

Erie-Ottawa

International Airport



FAA Identifier:	PCW
Lat/Long:	41°30.976220N 082°52.169207W
Elevation:	590ft / 179.8m surveyed
Variation:	07W (2010)
From City:	3 miles east of Port Clinton, Ohio
Time Zone:	UTC -4 (UTC -5 during Standard Time)
Zip Code:	43452
Telephone	419-734-6297
Fax:	419-734-5926

Sectional Chart:	DETROIT
Control Tower:	No
ARTCC:	CLEVELAND CENTER
FSS:	CLEVELAND
NOTAMs facility	CLE (NOTAM-D)
Attendance:	0800 - 1800
Wind Indicator:	Lighted
Lights:	ACTVT MIRL ALL RYS. REILS & PAPIs 09/27 CTAF
Beacon:	White-Green
CTAF/UNICOM	122.8
WX AWOS-3:	118.75 (419-734-9955)
Cleveland App:	126.35 (0600 - 2300)



LIBERTY AVIATION MUSEUM

Erie-Ottawa International Airport
(PCW) Carl R. Keller Field



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 2, 2015

GRC "Soapbox Derby" NW Qualifier

At Liberty Aviation Museum
and Erie Ottawa International Airport

May 17, 2015

Seniors – Armed Forces Day Big Band Dance

2-5pm, see www.libertyaviationmuseum.org for details

May 21 - 25, 2015

"City of Port Clinton" EAA Rides

Relive history with a flight on a historic 1929 Ford Tri-Motor.
More info: www.flytheford.org

May 30, 2015

Toledo IPMS Model Show

Annual Northwest Ohio plastic model competition. Info:
www.toledoplasticmodelers.org

Yankee Lady B-17G Flight Experience

Fly on Yankee Air Museum's historic B-17G
More info: www.yankeeairmuseum.org

June 20, 2015

Lakeshore Corvettes Car Show

Annual Corvette car show
More info: www.lakeshorecorvettes.com

June 22-26 and July 13-17, 2015

Junior Pilot Camp

Call 419-734-6297 for more info.

June 24, 2015

Yankee Lady B-17G Flight Experience

Fly on Yankee Air Museum's historic B-17G
More info: www.yankeeairmuseum.org

June 27, 2015

Blue Grass Jam

Details to be announced

June 30 - 5, 2015

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July 15 and August 5, 2015

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August 14, 15, 16, 2015

GPCAAC Appetite for the Arts

Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council fine art show and
fundraiser. Info: www.ottawacountyarts.org

August 16, 2015

EAA 1247 Pancake Breakfast

Greater Port Clinton Area Arts Council fine art show and
fundraiser. Info: www.ottawacountyarts.org

August 22, 23, 2015

4th Annual Warbirds Over Port Clinton

Radio controlled model plane show & fly-in
More info: www.rcwarbirdsopc.com

August 23, 2015

Yankee Lady B-17G Flight Experience

Fly on Yankee Air Museum's historic B-17G
More info: www.yankeeairmuseum.org

August 27 - 30, 2015

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September 15 - 20, 2015

CAF Red Tail Squadron's "Rise Above"

Tuskegee Airmen Exhibit

More info: www.redtail.org

September 26, 2015

Annual Chili Fly-In

At Erie Ottawa International Airport Terminal Hangar.
Share some chili (secret recipe) and corn bread. Chili made in a
50 gallon cast iron kettle.

October 12 - 18, 2015

"City of Port Clinton" EAA Rides

Relive history with a flight on a historic 1929 Ford Tri-Motor.
More info: www.flytheford.org

October 24, 2015

Annual Apple Butter Day

At Erie Ottawa International Airport Terminal Hangar.
Airport staff makes apple butter the old fashioned way in an
1800's copper kettle.

December 5, 2015

3rd Annual Holiday Stop & Shop

We have gathered your favorite artist, crafters, & vendors in
one spot, 9am - 4pm.

December 20, 2015

Santa Claus Fly-In

Santa will be taking Christmas lists from 11am - 2pm at the
Liberty Aviation Museum. Photos with Santa will be available
for a donation.

