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*"It's all about flying and having fun!"*

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### Our Prez says.....



After six months of cancelled meetings and events, I am excited with the recent decision by our Board of Directors to resume our monthly meetings starting with our regular meeting on Saturday, October 3rd. Although there will be some differences with regards to social distancing and other measures to comply with current COVID-19 protocol, it does signal the beginning of a return to normalcy.

I recently read an online post, by one of our members, which included the following quote: "In the rush to return to normal, use this time to consider which parts of normal are worth rushing back to." When applying this statement to everyday life, I'm sure that we could all agree that there are many things which have been deemed normal, that given the option, we would not rush back to. When applying this same statement to EAA Chapter 1047, I think we would all agree to rush back to everything that is normal, as normal for our chapter is excellence.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our October meeting as we begin the process of regaining and building upon the momentum we achieved prior to the pandemic.

Blue Skies and Calm Winds,

Hunter Sullivan

### October Meeting info!!

The awesome news is that week our board voted to proceed with our monthly meetings!!!

Our October meeting will be held Saturday, October 3, at 10am. The following procedures will be in place to comply with the current COVID-19 protocol as set forward by the state.

- 1- The meeting will take place in the big hangar (adjacent to our chapter room) in order that seating can be arranged for social distancing.
- 2- The wearing of masks will be up to each individual.
- 3- As always lunch will be provided by Oh My Lard with the following changes. In order that there is no sharing of serving utensils or other lunch, OML has agreed to provide us with bag lunches. With the

typical self-serve buffet style lunch, headcount is not critical, however, with the bag lunch we would need an estimate on the number of members planning to attend in order to insure that we have a meal for all in attendance. ***If you plan to attend please e-mail Chapter President Hunter Sullivan saying " "count me in" to assist with this headcount (and the number)).***

## Election time!!!

It is time to elect officers for the upcoming year. President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Membership positions, as well as at large board seats, will all be open for re-election. If you would like to serve in one of these positions, or would like to nominate someone, contact Jim Downing, who is chairing the Nominating Committee, at 252 290 5902 or by email at [jd3@myglnc.com](mailto:jd3@myglnc.com)

## October Treasurer Report:

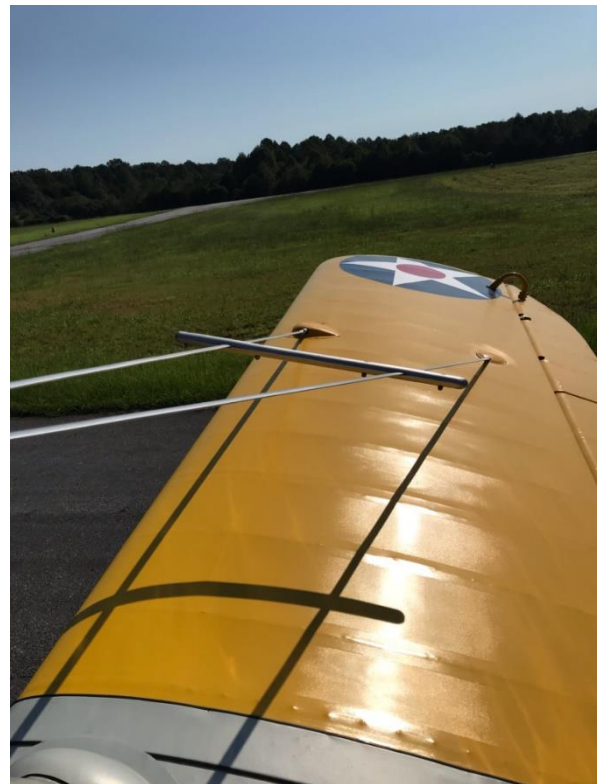
Thank you to “Doc” Robert Schellenberg for the report.

