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EAA Chapter 190	http://eaa190.com/	December 2014

Photo of the Month:



Moontown Airport – 3M5 - Home

Presidents Message:

Aaron Wypyszynski – EAA # 579057

November proved to be a great month! The weather cooperated and provided some great flying days. Though some were cold (including our November pancake breakfast) the crisp cool air provides for some great flying. It has been nearly 7 months since I saw 1000fpm on the VSI of my 172.

Chapter elections were held during last month's chapter meeting. Congratulations to the 2015-2016 EAA 190 Chapter Officers and Board of Directors:

Officers (2015-2016)

- President: Aaron Wypyszynski
- Vice President: Wes Conkle
- Treasurer: Bryan Tauchen
- Secretary: Charles P. Cozelos

BOD

- Andrea Attwood (2015-2016)
- Kevin MacQuinn (2015-2016)
- Michael Dunning (2014-2015)
- Jamie Dodson (2014-2015)

There will be no Chapter meeting this month, we will have the Moontown Airport (3M5) Annual Potluck Christmas Party, Saturday, December 13 at the pilots' lounge. Social begins at 5:30 PM, Potluck Dinner at 6:00 PM.

We will also have the make up for the workshop that was canceled last month. The workshop will be at Aaron's workshop and will focus on wood wing assembly.

We look forward to seeing you at this month's events.

Activity	Date	Time	Location	RSVP Contact
Moontown Christmas Party	Sat Dec 13 th	6:30pm	Moontown FBO	N/A mailto:Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com
Pancake Breakfast	Sat Dec 20 th	8-9am	Moontown Airport	N/A
Building Workshop	Tues Dec 9 th	6:30pm	Aaron's Workshop	N/A mailto:Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Wes Conkle – EAA # 633811

EAA Chapter 190 Meeting 11 November 2014

Call to Order: By President Aaron Wypyszynski at 6:35 pm.

Attendees: Wes Conkle, Jamie Dodson, Charles Cozelos, Bryan Tauchen, Michael Dunning, Todd Brooks, Jim Harchanko, Guests: Jeff Hoover, Jamie Hoover

Minutes: October meeting minutes are as in the Newsletter, accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report: as in the Newsletter

Old Business: None

New Business:

- 1) Charles made a motion to begin preps for sending one person to the Air Academy.

- 2) We need to form up a Bylaws review committee. The BOD will work on this after the first of the year.
- 3) Committee chairmen will be reappointed after the elections. If anyone wants to take over a committee, contact the President.

Election: Ballots were passed out and voted on. Absentee ballots were previously delivered to Michael Dunning.

Tours / Presentations – Todd gave a presentation about night flying.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Treasurers Report:

Jim Harchanko – EAA # 541411

November Treasurers Report

Date	Ck #	Description	Deposit	Check	Balance
11/01/2014		Beginning Balance			\$23,636.32
11/17/2014		Breakfast	\$109.00		\$23,745.32
11/17/2014	1113	J. Harchanko---propane		\$15.77	\$23,729.55
11/31/2014, 12:00:00 AM		Ending Balance			\$23,729.55

Safety:

Wes Conkle – EAA # 633811

Young Eagles:

Aaron Wypyszynski – EAA # 579057

Thoughts:

Jamie Dodson – EAA # 1025923

**Long Ago, a Pilot Landed on an Uptown Street.
That's Where the Bar Was.**

By COREY KILGANNON
June 4, 2013, 6:47 pm



John Muravcki/The New York Times A plane sat on 191st Street in 1956 after its wings were removed for shipment. The pilot landed the craft on St. Nicholas Avenue; rear, as part of a barroom bet.

Surprise airplane landings always make headlines. Who will forget Capt. Chesley Sullenberger steering a US Airways jetliner onto the Hudson River in 2009? Then there was a Long Island man who touched down on Rockaway Beach in 2011 and, more recently, a stunt pilot who coasted down safely onto a Suffolk County road.

