Aero Club visits Hammondsport and Eagles Mere

Glenn Curtiss Museum
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Eagles Mere Air Museum
 Twelve members and friends of the Aero Club visited the Eagles Mere Aviation Museum on September 16. Five aircraft flew into the private field located in northern Pennsylvania. The museum is open on Sundays during the warmer months. Museum information is available on their website at www.eaglesmereairmuseum.org.

Fly Market sale a success
The Aero Club held its annual Fly Market at Wings ‘n Wheels Day at Wings Airfield on September 8. The event benefits Angel Flight East. The Fly Market proceeds go to the Aero Club of PA Memorial Scholarship Fund. This year’s sale raised over $700, thanks in part to a late donation of items by the Steven Najarian estate. The sale has raised $7500 since 2003.

Philly Seaplane Base event
The Aero Club set up a display at the annual Friends of Lazaretto History Weekend in Essington, PA. The Lazaretto House was built in 1799 and was a quarantine station. Much later, the building and land was purchased by the Mills Family and was home to the Philadelphia Seaplane Base. The base is still officially open and is thus the oldest continuously operated seaplane base in the nation.

Aero Club is on Facebook...
The Aero Club of Pennsylvania now has a Facebook page where you can find information on our latest activities and upcoming events. Even if you don’t have a Facebook account, you can see some of the information. If you do have a Facebook account, you can participate in the discussions. Visit the page by clicking on the Facebook icon on the Aero Club website, or go directly to this url: www.facebook.com/AeroClubOfPa

Wright Brothers Dinner...
Our annual dinner will be held again on December 17 at the Desmond Hotel. The event is held as a fundraiser for the scholarship fund and we will once again hold a silent auction. See details about our guest speaker and your invitation to the event on page 7.

Membership Renewal...
Your 2013 Aero Club membership renewal is due at the end of the year using the form on page 6. If you plan to attend the Wright Brothers Dinner, you can combine your payment on one form. As always, renewal and dinner reservations can also be made on our website at www.aeroclubpa.org.
On October 6, a few of us participated in an open house at the former Lazaretto property in Tinicum Township, now operated by the non-profit group Friends of the Lazaretto. Like the better known Ellis Island in NYC, it was a quarantine station for immigrants to the US prior to the 20th century. They intend to restore the building. Why do we care?

The property was later home to the Philadelphia Seaplane Base. The amphibious pilots in the club will know that the Mills family for years gave seaplane instruction from the property. But only a few will realize that the base was created by Aero Club members. And that it was taken over during WWI as a training site for pilots to fight in that war. And Bob Mills’ father Frank was the manager in those formative years. At least three past presidents of the Aero Club received their seaplane ratings from Bob Mills.

Walt Ellis showed us remnants of a railway system, complete with turntables, winches and track used to move seaplanes on wheeled carts from hangars and from open air “tie-downs” via a ramp railway into and out of the water. Although not used for many decades, much of the hardware still can be seen in place today.

There are many museums in the United States that celebrate smaller accomplishments. We wish the Lazaretto Foundation well, and will continue to participate with them. Maybe some of us might dream of a museum which would tell the story of early flight in Philadelphia and how the Aero Club played a part. All members should know the story of what our predecessors in this wonderful organization -- the Aero Club of Pennsylvania -- contributed to the growth of aviation. And we would all benefit from a visit to the Philadelphia Seaplane Base.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT**

**Nancy Kyle, Assistant Secretary**

The Aero Club Board of Directors met at Wings Field on October 18.

President James Kilduff welcomed the group, and then Elaine Farashian presented the minutes from the July meeting. The group discussed financials, membership and newsletter details. Paid membership stands at just over 180 members.

Debbie Harding reported on the success of the annual Fly Market which raised over $700 for the scholarship fund.

The board talked about recent events, including visits to Hammondsport and Eagles Mere. The club also had a presence at the annual history event at the Lazaretto house in Essington. Lazaretto is the location of the Philadelphia Seaplane Base.

