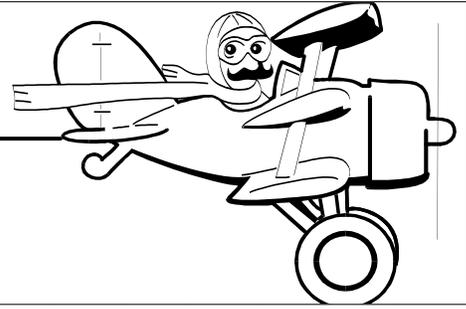


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## In the Air with Ryman by George Conard

The Vermont Flying Farmers had an interesting event scheduled in Bennington, Vt on October 10th or 10-10-10 'like the fertilizer', as Dawn pointed out. The main purpose of this meeting was the surprise, but official wedding ceremony for Chris and Dawn Denio. I had sent a letter to Chris and Dawn indicating that we would not be able to attend due to a family gathering being held in Montgomery, NY that afternoon. However, as the weekend forecast looked nearly perfect for flying, I called Ryman Herr to ask if he was interested in a "flight mission" that day. Ryman's response was 'yes' so we met at the Station Farm Credit Office and drove to Allentown, PA where Ryman keeps his plane for the start of our aerial journey. Judy, in the mean time, continued by auto to Montgomery, NY as originally planned, to attend the family gathering.

Soon we were getting Ryman's Cessna's TR182 out of its hanger and ready for flight. Now as many of you already know, Ryman usually flies via IFR flight plan to keep a good level of piloting proficiency by using the system. Before long we had completed the usual engine run-up checks and were given our flight clearance to Bennington via Lake Henry VOR which is typical of IFR flights as they as they often send you in a direction or flight path away from rather than toward your final destination. To our benefit the wind gods were with that day and after slugging along to the VOR and turning toward the northeast, we got a rather nice boost from the rear and reached Bennington the 11:30 AM, the planned time of arrival. The flight was absolutely beautiful with a fair amount of fall colors in the mountains we flew over. Upon arrival at the Bennington airport, A State owned facility, there was not a soul in sight around the terminal and everything was locked up tight. We finally located a button that released the walk through gate that enabled us to meet Jerry Brown who was waiting for us. Getting out was one thing but getting back onto the airport ramp was something to contend with later in the day. For the moment, we were not going to worry that as the wedding and its usual feast were waiting just a few minutes away.

Jerry drove us to the Denio's cabin in the woods and enroute, gave us an excellent tour of Chris's gravel pit, Trailer Park, and logging/firewood operations. Soon we turned around to find Chris and Dawn arriving on separate ATV's all decked out in camouflage clothing, each holding a gift dog for the other. Soon the marriage vows were spoken and 40-50 Flying Farmers and friends were lining up for a meal of venison, turkey and a broad assortment of other goodies as is typically proffered at Flying Farmer events. It was so much fun visiting, filling our tummies and talking about flying and farming. Oh, yes there was talk of fishing, hunting and of the ones that got away! Soon it was time to bid 'Congratulations' and 'adieu', and head back to the airport.

Now we had to figure out how we could get back onto the airport with the entire property fenced in and locked up! Needless to say, Jerry Brown is one clever fellow and managed to locate a stick just long enough to poke through the fence and push a button to release the gate. Several days later we learned that we could have opened that gate simply punching in Unicom frequency on the lock keypad to open the gate. Where was somebody to pass along that information when we needed it? Needless to say, we were soon back in the air flying down the Hudson River to Orange County Airport where fuel was available. ([Up in the Air with Ryman](#) See page 3



## Life Along the Pequea Creek

by Charlotte Lapp, Pennsylvania

**G**reetings Flying Farmers,  
I hope this letter greets each of you well—enjoying the thought that you have had Covid vaccine or realizing that soon you will have security of obtaining the shot in the very near future. All school district employees have recently been vaccinated with the J&J vaccine. I had predicted reaction from my shot. There was very little discomfort and only one day of feeling low energy.

During the past year I have had plenty of opportunity to sit and ponder about I use the 24 hours given to me each day, Is time on my side? Maybe time is a gift? I like to unwrap gifts. Have I managed this gift of time well? Perhaps it not too late. Time as a gift means something different for each person. I often wonder if I have been a good steward of my time especially when two hours have passed by and realize that I have been playing my favorite iPad game for perhaps toooo...long,

Just the other day I remember thinking “Wow that took place in just this short of time! Our Kitchen table is positioned in a manner that Evan and I can just sit and be still and look out the patio doors and observe the landscape. In just a 10 minute period of time Evan and I observed a huge raccoon hurrying

back to it's home after being out all night. A beautiful red fox came down to the creek bank for water. Minutes later a brown mink scurried along the creek and into the water while up in the trees and along the creek bank the squirrels scurried back and forth. What an interesting picture flashed before us as we took time to just sit and be still. And then we were off to our projects for the day.