03/09/15

3515 E. State Road, Port Clinton, OH 43452
(419) 732-0234
www.libertyaviationmuseum.org

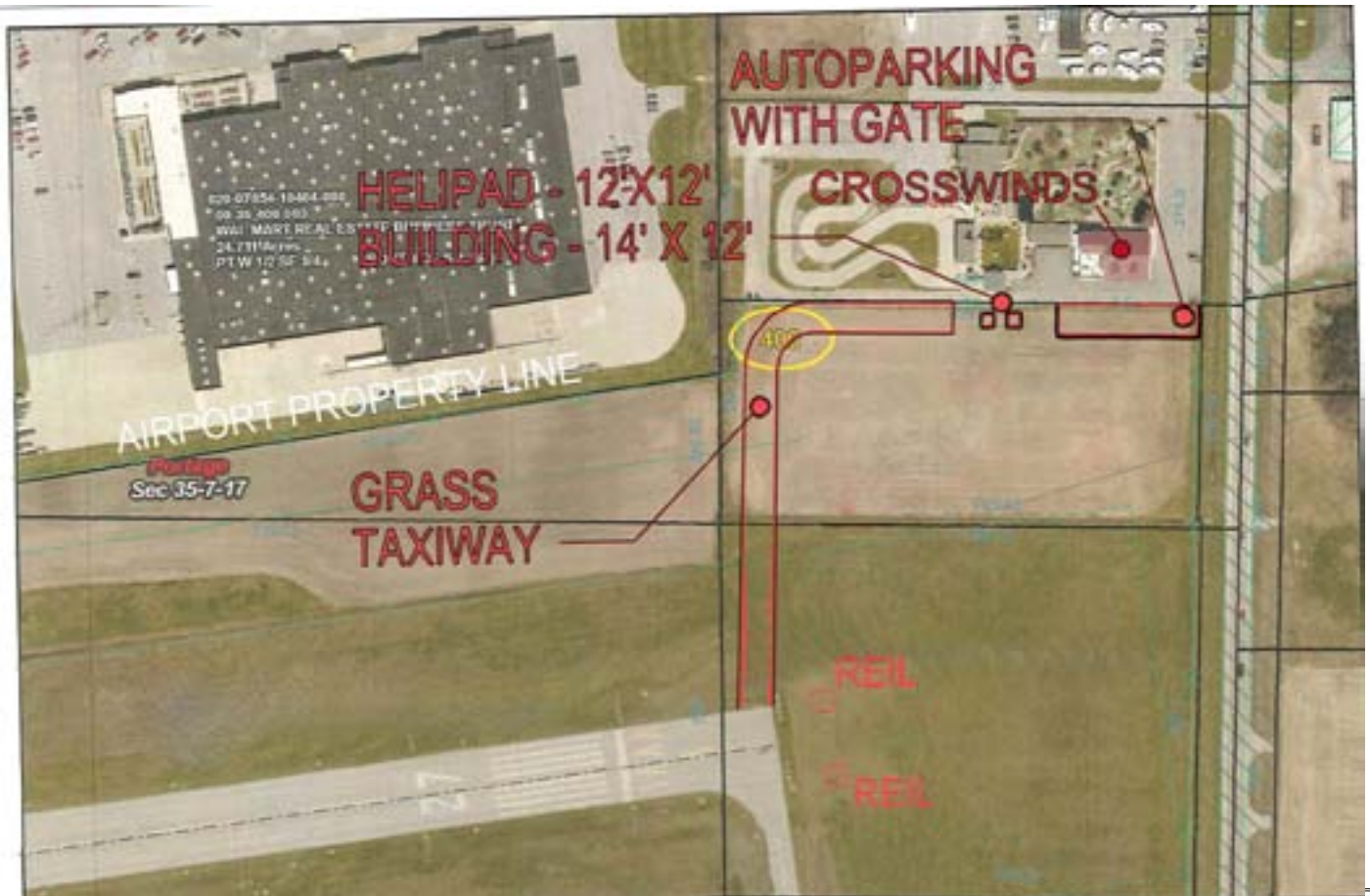
EAA CHAPTER 1247

SPRING FLING

The weather cooperated, and the food & drink, and guests made for a wonderful evening. Jerry Davenport's music rounded out the event.



Coming Soon!