Checking Acct	\$2,226.55
CD Acct	\$2,405.14
Total Funds	\$4,631.69
Withdrawals	None
Deposits	None

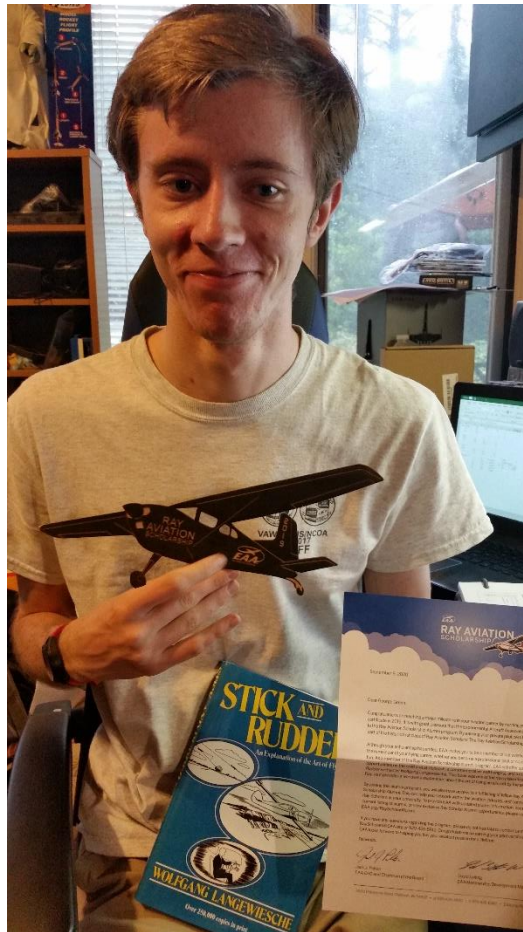
## Hangar Happenings:

1047 member Robert “Doc” Schellenberg recently flew in a 1941 Ryan PT-22 at North Wilkesboro Airport. “Doc” reports the flight as a ton of fun! The PT-22 was primarily used by the US Army Air Force as a pilot trainer during WW2. Enjoy the pics!





## Ray Scholar update:



Richard has signed up to be a member of the Ray Aviation Scholarship Alumni program. He recently received a gift in the mail from EAA, consisting of a commemorative wall hanging, and a copy of “Stick and Rudder” by Wolfgang Langewiesche. This book was one of the many favorites of Mr. James C. Ray, as it provides a wonderful explanation about the art of flying an aircraft by the seat of your pants. The Alumni initiative is to encourage graduates of the program to continue as a member of the EAA our aviation family for the remainder of their flying career – whether they become a professional pilot or continue to fly for fun.



## Member in 10 – Dave Hopewell



Dave Hopewell taken circa 1969 while a student at Randolph AFB in San Antonio TX, is pictured with a T-38 Talon built by Northrop. The 'plane was used for many years as the USAF advanced jet trainer, and also extensively by NASA astronauts for training and currency. Capable of Mach 1. It is only recently being replaced with a newer trainer.

Let's get to know you in 10 questions:

1. **Name:** David W. H. Hopewell
2. **How long have you been a member of 1047?** 4 years.
3. **Day job:** Retired, although I'm spending two day's a week as a valet at a local car dealer in Rocky Mount.
4. **What drew you to aviation?** T-Bird F-100 performance in mid 60's, Also included was a performance by Bob Hoover in his yellow Mustang. Said to myself "that could be fun."
5. **Your first solo.** Soloed in a USAF T-41 (Cessna 172) at Stinson Field, TX in Oct 1968
6. **Do you have your pilot's ticket? If yes- for which aircraft?** If yes- for which aircraft? Have my ATP for MEL and SEL
7. **Call sign if you have one. How did you get it?** " "Buffy" Previous aircraft.
8. **Anyone especially memorable you've met through aviation?** Chuck Yeager
9. **Favorite 'plane you've flown?** C-123K and B-52 D, F and G.
10. **Most memorable flight?** We'd have to sit down with a couple of soda's and about a day and a half to cover this question. However, my first most memorable flight was a solo T-38 cross country trying to land at Kelly AFB, TX. Being a student I was not allowed to penetrate and clouds because if I did a BIG green hand would reach up from under the plane and get me. (At least that's what my instructor told me. And you should always believe your instructor!) RAPCON was trying to get me to descend and my seat cushion is starting to disappear when I crossed the most beautiful trough of clouds followed by the edge of the cloud deck and clear WX ahead. I was able to descend and complete my solo with a safe landing.