



# EAA602 Log Book

Adirondack Chapter Newsletter

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## From The Presidents Desk

*by Tim Cowper*

Wheels-N-Wings went well this year, despite the weather. I was amazed at how many planes we had fly in. The rain didn't really start getting annoying until the afternoon. At the after-event meeting, it was determined that next years W-N-W will be pushed back a week or two so that we might get some better weather, and also, it might conflict with fewer graduation parties.

Additionally, it was decided that 602 should get the profit from the 50/50 raffle as well as proceeds from the t-shirt sales. Not sure how much that will be yet as they are still selling t-shirts! As usual, much thanks to those 602 members who helped.

Our 1st Saratoga Pancake Breakfast Fly-in was fantastic. Everybody did a great job, North American, the Civil Air Patrol, and the Milton VFD people. It was one of the best breakfasts ever. Nice Job Tim!

It was my privilege at our last meeting to award our John E. Milczarek Scholarship to Adam Bogdan. It was great to have Ruth there to



make the presentation. Adam exemplifies the spirit of the award and I'm sure he will make us proud. And, thanks for the cookies Ruth!

My first flight lesson was in 1986. From time to time, over the years, I'd get in a lesson or two with different CFI's I'd meet, but then I'd run out of money, or life would get in the way and I'd never follow through. In 2004, I bought the Skyboy and really started logging some hours. The experience was invaluable, but, again, the time went by, and I still didn't have a license, so I was always under restrictions, and could never

really call myself a pilot. My incident with the Zodiac left me in yet another predicament, where I could have actually been on the sidelines permanently. Fortunately, it did not derail me for very long. As most of you know, Doug and Judy came to my rescue, with a very generous

offer to become a partner in their Cherokee. In April of this year, I started lessons with John, and now, after 26 years of dreaming, and wishing, procrastinating, and flying as a student pilot, flying on endorsements, etc... I finally did it. I got my Private Pilot License. It wasn't easy, and required a level of commitment that I haven't been familiar with for quite some time, but, trust me, it was worth it.

There is no meeting this month due to Oshkosh, but we do have our Young Eagles Day on August 8th, so watch the message board for postings. And don't forget that the August club meeting will be at John Peck's house. You won't want to miss the tour of his shop, and his RV-12 project.

To those going to Oshkosh.... Have fun!

*Tim*

**No meeting this month because most of our members are going to Oshkosh See you at YE Day Aug 8th**

**Editors Note: We all know that Tim is a little nervous about flying to Oshkosh on his newly minted license, BUT next year it's only a question of who is going to fly out with him in his Cherokee beside Judy & me in our GlaStar. Doug**



## Saratoga Breakfast

*by Tim Devine*

It's Thursday night July 9<sup>th</sup> and I have just finished checking the weather forecast for this Saturday and they are predicting 70% chance of rain for Saturday and lingering showers for Sunday. I must have been temporarily in leave of my senses when I decided to organize a fly in, drive in pancake breakfast at Saratoga County airport for July 11<sup>th</sup>.

I know that the advertisements all say rain date of 7/12 but my gut feeling is that if I postpone our attendance will be a disaster. So I look at all the weather reports one more time and decide to press on and hope for the best.

On Friday AM when I check the weather early the possibility of rain Saturday has dropped to 40% and that is in the afternoon. I cross my fingers!

Friday night at 6:30 the Milton Volunteer Fire Department shows up in force and we set up for the event. These guys are extremely well organized and they definitely have there act together to run a breakfast. It is a beautiful summer evening and I only hope that it will hold through tomorrow morning.

Saturday morning finds me at the airport at 06:00 to move my Champ from the hanger to the flight line. I have to digress for a moment and pay a special thank you to Pat Morris who helped me organize and pull this event together. Pat was nice enough to arrange hanger storage for the Champ on Friday and Saturday night so I had one less thing to worry about. He also supplied the awning and table that displayed the new EAA 602 banner that he created for this event.

