



# Columbus Area Aviators

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## April Meeting

The April meeting will be held on **Thursday evening April 3<sup>rd</sup>** and will feature a visit to the Atterbury-Bakalar Museum at Columbus Municipal Airport. The museum has recently completed a remodeling project with new exhibits highlighting the history of the airport when it was an Air Force Base.

We will start the chapter meeting in the lower conference room at the airport terminal building and once the “business portion” of the meeting is over we will then walk over to the museum. We will assemble at **6:30 PM** for refreshments with the meeting starting around **7:00 PM**.

## March Meeting

The March meeting featured a presentation by Dan McElroy on obtaining his type rating in the Eclipse 500 jet.



Type ratings are required (by specific make and model) to be pilot in command of

aircraft which are turbojet powered or have a gross weight in excess of 12,500 lbs.

Type ratings can be added to any of the pilot licenses (private, commercial, or airline transport); however in order to obtain a type rating, performance on the flight test must meet ATP standards regardless of license type.

Dan discussed the topics covered in the ground school as well as the checkride. Training flights covered approaches to a numbers of different airports in several states (jets cover a lot of territory in a short time) including simulated emergencies. Certain emergency procedures must be able to be recalled verbatim in order to pass. All in all, it sounds like Dan (who did get this type rating added to his license – he already had about 4 others) get a real workout.

Quite a bit of the training also involved use of the “glass cockpit” capabilities.



Since the meeting, it has been difficult for Dan to “keep his feet on the ground” since his Eclipse has started down the production

line and he is getting frequent photos of the progress from the Eclipse "maternity ward".



### Notes From The "Prez"

For the first time in MANY (too many) months, our outside thermometer has stayed above 50 for an entire 24 hour period. Spring, and more pleasant weather in which to pull the plane from the hangar are upon us... or at least close.

I flew a week ago for a bit over an hour to do some testing on prototypes of the new Peltor ANR headsets. If you've not heard about this project, they are working on a new design and have tested the ideas for it with several local planes and pilots. Last week the person responsible for the Owner's/User's Manual rode with me to get a feel for pros and cons related to actual use in flight. It seems to be a nice product and is coming along well towards production.

And, by the way, the flying for the first time in a few weeks felt very good.

Shortly, we'll be starting the "Flyin', Fiddlin', & Food" Saturday morning outings. Look for announcements and be ready to bring a bit to share and your favorite flying clothes. We have been doing lots of musical things the last few months and have a number of new friends who might be there Saturdays to fill in the "fiddln'" part of the day.

See you at the meeting.

Dick G

## Aviation/Member News

### Officers For 2008

President	Dick Gaynor
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### Interesting Websites

<http://www.flightcentral.net>

[www.eclipseaviation.com](http://www.eclipseaviation.com)

[www.naco.faa.gov](http://www.naco.faa.gov)

[http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=ddb\\_1204404185](http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=ddb_1204404185)

<http://www.patricksviation.com/videos/SAS73/3051/>

### Calendar of Events

Apr 8-13 Sun & Fun Fly-In  
Lakeland, FL (LAL)

April 12 Thunder Over Louisville  
Louisville, KY

June 21 Midwest Taildragger Meet  
Indy – Post Air (7L8)  
(see flyer on last page)

July 19-20 Dayton Air Show  
Dayton, OH (DAY)

July 28 - AirVenture Fly-In  
Aug 3 Oshkosh, WI (OSH)

Aug 23-24 Indy Air Show  
Mt Comfort Airport (MQJ)

**NOTE:** I previously indicated that the Navy Blue Angels would be performing at Indy Airshow but this is incorrect.

Aug 25-26 EAA Mid-Eastern Fly-In  
Marion, OH (MNN)

Aug 30 Fly-In / Cruise-In  
Marion, IN (MZZ)

Sept 27 Wood, Fabric & Tailwheel Fly-In  
Lee Bottom – Hanover, IN (64I)

Oct 3-5 "Victory Days" Encampment  
Columbus, IN (BAK)

## Future Chapter Meetings

The 2008 chapter meetings are tentatively scheduled for the first Thursday of each month except as **noted** below.

<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Jun 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Jul 10<sup>th</sup></b>
Aug 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	

Chapter meetings are a good way to meet others in the local area who share your interest in aviation – homebuilding, restoration, aviation history, military aviation, hangar flying, etc.

It is also a way to become involved in activities such as Young Eagle events, visits to member projects, "fly-outs", etc.

## 2008 Young Eagle Flights

The Young Eagle Flight events for 2008 will be held on the following Saturday mornings.

June 7 <sup>th</sup>	July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>
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These events are a great way to introduce kids to the wonders of aviation (not to mention a good reason to go flying on a Saturday morning).

We'll obviously need pilots with planes to volunteer; but it is equally important to have volunteers for ground operations. Please mark these dates on your calendars.

## 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](mailto:mike.j.foushee@cummins.com) by the third Friday of each month.

