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IVSM 2021 - Traff Doherty

This year's International Vintage Sailplane Meet was, for me, very meaningful. As a museum professional and a "developing" aero historian, I was incredibly moved by the visual experience of seeing so many wonderful, and historical sailplanes together in one place. Every time I walk by the *Zanonia* (several times a day) I think of John Robinson and the amazing things he achieved in that ship. Seeing the "Robin" - so beautifully restored (and flown) by Doug Fronius - all I could think of was that the last time it flew over Harris Hill, it was 1939 and Johnny was flying. I had similar thoughts about Jerry Wenger's excellent *Minimoa*. Watching it wheeling about, directly overhead, I immediately thought of Dick DuPont and Chet Decker - they were back!

So many of the sailplanes that we had here have a place in my personal experiences (especially the Schweizer products). Seeing the round-tail 1-26s, put me right back in the Schweizer Soaring School as a 14-year-old line boy! As a kid, I liked LKs (my dad had one for a time in the late 40s) and seeing Mark Rebolz's gorgeous example was a real treat. I could go on and on, but in the interest of brevity, let me say this was an incredible event that I enjoyed immensely. I also would like to add that I have never met a more congenial group of people than the pilots and crews who made the effort to get their sailplanes to Elmira for this very special gathering.



The *Robin*, restored and flown by Doug Fronius

Despite a couple of gloomy days during the week, Harris Hill Soaring Corporation provided more than 250 tows. HHSC Juniors helped all week, on the field and with suppers. Volunteers from the Big Flats Historical Society and the Big Flats Lions Club provided lunches during the week except for two days when the local taco wagon was here. Due to our cancelling the event in 2020, we will be holding IVSM again in 2024 to get us back on our preferred every-4-years schedule. During that same week, we also will be celebrating the 50-year anniversary of the Vintage Sailplane Association. Plan ahead now!



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More Highlights from IVSM!

Colin & Brodie Henderson on tow with their beautiful Slingsby T-21, built in 1950. Colin and Brodie were able to get in quite a few flights during the week and also found several hours to do some research in our archives and collect materials for future projects.



Bill Batesole greets John Seymour on John's arrival with his Schleicher KA-6E which he then donated to the NSM. John flew his sailplane from Dansville to Harris Hill, arriving in the afternoon on July 15.



Cam Martin shakes hands with NSM director, Traff Doherty, upon Cam's long-term loan of his Laister LP-49 "Yankee Doodle III", built in 1968. Its bright red, white and blue color scheme really stands out in our main gallery.



Burt Compton, from Marfa, TX did a lot of flying in his colorful Schleicher ASK-13. He arrived early for IVSM and did some sightseeing in New York State.



The graceful Slingsby T-13 Petrel, built in 1939 and owned by the Western Antique Aeroplane & Automobile Museum, Hood River, Oregon.



Mark Rebholz brought his LK-10A built in 1943 all the way from Aguila, Arizona.



IVANS HOME DESIGNATED HISTORICAL RESOURCE - Gary Fogel

I just wanted to pass along some good news. Long-time supporters of soaring, Bill and Becky Ivans, lived in an amazing home in La Jolla, California, south of the Torrey Pines Gliderport near San Diego. Their home is a rare example of a unique method of construction making use of a visibly expressed structural support system of three 3,000-pound tapered steel beams anchored to reinforced concrete footings, allowing the house to cantilever 58 feet off a canyon rim. The house itself has the appearance of flying through the air.

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The Ivans family lived in the home between 1962-1989, a time when Bill Ivans was already a champion glider pilot and served as CEO of Cohu Electronics in San Diego.

On July 22, 2021 the Ivans home at 807 La Jolla Rancho Road was designated as an historical resource of the City of San Diego for its association with Bill Ivans' history with sailplanes and community efforts, as well as its distinctive architectural characteristics and method of construction. Thanks go to the City of San Diego Historical Resources Board for this designation. It was my pleasure to assist the Save Our Heritage Organization with information on Bill Ivans' association with soaring that helped with this approval and associates yet another property with the important history of silent flight in the region.



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In Memoriam

Lewin B. Barringer, Jr.

1940 - March 9, 2020

Lewin B. Barringer, Jr., of Haverford, died March 9, 2020. He was 80 years old. Lewin was a man larger than life. It would take a book to capture his effervescent personality, sense of humor, indomitable spirit, and his incurable optimism in the face of so many obstacles that confronted him in his later years, with severe physical impairments. A lifelong resident of the Main Line, Lewin attended The Haverford School, then Kent School, Kent, CT. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the United States Army Air Force, following in the footsteps of his famous father, Lewin B. Barringer, War Department Director of the American Glider Program in WWII. Lewin pursued his flying as a serious avocation, belonging to the Soaring Society of America. Mr. Barringer graduated from Ohio University, in 1967, with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, beginning his career as a Financial Analyst at Girard Bank. He soon managed his own investments, including substantial real estate, for the rest of his life. In 1967 he married Lydia Rigor, of the Philippines. They raised three children, Helena, of Bethesda, MD, Elizabeth, of Newark, OH, and Lewin B. Barringer, III, of Drexel Hill, PA. Lewin was an extensive world traveler, having been to every continent, except Antarctica. He loved Africa. He was a self-made birder and an avid coin collector. He was a member of the Meteoritical Society, a scholarly organization dedicated to the study of planetary science and the origins of our solar system. As befits a typical intellectual, there was hardly a subject on which Lewin was not conversant. With all his gifts, Lewin was best known as a pragmatist. He was not impressed by material things, but rather by people, and had many lifelong friends to attest to that. He was a man of great integrity, and expected the same of others. Lewin is survived by his beloved wife, Lydia, of 53 years, daughters, Helena Melley (Charles), Elizabeth Smith (Mark), and Lewin B., III; five grandchildren, a brother, Harlan, and many nieces and nephews.