But the remarkable drunken landings of Tommy Fitz have all but slipped into oblivion. The pilot, Thomas Fitzpatrick, turned a barroom bet into a feat of aeronautic wonder by stealing a plane from a New Jersey airport and landing it on St. Nicholas Avenue in northern Manhattan, in front of the bar where he had been drinking.

As if that were not stupefying enough, the man did nearly the exact same thing two years later. Both landings were pulled off in incredibly narrow landing areas, in the dark – and after a night of drinking in Washington Heights taverns and with a well-lubricated pilot at the controls. Both times ended with Mr. Fitzpatrick charged with wrongdoing.

The first of his flights was around 3 a.m. on Sept. 30, 1956, when Mr. Fitzpatrick, then 26, took a single-engine plane from the Teterboro School of Aeronautics in New Jersey and took off without lights or radio contact and landed on St. Nicholas Avenue near 191st Street.

The New York Times called it a “fine landing” and reported that it had been widely called “a feat of aeronautics.”

The second flight was on Oct. 4, 1958, just before 1 a.m.

Again he took a plane from Teterboro and this time landed on Amsterdam and 187th Street in front of a Yeshiva University building after having “come down like a marauder from the skies,” in the words of Ruben Levy, the magistrate at Mr. Fitzpatrick’s ensuing arraignment. Newspapers reported that Mr. Fitzpatrick jumped out of the landed plane wearing a gray suit and fled, but later turned himself in.

Mr. Fitzpatrick told the police that he had pulled off the second flight after a bar patron refused to believe he had done the first one.

That first flight, Mr. Fitzpatrick admitted, was the result of a barroom bet, according to articles in The New York Times. (He died in 2009 at age 79.)

“The story goes, he had made a bet with someone in the bar that he could be back in the Heights from New Jersey in 15 minutes,” said Jim Clarke, 68, who had lived near the first landing spot and recalls seeing the plane in the street.

“Supposedly, he planned on landing on the field at George Washington High School but it wasn’t lit up at night, so he had to land on St. Nicholas instead,” said Mr. Clarke, who now lives in Chatham, N.J.

After the first flight, Mr. Fitzpatrick was arraigned on grand larceny charges, which were dropped after the plane's owner declined to sign a complaint. He was also charged with violating the city's administrative code, which prohibits landing a plane on the street. Mr. Fitzpatrick was only fined \$100.

But after the second landing, a judge, John A. Mullen, sentenced him to six months in jail for bringing a stolen item into the city. The judge told him, "Had you been properly jolted then, it's possible this would not have occurred a second time."

Sam Garcia, 68, who as a child saw the plane resting on 191st Street, said, "If it happened today, they would call him a terrorist, and locked him up and thrown away the key."

Mr. Garcia, who now lives in Puerto Rico, said, "I thought maybe they had trucked it in, as a practical joke, because there was no way a man had landed in that narrow street."

After the second flight, Mr. Fitzpatrick told the police that he had held a pilot's license but that it had been suspended after the first flight and he had never renewed it because "I did not want to fly again."

A Washington Heights native, Mr. Fitzpatrick was living in New Jersey at the time of the flights, but still hung around with friends who were regulars in the bars, recalled Fred Hartling, 76, who remembered Mr. Fitzpatrick from the neighborhood.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was a good friend of Mr. Hartling's older brother Pat, Mr. Hartling said.

Mr. Fitzpatrick was a charismatic, adventurous type who would "butter up my mother" to let him sleep over at the Hartlings' apartment or convince her to let Pat go out to the bars, he said.

"Tommy had a crazy side," he said. "The whole group of them, my brother's friends, were a wild bunch."

According to an obituary about Mr. Fitzpatrick published in a New Jersey newspaper, he was a Marine during the Korean War and received a Purple Heart. He worked as a steamfitter for 51 years, it said, had three sons and lived in Washington Township, N.J. He remained married for 51 years to his wife, Helen, who, when contacted recently, hung up on a reporter who asked about the flights.