As promised North American Flight Services have the hanger open by 06:30 and the MVFD volunteers are a well oiled machine in getting set up to serve breakfast.

North American Flight Services manager Dave Toney and his staff have been absolutely incredible to

work with on this event. Dave Toney enthusiastically supported the breakfast idea from our first meeting, and his arranging for us to use their absolutely pristine hanger cannot be praised enough. His staff did a great job of parking aircraft and shuttling

patrons to the hanger. All of this was done gratis of NAFS, so anytime that you need fuel or oil or service, please keep them in mind as they are really strong proponents of general aviation at all levels.

Breakfast preparations are well under way as Pat taxi's his FlightStar to the parking area and Jim Meehan arrives with his Buckeye PPC. Both Jim and Pat have graciously agreed to display their aircraft for the public to examine up close. Both Pat and Jim also did a great PR job in

hanging around their respective airplanes and fielding questions from the public.

The weather god's have smiled on us and while there is a haze its clear enough to make it into 5B2.

Special thanks to all the 602 members who volunteered to work this event. I don't want to miss anyone so I am not going to list names, but a heart felt thanks to one and all. We didn't get as many aircraft as I had hoped for but with the dismal weather forecast on Thursday and we were in competition with Geneseo and I am sure that made an impact.

What we lacked in aircraft was made up by a very decent drive in crowd who kept the kitchen busy for most of the morning.

At 12:00 noon as we were finishing up and I breathed a sigh of relief, I figured all in all things

worked out pretty well for our first event at this location. The fire department made some money, general aviation was promoted in Saratoga, it didn't rain, and everyone appeared to have a good time.

Last but not least a very special thanks to Saratoga CAP Squadron, Adirondack Soaring and The Saratoga Soaring Club for their participation and display aircraft which made the event so much more interesting and enjoyable.

*Fly smart & safe, Tim*





## Notes From Your Editor

*by Doug Sterling*



### Late Breaking News!!!

*Super congratulations to our Prez. Tim Cowper on his latest accomplishment. It's been a long sometimes rubble strewn road, but he has finally come to it's end (or what might be said it's beginning). Now he can stop beating up Judy's plane and start having fun going places!!*

Well another summer flying month has passed. Seems like winter is just around the corner again. Maybe it's because we haven't had any REAL summer yet this year. Most of the way through July with only 2 over 80 days this month. Ain't global warming great! Events in the area have been good in spite of the wonderful spring and summer weather. I had to leave the GlaStar at Glens Falls after the Young Eagles Day event because I couldn't see the end of the runway there and the ILS at Edinburg was out of order. Great airport manager who stuck mine plane and two others in the big hanger for the night, and wouldn't accept any money for it. She figured we gave enough after flying about 80 kids around all day. I hope the weather is better for our YE event in August.

Saratoga breakfast was great. What a class act the fire department is over there. They even had fruit cocktails for our breakfast. Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Juice, Fruit, and a never ending coffee lady running around with 2 pots in hand. These folks really know how to put on a breakfast (can't wait for next year).

I'm spending most of my free time thinking about getting ready for Oshkosh this week. 602 will be well represented this year. If all goes

well, we should have a dozen club members at the event. There will be about 4 coming from 353 (Glens Falls) and even the fellow from Tennessee who bought my FlightStar is coming. Should be a GREAT year with lots of upgrades to the Oshkosh facilities.

See you all there.

*Fly Safe, Doug*

## Upcoming Events

July 27-Aug 2 Oshkosh All who are coming contact Doug so that we can set up a group camping area

Aug ? Joint fly in with EAA353 and UL90 Glens Falls

Aug 8 Young Eagles Day, 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Fulton County (NYO) Johnstown, NY

Aug 15 Cooperstown Pancake Breakfast Fly-out, EAA 1070 at K23

Sept 5 Johnson's second annual Fly-In NY50 Perth, NY

Sept 19 Cooperstown Pancake Breakfast Fly-out, EAA 1070 at K23

Oct 17 Fall Fly-In Edinburg

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