Procedures to Arrive and Clear Customs at Erie Ottawa International Airport

1. Call Customs at 419-732-4446 to schedule an arrival time. A minimum two (2) hours prior notification is required.
2. You must also file a flight plan with eAPIS.
3. All passengers must have a valid passport, or a passport with a visa if required due to the nature of the traveler's trip to the USA.

Also acceptable:

1. U.S. Green Card (not Canadian)
2. Nexus Card
3. Global Entry Card

When you use eAPIS to file your arrival, you must also call 419-732-4446 to notify us locally.

If you are unable to find the information you need, the CBP INFO Center is open Monday-Friday between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. and then again from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern time. You can ask your question by calling 1-877-CBP-5511. If you are outside the U.S. you must call 202-325-8000. (Telecommunications device for the hearing impaired: 1-866-880-6582)

Located on the field

These businesses and organizations are part of the airport infrastructure. Many associated activities are open to your participation. With a terrific location and friendly staff, discover Erie-Ottawa International Airport



Liberty Aviation Museum Have you visited us lately? If not, now is a good time to visit us! We have a lot of wonderful things going on at the Liberty Aviation Museum and the Tin Goose Diner including our new hangar expansion opening soon!! We also just welcomed our 1928 Ford Tri-Motor back to the area since the Ford left this past December to join the EAA “Fly the Ford” tour in Florida! While the “Tin Goose” is here at the museum, EAA will be offering flight experiences starting Thursday, May 21st from 2pm-5pm, Friday-Monday, May 22-25th from 10am-6pm (weather pending). Flights on the Ford are \$75/adults, \$50/children 17 and under, extended flights and continued on page 6



EAA “Tin Goose” Chapter 1247 is the local EAA chapter and is committed to promoting the growth of general aviation. This group supports all phases of aviation, and has a special attachment to the Ford Tri-Motor because of its history with the Lake Erie Islands. In addition, its members have interests in home build, WWII & Other Warbirds, historic, and vintage aircraft. The chapter is engaged in a Tri-Motor restoration, and soon will be also working on a Culver-Dart. Plus, we take various “road trips” to various aviation places of interest.

Founded in 1995 by Jim Parker, a local pilot who wanted to continued on page 10



Griffing Flying Service We are proud to announce a new addition to our fleet, a Piper Cherokee 140. We recently negotiated a leaseback arrangement and have placed it in the fleet to serve as our primary flight instruction aircraft.

Our goal is to make learning to fly more affordable than it has been in the past. With average dual rental rates in the area between \$ 150 and \$ 200 per hour, we are able to offer this less-expensive continued on page 8



Eagle's Nest Condominiums Protect your plane with a private hangar condo. The Eagles Nest hangar complex at Erie-Ottawa International Airport is one of the finest hangar facilities in the country. Super insulated with drywall construction, they also have heat, electric, water, sewer, and a large variety of customized options to meet our needs. Units measure 45' wide x 40' deep x 18' high with 14' continued on page 10



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right seat upgrades may be available. Please inquire when purchasing your tickets at the museum. The “City of Port Clinton”/“City of Wichita” will offer flight experiences several times this year including: June 30-July 5th, Aug 25th-30th, & Oct 12-18th. Pre-sale tickets for June/July, Aug, & October events are available online at www.flytheford.org or by calling 1-800-359-6217. You can also call the museum directly to inquire about flights on the Ford. The museum main line is (419)732-0234.

Also, returning again for this year is Yankee Air Museum’s B-17 Flying Fortress, “Yankee Lady”! The B-17’s first scheduled date into the Erie-Ottawa International Airport at the Liberty Aviation Museum is May 30th. The B-17 will arrive around noon (weather pending) and will be offering flight experiences between 3pm-6pm. The B-17 will visit us several times this year including: June 24th, July 15th, Aug 5th, Aug 22 & 23rd. Flight experiences on the B-17 “Yankee Lady” are \$450.00 and are available for pre-booking on www.yankeeairmuseum.org or by calling (734)-483-4030 ext. 236. Also going on while the B-17 is visiting us on May 30th from 9am-4pm, is TOL-CON (Northwest Ohio Spring Plastic Model Contest)! This event will be going on at the museum in our main hangar. Tickets for the show and museum are \$20 for adults, Juniors (14-18yrs)-\$5, Children under 14 are FREE. This is a special event which requires special admission. Museum members will be required to pay for entry to the show. To learn more about the event, please visit:

www.toledoplasticmodelers.org

Returning for third year this year will be the Corvettes at the Museum event presented by the Lake Shore Corvettes from 9am-4pm on June 20th. You do not need to be a member of the car club to enter the event! To learn more about the event, please visit: <http://lakeshorecorvettes.com/>

