



# EAA602 Log Book

Adirondack Chapter Newsletter

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HOMEBUILDERS



## From The Presidents Desk

*by Tim Cowper*

Our Annual Young Eagles Day was pretty successful. Altogether we flew over 40 YE's. I flew 3 YE's myself! The kids were all very enthusiastic. Big ear-to-ear smiles never left their faces. It was great fun, and I can see why flying YE's could be addicting. Thanks to all the pilots and ground crew.

I've been flying as much as I can since I got my ticket. Made my first trip to a Cooperstown pancake breakfast, with Chris Brown as passenger, on August 15th. It was a near perfect day, and they had almost 50 aircraft fly in. After an excellent breakfast, Chris and I flew south around the mountain, and then back north over Otsego Lake. It was really smooth air, and just a great day of flying. The next day, I picked up Pat at Saratoga, and we, along with Doug and Judy in the Glastar, flew over to Island Bob's for another fly-in breakfast. (With all the eggs, I think my cholesterol is going up!) What an incredible place located on an island on the Hudson River. An aviators dream, with a beautiful grass strip, and slips for sea planes along the waters edge. Really nice place. The generosity and hospitality of people in our area, sharing their airports with us in the flying

community, is amazing to me. Our next club fly-in is on Saturday September 5th at the beautiful



***Tim's First "Young Eagle" Ride***

Johnson Airport (NY50), in Perth. We'll talk about it at our club meeting, on Monday August 31st, at 7PM. This month we're meeting at John



***Tim's Last "Not So Young Eagle" Ride***

Peck's shop at 122 Hemlock Drive, Peck's Lake. John has graciously invited us to check out his RV-12 project that he is in the process of building. Bring your own folding chairs please! See you there!

*Tim*

**Meeting This  
Month Will Be  
At John Peck's  
House.  
Directions  
Inside.**



## Directions from Gloversville to John & Carolyn Peck's House 122 Hemlock Drive 725-0717

Take State Route 29A west  
(West Fulton Street).

Proceed about 6 miles, watch  
for red schoolhouse museum.

Do not turn into the first  
Peck's Lake Road entrance by  
the museum. Stay straight on  
29A for about another ½  
mile.

Do not turn into the second  
Peck's Lake Road entrance.  
But do slow down!

Immediately after passing  
Peck's Lake West Bay, which  
will be on your right side,  
bear right onto **North Shore  
Road**. There is a row of  
mailboxes just past the  
entrance on the left.

Stay on the North Shore  
Road (about 1.5 miles) until  
Hemlock Drive. Go straight  
ahead on Hemlock Drive.  
(North Shore Road continues  
to the left. Don't go there!)

Count the driveways on the  
right. Ours is the 5<sup>th</sup> one. Our  
garage has the number "122"  
on it in red numbers.

Drive right down the  
driveway to the house and  
park there, or park up by the  
garage – your choice.



The driveways on both sides of us could be used for parking  
– those folks are weekenders and won't be here Monday.



## In Memory of LaVerne "Bud" Trommer

Sadly, Chapter member LaVerne "Bud" Trommer passed away on April 27, at age 80. Bud had begun to learn to fly back in the early '50's, but job and family obligations took first priority, and although he never did become a licensed pilot, he never lost his love of aviation.

He used to really enjoy going for an early morning breakfast flight with Herb in the Skylane, but was never able to manage a ride in the Stingsport. He was always interested in keeping up with Chapter activities, especially Young Eagles events and our Christmas Party. In the past few years, when his health kept him pretty much confined to home, he loved to hear our planes flying over his home on Airport Road, and kept track of our comings and goings by listening to our chatter on his radio.

Bud will be sadly missed. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his wife June, their son, John and daughter, Sue.

**Come see the our club pictures on  
our web page in living color at:  
[www.eaa602.org](http://www.eaa602.org)**



## Upcoming Events

Saturday August 29, Pancake Breakfast Fly-in, 8:00 to 11:00Am, Piseco Airport (K09), Sponsor: Speculator Lions Club.

Saturday September 5: Johnson's Old Time Taildragger Fly-in, at noon. Johnson Airport (NY50), Perth, NY. Please bring a covered dish to share. Meat and beverages provided. Air Boss: 122.85. Rain date 9/6. Sponsor: EAA602. 518-843-4586, [www.eaa602.org](http://www.eaa602.org).

Saturday September 12: Fall Fly-In Breakfast, 8:30 am-1:00 pm. Kline Kill Airport(NY1), West Ghent, NY. Rain Date: Sept 13. Sponsor: EAA Chapter 146. [www.eaa146.org](http://www.eaa146.org)

Sunday, September 13, Fly-in Picnic at MAC Airport (NY23), Mohawk. Sponsor: EAA 294 Utica, [EAA294@HerkimerTool.com](mailto:EAA294@HerkimerTool.com)

Saturday September 19: Old Aeroplane Fly-in Breakfast 7:00-11:00 am, Cooperstown NY (K23). Sponsor: EAA 1070. No line for pilots and crew. 100LL on field. Contact: 607-547-2526.

