facility, the location of which would require acquisition of land from Tinicum Township.

NORTHEAST PHILADELPHIA [PNE]

A taxiway project will begin in April.

BRANDYWINE [OQN]

The Taxiway Safety Area improvements project is awaiting approval of night work from the Township. Bidding will start when the approval is received. The new airport beacon is operational. The apron drainage project has been submitted to the Pennsylvania Bureau of Aviation for design review.

CAMDEN COUNTY [19N]

Apron rehab, security fence and fuel farm need final inspections in order to close the projects out. The owner has turned down a grant offer for runway widening and lighting due to the increased local funding requirement by the state of New Jersey.

CECIL COUNTY [58M]

The new terminal building is com-

plete. The demolition of older terminal building is scheduled in early 2011. The final taxiway extension will begin sometime after old terminal is gone. The new 10-unit T-hangar building and the storm water management projects are complete. The runway extension has been submitted to the country and Maryland Aviation Administration for approval. Construction will occur over the next three years. The airport continues to pursue independent F.A.A recognition and the conversion from private ownership to public.

CROSS KEYS [17N]

The threshold relocation and lighting design has been submitted to the township and Conservation District for approval. It will include runway and taxiway lighting and PAPI's. The airport will be a candidate for a future A.W.O.S. as part of a program to add weather reporting to 15 New Jersey airports.

DOYLESTOWN [DYL]

The pavement rehab began in November, but winter conditions have delayed work until April. The work will include crack sealing and some rejuvenation of the apron area.

NEW CASTLE [ILG]

Taxiway H project will connect the airport to 38-acre parcel adjacent to and south of the airport. EMAS (Emergency Materials Arrestor System) project complete on Runway 1.

PERKIOMEN VALLEY [N10]

The airport has received a Grant Tentative Allocation for Phase 2 obstruction removal. The airport hazard zoning ordinance passed in December. A five degree PAPI is proposed for runway 27.

WINGS FIELD [LOM]

Construction is complete on the Snow Removal Equipment building. An approval was obtained for an adjacent recreational trail. The airport will provide the right of way and has offered to pay for the trail.

WILLOW GROVE [NXX]

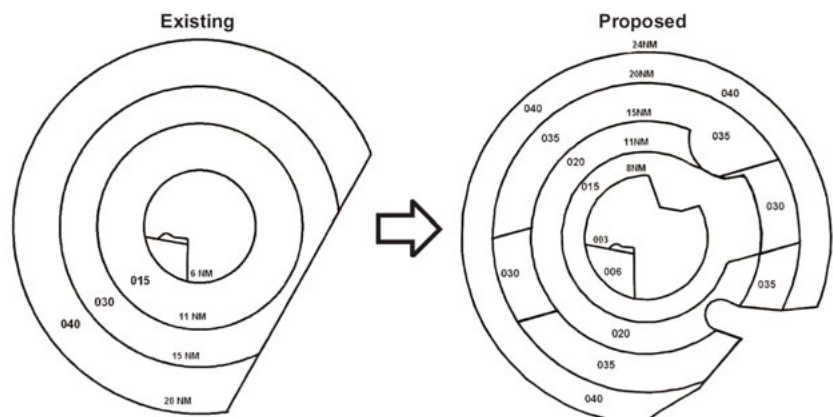
The plans for an Emergency Preparedness Facility fell through along with possible use by corporations associated with the emergency preparedness business. 892 acres are identified as redevelopable by the Horsham Land and Reuse Authority. The possibility of retaining the runway for future use remains, but many other parties are proposing other uses for the area. Interested parties with proposals for developing the parcel must present ideas to the Horsham authority by March. In October, a drug company proposed to base their national headquarters there, with use of the runway. That proposal was initially rejected by Horsham and Warrington Townships and the corporation decided to move near Philly Northeast Airport. The Navy moves out completely by September 2011.