During the past month we took time to play. We enjoyed a drive to Schaffers town to observe the thousands of white Snow Geese at the wildlife reserve. The large number of white geese looked a carpet over the landscape. Another day we traveled to Longwood Gardens to see a touch of spring in the greenhouse and meadow areas. That was our time to play or treat ourselves after completing the painting project at our house.

As spring approaches and warmer weather is on the horizon it makes me think of taking time to grow. Taking time to grow in our personal lives is as important as growing something from seed or plant. It is important and therapeutic to be a sower of something. To have seed or thought to plant or nourish and soil fertile enough for us to see the fruits of our labor is also important. I'm taking time to think about growth in my and

about the seeds and plants in my garden this year. It's too cold to plant the garden but it doesn't hurt to plan ahead.

In closing I share a poem about time.

THERE IS  
Time to sit still  
Time to dream  
Time to try  
Time to fail  
Time to learn  
Time to get to work  
Time to play  
Time to think  
Time to change your mind  
Time to start over  
Time to grow  
There is no  
Waste of time  
~~~ Helen Dealtry

Time well spent is time spent on purpose; You can give your time away or you can count it as sacred and give it purpose.



Dear Friends ,  
Earlier today Velda had contacted us to tell Lucille was not well. I made a call to her daughter, Sharon, for more information. Lucille and the Tysons had been in Florida for 10 days and after arriving home they realized that Lucille needed medical attention. They called for transport just 15 minutes after arriving home. She was transported to the hospital in Lebanon and came home I believe Monday, She is now under the

care hospice.  
Care at the hospital revealed internal bleeding, but she is not strong enough for surgery as her body has been in a weakened state for some time now. The hospital believes the bleeding was coming from the kidneys or bladder. The infection in her body moved to the blood and therefor made treatment complicated. Lucille realized that we were with her, but remained unresponsive with eyes

closed and “resting”.  
Remember Sharon & Tim in your prayers as they remain the caregivers for Lucille. Lucille's son is staying with Sharon, he lost his wife in December due to cancer. It has been 7 years since Carl passed away, and nobody had much time to spent with anyone. The Tyson's are in shock, they didn't realize that Lucille was so ill.



# Down on the Farm

by Farmer Joel & Tina Wharton, Delmarva Chapter



**G**reetings! We hope you are enjoying beautiful spring weather. We had a few perfect weather days, but also a lot of rain lately. At least the days are getting longer and we can see the promise of spring.

Our granddaughter, Rachel Elizabeth, finally made her grand entrance on Sunday, February 28th. She was 6 pounds 14.4 ounces and is absolutely adorable! It's fun to watch my son and daughter-in-law take care of this little bundle of joy. She is definitely the "BOSS" in their house now. They both are now on maternity/paternity leave until the first of June, so they have plenty of time to get her on a schedule and spend time bonding with this precious gift. I spend about an hour every day holding her and marveling at this little miracle.

Our daughter, Bethany, her husband and kids are still living with us. However, their house will be delivered and set by the end of March. Then they should be able to move in nine weeks later. So we're guessing around the end of May/beginning June' It's been a long process and they are very

excited to be in their forever home.

On the farm, chickens arrived on March 11th and 12th. This flock should be ready to move just before the middle of May. Joel and his brother have started spreading manure on the fields and corn planting should start by the end of April. I can't believe it's field time already.

I'm remodeling another rental. After remodeling three rentals last year, I thought I would be done for a while. Now I'm back to painting again. The great news is that one of our current tenants is interested in this new place, if they decide to move, I will have to get another rental ready to re-rent. It keeps me busy and out of trouble.

Our school schedule will change again after Easter vacation. Currently, I'm driving the bus three days per week, taking a third of the kids each day. So most kids only attend school one day per week. There are a few exceptions with some kids attending all three days. After Easter, I will drive the bus all five days with half the kids attending on Monday and Tuesday and the other attending Thursday and Friday. The two groups will alternate every other Wednesday. As of

now, this is how we will start school in the fall, too.

I am currently looking for a bus driver for the 21-22 school year. Between Jillian and my parents, I've been able to drive the bus while they watch Easton. But next year, I will also have Rachel to watch, Jillian is in her last year of college, student teaching, etc...and my parents are getting older and 2 children under two years might be everwhelming. So, if you've ever wanted to give bus driving a try, call me!

That's all the news from "Down on the Farm. Looking forward to more restrictions being lifted so we can all gather together again. Joel and I hope to have our first vaccine sometime in April.

Until then, Happy Easter!  
*He is Risen, indeed!*  
~~~~Farmer Joel and Tina

