



# Columbus Area Aviators

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## August Meeting

The August meeting (Thursday 8/7) will be hosted by John Marshall at his private airstrip east of Greenwood, IN. We'll meet at 6:30 PM, and the program will start at 7:00 PM. John's is in the process of repairing his "Super 8" (an IO-540 powered RV-8) due to taxi damage from a plane that was following too close behind.



John's strip is sod 2400 ft long running North & South and is unlighted. If you are flying in, the location is:

**N 39° 38' .693**  
**W 85° 58' .825**

For those driving, the directions are as follows: Take I-65 to the Greenwood exit, go East on Road 950, then North on Franklin Rd., then East on Maze Rd. to 10445 Maze Road. If lost, the phone number is 317-862-2389.

## July Meeting/Cookout

The July meeting was a cookout at Mike Williams' hangar following the "all day" Young Eagle Flight Rally conducted as part of the Columbus Municipal Airport Awareness Day.

Chapter 729 flew a total of 51 Young Eagles (over 700 since the start of the program).

The pilots and some of their Young Eagles were:

Dick Belush – Cessna 195



Eric Bradley – Bonanza



Jerry Brown – Mooney



Chuck Nussbaum – Cherokee



Dick Gaynor – Cessna 175



George Rodda – Swift



Larry Morlock – Bonanza



## **Future Meetings**

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

August 7<sup>th</sup> (just after Oshkosh)

September 4<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day week)

October 2<sup>nd</sup>

November 6<sup>th</sup>

December 17<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday – the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of First Flight)

## **Aviation/Member News**

### **Officers For 2004**

It is time to nominate candidates for next years officers. We will elect the following positions – President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Young

Eagles Coordinator, and two Directors. A slate will be sent out in the September newsletter with elections held at the October meeting.

To nominate a candidate, submit the name (and office) to any of the current officers.

### **Young Eagles - 2003**

The remaining dates for the 2003 Young Eagle Flights are – August 9<sup>th</sup>, and September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **New Member**

We have a new member in the chapter this month – John Hotseller of Mooresville – welcome aboard!

### **MERFI Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are need by the EAA Mid East Regional Fly In. The event will be held at Marion Municipal Airport (MNN) in Marion, OH on August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Help is needed for setup, admissions and auto parking, aircraft parking, judging, and registration. If you can help please contact Ian Templeton at 440-352-1781 or [piper821@aol.com](mailto:piper821@aol.com).

### **Interesting Web Sites**

[www.NationalAirTour.org](http://www.NationalAirTour.org)  
[www.airbum.com](http://www.airbum.com)  
[www.wicksaircraft.com](http://www.wicksaircraft.com)  
[www.americanwacoclub.com](http://www.americanwacoclub.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](mailto:mike.j.foushee@cummins.com) by the third Friday of each month.

## **Calendar of Events**

July 29 – August 4 EAA AirVenture  
Oshkosh, WI  
August 21 AFA Chapter 288 Meeting  
Columbus Municipal Airport  
Norbeck Memorial Chapel  
August 23 North Vernon Airport  
Awareness Day  
Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00  
Lunch 11:00 - ?  
Airplane & Helicopter Rides  
August 23/24 “MERFI” Mid-East  
Regional Fly In  
Marion, OH  
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 17<sup>th</sup>. The ones for June are listed below –

8/23/09 – At the world’s first major air meet in Reims, France, Glenn Curtiss becomes the first American to claim the

recognized absolute speed record as he flies 43.385 MPH in his Reims Racer biplane.

8/27/13 – Lt. Nesterov of the Imperial Russian Army performs history's first inside loop while flying a Nieuport Type IV over Kiev.

8/3/21 – Lt. John Macready flying a Curtiss JN-6 "Jenny" fitted with a 32 gallon hopper tank filled with insecticide dust performs the world's first successful aerial crop dusting near Troy, OH to save grove of Catalpa trees from caterpillars.

8/25/32 – Amelia Earhart becomes the first woman to complete a nonstop transcontinental flight, Los Angeles to New York City.

8/27/39 – The first jet powered aircraft, the Heinkel He-178, makes its first flight.

8/13/40 - 10/5/40 – Royal Air Force pilots fend off the Luftwaffe during the Battle of Britain and ward off German invasion of the British isles.

8/6/45 – The "Little Boy" atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan from the B-29 "Enola Gay" commanded by Col. Paul W Tibbetts Jr.

8/26/54 – Maj. Arthur Murray reaches a record height of 90,440 feet in the Bell X-1A which was released from a B-29 over Edwards Air Force Base.

8/16/60 - At an altitude of 102,800 feet over Tularosa, NM Capt. Joseph Kittlinger makes the ultimate leap of faith. In the 4.5 minutes between stepping out of the balloon's open gondola and opening his chute, he free falls 84,700 feet, reaching a speed of 614 MPH. He lands unharmed 13 minutes, 45 seconds after jumping.

## Aviation Humor

Tower: "Delta 351, you have traffic at 10 o'clock, 6 miles!" Delta 351: "Give us another hint! We have digital watches"

One day, the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?" Our hero the Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like that and I'll have enough parts for another one"

There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing, because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked". Air Traffic Control told the fighter jock that he was number two, behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down. "Ah", the fighter pilot remarked, "The dreaded Seven-Engine approach"

A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?" Student: "When I was number one for takeoff".

Taxiing down the tarmac, the DC10 abruptly stopped, turned around and returned to the gate. After an hour-long wait, it finally took off, a concerned passenger asked the flight attendant, "What was the problem?" "The pilot was bothered by a noise he heard in the engine," explained the flight attendant,....and it took us a while to find a new pilot."

"Flight 2341, for noise abatement turn right 45 Degrees.." "But Center, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?" "Sir, have you ever heard the sort of noise a 747 makes when it hits a 727?"