

Hatz Biplane Association

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President's Corner

Jeff Orear

Home building 101

Since I have been stalled out building my Classic waiting for warmer, more painting conducive weather, I have had time to reflect on the process. Many things come to mind, some of which I have mentioned in previous newsletters, such as an immense sense of accomplishment, and accumulation of awesome friends I have met along the way.

One of the major things that I have benefited from is the education I have received. Sure, I had built an RV prior to tackling the Hatz, but the things I have learned from building from plans far outweigh those from building a kit. I've learned how to weld, fabricate major parts from fiberglass, cover, paint, and even a touch of upholstery. I knew I was in for a major project, but the scope of it became more apparent as the project progressed.

The main thing is what I learned about myself. Being a former dentist, I was tuned into being very precise with my work. I had no other choice, as I owed it to my patients, as well as myself. As I entered uncharted territory building the Hatz, it became clear that no matter how hard I tried, everything about the airplane was not going to be perfect, and basically being trained to be a perfectionist, that was really hard. When I started the project, I tried to build to the "Lindy Standard, that is, to an award winning quality. As I got further along in the build, there were areas that cropped up that despite my best effort, I fell slightly short of that goal.

Of course this does not mean I am building an inferior, unsafe, awful looking airplane. I like to think I am building a flying machine with character that tells a story about its construction. That pucker in my cockpit coaming? I got slightly off track. Those runs in the paint on my cabanes? Too much paint all at once. The aluminum ailerons? My RV building experience showing through. Those fuel line blisters? My brilliant idea to use a lightbulb as a plug (sorry about the pun). Every aspect of the build brings back its own memory. Many times it's how I had to fix some mistake I made.

The bottom line is that I took on a project that had many hurdles to overcome, and here I am, with the finish line well in site. It's not a perfect showplane, but it's all mine, it's all me, and yeah, I'm darn proud of it and of myself. The building of a plans built airplane such as a Hatz has its many frustrations, but the reward is oh so sweet.

Remain Calm, and Hatz On!

AAA to feature Hatz biplanes at Annual Blakesburg Flyin

I received the included email from Brent Taylor, head honcho of the Antique Aircraft Association, aka the AAA regarding this year's flyin at Blakesburg Iowa August 29 – September 4 2023. I have indicated to Brent our appreciation of being recognized this year and that we hope to have a good showing of Hatz examples there. If you have never attended, it is certainly an event that should be on your bucket list. Our gathering at Brodhead with the Pietenpol Association is an example of the atmosphere that is found at AAA, but with outstanding examples of Antique aircraft sprinkled in. It is a low key type of gathering, in other words not Airventure, that involves flying, both aerial and hangar, and getting to see old friends and meet new ones.

If you are able to attend, make it a point to head to south central Iowa in late August. In order to attend, you must be a member of the AAA. For more information regarding the AAA, membership, the associated Airpower Museum and the Blakesburg flyin go to:

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Dear Jeff,

Greetings from Antique Airfield.

Most of our members involved with the restoration and flying of antique aircraft, and building/flying Legacy Homesuit aircraft are aware that the Antique Airplane Association and the Air Power Museum hold what is considered by many to be the premiere fly-in for owners of the above type aircraft.

The 2023 AAA/APM Invitational Fly-in will be held on Aug 20th - Sep 4th here at Antique Airfield near Blakesburg, IA. (IA27), and preparations are already well under way for this gathering.

Notably, 2023 will be the 70th Anniversary of the founding of the AAA, and the Fly-in will celebrate that milestone with a variety of related activities during the event. First, the NIS Chapter AAA has agreed to once again host the Blakesburg Bendix, and the Romkey family, sponsors of the Air King Charity Challenge, have confirmed their intention of sponsorship once again. Also, Greg Herrick is planning the 20th reunion of the airplanes and people that took part in the historic 2003 National Air Tour (NAT) here during the Fly-in.



Antique Airfield during the 2023 AAA/APM Invitational Fly-in as part of our AAA 70th Anniversary celebrations.

As is our usual practice during the AAA/APM Fly-in, featured aircraft will have a special parking area where all our members in attendance can enjoy viewing them as well as visiting with their owners. Plus, featured aircraft appear on our Fly-in T-shirts.