## Cub Available At Franklin Flying Field

Franklin Flying Field (3FK) now has a 1940 J3 Cub for rental. They will be offering LSA training, Private Pilot, tailwheel transition training and spin training in the Cub. The Cub is also available for rental to any qualified pilot. The Cub is expected to rent for about \$65.00/hr.

## Volunteers Needed for Indy Air Show

Bill Hamerstadt (current President of EAA 900 - Post Air, Indpls) is a member of the Indianapolis Air Show committee (11th year).

For 2008, he is trying to confirm 40-50 Central Indiana EAA and CAF volunteers to help with ramp and logistic operations. Family admittance and parking tickets will be provided as well as lunch, each day. An "all chapter" EAA tent with a representative LSA aircraft on display will serve as our separate check-in facility.

In years past, the event has been short of "aircraft and event knowledgeable" volunteers. This year, he is attempting to put together a knowledgeable group of EAA folks that could be most helpful....and have a lot of fun, too! Typically, they ask for four hours of volunteerism on any day, ie: 7:30 - 11:30 AM, 10:30 - 2:30 PM, and/or 2:00 - 6:00 PM.

This could be a fun chapter event; so if you are interested in volunteering to help at the Indianapolis Air Show ([www.IndyAirShow.com](http://www.IndyAirShow.com)) please let me know so I can submit a consolidated list of volunteers from Chapter 729. All I need is your name, and the days and times when you can help. You can contact me as follows:

[mike.j.foushee@cummins.com](mailto:mike.j.foushee@cummins.com)  
812-342-3032

We'll discuss this some more at the chapter meeting. In the meantime, if you have specific questions on the help that is needed etc., please contact Bill Hamerstadt directly as follows:

[hamerstadt@earthlink.net](mailto:hamerstadt@earthlink.net)  
317-695-5354

I volunteered at the Indy Airshow a couple of times many years ago and it was not hard work and besides you get to hang around some neat airplanes for free.

## Aviation Humor

### **Air Defense in the UK**

Two British traffic patrol officers from North Berwick were involved in an unusual incident while checking for speeding motorists on the A1 Great North Road. One of the officers used a hand-held radar device to check the speed of a vehicle approaching over the crest of a hill, and was surprised when the speed was recorded at over 300 mph. Their radar suddenly stopped working and the officers were not able to reset it.

Just then a deafening roar over the treetops revealed that the radar had in fact latched on to a NATO Tornado fighter jet which was engaged in a low-flying exercise over the Border district, approaching from the North Sea.

Back at police headquarters the chief constable fired off a stiff complaint to the RAF Liaison office.

Back came the reply in true laconic RAF style:

"Thank you for your message, which allows us to complete the file on this incident. You may be interested to know that the tactical computer in the Tornado had detected the presence of, and subsequently locked onto, your hostile radar equipment and automatically sent a jamming signal back to it. Furthermore, an air-to-ground missile aboard the fully-armed aircraft had also automatically locked onto your equipment. Fortunately the pilot flying the Tornado recognized the situation for what it was, quickly responded to the missile systems alert status, and was able to override the automated defense system before the missile was launched and your hostile radar installation was destroyed.

Good Day..."

This captain was an excellent pilot, but not real good at making passengers feel at ease. For example, one time the airplane in front of him blew a tire on landing, scattering chunks of rubber all over the runway. He was asked to

hold while the trucks came out and cleaned up. His announcement: *"Ladies and gentlemen, I'm afraid there will be a short delay before our arrival. They've closed the airport while they clean up what's left of the last airplane that landed there"*.

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Passengers prefer old captains and young stewardesses.

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Lady: I want to go to Miami but I want my luggage to go to Cleveland.

Ticket agent: But we can't do that!

Lady: Why not? You did it last week!

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Little boy to airline pilot: "You're a pilot?!?!? That must be exciting."

Pilot: *"Not if I do it right."*

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No one was really quite sure how Pan-Am could lose an engine off of an airplane. It was found out later that the engine had a luggage sticker on it.

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True anecdote: Recently the remains of Pvt. Eddie Slovik, the only American executed for desertion during World War II, were supposed to be flown via TWA from New York, N.Y., to Detroit, Mich., so naturally they wound up in San Francisco, Calif. This really happened. Fortunately somebody managed to track Pvt. Slovik down before he earned a Frequent Flier bonus trip to the Far East.

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"In the unlikely event that we make it as far as a body of water before we crash," the flight attendant is saying, "you can use your complimentary snack to repel sharks."

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**MIDWEST**

## TAILDRAGGERS' RENDEZVOUS

EAA Chapter 900 Central Indiana Sport Flyers Association

### **Post Air Airport (7L8)**

*1215 S. Franklin Rd, Indy (Autos enter from Franklin Road North of Hwy 52)*

**Indianapolis, IN**

**Saturday, June 21, 2008**

**General Aviation Invited**

**Post Air American Military Heritage Museum**

**Young Eagle Program and Flights**

**Door Prizes and Raffle Drawings**

**8:30 am - 2:00 pm**

**Continental Breakfast and Lunch Cookout**