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THE SPINNER

*Words from
our President*



We had quite a few members turn out for the February meeting. I did not get a real count. Only 3 Corvair's were in attendance. Boo!

We collected quite a bit of clothing for the Haven of Rest as part of Mike Zuercher's company, RD Abbott, 75 acts of kindness, celebrating their 75th anniversary of being in business. The Friends of Corvair basically filled a Gaylord (a 4x4x4 box) with clothing items. A big 'THANK YOU!' from Mike and Tammy.

It was great to see John Lantz this month after him missing January.

It looks like we have the schedule for 2024 filled up. I know a few loose ends still need to be tied down.

See you next time for breakfast at Camp Tuscazoar on March 23rd.

Bring your Vair!

Bill Richards,
FOC President

Our Member in the News!

**Aces of Trades: Norman
Aviation owner soars to
new heights as a pilot
and mechanic**



**Zanesville native is
focused on keeping
customers safe in the air**
Drew Bracken, Correspondent

ZANESVILLE – Aviation is his lifelong passion – and the family

business.

"I grew up in the aviation community," recalled Bob Norman. "My grandfather, Earl Norman, was a certified flight instructor and also flew fire patrol for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. My father, Chuck Norman, served in the U.S. Air force and was also a local flight instructor. With a father and grandfather who were passionate about flying, I never dreamed of doing anything else. I just always wanted to have a career in aviation."

Today, Norman owns Norman Aviation at Zanesville's Parr Airport.

"My parents own Parr Airport and I oversee the daily operations," he explained. "My main business is aircraft maintenance and inspections. I currently service many types of aircraft in Ohio and surrounding states. I'm a detail-oriented mechanic and am passionate about keeping my customers safe in the air."

"In the evenings and on weekends I schedule students who wish to learn to fly," he added. "Our runway is short (3,400 feet) and narrow (26 feet), but those

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**SATURDAY
MARCH 23
MEETING
@ 10:00 AM**

It was decided at the February planning meeting to participate in the Camp Tuscazoar Pancake Breakfast. All are welcome to join us for a delicious pancake breakfast featuring old-fashioned maple syrup.

Camp Tuscazoar

6066 Boy Scout Rd. NE, Dover, Ohio 44622-7541

The camp entrance is on Boy Scout Rd. (County Road 83), which runs south off SR 212, just east of SR 800. From the Bolivar exit on I-77 go east 6 miles on SR 212. From Dover go north on SR 800 to SR 212 E which is just above the dam. From Atwood Lake go west on SR 212.

Note: online maps may show the camp in an incorrect location, or may show Old Zoarville Road as a through street.

Details of the breakfast and advance ticket purchases can be made online at the following link(s)

General Information <https://tuscazoar.org/events/maple-days/>

Prepurchase tickets <https://tuscazoar.org/events/maple-days/>



Tickets can be purchased in advance for \$10 each online "allow time for tickets to be mailed", or \$12 each if purchased onsite. Parking areas are primitive but shuttle service to the dining area will be provided.

After our meal we can tour the onsite camp museum, and perhaps coordinate a drive over to the Dover Dam scenic overlook.

No official RSVP is required but to have an idea of head count, please call or text RSVP to John Heckel at 216.978.3814 by March 21.

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who've learned here and have continued their journey either professionally or as a hobby will tell you if you can take off and land at Parr, you can take off and land anywhere."

Norman grew up in Zanesville, graduated from Zanesville High School in 1980, continued his aviation maintenance apprenticeship at Parr Airport, became an A&P Mechanic in 1983 and obtained Inspection Authorization privilege in 1986.

"My grandfather, along with my parents, built Parr Airport in early 1971," he said. "It was officially designated on August 17, 1971. We began with a grass runway and a telephone on a pole. Our business has grown over the years and continues to be privately owned and operated by the Norman family but open to the public.

"I did have a job as a corporate pilot for about three years," he added. "After changes in the local economy, I came back to Parr and continued expanding my business of Norman Aviation."

Dan Hooper is a local private pilot who learned to fly at Parr Airport.

"Bob has worked tirelessly to support a broad customer base and teach safe flying skills to hundreds of students over the years," assessed Hooper. "Bob's attention to detail shows in the aircraft he builds, flies, and maintains. That passion and those skills translate into the lives and communities of the pilots who learn at Parr. We appreciate all that Bob does to put aviation within reach for those who are interested in our community."

"Aviation is absolutely in my blood," Norman responded. "I now have two children who have aviation in their blood too. My son, Ashton, is a CFI and is continuing the family business as an instructor here at Parr. My daughter, Aerial, is currently a student pilot and will obtain her private pilot license soon.

"I can't even imagine doing anything else," he summed. "I'm 62 years old and have been flying since I was 11. Actually, that's incorrect. My mother flew with my father the day before I was born."

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10 Robert Morris
11 Lovie Carter
21 Sarah Casper
26 Tammy Larimer
26 Nancy Zabjek
30 Don Carano



FOC 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH 23

March 23 – Camp Tuscazoar
Pancake Breakfast,
Host, John Heckel

APRIL 20

Age of Steam Sugarcreek, OH
Host, Valerie Norman

MAY 11

Lanterman's Mill, Mill Creek
Metro Parks, Youngstown,
Host, Mike Zuercher

JUNE 1

Return To Route 66 Vintage
Camper and Car Show,
Mantua, OH,
Host Patrick Skiver

JULY

No Event

AUGUST 3

Covered Bridge Tour,
Hosts Trish Burton & Elaine
Harkless

SEPTEMBER 1

Annual Corn Roast,
Hosts Gary and Becky DeMoss

OCTOBER 12

The Wilds Safari Park,
Muskingum County, Ohio
Host, Valerie Norman

NOVEMBER

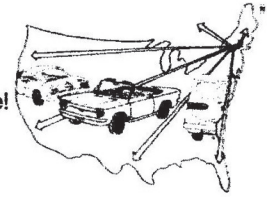
To be Determined

DECEMBER 8

Annual Christmas Party,
LaPizzaria, Canton, Hosts
Gary/Becky Demoss &
Rick/Renee Bender

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Welcome to our most recent members, Bruce and Raianne Kellior. The Kellior's reside in Ravenna, Ohio. They are the proud owners of a 1965

2-door Monza 140. Bruce lists his main interests in Concours, workshops, touring and social events. We look forward to meeting you soon!