



Columbus Area Aviators

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August Meeting

NOTE: Special Date & Location

The August meeting (**Tuesday, August 5th**) will be a presentation on the U-2 high altitude reconnaissance aircraft.



Capt. J C Gorman, a U-2 pilot with the 99th Reconnaissance Squadron at Beale AFB in California will discuss the U-2 aircraft, its missions, and what it is like to fly one of the most difficult to land aircraft ever made. He is a 2003 graduate of the US Air Force Academy. Prior to flying the U-2, he was an instructor pilot in the T-6A. He has 2,000 hours of flight time and is currently qualified in the T-38 and U-2 aircraft.

Since the CAP will be occupying our normal meeting room as part of their annual training visit to BAK, we will meet instead in the **Jeanne Norbeck Chapel at BAK**. The chapel is located at the **corner of Middle Road and Grissom Street** on the airport property. We will meet at 6:30 PM for refreshments and the presentation will start about 7:00 PM.

July Meeting

The July meeting was a visit to Steve Wood's shop in Franklin, IN to see his Nieuport 28 replica project (Larry Morlock was in charge of making "vroom-vroom" sounds).



Steve will be using a 110 HP Rotec radial engine from Australia so the performance of the aircraft should be impressive.



Steve showed us the "plans" he purchased and it is obvious that he not only will easily qualify under the 51% rule for an experimental certificate, it could be argued that he also did at least 51% of the engineering as well.

Notes From The "Prez"

Oshkosh again! The excitement, all the possibilities, so many things to look at, so many options to buy. Larry Morlock, Mike Foushee and I were gathered around staring in awe at all of the above. We could hardly choose which way to turn. Our minds were numb from trying to select, and agree on the next thing to look at.

Thank goodness Noreen was helping, as this is only the food shopping part of the Oshkosh trip.

Soon we'll be on our way. No more "just anticipating". No more "only a few days away". The list of events at this year's AirVenture is just as widely varied as the grocery selection above. The F-22's are due back. The Harrier will be there again... keep those earmuffs handy. The Rocket Racing League will conduct its first public event... here's more:

"WHAT: The Rocket Racing League, the new entertainment sports league that combines the exhilaration of racing with the power of rocket engines, will conduct the first public flight of the Rocket Racer at EAA AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI. The Rocket Racer is the rocket powered race plane that will compete in Rocket Racing League races. Rocket Racing League will also announce the signing of their first League and team sponsor."

And, don't forget 10,000 planes to look at and 500,000 or so friends with whom we'll be visiting. Well, OK, maybe we won't visit all 500,000. A large contingent of Chapter 729 will be present... approximately a dozen at my last count..

If you are planning to go to AirVenture this year and have not decided where to stay/camp, try looking for us in case there is

some spare room in our campsite. We usually camp around 31st and just North of Lindbergh. If you're already planning the trip, come over to visit some evening. We've been known to trade a burger or two for anything fresh from the Fox River Brewery.

We are sure to take plenty of pictures which we'll share at both the August (along with the U-2 presentation) meeting and the September meeting.

Hope to see you at Wittman Regional Airport.

Dick Gaynor

p.s.: Does anyone know where Noreen has hidden my credit cards?

Aviation/Member News

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Interesting Websites

www.antiqueairfield.com
www.airshowbuzz.com
www.xcpilot.com
www.bestaviationsites.com
www.targeta.co.uk
www.milairpix.com

Calendar of Events

- July 28 - AirVenture Fly-In
Aug 3 Oshkosh, WI (OSH)
- Aug 10 "Sinful Sunday"
Lee Bottom (64I)
- Aug 23-24 Indy Air Show
Mt Comfort Airport (MQJ)
- 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 4 Madison Air Show (free)
Madison, IN (IMS)
- Oct 11 Seymour Airport Awareness Day
Seymour, IN (SER)

Future Chapter Meetings

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

Sep 4th Oct 2nd Nov 6th Dec 4th

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 – August 9th and September 6th. We have had to cancel the first two events this year due to weather, so hopefully we can count on better weather for these last two events.