NEW JERSEY AWOS PROGRAM

The DVRPC has helped the New Jersey D.O.T. plan the installation of new AWOS weather reporting stations at 15 New Jersey airports. The first AWOS was recently installed at Princeton Airport. The 15 airports selected to receive the AWOS are: Alexandria, Blairstown, Central New Jersey Regional, Cross Keys, Flying W, Greenwood Lake, Hammonton Municipal, Lakewood, Lincoln Park, Old Bridge, Princeton, Sky Manor, Solberg-Hunterdon, Spitfire Aerodrome, and Trenton-Robbinsville.

Philadelphia Class B Airspace redesign meetings

Meetings for pilots to comment about the proposed changes to Philly's Class B airspace are going on throughout the month of February at airports around the region. The airspace change would likely include an expansion from a 20-NM radius to 24-NM and would add and lower airspace to the southeast of Philadelphia to help contain airline operations inside the Class B on arrivals. A cutout is included for parachute operations at Cross Keys Airport in New Jersey. The ceiling of Class B would remain at the current 7000 feet. Information about the meetings is available at www.aopa.org/advocacy.



What a coincidence!

Aviation History by James A. Kilduff

A great series of personal coincidences revealed themselves at the Annual Wright Brothers dinner at the Desmond Hotel on December 17, 2010, starting with a book resting on the silent auction table.

Know the name Fred Pangborn? No? Neither do most pilots, or most civilians for that matter. Well, here is the short version of his story:

In 1929, Fred Pangborn took off from the beach at Sabishiro, Japan, and flew nonstop across the Pacific Ocean to Wenatchee, Washington, home of his family, completing the first non-stop crossing of the Pacific Ocean by air.

The flight ended in a controlled crash landing, as Pangborn jettisoned his landing gear an hour after take-off to decrease drag, and increase speed and range.

What relevance is this to being part of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania? Pangborn made his flight in a Bellanca, built just down the road in nearby Delaware by

Giuseppe Bellanca, an airplane genius of the 20's and 30's. Aero Club members visited the Bellanca factory, now a museum, in spring of 2010. And there I learned for the first time, about this record setting voyage.

Later in the summer, we flew to the Eagles Mere Aviation Museum, owned by our member George Jenkins. Featured in his marvelous collection of golden era, 20's and 30's planes is? Yep, a Bellanca, which turns out to be a sister ship

“But for that failure... Bellanca would be the world’s most famous manufacturer”

Charles Lindbergh tried to buy a Bellanca. He was unsuccessful in making the deal and the Bellanca was sold to another cross-Atlantic

team, and later flew the first transatlantic flight from the US to Berlin, Germany. But for that failure to sell the aircraft to

Lindbergh, Bellanca would be the world's most famous manufacturer, having conquered both the single handed Atlantic record and the Pacific crossing record!

And the crowning coincidence of all this is? To my utter surprise, the book I saw on the table up for auction was none other than “Upside Down Pangborn” on the life of Fred Pangborn. I could only think to myself, how broad a reach the Aero Club of Pennsylvania has into aviation posterity, and how we are part of the history that the club continues to honor and to make!

For further reading, see these two entries on en.wikipedia.org:

“Clyde Edward Pangborn”
“AviaBellanca Aircraft”



1930 CH-400 Bellanca Skyrocket at Eagles Mere Aviation Museum

to the one that Fred Pangborn flew across the pacifig. Incidentally, Pangborn’s plane was later restored by an Italian doctor who wanted to fly the Atlantic to

Italy. It disappeared over water and was never heard from again.