Planning ensued for the upcoming Wright Brothers Dinner in December, including the annual silent auction.

The meeting adjourned for dinner and a presentation by Jim Talone from the Stone Harbor Museum, on the flights of Marshall Reid, an Aero Club of PA member circa 1910.
Aero Club Scholarship Report
By Debbie Harding, VP Scholarships

Most of our fourteen 2012 Scholarships recipients have checked in with reports of completing commercial, instrument, CFI and CFII and private certificates with the money gained through our two funds, the Aero Club of Pennsylvania Memorial Scholarship Fund (MSF) and the Bob Shannon Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Our Backenstose Scholarship recipient is presently at Embry Riddle working on his instrument rating after flying all summer at Chester County Aviation.

Matt Daley, a 2012 recipient, is taking his training through Hortman Aviation at Philly Northeast Airport. Matt recently took a day off work (and flight training) to help us out at this year’s Fly Market at Wings Field.

Clio Massey, one of our 2011 recipients, also took the time to write and say she is line with her career goal in military aviation. Clio was a recipient of the Cirrus training generously offered by Tom Dougherty and Montgomery County Aviation flight school at Wings Field in 2011.

Jeff Adelman was a three-time scholarship award winner from 2006-2008 and served a 3-year term as an Aero Club board member. Jeff checked in with us to report much success with his chosen career path as a professional pilot. He is enjoying living in his new home of Columbus, Ohio. He is looking to buy a new house, and he is getting involved in the local community.

Dear Aero Club,
I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and gratitude for awarding me an aviation scholarship. This Scholarship will help to lessen the financial burden I face as I continue my training to become a commercial pilot. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for helping me live out my dreams!

Safe Landings, Matthew J. Daley

Dear Scholarship Committee,
Thank you so much for the award of the Cirrus Training award in 2011. I just graduated from the Navy OCS and I am beginning Aviation Preflight indoctrination here in Pensacola in a few short weeks.

Very Respectfully,
Clio Massey

Dear Aero Club,
In January 2012, I began my dream job working for a Fortune 500 flight department, flying for the Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company in Columbus, Ohio. The Challenger 605 is a beautiful airplane and I have gotten to travel all over with this wonderful company. I am also working with the Ohio Regional Business Aviation Association to create a Scholarship and Internship program to award more students in this region, with a focus on Business Aviation.

Thanks again. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

Jeff Adelman
Aero Club History

Pictured here is a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania at the home of Russell Baum in Merion, PA, 1954. The board at the time included many important local leaders in aviation and industry.

Seated left to right: Dr. Ralph McClarren of the Franklin Institute; Burke Wilford, pioneer rotorcraft entrepreneur; Ms. Minnie Baum, Russ’ sister; Russell E Baum, owner of Baum Paper Folder Co; Mrs. Beatrice Murray; Col. Leo Niessen, industrialist.

Standing left to right: Philip Putman, industrialist; Percy Pierce, printer and aero historian; Col. J. Victor Dallin, PA Air National Guard and Chief of Airports, City of Philadelphia; Monty Montgomery, Chief Engineer, Philadelphia Division of Airports; Mrs. Dallin; Everett J. Wood, President Aero Club of PA and Major in Civil Air Patrol, Commander Group 100; Norman J. Greene, stockbroker, Major C.A.P. and Board Director Piper Aircraft Corp.; Rose Wood; Jack Barto, inventor and owner Barto Air Beacons, Co.; Lt. Cmdr Joseph A. Simcock, USNR and Commander Civil Air Patrol Group 10; John W. "Reds" Macfarlane, Director Pennsylvania Aeronautics Commission; Ernest Buehl "The Flying Dutchman", pioneer area airport owner.

