



Get Your Holiday Party Reservations! See page 2 for details...

# The Eaglet



THE BAYPORT AERODROME SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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## Museum Hangar Facelift Begins



**A**t November's membership meeting a vote was passed to fund the refurbishment of hangar 23. After the meeting the members got it cleared out in 25 minutes! See story on page 4:

### General Membership Meetings:

- **HOLIDAY PARTY:**  
DECEMBER 10TH  
(SEE PAGE 2)
- **NO MEETINGS JAN OR FEB**
- MARCH 5TH 2017
- APRIL 2ND 2017
- MAY 7TH 2017
- JUNE 4TH 2017
- JULY 2ND 2017

### Hangar Application Waiting List:

BOB ALONSO	1
JOSH TEFEL	2
JOHN CACCAVALLE	3
ELLIOTT RODGERS	4
NICK MERCOURIS	5
PAUL PILIPSHEN	6

## From The President's Desk:

**2016** is almost over and we had a great year. We have two flyovers left: The flower drop on December 7th over Calverton and top cover for Bill Clifford's flying Santa over the fire island light house. December 7th will be wheels up at 2:30 pm ( 1430 ).flying Santa will be about 12:30 on December 10th See me if you want to partake in either one.

We are trying something new for the holiday party with a band

and live entertainment and I hope to see everybody there!

Again I would like to thank everybody for a successful year. Happy Holidays and Merry Christmas to all.

Sincerely, *John Bianco*



Merry Christmas



## Late Breaking December Events:



- [December 7th Pearl Harbor Memorial Flight:](#)

On Wednesday December 7th we will be doing our annual dropping of the roses over Calverton National Cemetery in honor Pearl Harbor veterans (weather permitting). Wheels are up at 2:30pm if you are interested in jumping in an empty seat.

- [December 10th Flying Santa over the Long Island Lighthouse:](#)

On Saturday December 10th around 12:30pm (before the Holiday Party) the BAS's own Flying Santa Bill Clifford will be performing his annual present drop over the Long Island Lighthouse (weather permitting). There will be a "top cover" flight of other members aircraft and there may be empty passenger seats so come on down or enjoy the show at Long Island Lighthouse.

### Quote of the Month:

"More than anything else the sensation (of flight) is one of perfect peace mingled with an excitement that strains every nerve to the utmost, if you can conceive of such a combination."

— Wilbur Wright

## Don't Be Left Out!...Seats Still Available!

This year we are having our annual Holiday Party at the **American Airpower Museum** next Saturday December 10th. This is an exciting new outing that will not only have the 1940's atmosphere of the legendary WWII hangar and aircraft around us but live '40s music, dancing, and entertainment too! It will be BYOB (bring your own booze) and dressing up 40's style is encouraged. The BAS will be picking up some of the tab to make the event as affordable as it will be fun. So grab a date and see Treasurer Zirola to reserve your seats or go to the BAS website where you can register and pay for them there.



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The Bayport Aerodrome Society Presents:



2016

# HOLIDAY PARTY

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## AMERICAN AIRPOWER MUSEUM

Saturday, December 10th 5pm - 10pm

*\$50 Per Person, Guests Unlimited.*

*Purchase by December 1st. @*

*[www.bayportaerodromesociety.org](http://www.bayportaerodromesociety.org)*



**LIVE 40'S MUSIC  
DANCING**

**BYOB!**

**40'S DRESS**

**ENCOURAGED!**

**&  
ENTERTAINMENT!**

**A-2 FLIGHT JACKET**

**RAFFLE!**

### AMERICAN AIRPOWER MUSEUM

1230 NEW HIGHWAY, FARMINGDALE, LONG ISLAND, NY

## Hangar 23 Refurbishment (From Page 1)

Its been many years since our Museum Hangar was given a facelift, and since we keep renting out the space to other aviation and community groups to use the board figures its time to reinvest the money we make back into the hangar. Towards that end we asked the membership to stick around after last months meeting to help us strip out the hangar (after we collectively voted to spend the money) and store everything in hangar 21 next door. In a whirlwind of activity the job was done in no time flat! Thanks to Jimmy Pancake, Jesse Eldridge, Sean Martens and everyone else who chipped in we enjoyed a nice BBQ afterwards.