Keep an eye out! We will be announcing more details about our July 3rd Big Band Hangar Dance at the Liberty Aviation Museum! The Dan Zola Big Band will be returning for this patriotic evening dance at the museum! Please follow us on Facebook or Twitter at the links below or our website at www.libertyaviationmuseum.org

Liberty Aviation Museum Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LibertyAviationMuseum>

Liberty Aviation Museum Twitter: <https://twitter.com/libertyavmuseum>

Don’t forget to check out the Tin Goose Diner as well while you’re here! The Tin Goose Diner is open 7 days a week, serving breakfast, lunch & dinner! Sunday-Thursday: 7am-7pm, Friday-Saturday: 7am-8pm! Carry out is available by calling in your order at (419)732-0236.

Pilots flying in: We do have a shuttle available if the museum ramp is closed or if our ramp is full. Please do not walk across the active taxiway after parking at the airport FBO hangar. If you would like a shuttle to the museum, please let the airport FBO know and they can alert the museum/

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Fifty Years Ago - 1965

Also discussed last night was the deteriorating condition of the city's airport. Repair work costing about \$1,000 is immediately needed, Mayor Cooper said, "or else we might not have an airport there next spring."

Cooper said that holes on the runway are so bad that planes using it are given "a bad shaking." Something should also be done to correct the present financial situation – for the \$2,000 yearly income the city receives it has to maintain the runway, parking lot, and cut the grass, and keep the airport in working order, he continued.

He has given up hope for state aid, but pointed out that the city applied for \$135,000 from the federal government last year. An answer to that application is expected within a few months.

Sandusky Register August 6, 1965

From the Desk of the Director

Hello fellow aviators,

Our runway 18/36 paving project is on a temporary hold. The access road and temporary taxiway are in. We will keep you posted as to the project paving dates.

Don't forget our Bomber Jacket Giveaway. Our first winner will be drawn on June 1st. If you don't have a ticket in the drawing, you still have time for this month's drawing.

I'm happy to announce we have over 16 sponsorships so far for Jr. Pilot Camp attendees. The classes are filling up. We will likely add an additional class in August. Make a difference in a young person's life become a sponsor or volunteer to be an instructor. Please call me if you have an interest.

I hope all of you have a safe and happy holiday. Keep your airspeed up!

Stan Gebhardt

Director Erie Ottawa International Airport

Junior Pilot Camp

Deadline for application is two weeks prior to the selected camp

Please Note: Payment is required two weeks prior to selected camp

Cost: \$150 including a box lunch each day. Scholarships are available

Come learn the basics of flying.

This week long class will expose 12 - 17 year olds to the aviation industry.

It will include hands on experience in the physics and history of flight, as well as exposure to airport maintenance and management

Class will also include an intro flight in airplane and rotorcraft. Students will tour the Liberty Aviation Museum, see WWII vintage aircraft, and tour the Erie-Ottawa International Airport facilities and more!

Spread the word, encourage someone to participate

Junior Pilot Camp - June 22 thru 26

Junior Pilot Camp - July 13 thru 17

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airplane for only \$ 145 per hour. The average student off the street takes approximately 70 hours to complete his/her Private Pilot license. When compared to what we had to charge for the Piper Archer, this new aircraft will save the average student approximately \$ 1000!

The Cherokee 140 has basic instrumentation, making it the perfect platform for the beginner. It has a nice leather interior, beautiful paint and the engine has been upgraded to 160 horsepower. For those customers that are looking to complete their Instrument Rating, we still offer the Piper Archer with full IFR instrumentation and a Garmin 430 IFR certified GPS.

In other exciting news, our team is joined by a new Flight Instructor, Kara Clifford. Kara originally learned to fly with us at the airport in Sandusky and went on to college at Bowling Green State University to finish all of her ratings. She joined us a couple of years ago for a summer co-op position and we are thrilled to have her back as a full-time Flight Instructor! Kara will be available to meet individual student's schedules; she is qualified to teach Private Pilot students and can perform Flight Reviews and checkout flights in the new Cherokee. She is working to attain her Instrument Instructor Rating and will have it in the very near future to offer as well. Please don't hesitate to stop in and say hello.

Our primary goal has always been to teach each student to the highest standard possible. One of the biggest questions we get asked is why it takes the average student 70 hours to complete his/her pilots license when the minimum FAA requirement is 40 hours. The answer is simple: 40 hours is the MINIMUM. Yes, there are a handful of people that can be a safe, competent pilot at 40 hours but you normally find that those individuals have been riding around with a friend in their aircraft for years or maybe they have a flight simulator at home that has helped them with the basics. They are the exception. In our experience, the average person takes approximately 15-20 hours before they can take their first solo flight. Many instructors like to see how fast they can get a student to solo. When you step back and think about it, when you take your first solo flight, you have to possess all of the skills that are required to operate the aircraft on your own- safely.

I realized early on in my instruction career that those first hours are absolutely the most important. Once the student is allowed to go fly the airplane by themselves, they need to be highly proficient. In some cases, I have found that if you solo a student too early, it becomes difficult to continue the training later on. From the instructor's standpoint, they feel that the student is "good enough" to solo and will improve later with more training. From the student's standpoint, they feel that if they are "good enough" to solo, they already possess the skills to fly the airplane and that no additional training is needed. I always like to make sure that the student is fully

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**Tin Goose Diner
Coupon \$5.00 Off**

**Every Fuel purchase
20 gallons or more**

Monthly GiveAway



Aviator Jacket

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prepared for that solo flight so that it is a non-event. We have adopted a program where no student will be soloed unless another instructor has flown with them beforehand. This gives the student the opportunity to see things from a different angle since each instructor has a little different style.

With that being said, if a student flies 20 hours before they solo, they have already used up ½ of their minimum hours. From there, they are still required to fly 3 hours of dual cross-county (over 50 miles), 10 hours of solo flight time (to include 5 hours of solo cross country), 3 hours of night flying and 3 hours of flight by reference to instruments. Right there we are at 39 hours without any additional training and most students will require more time in each of these areas to be proficient. Like I said earlier, there are exceptions to every rule but I thought it would be helpful for everyone to see “where the time goes”.

We encourage anyone who is not a pilot to come out and take an introductory flight and if you already have your license, come and see us for your next Flight Review or that rating that you have always wanted!

We offer a special introductory flight rate and discounts if you buy flight time in bulk. If you know someone that would be interested in becoming a pilot or brushing up on their skills, Gift Certificates are always available. For more information, please contact Kara Clifford or Josh McGinnis at 419-734-5400 and select Flight Instruction from the menu. If you would like to contact us by email, we can be reached at info@flygriffing.com and don't forget to visit our website at www.flygriffing.com.

Until next month, we hope to see you around the airport!

H. Thomas Griffing III
Vice-President
Griffing Flying Service, Inc.
Port Clinton, Ohio



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share his love of flying, the chapter has been active in Port Clinton for 30 years. Currently there are over 50 members, and all who enjoy aviation, whether pilots or not, are welcome! If you have an interest in learning to fly, building an airplane, or just enjoy being around airplanes, pilots, and all their stories, this chapter has something for you.

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diner or you can call us at (419)732-0234 or (419)732-0236. If you want to walk over, please walk through the gate (near the fuel pumps and customs trailer). There is a sidewalk by the road that you can safely take to get to the museum and diner. Thank you and we hope to see you soon at the Liberty Aviation Museum & the Tin Goose Diner!!

Don't forget to follow the Tin Goose Diner on Facebook and Twitter to hear of daily specials and current events going on!

Tin Goose Diner Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/TinGooseDiner>

Tin Goose Diner Twitter: <https://twitter.com/tingoosediner>



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bi-fold doors providing ample space for your aircraft with additional room to spare.

The complex also has an 1800 sq. ft. flight planning center which is equipped with meeting space, computer/internet access, a TV lounge, kitchen restrooms and showers.

For more information, please call 866-997-8672

A Room (or Office) with a View

Daily I'm amazed by Port Clinton, which to me is nothing short of a hidden gem. While I only live 45 minutes east of Port Clinton (in Oberlin), it's a pretty significant 45 minutes. As a matter of fact, it's like the difference between a 13 and 16 year old: while it's only 3 short years, one can drive himself to work! It's in my drive that the scenery changes from farmlands to wetlands; from hawks to eagles. The sun is rising in my rearview mirror and her reflection on route 2 is inspiring, and that inspiration yields to awe when I cross

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EAA "TIN GOOSE" CHAPTER 1247

Coming May-June Events

TRI-MOTOR FLIGHTS/RIDES
Group Crew Volunteers Needed

**FABULAOUS FLEA MARKET,
ARTIST & CRAFTER'S SHOW**
June 20th, 9-3,

CHAPTER 1247 MEETING
7:30 PM, June 17th, LAM

TRI-MOTOR FLIGHTS/RIDES
Group Crew Volunteers Needed

TRI-MOTOR RIDE RAFFLE TICKET SALES AT ALL EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THREE EVENTS

- TRI-MOTOR RIDES**– Need ground crew volunteers for:
- 1) Thurs., 5/16, 2-5 PM, Fri., Sat., Sun., Mon, 5/22-25, 10-6
 - 2) Tues., 6/30– Sun., 7/5, Morning and afternoon teams

Safety training will be provided

PORT CLINTON ART FAIR– Saturday, June 20, 8-4, setup to close
Perfect opportunity to sell Tri-Motor Ride Raffle Tickets

June Chapter Meeting

Spring Fling Recap– the evening was a moderate success. The rain held off and we had several new members join. The music by Jerry Davenport was perfect, and the food & Stan's Hit & Miss ice cream was great.

Wright Pat & B17 trips– we need to set target dates for both of these trips. The interest level is pretty high. Would be great if we could fly. Down

July Tri-Motor Rides– volunteers are needed for ground crews for the 6 days the City of Port Clinton will be in town giving rides that week.

Culvert-Dart Project Overview by Ed Rusch– learn more about this neat little airplane.

Next Meeting– Wed., June 17th– Liberty Aviation Museum

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the Bayview Bridge (which was my treat driving home from Bowling Green as an undergrad, naturally followed by Toft's). Each morning as I drive west an amazing peace comes over me as I consider the beauty of this place, and I feel blessed: not only do I have a wonderful job at Eagle's Nest, but it is situated in a miniature paradise. As of June I will have been working at Eagle's Nest for 1 year, during which time have observed the seasons in entirety: the vibrant fall, forsaken winter, promising spring and perfect summer. And speaking of that perfect summer, it is something everyone else seems to have noticed as SR 53 is populated almost strictly with boats headed to the launch, the official sign of spring, it's man's version of trees budding, I think! For me, this is all exciting, it's the anticipation of things to come, of good times and fantastic weather, perhaps our reward for sticking out the winter, too. As I sit here in our office with a gorgeous view, I have had the fortune of seeing our 2 eagles this week (remember, it's a significant 45 minutes to the east, eagles are mythical in Lorain county) soaring over 18/36 and I have to wonder if the locals are still beholden. I have made a conscious decision to remain beholden and not take this beauty for granted, it is a gift, and I think that the secret to happiness is to remain beholden, not just of the natural beauty surrounding us, but of each other, too. With those soaring eagles I have noticed an influx of aircraft of all kind, and that is exciting. You pilots flying in and out never becomes common, especially since I have come to learn of the intensity piloting is. The activity PCW generates is contagious. Frank Lloyd Wright said, 'The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes', and I must agree. We can choose to become jaded, to go through motions and take both life and people for granted, or we can choose to see each day as new and beautiful, leaving yesterday right where it should be. It is my hope that you see your beautiful community as wonderfully as I do, and that as we embark on this summer you seize it, making it your best yet. As for us at Eagles Nest, we are excited to start our final phase of hangars, as well as beginning the plans for developing ground outside of the fence. This place is alive, and all I know is that I'm truly blessed to be a part of this very moment, in this very place.

Tracy DelMonico

Eagle's Nest Condominiums



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