The photo and information was supplied by Peter Wood, a 60-year member of the Aero Club and past secretary, who now resides in California.
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Festivities were held during the day at Depot Park on the south shore of Lake Keuka in the picturesque village of Hammondsport. Some seaplanes flew in and were parked on the beach or tied up in slips at the park. The “Annual Parade of Seaplanes” started at 1:00. Later a replica of a 1913 Curtiss E Flying Boat was flown. The E boat is powered by a 100 hp Curtiss OX engine. For most of us getting to see and hear a 100 year old aircraft engine run is a treat in itself.

After the activities at the lake, we were invited to the airstrip just south of the museum. People were gathered under the “Big Tree” at the airstrip to toast and remember Cliff Van Gelder. Cliff was an early Hammondsport aviator who operated the Hammondsport Airport for many years. In attendance were people who themselves or their family traced their introduction into aviation to Cliff Van Gelder. There were toasts to Cliff, remembrances of the old days and a poem “The Willow Tree” presented by Gib Switzer. The gathering was organized by Gretchen Van Gelder Casey, Cliff’s daughter.

We left the activities at the “Big Tree” and went to the museum so we could look around before cocktails and dinner. Wine was supplied by local wineries. Local craft beers were also available. At our table we met Michael Gough and his wife. Michael is from Maryland and has just published a book, “The Pulitzer Air Races: American Aviation and Speed Supremacy, 1920-1925.” Also, at our table we met some documentary filmmakers from California who are working on a film about early Naval Aviation. They have done other work for the museum and were filming the flight of the E boat. We finished a great dinner with Flying Boat Cake and Blueberry or Apple pies. After dinner our speaker was Captain Michael Lopez-Alegria USN Retired. Michael was born in Madrid, Spain and grew up in California. He has an impressive resume as a NASA Astronaut. Michael spoke on the history of space exploration from the beginning to the present and about the future of commercial space flight.

We all enjoyed a great day. Even when there is not a special activity scheduled, a visit to the Glenn H. Curtiss Museum is recommended. One of the exhibits is the “America” a replica of the aircraft built in 1914 for Rodman Wanamaker, an early Aero Club of Pennsylvania member. The America was built and flown by the museum in 2007. The Museum has many exhibits in addition to those related to aviation. Curtiss was known as “The Fastest Man on Earth”. In 1907, he drove his 8 cylinder motorcycle to a record speed of 136 miles per hour on Ormond Beach, FL. That record stood until 1930.

The area around Hammondsport is home to many wineries. If you are interested in wine, a trip on the “Keuka Lake Wine Trail” will enhance your visit to Keuka Lake.
Following the board meeting at 6PM, we will have

dinner and a presentation by Paul Heintz and his wife

on their recent trip to the Bahamas in his Cessna 210. All members and guests are wel-

come to attend the presentation.

Dinner (optional) begins at 7PM and the pres-

entation begins around 8PM. Contact Jim Kilduff (jim@kilduffco.com) to announce your

intention to attend. Dinner is around $30 per person, not including drinks. Attire at the

country club is business casual.

The purpose of the Aero Club of Pennsylvania has

always been to promote aviation, including the busi-

ness, the science, and the sport, in the Delaware Valley region. The Scholarship fund aids that mission

by helping local individuals with diverse goals in avi-

ation to take their career goals worldwide.

Please join The Aero Club at our third silent action

event on December 17th at the Wright Brothers din-

ner. This is a fun opportunity to contribute directly to

next years’ Scholarship recipients. Bring your friends

to join the fun of getting the winning bid while rais-

ing funds for our scholarships. Some items for bid

will include simulator time from Flight Safety in

Delaware, an overnight dinner, drinks and breakfast

donated by the Desmond Hotel, a dinner package

from the Philadelphia Aviation Country Club valued at

$150, and a basket of cheer including Champagne

and cheeses. If you have an item to auction, please

contact Debbie Harding at deb@air-ventures.com.

Membership is due now using the attached form

or at the website at http://www.aeroclubpa.org,

where you can pay via PayPal or credit card. Check

your mailing label for your membership status.