## *Special Thanks:*

*To the membership for sticking around after last meeting and doing a great job of cleaning out hangar 23!*



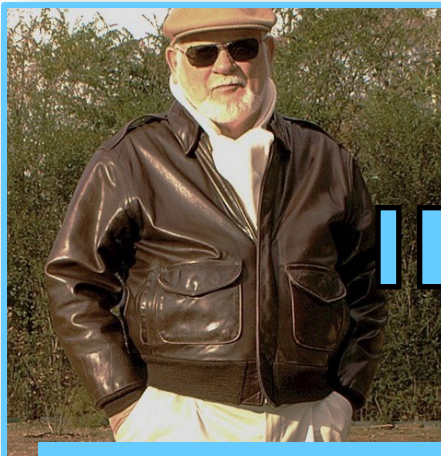
I need a freak'n vacation!



## Don't Forget Holiday Party A-2 Flight Jacket Raffle!

Thanks to a generous donation from the **Airpower Museum**, **The Cockpit USA** and **Nick Zirolu** we are raffling off a brand new WWII Army Air Corp style A-2 leather flight jacket (The jacket is a large but can be traded in for any size you want). New off the rack this jacket goes for \$590!

Tickets are \$10.00 each and the winner will be chosen at the Holiday Party on December 10th. You can purchase tickets from treasurer Nick Zirolu or at the Party.



WIN THIS JACKET AND GO FROM THIS ....



GET YOUR TICKET NOW!!



TO THIS!!!!!!



## ROUND & ABOUT THE AERODROME:

### The SeaBee is Back!...

Some of you may have noticed in John Hess's hangar that his 1946 Republic SeaBee is back. After a lengthy restoration at Bayport where John had practically rebuilt the airplane from scratch he had moved it to Brookhaven Airport for taxi tests. Unfortunately it was seriously damaged in Super Storm Sandy and needed extensive repairs. John has brought it back to continue working on the needed repairs and once finished John will then decide what is next for the Republic built sea plane.



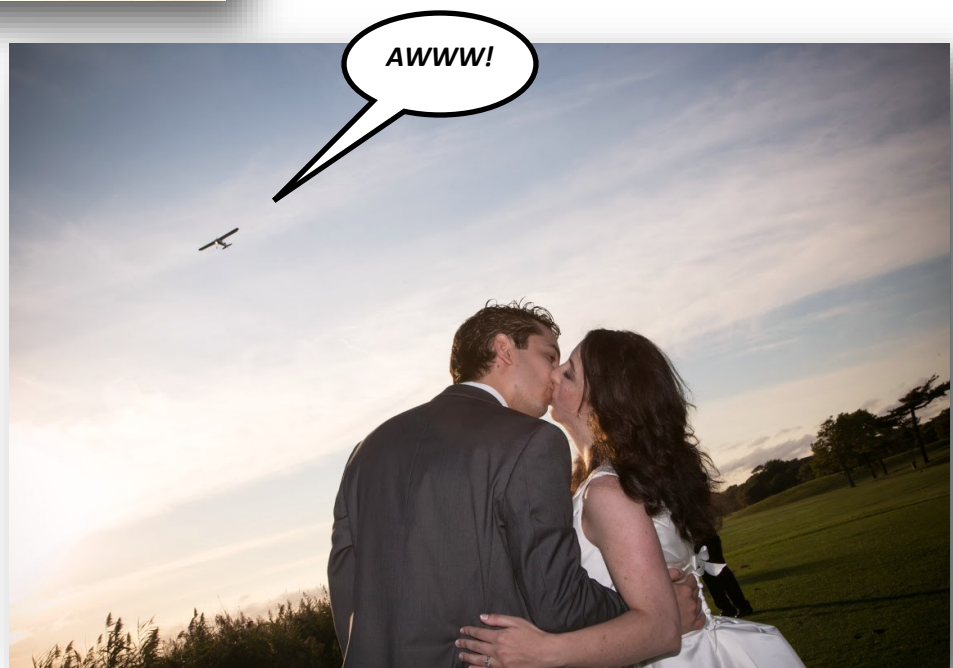
### ...And Another Swift is Gone!

Kevin Kilroy is making room for a flying aircraft in his hangar. He recently sold off his long term project to one Mr. Martin VanPelt of South Venice Florida. Mr. VanPelt has owned and restored a number of Swifts including one with a Chevy Corvette small block V-8!!!

Kevin wishes Mr. VanPelt luck with his new project Swift and has plans to buy possibly an Ercoupe in airworthy condition with the proceeds. He has already gotten approval from the Board and we look forward to seeing another Ercoupe join the fleet at 23N.

