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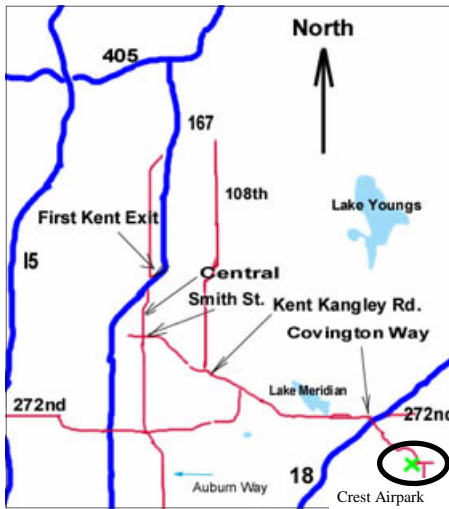
## **Tom Torchia**

### Survivor of a Mid-Air Collision

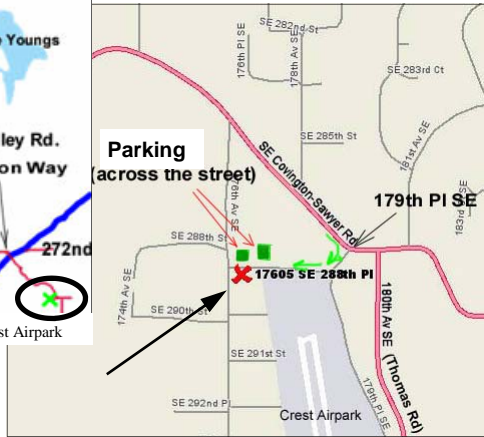
This month's speaker talks about ditching his Citabria due to control failure followed by his rescue in Commencement Bay

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**Meets 4th Mondays 7:30pm  
17605 SE 288th PL, Kent  
The Mellema Hanger  
Crest Airpark**



**Apr 28—7:30 p**

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# President's Column

Setbacks, Backsliding, two steps back, or “restructuring”. Not terms anyone is ever comfortable with. Yet sometimes it’s better to face it and take action so you can move on.



We found ourselves at such a cross roads and when an opportunity to sell our engine and prop came thru. We decided to do so. Not an easy decision for our romantic radial and I won’t bore you with the details. Its new home will be on the nose of a CJ6 and if we’re lucky we will get to fly behind it, maybe this summer or fall.

Where it puts us is back in the engine prop dream time, as I get back to the basic building mode moving forward. Doesn’t matter if it’s Auto conversion, Deltahawk Diesel, turbine or Pponk’s modded 520, I like comparing and dreaming. Seems there’s newer better PSRUs now, so I am more open to Auto conversions. The speed reduction units have seemed to be a weak link in the past, especially at the power settings we are looking at. It’s all part of the education process and we know more of what we want. The radial was a good deal, though perhaps early in our building stage. I still think it is an awesome choice and some other like it isn’t out of the question.

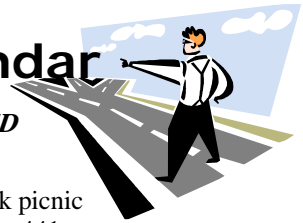
For now, it’s house roof repair and other basics that need caught up, while structure and control work on the airframe enjoy renewed effort. I apologize to Ron as we were honored to be mentioned in his book with an inspiring graphic of what our plane might look like, but that is the nature of large projects, things evolve. We are still building this Compair 6, just not sure what will be up front anymore.

On another subject and as the editor’s husband, I’d like to remind everyone Marty is the editor, but not head writer. It is up to us members to take a few minutes and send updates, photos, stories, or research pertinent to our chapter. Every little bit helps and she always is excited and happy about new stuff. Some issues have a lot, sometimes they are light like this one, so remember every little bit helps.

And lastly, we voted on purchasing our own chapter projector last month and chapter 26 replaced their old one. We might still entertain whether or not our chapter should purchase a laptop, or look at what options we have as a shared group going forward.

—Let’s hope Spring finally wakes up and stays!

# Fly-Ins / Event Calendar



*Be sure and checkout the NEW and IMPROVED  
[EAA.org/CALENDAR](http://EAA.org/CALENDAR)!*

**Apr 26—Crest Airpark** 1:00pm at the Crest Airpark picnic benches—a lite lunch will be served. Volunteers from 441: "Young Eagles Day" for about 6 Cub Scouts in Pack 504. David Underwood 253-209-4173

**May 3—Crest Airpark**—morning weather permitting, local chapter 99s will freshen up the paint for the Crest name on this local airstrip. Marty is hosting their meeting place afterwards: 253-639-2494.

**May 5 - Arlington Airport Appreciation Day** Yearly in May 9a-2p Free flights for children age 8 - 17 sponsored by the Young Eagles 360.435.5857 or 360.403.3470

**May 17-18—Arlington—RV Aircraft Construction / EAA SportAir Hands-on Workshop** [sportair.org/confirm/index.html](http://sportair.org/confirm/index.html)

**May 21 –25—B-17 Tour Stop—Boeing Museum of Flight** [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org)

**May 31—Moses Lake Chapter 355 Flyin Breakfast**

**Jun 6-8—McMinnville, OR: New Space Museum Launch!** [SpruceGoose.org](http://SpruceGoose.org)

**Jun 14-15—Olympia—Olympic Air Show—Gathering of Warbirds, on Father's Day Weekend** [olympicflightmuseum.com](http://olympicflightmuseum.com)

**June 20-22—Arlington ELSO Airplane Repairman-Inspection EAA SportAir Workshop—**[mforss@eaa.org](mailto:mforss@eaa.org)