Before he met the Ryan Aircraft Company of San Diego, California,

Photos from the Wright Brothers Dinner



Display posters of restored aircraft at Eagle Mere Aviation Museum

President Rob Dant thanking our special guest speaker Gene Nora Jesson



Silent Auction Table

Remembering the First Air Voyage in America

Aviation History by Debbie Harding

In 1783, after viewing an unmanned gas balloon flight, when someone asked him what good is a balloon, Benjamin Franklin quipped "what good is a newborn baby?" Shortly afterwards he was quoted as saying "A few months [ago] the idea of witches riding thro the air upon a broomstick and that of philosophers upon a bag of smoke, would have appeared impossible and ridiculous" after witnessing the first hot air voyage in France by the Montgolfier Brothers. This statement of course being the one on which the Aero Club of Pennsylvania logo is based.

Due to that sentiment and support of President George Washington, Frenchman Jean Pierre Blanchard chose Philadelphia, then capital of the United States, for his 45th ascension in a gas balloon and what would become the "First Air Voyage in America."

Since Mr. Blanchard spoke no English, Washington provided him with a "passport" in the form of a letter of introduction to take with him, asking anyone to give aid if needed during Blanchard's journey and his return. It served Mr. Blanchard well and become the first air mail in America.

On January 9th, 1793 at 10:00 in the morning, with that letter and a little black dog on board, Blanchard lifted off from the Walnut Street prison grounds just south of Independence Hall. The balloon reached 5812 feet and traveled 15 miles (9 as the crow flies) in 46 minutes, landing in a small clearing in the woods east of Woodbury, New Jer-



Ink drawing of the departure from the prison yard and the inscription on the plaque in the Penn Mutual Towers.

sey. He documented the event by writing a journal that was published in Philadelphia that year. In it he recounts that Washington's letter and some "conciliatory juice

of the grape", proffered to those who saw his landing, gave him passage back to the city.

Copies of Blanchard's journal were rarities by 1943, so Penn Mutual life Insurance Company, which had taken special interest in this event due to the fact that the ascension was made from the spot where their home office once stood, reprinted the journal. They also placed a wooden plaque in the corridor of the home office to mark the historic site.

Although we have not done so in awhile, the Aero Club of Pennsylvania has had a tradition each January 9, of visiting the plaque and eating lunch at one of the fine restaurants in the building. The restaurants are gone, but the plaque remains and can be viewed in the south corridor of the Penn Mutual Towers at 520 East Walnut Street. This year, thanks to the hospitality of current property manager John Sczechowicz and security officer Anthony Hill, Aero Club members were once again able to visit the plaque on the anniversary of the event that started the ballooning "craze" in Philadelphia and marked the infancy of aviation in America.



The path of Blanchard's flight from downtown Philadelphia to southern New Jersey from the book published in 1943 by the Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Reverend Leo McGee

Member Story by Al Beerley

In May of 1957, the Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul in center city Philadelphia was being renovated. At that time, the seminarians attending St. Charles Borromeo on City Line Avenue who were about to be ordained into the Roman Catholic priesthood found themselves taking their final vows at the Immaculate Conception Church in Germantown.

In that particular group of future clerics, one individual from Pottstown completed his religious training and was assigned to a parish in upstate Pennsylvania near Lehigh. Almost immediately upon Reverend Leo McGee's arrival into that rural community, he was compelled to visit the local airport, a grass strip in those days, and he applied himself in an effort to earn his long desired Pilot's certificate.

As he continued his training, Leo was transferred to the newly constructed Cardinal Dougherty High School where he settled in to his duties as an Instructor for the Religious Studies Program. The location and assignment could not be more perfect. At this site he found himself close to Wings Field, Turner Field, North Philadelphia Airport and also the Flying W Aerodrome in Medford, New Jersey. A perfect situation for one who loves to "slip the surely bonds of earth..."

Anyone who met him could not be other than impressed with the Reverend's enthusiasm for flying, his affable personality and his willingness to be a participant to the best of his ability in all things that had anything to do with aviation.

Leo received his solo endorsement from Ninety-Nines Member Ann Shields at Wings Field. He was found

competent and proficient to meet the requirements for a Private Pilot certificate by FAA Examiner Jake Arner. He received Commercial and complex aircraft instruction from Bill Mummery.