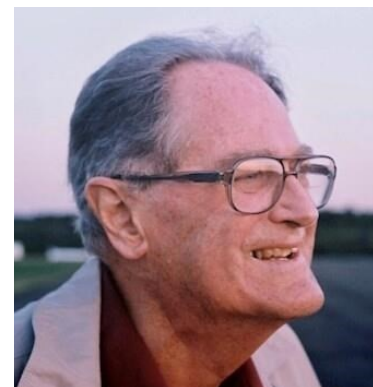
In Memoriam

Martin Green

July 29, 1936 - July 23, 2021

Martin Green, age 85, of Horseheads, NY passed away on July 23, 2021 in Elmira, NY. Martin was born in the city of Norwich, County of Norfolk, England on July 29th, 1935 to R. Reginald Green and Olive (Neale) Green. He earned his Bachelors, Masters and then PhD in Physics at Cambridge University. Upon the completion of his PhD, he was recruited to come to America to work at the Westinghouse Research Labs in Pittsburgh, PA. In 1965, he moved to Horseheads, NY to begin a career in management at Westinghouse, while still lending his scientific expertise to engineering projects. When several members of management at Westinghouse purchased their division in order to start an independent venture called Imaging and Sensing Technology, Martin joined them and worked for IST for over 10 years until his retirement.

Martin developed a lifelong passion for astronomy, which eventually led him to meet his wife, Judith, under the stars at Harris Hill, during a meeting of the Elmira-Corning Astronomy Club, Martin's love of aviation began as a child, starting with hero worshipping the RAF pilots fighting in WWII that grew into a lifelong passion. He was introduced to piloting while at Cambridge, at a local glider field. It was a serendipitous twist of fate that eventually Martin would find himself living next door to the Soaring Capital of America: Harris Hill. In the late 70's, spurred on by some colleagues and friends at Westinghouse who flew there, Martin began taking glider lessons in earnest. He loved it so much he eventually bought his own glider, a bright yellow Schweizer 126, and nicknamed it the "Norwich Canary", or "N Canary" for short. He would go on to earn a Silver C Badge for flying cross country and become a commercial glider pilot for the Harris Hill Soaring Corporation. In the early 90's Martin started taking power plane flying lessons. Shortly after he attained his license, Martin acquired a single engine 1947 Cessna 140. Martin was a member of many local organizations where he served as president, including the Harris Hill Soaring Corporation, the Elmira-Corning Astronomical Society, and the local chapter 533 of the Experimental Aircraft Association. After retirement, he served for 10 years on the board of trustees of the Southern Tier Library Association. He is survived by his wife, Judith Schusler Green, of Elmira and their son, William Green, of Los Angeles, CA. He is also survived by his first wife, Anne Taylor, and their children Dale (Erin) Green of Allentown, PA, Susan (Keith) Christman of Coplay, PA, and Roger (Kristen) Green of Hillsborough, NC. Also surviving are three grandchildren



Cam Martin's LP-49 Now on Exhibit

Cam's Laister LP-49 N7003 "Yankee Doodle III" is the newest exhibit at NSM. This VSA Classic Category sailplane completes the museum's collection of glider pioneer Jack Laister's production sailplanes, filling the gap between the Laister Kauffman LK-10 "Yankee Doodle Two" trainer and the Laister Sailplane Products LP-15 Nugget racer.

Built in 1968 by Argo Buchler #12 was restored in 2014 by Cam Martin and now carries a color scheme and markings in tribute to Jack Laister's Lawrence Tech IV "Yankee Doodle" gullwing sailplane which flew competitively in France in 1939 and at Harris Hill in 1940.

The "Yankee Doodle III" tribute markings were created for the restoration by aviation artist and sailplane pilot, Mike Machat.

Cam brought his LP-49 "Yankee Doodle III" to Harris Hill for the July 2016 International Vintage Sailplane Meet, where it won one of the Vintage Sailplane Association's "Outstanding Sailplane Restoration" awards.

This beautiful sailplane now adds a splash of color in our main gallery.

Thanks, Cam!



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NEW MODEL GLIDER

Built by Peter DeStefano, from Wake Forest, North Carolina, in 1999, this 1/4 scale, award-winning RC flying model of a 1-26E is now hanging in our Schweizer gallery. There are a number of model gliders hanging throughout the museum. These models can be displayed where a full-size example could not fit, so we always appreciate donations of finely-crafted scale models.

Peter is pictured below with his beautiful 1-26E.



Board of Trustees Changes

After four years as board president, **Stu Schweizer** has stepped down from the position but will remain a member of the Board. We thank him for his dedicated service and strong leadership during an exciting period of NSM history. From 50th Anniversary celebrations to the difficulties created by COVID-19, Stu has been a great support to the museum.

Taking over as president is long-time vice-president, **Bill Batesole**, a recently retired pilot for **FedEx**. Bill jumped right in, adding **IVSM Chairman** to his list of responsibilities. With calm and consistent attention to detail, and lots of help from his wife, Anne, Bill worked to make IVSM 2021 a great event for everyone.

Board member, **Rusty Lowry**, has moved into the position of vice-president.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 16, 2021 - **Board of Trustees Meeting 10:00 AM**

November 3, 2021 - **U.S. Soaring Hall of Fame Induction
Sarah Arnold 2020 & Roy McMaster 2019**

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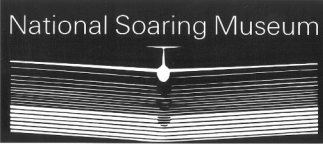
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Open daily 10-4

**Museum closed on the
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Easter Sunday

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Eve

Christmas Day

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in our gift shop for \$9.99.



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