### Wedding Fly Over

Back in October one of our younger members was getting hitched for the first time and requested a fly-over of the wedding reception at the Sayville Country Club. **Gerard and Jamie DeSantis** tied the knot while Prez John Bianco, Bob Mott, Jimmy Mularadelis, and Jesse Eldridge performed the fly-over. In appreciation for making their special day even more special they were kind enough to make a \$100 donation to the Society. Congrats and good luck to both of them!



## Operation Leaf Be Gone:

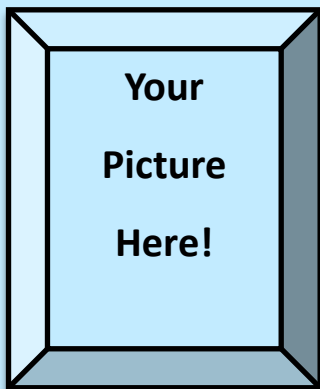
Last weekend the call went out for volunteers to help remove the leaves that were threatening to kill some of the new grass we worked hard to grow last month. Around 15 members showed up Sunday morning armed with leaf blowers and rakes and the leaves didn't stand a chance. The job was done in no time once we got some big tarps from Ace Precht! to drag the offending leaves down field with golf carts and then into the woods. Thanks to Joe Cannizzaro and the BAS for providing bagels and coffee for all afterward. Job well done men!



Photo by Cliff Perkins



## Members, We Want Your Stories!



**D**o you have a personal aviation related story or cartoon you have always wanted to get down on paper? Well, here is your chance! The "staff" at the *Eaglet* are interested in publishing your aviation stories. The stories don't have to be true, and the art doesn't have to be a Monet!, it just has to be printable. Have a great idea for a monthly column? even better!!!

Send your ideas via email, snail mail, phone, or headlock to the staff, I mean **Bob Mott**, at *The Eaglet* and you may be on your way to newsletter stardom!

THERE I WAS... OUT OF  
ALTITUDE, AIRSPEED  
AND IDEAS!...





# Member Project Updates:

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ith winter coming our lease holders have been busy last month trying to get some work done on their aircraft before the cold sets in....



A clogged fuel injector cleaned up, Jim Bean is ready to get back in the air.



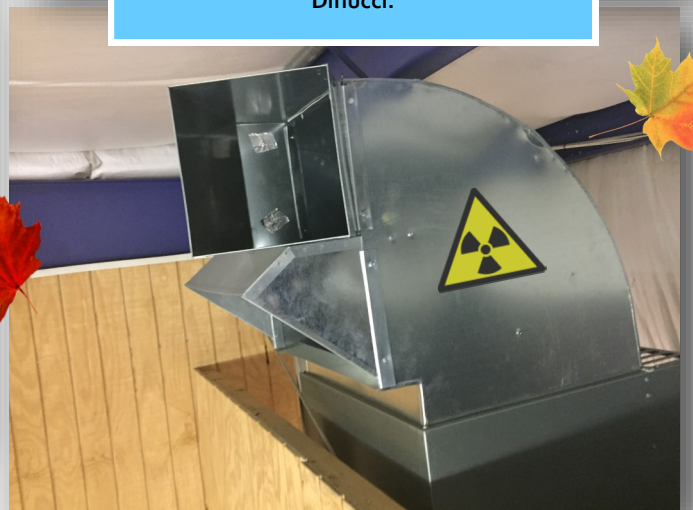
Ace Prechtl busy doing some tidying up and preparing to winterize the N3N (where are his new partners??). The N3N has been flying out of 23N since 1985!



Nick, Bob, and Josh give the "Bayport Pilot Maker" an annual in hangar 23 care of Gino Dinucci.



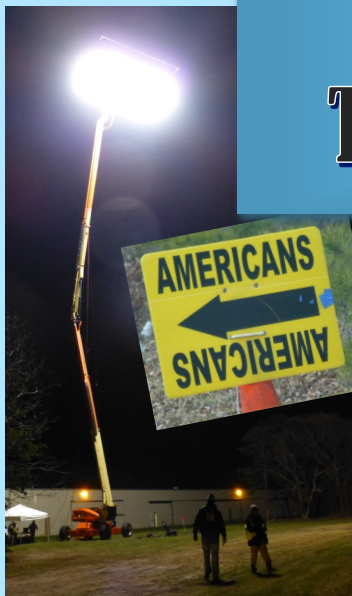
Dave Liebman found out a badly decomposed muffler is what led to smoke in the cockpit on his Cub's last flight thanks to Gino's professional investigation.