Mr. Hartling, now a retired logistics engineer living in Charlottesville, Va., said Mr. Fitzpatrick "pulled off a miracle" by landing the plane.

It "landed on a street with lampposts and cars parked on both sides," he said. "It was a wonder – you had to be a great flier to put that thing down so close to everything."

Next Generation of Pilots:

Hannah Brock – EAA # 1018039

The Christmas party is this month. At least I know that will happen. I haven't gotten to take a flying lesson in a few months and I miss it! Actually, anything I get to do at the airport is so much fun, that's why I miss getting my lessons.

I was thinking about the flying club and I realized that most of my friends are there. I don't ever remember not going to 3M5; Παππους tells me that I have been going since I was 3. It feels like home.

Last month I told everybody in my article what I hope we all get to do next year. This month, I want to share my New Year's resolutions for flying.

- I want to participate more; I'm getting bigger and hope I can do more than I have been.
- I want to get more flying lessons. I can finally reach the peddles enough that I can see out the window and push the brakes at the same time. I still sit on one cushion, but I'm getting bigger.

I Oh well, I can't think of anything else to say except I hope everybody has a Merry Christmas and I am looking forward to seeing everybody at the Christmas Party and breakfast.

Projects Update:

Jim Harchanko	RV	www.flickr.com/photos/rvflyer03/sets/
Bob Wilson	Dragonfly	http://hiwaay.net/~bzwilson/dragonfly/index.html

Calendar of Events:

Dec 9	2030hrs	Aaron's Airplane Workshop	Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com
Dec 13	1730hrs	Christmas Party	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Dec 20	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
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Jan 13	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jan 17	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jan 21	2030hrs	Aaron's Airplane Workshop	Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com
Feb 17	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Feb 21	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Feb 25	2030hrs	Aaron's Airplane Workshop	Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com
Mar 17	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Mar 21	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Mar 25	2030hrs	Aaron's Airplane Workshop	Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com

Apr 14	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Apr 18	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Apr 21-26		SUN 'n FUN	http://www.sun/n/fun.org/
Apr 22	2030hrs	Aaron's Airplane Workshop	Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com
May 12	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
May 16	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
May 20	2030hrs	Aaron's Airplane Workshop	Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com
June 16	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
June 20	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
June 24	2030hrs	Aaron's Airplane Workshop	Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com
Jul 14	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jul 18	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Jul 20 – Jul 26		Oshkosh	http://www.airventure.org/
Jul 22	2030hrs	Aaron's Airplane Workshop	Aaron.wypyszynski@gmail.com
Aug 11	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Aug 15	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Sep 15	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Sep 19		Moontown Airport (3M5) Annual Grass Field Fly In Sponsored By EAA Chapter 190	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Oct 13	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Oct 17	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Nov 17	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Nov 21	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
Dec 15	1800hrs	Chapter Meeting & Christmas Party	http://eaa190.weebly.com/

Dec 19	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
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Jan 16	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
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Feb 20	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/
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Mar 19	0730hrs	Fly-In Breakfast at Moontown	http://eaa190.weebly.com/

Ports of Call:

Lawrenceville, GA	LZW	EAA 690	1 st Saturday
Rome, GA	RMG	EAA 709	1 st Saturday
Winchester, TN	BGF	EAA 699	1 st Saturday
Gallatin, TN	M33	EAA 1343	2 nd Saturday
Guntersville, AL	8A1	EAA 683	2 nd Saturday
Murfreesboro, TN	MBT	EAA 419	2 nd Saturday
Huntsville, AL	3M5	EAA 190	3 rd Saturday
Shelbyville, TN	SYI	EAA 1326	4 th Saturday
Decatur, AL	DCU	EAA 941	5 th Saturday
Fort Payne, AL	4A9	EAA 890	5 th Saturday