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## **FFFA Members Receive Awards at Oshkosh**

### **Berl Grant Receives FAA Master Pilot Award**

The FAA's Wright Brothers Master Pilot award recognizes pilots who have achieved 50 years of safe flight as Pilot In Command. Your editor learned earlier this year that Berl met all the qualifications and applied for the award on his behalf. Since it came through just before Oshkosh we decided to present it there. The presentation was made in the International Comanche Society tent on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>.



Larry Bothe presents FAA Master Pilot Award to Berl Grant in the International Comanche Society tent at Oshkosh on Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Since we don't get to see Zack Grant very often now that he flies for United Airlines,

here is a picture of him with his dad right after the award was presented.



After the award presentation Larry did a safety forum for the ICS entitled *When the Engine Goes Silent*. Larry created the Power Point display based on an article he wrote for the NAFI Mentor magazine about private pilot applicants doing poorly on the simulated engine failure task on their checkride. If you're interested you can view the entire program when Larry does it as a webinar for the EAA on August 19<sup>th</sup>. Go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2094729447392164865> to register for the webinar. It is free and EAA membership is not required.

## Larry Bothe Receives Writing Award

Larry writes a series for the National Association of Flight Instructors bi-monthly magazine called *Mentor*. The series is entitled *What the Examiner Sees*. In it Larry, who is an FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, describes the problems applicants have with various phases of the Private Pilot Practical Test, and makes suggestions about how CFI's could better teach their students.

NAFI has an annual award they call the Greg Laslo Excellence In Writing Award. (Greg Laslo was the first editor of *Mentor* magazine.) Larry received this year's award.



Larry with Mentor editor David Hipschman



The plaque is 10.5 x 13 inches and is really nice

## July FFA Meeting

The July meeting was the 4<sup>th</sup> of July pitch-in/cookout. No official business was conducted.

## Airport News

For the second month in a row there is no airport news to report. There was nothing decided at the airport authority meeting that directly affects pilots and aircraft owners.

## Interesting Aviation Links

**Airplane museums worth a visit**, but ones you might not know about. From Mike Breuckmann, 6/21/2015.

[http://www.stltoday.com/travel/airplane-museums-are-worth-a-visit/article\\_ed8e6b52-2280-5cf2-a508-682a8f8bdbda.html](http://www.stltoday.com/travel/airplane-museums-are-worth-a-visit/article_ed8e6b52-2280-5cf2-a508-682a8f8bdbda.html)

**Remove cat before flight**, from Roy Farris, 6/22/15.

<http://www.wthr.com/story/29378314/watch-pilot-reacts-to-stowaway-cat>

**Whistling Death – the Corsair in WW-II**; 43-min video, actual war footage and interviews with the pilots that flew them.

From Mike Breuckmann, 6/20/15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=veBLPWiyOU&feature=em-subscriptions-digest-vrecc>

**Awesome B-2 refueling from KC135** This is the closest you will see a war bird. Watch in full screen mode. From Mike Breuckmann, 6/29/15.

[http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=0bc\\_1428285879](http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=0bc_1428285879)

**Hospital Drone** This is a dramatization, but the concept is pretty neat. From friend BJ Reneau, 7/9/15.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/y-rEI4bezWc>

**Pan Am Clipper** The story of one Pan Am Clipper at the outbreak of WW-II. Great pictures. This link was in the newsletter a couple of years ago, but since Rob Stoinoff sent it to us again, and it's good, it's worth another look, especially if you missed it the first time.

[http://www.youtube.com/watch\\_popup?v=Ms84WfJwAli&feature=pla%20yer\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=Ms84WfJwAli&feature=pla%20yer_embedded)

**Blue Angels**, cockpit footage, good stuff, from Mike Breuckmann, 7/13/15.

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/u4D0yx4DvBk?rel=0>

**Shortest landing**, from Paul Rawnsley, 7/18/2015. You'll love it.

[https://instagram.com/p/4h5fsoE\\_i7/](https://instagram.com/p/4h5fsoE_i7/)

**Russian Ekranoplan from the 1980's.**

Best described as a flying ship, this thing is incredible! Pictures and story. From Paul Rawnsley, 7/26/15.

<http://thebrigade.com/2015/07/09/russias-unprecedented-monster-aircraft-ship-53-photos-and-story/>

**Treasurer's Report**

For the period: June, 2015

<b>Opening bal, all funds</b>		<b>10,723.53</b>
<b>Opening bal, chkg acct</b>		<b>3,709.30</b>
<b>Income</b>		
Dues	60.00	
Other		
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>60.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Electric bill	10.26	
Sewer bill	9.14	
Water bill	14.87	
Other	9.90	
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>44.17</b>
Transfer from MMF		
Transfer to MMF		
<b>Closing bal, chkg acct</b>		<b>3,725.13</b>
<b>Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal</b>		<b>7,014.23</b>
Checks written		
X-fer in from chckng		
Interest earned		
<b>End bal, MMF</b>		<b>7,014.23</b>
<b>Net change, all accounts</b>		<b>15.83</b>
<b>Grand total, all funds</b>		<b>10,739.36</b>

**Member Accomplishments**

**Pat Brod** (Larry's wife) is able to begin walking again after her June 4<sup>th</sup> foot surgery. **Larry** hopes to be relieved of his Chief Cook & Bottle Washer role in the near future.

**Museum Archives**

Last month it was reported that the museum had three new exhibits, but there was only one photo (Gray Lady uniform on mannequin) because the other two weren't

quite finished yet. Here are the pictures of the other two exhibits.



German armament display in wooden case that once belonged to Jack Hildreth's grandfather. Marty Schwab built the base and extra shelves.



Freeman Field publications, featuring a bound volume with all of the the issues of the *Twingine Times* (the weekly base newspaper), cadet yearbook (only for the first two classes), and the orientation magazine given to new cadets and visitors.

Besides finalizing these two new displays, the museum has completely cleaned out and reorganized the storage room containing the remaining dig items yet to be cleaned up. They are now sorted and up on heavy-duty steel shelving that we got from FFFA member **Ben Higginbotham** at a very

economical price. Museum board member Joe Clegg, who spearheaded the reorganization effort, donated a sturdy work table. During the clean-up process it was discovered that the wooden doors are in bad shape. The door sill is rotted away, as is the frame on both sides. We also need to get a modest amount of electric power to that room for lights and small power tools.

Finally, the museum has selected officers for the 2015-2016 year. Joe Clegg is the new President, succeeding Bonnye Good. Marty Schwab takes over secretarial duties from Pat Brod. Jack Hildreth remains as VP and Dan Kiel and Larry Bothe stay on as Treasurer and Curator, respectively.

### Some aviation trivia....

Paul Tibbets & Butch O'Hare played on the same football team.

*A. B. C. League Football*



Two legendary pilots, Edward "Butch O'Hare and Paul Tibbets, were teammates in 1931 at Western Military Academy in Alton. Tibbets is standing at far right (No. 79) and O'Hare is in second row from the bottom, seated at far right.

### Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Jul 20-26, AirVenture (Oshkosh) 2015  
 Aug 1-2, 1/4-scale R/C model airplane meet  
 Aug 15; Taildragger Rendezvous, Post Air  
 Aug 29; North Vernon Airport Awareness Day  
 Sep 19 Wood, Fabric & Tailwheels, Lee Bottom  
 Sep 20 Madison free Air Show

**Sep 26, Seymour Airport Awareness Day**

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**Airport Authority** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 7:15 PM, terminal building conference room.

**Museum Board** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, 6 PM, main museum building library room.

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