Meanwhile over in hangar 18 Nick Mercouris is helping Bob Mott get his heater installed so he can un-stall his Hatz project



# Bayport Aerodrome Society The Year in Pictures



Photos Courtesy of: The Editor, Anmarie Bain and anybody else we could steal them from...







See you next year!



# The Long Island Early Fliers Club, Inc.

\*\*\*\*\**Special Notice*\*\*\*\*\*

We are pleased to announce our latest bus trip to the Washington D.C. area:

**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**

While the itinerary is not complete at this time, we are planning a visit to:

**1). NASA Goddard Space Flight Center** – *this is a private tour during which we will see several buildings at the facility, in which satellites are being designed and assembled for launch in 2017 & 2018. It is likely we will see the James Webb Space Telescope, which is scheduled to replace Hubble next year.*

**2). Patuxent Naval Air Station Museum and Test Pilot School  
At N.A.S. Patuxent River.**

*These are guided tours by docents at the museum and actual Navy Flight Instructors at Pax River.*

**3). Steven Udvar Hazy Center at Dulles**

**4). Additional sites as time permits**

*(I am working on a White House tour as well.)*

*Please note: Registrants may be required to provide their name, Social Security number and date of birth for a security clearance at some of our destinations. I will advise as the trip gets nearer.*

**We will be traveling on a tour bus that has a restroom facility.**

**Price includes the following:**

- 1). Round trip bus transportation.**
- 2). Two nights at Embassy Suites Hotel, Chantilly Virginia  
(includes breakfast at the hotel, free cocktails 5:30-7:00 p.m.)**
- 3). Admission to the PAX River Museum with guided tour.**
- 4). Admission to an IMAX movie at one of the museums.**

**Cost: (Does not include meals)**

**1). Single individual \$465.00**

**2). Second person in same room: \$252.00**

**(sharing a room with someone brings the cost down to: \$358.50 each)**

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**Washington D.C. bus trip sign-up sheet:  
Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup> through Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**Count me in!!!!  
(Please print legibly!!!)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sharing room with:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (if different):** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Single occupancy:** *\$465.00 (deposit \$165.00 with sign up by December 1<sup>st</sup> then two payments of \$150.00 on January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> .*

**OR**

**Sharing a room:** *\$717.00 (\$358.50 each) Deposit \$217.00 with sign up by December 1<sup>st</sup> ; two payments of \$250.00 on January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>*

**Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover Accepted!**

**Space is limited....book early!**

**Return to:** LIEF

% Fred Coste

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# THE LONG ISLAND EARLY FLIERS CLUB



## Raffle Prizes:



One Grand Prize: \$10,000 or 33% of available prize money

One Second Prize: \$5,000 or 16.6% of available prize money

3 Third Prizes: \$1,000 or 3.3% of available prize money each

4 Fourth Prizes: \$500 or 1.6% of available prize money each

Maximum 600 tickets to be sold.



Return this portion with your check or money order for \$50 per ticket to: LIEF, PO Box 43 Holbrook NY 11741. Tickets will be sent by return mail. Raffle rules on reverse.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets: \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50 Each

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Find out who has The Right Stub April 9, 2017.

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Winners need not be present.

# BAS Calendar of Events 2016

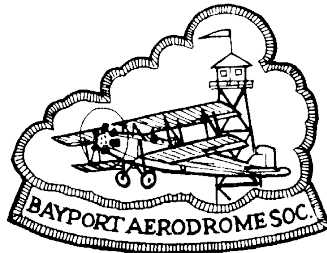
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December 10th Flying Santa over Long Island Light House

*December 10th Holiday Party @ American Airpower Museum!*

**NOTE:** LIEF Meetings are held on the second Sunday of every Month.

AACGNY Meetings are held on the third Sunday of every Month.



**FOR SALE!**



• 1961 Piper Colt needs total restoration. Metal Fuselage.

See Gino Dinucci (727) 447-1610





*Long Islands Living History Museum,*

**THE BAYPORT AERODROME SOCIETY**

PO Box 728  
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Phone: 631-868-3838

*As a "living museum" we have a variety of antique aircraft flying on the field. These include Bi-Planes, Champs, Cubs and others.*

*The Bayport Aerodrome Society was formed in 1975 and its membership is composed of aviation professionals, recreational pilots, and people interested in preserving aviation history.*

*By offering tours of the Aerodrome as well as various Social Events, our members share their passion for aviation with the community.*

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