



# Columbus Area Aviators

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## April Meeting

The March meeting will be held **Thursday evening April 2<sup>nd</sup>** at the Columbus Municipal Airport Terminal Building.

Gerry Clayton will present a program on the Glastar that he built similar to the one in the photo below.



His aircraft is powered by a converted Subaru automobile engine and includes a well equipped instrument panel. It also features “folding” wings which allows it to be stored at home in a garage if desired. Gerry’s plane is based at BAK and he keeps it in one of the T-hangars at the airport.

I had the opportunity to fly with Gerry when he brought it up to Columbus; and I am impressed with the performance and stability of the plane. Gerry, a former Columbus resident built the plane while he was living in Louisville. Now retired, he has moved back to Columbus.

We will gather for refreshments at **6:30 PM** with the program beginning about **7:00 PM**.

## March Meeting

The March meeting featured a presentation by Brian Tanner on “SpacePort Indiana”.



In addition to providing educational experiences for kids through summer camps with emphasis on math & science, SpacePort Indiana also provides commercial launch support via high altitude balloons and rockets.

They are currently operating out of the former BAK fire station on the NW side of the airport as well as offices adjacent to the maintenance hangar on the SE side. For more information:

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

## Notes From The "Prez"

Just a quick note this month since I've been busy helping Noreen with "walking lessons" after her knee replacement surgery. She is doing very well, and should be able to climb into 81E in a few weeks.

We have gotten a request from EAA to have the Tri-Motor visit again this year. They have one open weekend (June 26~29) and thought we would like to have a repeat visit NOT on weekdays this time. We're planning a discussion at the upcoming meeting, so be prepared with your thoughts on the Tri-Motor.

Has anyone noticed the strange new A&P around the airport? Some new guy I think with a couple wrenches and a big bucket for oil draining - some people with try to get away with anything.

And speaking of flying... Depending on the weather at the April meeting we'd also like to do a few flights/rides. Bring your "starched-straight-back" silk scarves and your leather helmets.

See you April 2nd.

Dick Gaynor

## Aviation/Member News

### **Officers For 2009**

President	Dick Gaynor
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### 2009 Young Eagle Flights

The Young Eagle Flight events for 2009 will be held on the following Sat. mornings.

Jun 6<sup>th</sup>      Jul 11<sup>th</sup>      Aug 8<sup>th</sup>      Sep 12<sup>th</sup>

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.

## Interesting Websites

<http://vimeo.com/3437045>  
<http://users.skynet.be/fa926657/files/B29.wmv>  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfwJJD5jG XK&NR=1](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CfwJJD5jG XK&NR=1)  
[www.patricksviaation.com/videos/HokeyPokey/3812/](http://www.patricksviaation.com/videos/HokeyPokey/3812/)

## Calendar of Events

Going to Sun & Fun this year? The FBO at Upper Cumberland Regional Airport (KSRB) in Cookeville/Sparta TN is offering discounted fuel (\$.025 off) and free food and drink to planes on their way to SNF.

- Apr 21-26 Sun & Fun Fly-In  
Lakeland, FL (LAL)
- May 9-10 Branson Airshow (T-Birds)  
Branson, MO
- June 5-7 Indy Air Show (Blue Angels)  
Mt Comfort Airport (MQJ)
- June 12-13 Frasca Field Fly-In  
Urbana, IL (C16)
- June 27 Midwest Taildragger Fly-In  
Indianapolis – Post Air (7L8)
- July 18-19 Dayton Air Show - Thunderbirds  
Dayton Int'l Airport (DAY)
- July 25 Grissom Fly-In  
Grissom AFB (GUS)
- July 27 - Aug 2 AirVenture Fly-In  
Oshkosh, WI (OSH)
- Sept 5 Fly-In / Cruise-In  
Marion, IN (MZZ)
- Sept 26 Wood, Fabric & Tailwheel Fly-In  
Lee Bottom – Hanover, IN (64I)
- Oct 10 Freeman Field Airport Awareness  
Seymour, IN (SER)

## 2009 Chapter Meetings

Chapter meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month with the following **exceptions** –

May 7<sup>th</sup>      Jun 4<sup>th</sup>      **Jul 9<sup>th</sup>**      Aug 6<sup>th</sup>  
**Sep 10<sup>th</sup>**      Oct 1<sup>st</sup>      Nov 5<sup>th</sup>      **Dec 5th**

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.