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.

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.

NEW AEIO-540 CHRISTEN EAGLE II

\$95,000 18 Hours A&E Total Time!
Hoffmann composite propeller.
Super Stinker wings - all the trick stuff.
Currently flying off 25-hour time restrictions.
Location: Mount Comfort Airport (MQJ)

Contact Boyd Birchler, Indianapolis, IN
Cell (317) 418-6556, Telephone: 317-418-6556



1946 Taylorcraft BC-12D

\$24,950 2,117 Hrs. Total Time, 190 SMOH
Continental A-65-9 (has starter)
For more details see:
www.flightsmith.com/tcraft/index.htm

Contact Dan McElroy, Columbus, IN (BAK)
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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.

Aviation Humor

For months after California's Northridge earthquake of 1994, aftershocks rocked the San Fernando Valley and Van Nuys Airport. One morning about three weeks after the initial quake there was a particularly sharp aftershock. Moments later on Van Nuys' ground control frequency: "Uh, four-three-kilo would like to file a pilot report for moderate turbulence on the east taxiway..."

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Lt. Green was out on his first solo flight in a T-38 and was feeling a bit cocky. He decided to see what ballistic flight was like and pulled the jet into a vertical climb.

During this climb he got a call from ATC as follows, "Ghost 53Z, from Approach. Say heading," to which the pilot responded "Ooh, up, sir."

### Glossary of aviation terms:

Emergency generator - device which generates emergencies, also known as a simulator.

Landing light - preferable to landing heavy.

Bank - owners of mortgage on aircraft.

Walkaround - procedure when waiting for better weather.

Briefing - spending a long time saying nothing.

De-briefing - spending a long time saying nothing after you have done it. "

### One liners

Airline captain: "If only I made as much money as people think I make, had as much time off as my neighbours think I have and had as much fun on stopovers as my wife thinks I have".

Sign seen at refueling point: WARNING Do not operate any radio transmitter within 100 metres of the pumps. If your life is not worth anything..... the fuel is!

Any attempt to stretch fuel is guaranteed to increase headwinds.

A thunderstorm is nature's way of saying "Up yours!"

Keep looking around, there's always something you missed.

Remember, you're always a student in an airplane.

Any pilot who does not at least privately consider himself the best in the business...is in the wrong business.

It's best to keep the pointed end going forward as much as possible.

Hovering is for pilots who love to fly but have no place to go.

The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire.

The only thing worse than a captain who never flew copilot is a copilot who was once a captain.

A terminal forecast is a horoscope with numbers.

Takeoffs are optional. Landings are mandatory.

The first thing every pilot does after making a gear up landing is to put the gear handle DOWN.

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At a hearing called by the Senate Judiciary antitrust subcommittee, seven airline CEOs -- Robert Ayling of British Airways, Gordon Bethune of Continental, Richard Branson of Virgin Atlantic, Robert Crandall of American, Gerald Greenwald of United, Leo Mullin of Delta, and Stephen Wolf of US Airways -- found themselves crammed together cheek-by-jowl at the witness table.

Whereupon subcommittee chairman Mike DeWine (R-Ohio) cracked, "Sorry about the crowding, but welcome to coach class."

New TSA Guidelines

The Transportation Security Administration recently loosened air-travel restrictions. Here are the modified guidelines:

- ▶ Passengers with a written doctor's note permitted to carry machete on board
- ▶ In lieu of metal detectors, psychics will read minds of everyone passing through security
- ▶ Gillette razors in luggage limited to Mach 3 or lower
- ▶ Vermont and New York cheddars can be brought on board, but not Wisconsin cheddar—by far the sharpest cheese in the cheddar family
- ▶ Corrosive acids acceptable, as long as they are safely stored in stomach lining
- ▶ Seat-kickers now under strict "shoot to kill" disciplinary guidelines
- ▶ Safety pins now allowed, but danger pins and terror pins still prohibited
- ▶ If subjected to five random searches over one-year period, passenger eligible for free "sharper-object upgrade"