## Up in the Air with Ryman from page 1

Judy was waiting for us upon arrival. We drove to the nearby family gathering where some festivities were still in progress. Once again there were lots of good eats, so I partook of the desserts available and fueled up my tummy for the two hour drive back to Flemington. The day was just a day of fun and many and many thanks go to Ryman for delivering me to the Vermont Flying Farmer event and later, the family gathering. This was a "Cider Party" where the young kids and adults had such a great time grinding and squeezing apples enough to make a gallon of cider for everyone. The drive back home was long, but we had lots to tell each other about the events of the day.

## Obituary for Lucille J. Zettlemoyer

Lucille J. (Zuberka) Zettlemoyer, 88, of Jonestown, formerly of Maxatawny Township, passed away on Friday March, 26, 2021 in her residence. She was the widow of Carl E. Zettlemoyer, who died November 10, 2013

Born in Allentown, Lucille was a daughter of the late Henry A. and Dorothy A. (Foulke) Zuberka. She was a member of Zion's Union Church of Maxatawny. She was employed as a builder by Allen Organ Company, Macungie for 30 years until her retirement in 1993. She was a member of the International and Pennsylvania Flying Farmers. She and her family flew all over the United States & Canada.

Lucille is survived by her daughter, Sharon P. Zettlemoyer, wife of Timothy L. Tyson, Jonestown; son, Stephen E widower of Pamela K. (Dieter) Zettlemoyer Kutztown; and sister-in-law, Patricia Zuberka, Breinigsville.

There are also eight great-children, 12 great-grand-children and one great-great grandson, Keaton; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

Graveside Services and burial will be held privately by her family in Zion Maxatawny Union Cemetery, April 14, at 11 A.M. — 329 Church Rd, Kutztown, PA.

~~~~Complete Obituary in Reading Eagle and Allentown Morning Call~~~~

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# Region 1 Director's Report

Good Afternoon Region 1 Flying Farmers. Well .... Finally I have some IFF news to share.....

Recently you all received an email sent at my request from our Newsletter Editors. Hopefully you read that request for your "updated" opinion on the resolution proposed for discussion and action at the upcoming IFF Convention in South Dakota and responded to your respective Presidents. A copy of the resolution was included with that email. This request resulted from a "Zoom" meeting of the IFF Executive and the Region Directors. If you have not acted on that request, please do so promptly. I really would like to hear from the Presidents who have heard from you by April 15th.

This is a reminder to select your delegates to the IFF Convention. It is these delegates who will be voting on a motion proposed after considering the resolution which will chart the future of our IFF organization. This will be a very serious discussion and vote. Do not take this discussion and action lightly as it will have serious ramifications for the future of IFF. In order for your voice to be heard, your chapter must have a delegate present at the convention. At this time, per our IFF bylaws, most Chapters will have only one delegate. (Bylaws state 1 delegate for each 25 members.) (Members... not family units) The IFF office will need these names well in advance of the convention so it is important to determine these delegates promptly. Because our chapters have not been meeting as a result of the "virus," our Presidents will have to be creative in determining how that selection is accomplished.

It has been suggested for a vote on the above referenced motion to pass 66&23rds % will be required and not just a simple majority of 50% + 1.

In light of the heavy thoughts above, I believe something lite is needed. So.... A lady's daughter was very sick and needed some medicine. The lady went to the pharmacy to get that medicine and in her hurry locked her keys in her car. In desperation, she prayed, "Dear God please send some help." In a short time, a rather rough looking "biker" arrived and asked her if she needed help. In tears, she shared her need. The biker found an old coat hanger and proceeded to unlock the door. The lady immediately closed her eyes and prayed, "God thank you for sending this nice man." Upon hearing her prayer, the biker responded, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison after being convicted of grand larceny car theft." She again bowed her head and prayed, "Thank you God... you even sent a professional." Do we have a great God or what?

R. Keith Vogt



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2021....

Very few plans due to the uncertainty of COVID-19

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