## Newsletter Input

The newsletter editor is always looking for member input. If you have input please contact Mike at [michael.foushee@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.foushee@yahoo.com) by the third Friday of each month.

## Items For Sale or Needed

As long a space is available, I'll list items either wanted or for sale that are AVIATION related. If you will provide me with a brief description and contact information, I will include your items.

### 4 NEW AUTOLITE URHM40E Spark Plugs

4 - URHM40E plugs (3/4 shield thread) are brand new – never run – needed UREM40E's (5/8 shield thread) instead. Can't return since package has been opened – will sell for half price - \$31.90 (\$7.98 each)  
Contact Tom Dollmeyer [tom@dollmeyer.com](mailto:tom@dollmeyer.com)

### NEW AEIO-540 CHRISTEN EAGLE II

\$93,000      31 Hours A&E Total Time!  
Hoffmann composite propeller.  
Super Stinker wings - all the trick stuff.  
Location: Mount Comfort Airport (MQJ)  
Contact Boyd Birchler, Indianapolis, IN  
Cell (317) 418-6556,



### 1985 Bonanza F33A

\$179,000    1,750 Hrs. AF Total Time  
790 SFRM    570 STOH

Millennium cylinders, Gami injectors,  
RAM cam, Garmin 530W, Northstar M3 backup  
GPS, full King Nav/Com, HSI, DME, KFC200  
coupled FD/AP, EDM-700 Analyzer, Standby  
Vac and Elec. Details: [www.indyflyers.com](http://www.indyflyers.com)  
Hangared @ KEYE.  
Rob Kirkpatrick 317-402-2562  
[rob@kirkpatrick.net](mailto:rob@kirkpatrick.net)



## Aviation Humor

At Heathrow Airport today, an individual, later discovered to be a public school teacher, was arrested trying to board a flight while in possession of a compass, a protractor, and a graphical calculator.

Authorities believe he is a member of the notorious Al-Gebra movement.

He is being charged with carrying weapons of math instruction.

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## Revised Aviation Dictionary

- ? **ALTERNATE AIRPORT:** The area directly beyond the active runway when the engine quits on take off

- ? **ALTIMETER SETTING:** The place where the altimeter sets. Usually hidden by the control column during a near-minimums instrument approach.
- ? **BANK:** The folks who hold the mortgage on your aircraft.
- ? **BI-PLANE:** What you'll say to your bird if flying costs keep going up
- ? **CARBURETOR ICE:** Phrase used by pilots when explaining accident caused by fuel exhaustion.
- ? **"CLEAR":** Warning shouted two seconds after hitting the starter button.
- ? **CONTROL TOWER:** A small shack on stilts inhabited by government pensioners who can't hear. When they become blind, they are sent to centers.
- ? **CRITICAL ALTITUDE:** Minus six feet.
- ? **CRITICAL ENGINE:** That part of your airplane which used to be under the cowl, but is now in intensive care at the maintenance shop.
- ? **DEAD RECKONING:** You reckon correctly, or you are.
- ? **DE-ICER:** A device designed to operate under all weather conditions, except icing.
- ? **ENGINE FAILURE:** A condition which occurs when all fuel tanks become filled with air.
- ? **FIREWALL:** Section of aircraft especially designed to allow all engine heat and smoke to fill the cockpit.
- ? **GLIDING DISTANCE:** Half the distance from your present position to the nearest decent landing area at the time of complete power failure.
- ? **GROSS WEIGHT:** Maximum permissible take off weight, plus an extra suitcase, a case of bourbon, rifle, ammo, golf bag, bowling ball, and diving weights.

- ? **HOLDING PATTERN:** The term applied to the dogfight in progress over any radio facility serving a terminal airport.
- ? **RANGE:** Five miles beyond the point where all fuel tanks have become filled with air.
- ? **WALKAROUND:** What you do when waiting for weather to clear.
- ? **LANDING FLAP:** A 4000' roll out on a 3000' runway.