Saturday September 19 or 20, EAA602 Soaring Day, at Saratoga County airport (5B2). There will be a Pilot's Briefing at 11:00AM, followed by lunch. Sponsor: Saratoga Soaring.

Saturday October 3: Leafpeepers Fly-in Breakfast, 8:00-noon. Rutland VT (RUT). Rain date October 4. [www.greenmountainflyers.org](http://www.greenmountainflyers.org)

Saturday October 17: Fall Foliage BBQ, 7:00 am-2:00 pm. Plateau Sky Ranch Airport (1F2), Edinburgh, NY. Sponsor: EAA602, 518-882-7042, [www.eaa602.org](http://www.eaa602.org).



***Sorry about the screw-up but we had to get this in this month. Tim is one of the BEST writers we have in the chapter and I love his descriptions of our flights.***

*Doug*

## Cooperstown at Last

*by Tim Devine*

I guess you would call this a milestone year for me. My son graduated from college in May and my daughter will be getting married in September. So between all the other time commitments, and the rainy windy summer we've had I haven't been doing as much flying as I normally like to do.

I missed the first two Cooperstown breakfast because of prior commitments. Last month the weather was a wash out.

So when I looked at my calendar early in the week and realized that Cooperstown was having a pancake breakfast and I had no other commitments, I crossed my fingers that the weather would cooperate for Saturday. I was not to be disappointed. A big high sitting over the Canadian Maritimes delivered one of those flying days that we pilots are blessed with maybe two or three times a year.

While the visibility was hazy and patchy fog clung to the river valleys and lakes, we had unlimited ceilings and no wind.

I was out of Edinburg a little before 07:00 as I was headed over to Saratoga to pick up a coworker whom I promised a ride. The airwaves were quiet and not a soul was stirring at 5B2 when I arrived at 07:30, but the private jets lined up on the tarmac opposite the old Richmor hanger were a harbinger of the busy airspace that Saratoga becomes during track season.

After picking up my friend we headed West towards Hisert's which was the designated rallying point for anyone from 602 who was headed to Cooperstown. As we crossed over Galway Lake the radio came alive! EAA 602 was to be well represented today. Tim C, Doug, Kevin B and Fred were all airborne already and headed west. I spotted Fred who had just taken off from his Mayfield strip and tucked in behind him as he flew his Cub towards Hisert's. Doug, Tim, Darryl, and Don were already on the ground when we landed and Kevin and Tom Flanagan were soon to arrive.

Cooperstown was still socked in so we were going

to have to wait for awhile for the fog to burn off. So we did what all good pilots do when they are waiting around, we BS'd about airplanes. About 09:00 Tim C. called Gary Collins who was on the ground at K23 for a weather report. It was still foggy, but burning off quickly, so despite the fact that Gary could have already been in line and thinking about pancakes and the weather report could have major flaws, we threw caution to the wind and decided to launch.

It was such a cool feeling seeing all those aircraft taxiing out and taking off, all headed for a common destination. My words can't describe what a beautiful picture I had in front of me as I followed two Hawks' and a Cub over the lush green Mohawk Valley in the early morning sunlight.

Not a surprise that Cooperstown is bustling. Not only lot's of aircraft but a big drive in crowd as well. Parking is at a premium as they are shoe horning planes in where ever they can. As usual the field is in immaculate condition, and has to be one of the nicest grass strips to fly to in the Northeast. After I land and push back, I get to see the rest of our little squadron arrive. Darryl's son Aaron is in the front seat and if his picture perfect landing is any indication of where he's at in his training, he will have his ticket this year.

We all quickly get in line for pancakes as the queue is long, but the volunteer firemen keep things moving and the food is hot and plentiful.

After breakfast I help Tom Flanagan sort through a radio issue, and then I am lucky enough to be able to take Pat Morris's mother in law up for a ride for her 60th birthday. I take her for a spin over Cooperstown and the air has definately gotten livelier as the sun is now kicking up thermals and the wind has picked up out of the west which should make for an interesting ride home.

A decent tail wind makes the ride back to 5B2 quick but bumpy and after squeezing in between the gliders, tow planes and charter jets (yikes) I drop my passenger off and head back to Edinburgh where Doug is just packing up after playing around up where the air is rare ( ask him to explain).

What a difference a year has made. It is so nice now to be able to get a bunch of talented pilot's together with a diverse selection of airplanes and fly out as a group to support another EAA Chapter but also just to enjoy aviation. The great part is, that some of the best flying weather is still ahead of us. See you there!

*Fly smart, fly safe Tim*





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Rain date: Sun - Sept 20 - check [www.EAA106.org](http://www.EAA106.org) 'News Flash' for info

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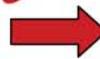
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