To keep abreast of the latest news about this event we suggest you regularly check the AAA/APM web site at www.AntiqueAirfieldIA27.com, our facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/antiqueairfield>, and our monthly email from AAA Headquarters, "Brent's Blast" where a page dedicated to those aircraft and their owners planning on attending will be featured.

So, start making plans and let us know if you will be joining us. If you have questions, comments, or need more information, I can be contacted at the above address and phone # or you can e-mail me at AntiqueAirfield@gmail.com. We look forward to seeing you and your Hatz in August of this year.

Brent Taylor

Brent Taylor
President AAA
Chairman APM
Chairman AAA/APM Invitational Fly-in

However, we have been thinking of other appropriate tie-ins for the AAA's 70th. Considering Hatz aircraft have been a part of AAA Fly-ins over the last fifty plus years here at Antique Airfield, we have decided to feature Hatz aircraft as the Legacy Homesuit for the 2023 AAA/APM Invitational Fly-in. Therefore, let me extend a formal invitation to all Hatz owners (CB-1, Classic, Santam & Kelly D) to join with us here at Antique Airfield during the 2023 AAA/APM Invitational Fly-in as part of our AAA 70th Anniversary celebrations.



Top wing on one side hung while Kathy keeps her photo log.



Top and bottom wings in place. Time for struts

Shultz Classic Nearing Completion

Rick Shultz is in the final assembly stage of his Classic project. Recently he crossed the milestone of installing his wings with the help of fellow aviators. One participant was Mark Taylor, who's report on the process follows:

It was a cold, snowy Tuesday morning when my neighbor and local AP/IA, Charlie Lines and I hit the slick roads on our way up to Rick Shultz's hangar north of Dayton Ohio. When we arrived, we found ourselves in the presence of a handful of talented airplane builders/restorers. They had just started getting Rick's wings attached, so we jumped right in. Rick and his wife Kathy were very cordial hosts and fed us doughnuts in the morning and pizza for lunch. All in all it was a very enjoyable day spent laughing and joking around, with a little teasing for Rick just to keep him from getting too heady, since he created such a beautiful piece of workmanship that is his Hatz Classic.

We finished our work by about 6pm and everyone called it a day. Personally, I was honored to have been able to help assemble such a stunningly beautiful Hatz. I'm looking forward to seeing the first flight sometime later this spring.



Wes Jones provides valuable lighting



Tah-Dah! The happy couple, Kathy and Rick Shultz



Wings all hung



Since Mark filed his report, Rick has been doing engine runs and as he says “chasing snakes” prior to contacting a DAR for inspection and sign-off. It’s anticipated that a first flight report will be available by the next newsletter. Stay tuned!

Rick has raised the bar yet again in the quality of build that we see year after year. His Classic is destined to be another award winning Hatz.



L to R: Mark Taylor, Manfred Maurer, George Medve,
Charlie Lines, Rick Shultz

55th Anniversary Plans Continue

This year we celebrate the 55th anniversary of the design of the CB-1. The tentative plan is to have the HBA sponsor a dinner at one of the local Brodhead eateries. We will of course also have cool refreshing beverages of varying description available at our tent on field at Brodhead as well. Details will be provided in the next newsletter. It is anticipated that our event will be either Friday or Saturday night, whichever does not conflict with the local EAA chapter cookout.

Search Continues for New Newsletter Editor and Webmaster

The HBA is still in need of a new newsletter editor. Please let me know if you would like to pick up the torch and produce our publication.

A webmaster is still also needed to maintain and monitor our site. C'mon computer wizards....step up!

Hatz Bling on Sale!

Here's your chance to get decked out for the flying season at a reduced price! All hats and T's are on sale for \$15 each. Contact Jeff Moore via the website at hazbiplane.com to order yours today! Limited quantities left for the blue T's



Sorry about the models for the blue T's. I asked for three studs and the ad agency sent me the three stooges

Upcoming 2023 Events

Hatz/Pientenpol flyin
Brodhead, WI
July 20-23

EAA Airventure
Oshkosh, WI
July 24-30

AAA/APM flyin
Blakesburg IA
Aug 29-Sept 4



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