

President's Message

Are you, like me, looking to the months ahead, blocking out dates for the must-do events on your calendar (getting the Porterfield annual completed, the foot surgery I put off) and then fantasizing about what other fun things you can get to this year with whats left?

Here in the AAHS office our calendar is filling up with events we are hosting, activities we are supporting, and you're invited to participate in them all! You'll see in this issue our official 2022 Annual Meeting Invite for June 10-12, in the wonderful wine country of Sonoma Valley. We'll have three days of vintage airports and airplanes, good food, and good company. Its just one low price for a weekend of outdoor, masks-optional, aviation fun. Sign up now for an early bird discount! We'll be adding more details, such as attendee gifts, speakers and aircraft rides on the website (www.aahs-online.org) and in upcoming issues of the Journal.

Soon after our Annual Meeting AAHS will be going to Oshkosh! July 25-31, at EAA AirVenture. AAHS will have an official booth staffed by AAHS volunteers for the week. We are arranging group lodgings via a rented home, with costs shared by the renters. We're also investigating speaking as a presenter at Airventure on our PLANESPOTTER app. If you plan to attend AirVenture 2022, why not schedule a few hours to chat with visitors, and get to know your fellow AAHS members and history buffs? More details as we know them will be published both on the website and in the upcoming AAHS Journal. Think about adding this event to your calendar, too.

We are making a commitment to become a valued partner at historic Flabob Airport, and we're starting that partnership with the publication of a small airport newsletter, the *Flabob Flyer* that will provide some regular news of airport happenings to tenants and local neighbors. This will be publish quarterly, if you're a Flabob local, and have some time to share a story or news update, drop by AAHS headquarters and give us the scoop!

A longer term commitment to both Flabob Airport and our mission includes teaming with the Wathen Foundation at Flabob to design an aviation library that will house the AAHS book collection, as well as other aviation book collections already on the field. AAHS has this year initiated activities to help the project team in identifying books (currently about 14,000 volumes) to be included in this shared library and creating a general cataloging system that all the collections at Flabob will eventually use. Later in the year, AAHS will support the Flabob Airport Veterans Day Celebration, where we'll help vend food, do traffic control, sell books and give tours of AAHS headquarters.

You can help AAHS with any of these activities with your time, or with a donation to the Society. Your volunteer time and financial support are the wings that give this organization lift, and we can't see this mission through without you. So plan to have some fun this year with AAHS!

Jerri Bergen
AAHS President