**Jul 9-13—Arlington, WA—Northwest EAA Fly-In** [www.nweaa.org](http://www.nweaa.org)—**40th Anniversary!!**



**Jul 28-Aug 3—Oshkosh, WI—EAA AirVenture, Wittman Regional Airport**

**[airventure.org](http://airventure.org)** Experience 'Oshkosh: The Spirit of Aviation' Video- Online!



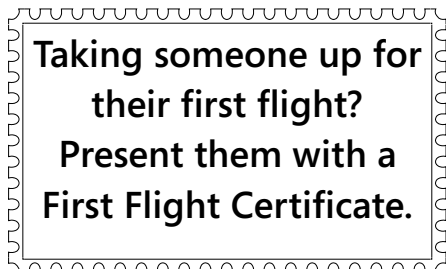
EAA teams with WAI for first **WomenVenture2008**, culminating with assembly of women pilots on August 1:

**[airventure.org/womenventure](http://airventure.org/womenventure)**

**Aug 2-3—SEAFair, Seattle**

**Aug 17-18—Chilliwack Flight Fest, BC**

**Aug 30—Blackberry Festival Flyin, Port of Bremerton**



## Excerpt from EAA National:

**The Flying Heritage Collection**, one of the world's greatest collections of rare World War II-era military aircraft from the five major countries of the war, will open on June 6, in a newly restored facility at Paine Field in Everett, Washington. The Flying Heritage Collection features legendary planes like the Supermarine Spitfire, Messerschmitt BF 109, Mitsubishi Zero-Sen, and the North American P-51D Mustang. The Collection's Fieseler Fi-103 V-1 "Buzz Bomb" was the world's first 'cruise missile' and was also developed by Germany late in World War II. The collection also features a North American Hellcat, one of five Hellcats left in the world. For more information visit [flyingheritage.com](http://flyingheritage.com)

## AOPA Excerpt: News Splash Welcome Back Seaplanes

Good news for seaplane pilots. The Bureau of Reclamation intends to return seaplane access to more than 400 lakes in 17 western states. Thanks to the efforts of AOPA, the Seaplane Pilots Association, and local pilot groups and state aviation agencies, the bureau has agreed to change a rule that should eliminate the seaplane prohibition on its lakes. The issue arose when the bureau in 2006 revised a federal rule, which had unintended consequences.

**Many of you know Geoff Sharples of chapter 26**, who recently had a stroke. Geoff's family needs to sell his airplane quickly to help pay for his nursing care.

It's a 1956 Cessna 172 with 2500 TT, and ten hours SMOH. Exterior and interior are original (and look it) but the seats have been re-upholstered. It's got a basic VFR panel (I'm guessing 70s-80s vintage) with radio and transponder. It's two years out of annual.

They're looking for about \$25,000...which is really a steal, when you consider \$23K was spent on the engine overhaul. I don't know much about the aircraft itself, but the man who owns it is an engineer and long-time homebuilder.

Jim Huber is handling this for the family: home 253-630-1789, or email him at [james.huber@comcast.net](mailto:james.huber@comcast.net). Or drop me an email if you can't get hold of Jim. —Ron Wanttaja

# Members Classified Section

**Craftsman 8 in table saw**, cast iron, tilt arbor, wings, fences, blades, 3/4 hp Craftsman motor, on wood roll around table. \$100.  
Hilmer Swanson 253-859-4844

**For sale: plans-built Barracuda** designed by Jeff Siers. Won 1976 Oshkosh best new design. All-wood 2 place low wing, high performance. Airframe almost finished. Need to finish flap, fuel system, wire and plumb, and all firewall forward. Have glass for canopy and windshield, and fiberglass cowling parts. Engine mount for O-540 engine. \$6K obo.  
Tony Szabo 253-232-9726, Enumclaw [members.aol.com/flybarracuda](http://members.aol.com/flybarracuda)



**Ancient TIG welder.** Wilson 200 amp MCM HeliWelder, model 200MCM-1H. 220v, single phase. DC machine w/hi-freq. generator option. Works well in DC on steel w/ HF for starting, and on aluminum using HF continuously. Can be used as stick welder. 3 amp ranges, continuous amp variation within each range. No torch, no ground lead, no stick lead, no argon bottle, no radiator. Brian Lee 253-639-0489

**Home-Crest Airpark**, 3Br 1.5 Ba, metal roof, 49X45 heated hangar, MIL space, more. Must sell! \$465k 253-630-1689 [james.huber@comcast.net](mailto:james.huber@comcast.net)

**T-18 Project** at Tacoma Narrows; O-290D GPU conversion w/chrome cylinders. **Pacesetter wood prop 68 X 68**; Professional-built wing spar, ribs; **all parts and materials to finish project on hand, no instruments.** Terra:- COM, NAV, & OBS; NavAid AP (head and servo ). \$10k partially complete plane, \$8k for engine, \$18k for both. **Tom Worth** (253) 576-2730 [wocon@att.net](mailto:wocon@att.net) **Schedule a T-18 demo ride too!**

**1958 Colonial Skimmer Lake Amphibian** - precursor to Lake LA-4 and Lake Buccaneer. Type certificated, but experimental. Engine has low time, minimal radio panel. Main gear wheel hubs, nose gear strut and all hydraulics have been overhauled. Plane is intact and has all AD's. Estimate 8k-20k to make plane airworthy. May be ferry-able to other airports for <1K from Boeing Field. Plane is wonderful, economical, 3 place. Excellent performance, about 9 gal/hr at 65-70% cruise. Rather rare, only a handful still in flyable or restorable condition. [reputableman.com](http://reputableman.com) \$36.5k Craig 206-498-9447

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