Your timely renewal saves us postage. If you plan

to attend the Wright Brothers Dinner, you can

renew on that form instead.

If you wish to contribute to the Scholarship Fund,
your donation will be used to promote aviation.
Contributions are tax deductible, and if you con-
tribute $100 or more to the scholarship fund,
your membership dues are waived and 100% of
your donation will go to fund scholarships for
young men and women.
2012 Annual Dinner

Aero Club Annual Member Meeting

Wright Brothers Dinner & Silent Auction

Monday, December 17, 2012
The Desmond Hotel
1 Liberty Blvd, Malvern, PA

5:30PM: Reception, Cash Bar, Silent Auction
6:30PM: Filet and Salmon Dinner
Black tie optional, period dress or aviator uniform.

An event to benefit the Aero Club of Pennsylvania Memorial Scholarship Fund and to celebrate over a century of aviation.

Special Guest

Monica Hoffman is a professional actress and historian, having studied both privately and at the Walnut Street Theater in Philadelphia. Having grown up with a father who is a pilot, she felt the lure of aviation from her earliest years. In her traveling show, Monica portrays Amelia Earhart.

During her performance, Amelia will recall the events of her life from her earliest years until her infamous final flight. We will meet the aviator and discover a woman of integrity, humor, and inspiring courage.

Filet and Salmon Dinner: $59 per person
RESERVE ONLINE at www.aeroclubpa.org

Dinner and Membership Form:

RESERVE ONLINE, or send this form and payment by December 10 to:
Aero Club of PA Meml Scholarship Fund, PO Box 748; Blue Bell, PA 19422

NAME: __________________________ Number Attending: ___ x $59 = $_________
ADDRESS: __________________________ Addl. Scholarship Contribution: $_________
CITY/STATE: __________________________ Renew my Membership ($25): $_________
PHONE: __________________________ Total Enclosed: $_________

ATTENDEE NAMES: ____________________________, ____________________________
____________________________, ____________________________

Monica Hoffman as Amelia Earhart
FLIGHT SAFETY BRIEFING

Excerpts from FAA’s Safety Briefing Magazine.

Cleared for the Approach

Every IFR pilot knows that the system only works as long as everyone follows agreed upon rules. Jason Blair conveys this point in a story on an IFR approach into Bowling Green, Kentucky, a non-towered airport. Weather was a 700-foot ceiling with temps near zero. His Cherokee was cleared for the ILS approach ahead of a friendly Beechjet that offered to hold to allow the Cherokee to get through the layer as quickly as possible to avoid icing.

As they were on the approach, the Beechjet pilot made an attention-getting query: “Memphis approach, Beechjet 1234, we were just wondering if you were working two aircraft toward the final approach fix at Bowling Green.” Memphis replied that they were only working the Cherokee and the Beechjet. To this, the Beechjet pilot replied, “Okay, but as we look at our TCAS (traffic collision avoidance system), we are seeing two transponder replies, one at 3,000 and one at 2,400 converging.” Jason was at 3,000 MSL, just about to begin his descent toward the final approach fix. He immediately requested permission to check in on the CTAF frequency and inquire about local traffic. Lo and behold - he heard from a Cessna 172, whose pilot reported that they were on the ILS for Bowling Green.” He queried further: “Are you on an IFR clearance and working with an approach controller?” The answer: “Well, um, gee, we are out here shooting the approach ….”

Here he was, in actual IMC, about to descend, and he finds out that there was another aircraft on the approach, in IMC, shooting the approach without any coordination with air traffic. After some convincing, the C172 pilot agreed to break off his approach and the Cherokee landed safely.

There were many lessons learned on this day about following the rules, about situational awareness and about the need to keep track not only of oneself, but of what others are doing too. Jason goes into more detail in his complete story in the September/October issue of FAA Safety Briefing.

Download the entire FAA Safety Briefing magazine at www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing