

WolfPitts and the Statue of Liberty

“I LOVE THESE! That first picture ROCKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!” *Greg Connell*



(click photos for larger, full view)

On August 16th Greg Connell [wrote](#) “5:15 wake up call this am ... But was worth it ... Was invited to fly the 'WolfPitts' thru the New York corridor and circle the 'Statue of Liberty'!!!!” Photos were taken by photographer Austin Rieder in a Cherokee Six piloted by Andy Topp. The second photo is of the WolfPitts and accompanying aircraft flying through the [New York airspace corridor](#).

RECORD-SETTING GYRO PILOT MAKES IT HOME

Two months ago EAA was happy to welcome Northern Ireland pilot Norman Surplus and his MT-03 autogyro G-YROX, aka Roxy, to Oshkosh as he worked his way across the United States. Surplus set out more than five years ago in March, 2010, from his home in Larne, Northern Ireland, in an attempt to be the first person to fly an autogyro around the world. His inspiration for the flight came from his desire to raise awareness for his designated charity, [Bowel Cancer UK](#), after he was diagnosed with the illness himself before learning to fly. Stricken with bowel cancer at the young age of 40, Surplus was inspired to do something big as he beat the disease. While he was hospitalized, he watched a documentary about the restoration of an autogyro and was captivated. Surplus took introductory flights in a fixed-wing airplane and a helicopter, but he knew he wouldn't be satisfied until he'd flown an autogyro. It was love at first flight. He began training, and decided very early on that he'd do more than just fly for fun; he was going to fly around the world to raise awareness for his designated charity, [Bowel Cancer UK](#), inspiring other cancer patients, and anyone facing a similar challenge. While his original plans called for the 27,000-mile flight to be completed in approximately four months, it would be almost five and a half years before he finally landed back on Irish soil. Surplus completed his epic adventure the afternoon of August 11, 2015, when he flew from Oban, Scotland, across the Irish Sea, touching down at the Sandy Bay Playing Fields in his hometown of Larne. He was escorted for much of this last leg by a number of other gyros in a loose yet triumphant formation. Because he was forced to ship Roxy across the Pacific, the Fédération Aéronautique Internationale (FAI) won't credit him with the full circumnavigation record. However, he's already set multiple other records, including becoming the first person in the 92-year history of autogyro flight to successfully fly one across the Atlantic. You can review Norman's adventure on [Facebook](#) or his [blog](#).
(Information adapted from EAA eHotline 08/13/15→[Surplus Success](#), EAA Aviation News 06/18/15→[Surplus Gyro Landing](#))



Surplus and his gyro that he named “Roxy”.
Photo credit: Brady Lane



EAA 172
Wrens Fall Fly-in
 Friday - Saturday
 September 18 – 19, 2015
 BBQ at noon on Saturday
 Wrens Memorial Airport (65J), Wrens, Georgia

Boshears SkyFest
 Saturday – Sunday
 October 17 – 18
 Daniel Field Airport (DNL), Augusta, Georgia

Birthdays

Charlie CONNELL	09-01	Jenny SMITH	09-06
Richard JONES	09-03	Ginger CONNELL	09-07
Alfred F. NEWMAN, Jr.	09-06	Frances WEISS	09-13
Ralph SANDEFORD	09-12	Cami NODORFT	09-19
Stephen THOMPSON	09-13	Jackie CHRISTIAN	09-21
Allene BROWN	09-15	Cathie HITT	09-22
Jonathan DUNN, JR.	09-17	Kathleen STANTON	09-22

Anniversaries

Marcus & Staci JAKOB	09-18
W. Thomas & Tina EDWARDS	09-22

EAA 172 Night Out

Thursday, September 24: *EAA 172 monthly "get-together" -- Social Meeting 6:30 PM -- This is a monthly non-business social gathering held on the fourth Thursday. Because of all the fly-in activities this month there will be no September EAA 172 "get-together" - Social meeting. However there will be one on October 22. Contact Virginia Bush for more details 706-554-5618 e-mail: donr.bush@yahoo.com.*

AVIATION QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Answer to last month's question: *You've decided that it might be fun to start giving flight instruction on the weekends. You've already got a private pilot certificate with an instrument rating and about 300 hours, including a couple training for your commercial certificate. You currently have a first class medical, with third class privileges. Are you required to obtain a new first or second class medical to pursue further certificates and a second career as a flight instructor?*

According to the FAA: No, the federal aviation regulations only require you to hold a medical with third class privileges to act as pilot in command for your commercial and flight instructor practical tests. Acting in the capacity of a CFI and PIC requires a medical with third class privileges as well. A medical certificate is not required for flight instructing if the instructor is not acting as PIC or a required crewmember. [FAR 61.23](#) explains which level of privileges is required for what activities in detail.

This Month's Question: You are on a family vacation, and you were able to fly the whole family instead of having to take a commercial flight. You're having a great time until you realize that sometime during the week your pilot certificate went missing. You don't even know where to begin looking, and you're departing for home in two days. Are you stuck having to take a commercial flight home? Is there a way to fly home (legally) without having a new plastic certificate in hand?