Leo rented Tri-Pacers and Aztec aircraft from Art Turner, knew Frank Kingston Smith, chatted with Arthur

Godfrey and compared notes with Mel Torme. He flew aircraft delivery assignments in his "off" time for Louise Sacchi in support of her ferry business and managed to acquire a Martin 202 and a 404 type rating under the tutelage of his good friend, Eastern Captain Bill Whitesell at the revered Flying W.

On one occasion, he convinced his friend Reverend Robert Breen to accompany him from coast to coast

over the 1971 Fourth of July weekend. They flew this "mission" in a borrowed Bonanza in order to meet Louise Sacchi when she arrived from London, England after competing in the Air Race in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of British Columbia in the Canadian Dominion.

He bought and owned a Mooney 20 which he consistently flew up and down the East Coast from PNE to Florida on one of his numerous "escape" flights and treated many a high school student to an introductory ride in a Cessna or Piper aircraft. He authored numerous articles for Air Facts Magazine under the editorial oversight of Leighton Collins and was featured in an AOPA article (AOPA 18) written by Max Karant. Gordon Baxter of Flying Magazine fame once described him as "a compulsive records and numbers keeper".

In 2008, Leo received his FAA Master Pilots Award recognizing over fifty years of accident free flying and experience. He is an inspiration to everyone who is lucky enough to have made his acquaintance. At eighty years of age, he is the consummate definition of a true aviator!



2011 Aviation Scholarships

The Aero Club of Pennsylvania Memorial Scholarship Fund, the Bob Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund, and the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter of the Ninety-Nines are all in the process of accepting scholarship applications for 2011. Each organization offers unique scholarship opportunities. Scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Scholarship Dinner on Thursday, June 16 at Wings Field. Applications are available online at the Aero Club and Ninety-Nines web sites and due by May 1.

<http://www.aeroclubpa.org>

<http://sites.google.com/site/easternpa99s>

*"Flight is Freedom in it's purest form
To dance with the clouds which
follows a storm
To roll and glide, to wheel and spin
To feel the joy that swell within..."*

Gary Claude Stoker



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Safety Potpourri

Flight Safety by Al Schnur

FAA Safety Briefing:

I just recently received the January/February Issue of the FAA Safety Briefing which marks and simultaneously celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the publication. This anniversary issue of the publication looks back at the enormous General Aviation safety strides that all of us have made as a community by addressing issues and working together to reduce GA accidents. Aside from a review of the preceding 50 years, the current issue contains articles on ramp safety, a guide to regulatory exemptions, dealing with Letters of Investigation (LOIs), the fight against fatigue, risk management and much more. Check with your local FSDO for a copy. This has the earmarks of becoming a collector's issue.

Risk Management:

Risk Management and Assessment has always been a good subject and much has been written about it. I always like to keep things rather simple and understandable; so here is my way of thinking about it. In general we are confronted with risks every day. Almost anything that we do contains some risk. So here is a thought you can take to the bank: Your greatest risks are the ones you accept voluntarily because they present you with

the greatest threat. The only way to get through unscathed with a minimum of damage is to learn how to properly manage those risks

Safety Stand Down:

The 2nd Annual Safety Stand Down will premier on April 2, 2011 at the Sun 'n Fun International Fly-in and Ex`po in Lakeland, FL. The focus is to Stand Up to Error and the topics to be addressed are: Positive Flight Attitude, Going beyond Pre-flight, Enroute Cruise, and Maneuvering Flight. Check for special Safety Standdown events in your local area throughout April.

And finally:

Watch for a change in the Safer Skies Agenda that provides a new strategic approach to address the Accident/Incident scenarios. They will include:

- Risk Identification from accident/incident data
- Outreach to the alphabet and type groups
- Training via CFI Forums/Briefings and possible Remedial Training
- FAAS Team Safety Promotions