### Rules of Flying

When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten.

*(Robert Livingston, "Flying The Aeronca")*

Just remember, if you crash because of weather, your funeral will be held on a sunny day.

*(Layton A. Bennett, "Never fly the 'A' model of anything")*

When a prang seems inevitable, endeavor to strike the softest, cheapest object in the vicinity as slowly and gently as possible.

*(Advice given to RAF pilots during W.W.II)*

The Cub is the safest airplane in the world; it can just barely kill you.

*(Attributed to Max Stanley, Northrop test pilot)*

A pilot who doesn't have any fear probably isn't flying his plane to its maximum.

*(Jon McBride, astronaut)*

If you're faced with a forced landing, fly the thing as far into the crash as possible.

*(Bob Hoover)*

If an airplane is still in one piece, don't cheat on it; ride the bastard down.

*(Ernest K. Gann, advice from the 'old pelican')*

Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death I Shall Fear No Evil For I Am 80,000 Feet and Climbing.

*(Sign over the entrance to the SR-71 operating location on Kadena)*

You've never been lost until you've been lost at  
Mach 3.

*(Paul F. Crickmore)*

Never fly in the same cockpit with someone  
braver than you.

*(Richard Herman, Jr., "Firebreak")*

There is no reason to fly through a  
thunderstorm in peacetime.

*(Sign over squadron ops desk at Davis-  
Monthan AFB, AZ, 1970)*

The three best things in life are a good landing,  
a good orgasm, and a good bowel movement.

The night carrier landing is one of the few  
opportunities in life where you get to  
experience all three at the same time.

"Now I know what a dog feels like watching  
TV."

*(A DC-9 captain trainee attempting to check  
out on the 'glass cockpit' of a A-320)*

### **Child on a Plane**

As a crowded airliner is about to take  
off, the peace is shattered by a 5-year-old boy  
who picks that moment to throw a wild temper  
tantrum. No matter what his frustrated,  
embarrassed mother does to try to calm him  
down, the boy continues to scream furiously  
and kick the seats around him.

Suddenly, from the rear of the plane, an  
elderly man in the uniform of an Air Force  
General is seen slowly walking forward up the  
aisle. Stopping the flustered mother with an  
upraised hand, the white-haired, courtly, soft-  
spoken General leans down and, motioning  
toward his chest, whispers something into the  
boy's ear.

Instantly, the boy calms down, gently  
takes his mother's hand, and quietly fastens  
his seat belt. All the other passengers burst  
into spontaneous applause.

As the General slowly makes his way  
back to his seat, one of the cabin attendants  
touches his sleeve. "Excuse me, General," she  
asks quietly, "but could I ask you what magic  
words you used on that little boy?"

The old man smiles serenely and gently  
confides, "I showed him my pilot's wings,  
service stars, and battle ribbons, and explained  
that they entitle me to throw one passenger out  
the plane door on any flight I choose."

### **The Christmas Airport**

It was a few days before Christmas. The  
trip went reasonably well, and he was ready to  
go back home. The airport on the other end  
had turned a tacky red and green, and  
loudspeakers blared annoying elevator  
renditions of cherished Christmas carols.

Being someone who took Christmas  
very seriously, and being slightly tired, he was  
not in a particularly good mood. (Almost a  
scrooge) Going to check in his luggage (which,  
for some reason, had become one suitcase  
with entirely new clothes), he saw hanging  
mistletoe. Not real mistletoe, but very cheap  
plastic with red paint on some of the rounder  
parts and green paint on some of the flatter  
and pointer parts, that could be taken for  
mistletoe only in a very Picasso sort of way.

With a considerable degree of irritation  
and nowhere else to vent it, he said to the  
attendant, "Even if we were married, I would  
not want to kiss you under such a ghastly  
mockery of mistletoe."

"Sir, look more closely at where the  
mistletoe is."

"Ok, I see that it's above the luggage  
scale which is the place you'd have to step  
forward for a kiss."

"That's not why it's there."

"Ok, I give up. Why is it there?"

"It's there so you can kiss your luggage  
good-bye."