



Columbus Area Aviators

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April Program

NOTE: Due to the Sun & Fun fly-in that a number of members will be attending, the April meeting will be on the 17th rather than the usual first Thursday schedule.

The Indianapolis FSDO will present an Aviation Safety Program with presentations on the following subjects:

Engine Care For Pilots

A discussion of engine care, engine oils, and new engine break-in procedures of benefit to pilots and aircraft owners.

Weather – Flying Fronts

Reading weather, in-flight operations – flying fronts.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM in the Columbus Airport Terminal Building downstairs conference room. Attendance at this seminar meets the requirements of the FAA Wings Program and the Aviation Technician Award Program.

March Program

A good turnout of members visited Mike Foushee's "aircraft factory" (aka the garage) to inspect his Mustang II project and discuss the various tools and procedures utilized in metal aircraft construction.

The flap assembly, outboard wing main spars have been completed and the wing center section is nearing completion.



Future Meetings

The chapter meetings in 2003 will be held on the dates listed below (first Thursday of the month except as noted):

May 1st

June 5th

July 10th (following July 4th)

August 7th (just after Oshkosh)

September 4th (Labor Day week)

October 2nd

November 6th

December 17th (Wednesday – the 100th Anniversary of First Flight)

Aviation/Member News

Young Eagles - 2003

The tentative dates for the 2003 Young Eagle Flights are the Saturday following the Chapter Meetings in June, July, August, & September – June 7th, July 12th, August 9th, and September 6th.

Board Meeting

The Chapter Board met on March 6th with Toby Orme, Doug Burgham, Dave Timbers, Larry Morlock, Tom Dollmeyer, Karl Schilling and Mike Foushee in attendance.

Nearby Aviation Historical Site

An interesting site to visit here in Indiana is the Wilbur Wright birthplace in Millville, IN (just East of New Castle – about 1 hour from Columbus). In addition to a restored home, there is a museum featuring a full size replica of the Wright flyer plus a lot of Wright family memorabilia.



Interesting Web Sites

www.wilburwrightbirthplace.com

www.daytonairshow.com

Nametags

Nametags with our EAA logo, your name, and one line stating your interests (Aircraft, N-Number, etc.) will be made available free of charge to those members who have not yet received one. Replacement nametags can be obtained for \$6.00. Contact Barty Moffett if you are interested in getting a nametag.

Newsletter Input

The newsletter editor is always looking for member input. If you have input please contact Mike by phone at 812-342-3032 or e-mail at mike.j.foushee@cummins.com by the third Friday of each month.

Calendar of Events

- May 10-11 Wright-Patterson AFB Open House – Dayton, OH
- June 20-22 Wilber Wright Festival Millville, IN
- July 12 Columbus Airport Awareness
- July 17-20 Dayton Airshow (featuring the Thunderbirds, Blue Angels, & Snowbirds)
- July 29 – August 4 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, WI
- August 30 Marion, IN Fly-In
- September 13-14 Cincinnati Airshow
- September 12-14 Indy Airshow (featuring the Blue Angels)
- October 18 Seymour Air Fair
- December 13-17 First Flight Centennial Celebration – Kill Devil Hills, NC

Officers for 2003

- President – Toby Orme
- Vice President – Doug Burgham
- Treasurer – Barty Moffett
- Newsletter Editor – Mike Foushee
- Class I Director - **OPEN**
- Class III Director – Larry Morlock
- Young Eagles Coord. – Rauf Khalid
- Webmaster - Tom Dollmeyer
- Historian - Dave Timbers
- Technical Counselors: Jerry Brown, Karl Schilling, Jim Shaffstall, Mike Williams

Aviation History

Milestones From The Century of Flight

As part of the “Centennial of Flight” celebrations this year, the Air Force Association’s web site has an extensive listing of aviation events/achievements since 1903. Each month this year I will include selected items for each of the months leading up to December 17th. The ones for March are listed below –

4/24/09 – Wilbur Wright pilots a Wright biplane at Centocelle, Italy, from which the first aerial motion picture is taken.

4/11/11 – The Army’s first permanent flying school is established at College Park, Maryland.

4/27/13 – Pilot Robert G Fowler and cameraman R A Duhem make the first flight across the Isthmus of Panama. They are arrested by Panamanian authorities upon publication in a newspaper of the story and pictures of the flight.

4/21/18 – *Rittmeister* Manfred von Richthofen, the “Red Baron”, is shot down in aciton over France by Capt. A Roy Brown, a Canadian. The German ace, killed in the battle, had 80 aerial victories.

4/6/24-9/28/24 – The Army Air Service completes the first circumnavigation of the globe in 175 days for the 27,553 mile trip.

4/24/29 – Elinor Smith, 17 years old, sets a women’s solo endurance record of 17 hours, 21 minutres, 32 seconds in a Bellanca CH monoplane at Roosevelt Field, Long Island, NY.

4/12/30 – 19 pilots in P-12’s set an unofficial world record for altitude formation flying over Mather Field, Calif of 30,000 feet shattering the old record of 17,000 feet.

4/12/37 – Frank Whittle bench tests the first practical jet engine in labs at Cambridge University in England.

4/22/38 – Eddie Rickenbacker buys a majority stake in Eastern Airlines for \$3.5 million – about the cost of a single engine for a Boeing 757 today.

4/26/39 – *Flugkapitan* Fritz Wendel sets the last recognized absolute speed record before WWII as he pilots the Messerschmitt Bf-209V-1 to a speed of 469.224 MPH at Augsburg, Germany.

4/18/42 – Sixteen B-25’s led by Jimmy Doolittle take off from the USS Hornet and bomb Tokyo.

4/9/45 – The last B-17 rolls off the line at Boeing’s Seattle plant.

4/2/59 – Seven test pilots are selected from a field of 110 candidates to be the Project Mercury astronauts.

4/12/61 – Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin becomes the first person to orbit the earth.

4/11-17/70 – An explosion in the Apollo 13 service module cripples the spaceship forcing the crew to use the lunar module as a lifeboat.

Aviation Humor

The controller working a busy pattern told the 727 on downwind to make a three-sixty, a move normally used to provide spacing between aircraft.

The pilot of the 727 complained, "Don't you know it costs us two thousand dollars to make even a one-eighty in this airplane?"

Without missing a beat the controller replied, "Roger, give me four thousand dollars' worth."

A DC-10 had an exceedingly long rollout after landing with his approach speed a little high.

San Jose Tower: "American 751 heavy, turn right at the end of the runway, if able. If not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101 and make a right at the light to return to the airport."

Tower: "Eastern 702, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on 124.7."

Eastern 702: "Tower, Eastern 702 switching to Departure. By the way, after we lifted off we saw some kind of dead animal on the far end of the runway."

Tower: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, contact Departure on 124.7. Did you copy that report from Eastern?"

Continental 635: "Continental 635, cleared for takeoff, roger; and yes, we copied Eastern and we've already notified our caterers."

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!"

Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches!"