



# Columbus Area Aviators

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## August Meeting

The August meeting will be the annual Oshkosh “Debrief” where folks who made it to AirVenture will share photos, stories, lies, and whatever.

While the weather wasn’t the best (it seemed to rain every other day), OSH was the place to be last week – as evidenced by the rainbow seen leading to our campsite.



Chapter 729 was well represented at OSH with the following “member sightings”: Dick Gaynor, Larry Morlock, Dan Villiger, Karl Schilling, Tom Dollmeyer, Barty Moffatt, Mike Williams, Dan McElroy, Rusty Richards, Dave Timbers, Brett Herrick, Steve Fushelberger, Bill Reeves, and Mike Foushee.

The meeting will be held as usual in Dick Gaynor’s hangar (same location as the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks party) on **Thursday evening August 6<sup>th</sup>** starting at **6:30 PM** for refreshments – hope to see you there.

## July Meeting

The July meeting featured a presentation by Mike Harding Expedition Leader of the Flight of Discovery “*On the Wings of History: Following the Lewis & Clark National Historic Trail with the Flight of Discovery*”.

The team (composed entirely of volunteers) used modern technology (including aircraft) to evaluate the environmental changes (not many) which have occurred since Lewis and Clark completed their epic journey. A very interesting presentation and an enjoyable evening.



Mike also hosted the meeting including the pizza at his own local restoration project – the Pixy Theater in Edinburgh – Thanks Mike!!

## Notes From The "Prez"

Oshkosh. AirVenture. "The World's Greatest Fly-In". Whatever you call it, this is one of the most amazing flying events anywhere, anytime. On this planet or any other.

Your local planet; Earth as you refer to it, is truly blessed to have such an event as the EAA Oshkosh Airventure Fly-In. Where else could you enjoy a great dinner with friends in a campground, and be rushing out to stare into the sky as White Knight II circles the field prior to landing. Where else could you run into dozens of old and new friends in the same day; all of whom understand your passion for all things aviation.

We started the week with a trip to the EAA Museum, not for the ordinary tour of the collections but, for a used book sale in the Museum library. I found one issue of Air News published the month and year I was born. Another couple books on aerobatics and a few misc. items and back to the campground.

The camp site stay was brief. We're all looking for some parts to build, repair, or replace on an airplane and we biked down to the Fly Mart. Following the Fly Mart we descended on the sales buildings to collect catalogs and other paraphernalia.

This first day promised an exciting air show. However, the weather had different ideas, so we settled in to chairs in the camp site to wait it out. Dan Villiger joined other Sonex folks (we determined the plural of Sonex is "Sonices"... as in vortex and vortices) at their booth to drool over the prototype Sonex Jet. Larry Morlock got to watch the Pietenpol arrivals, 18 of them, from Brodhead. Mike Foushee got his bicycle tires replaced. (We really need to keep an eye on Mike.) In fairness, Mike is also the ringleader and the best catalog collector on this, his home planet.

And, speaking of alien planets, why is corn-meal-mush an unknown commodity in Wisconsin. Happy flying Earthlings. We'll be back to our home planet in a few days.

Dick Gaynor – President

## Aviation/Member News

### **Officers For 2009**

President	Dick Gaynor
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Secretary	Mike Foushee
Director	Toby Orme
Director	Glenn Leonhart
Y.E. Coord.	Rebekah Spaulding
Newsletter	Mike Foushee

### **Help Needed To De-Rust Project**

Brett Herrick (who conducts the aviation classes for kids at the Foundation For Youth) has acquired a Renegade project (think Cassutt racer except VW powered) that he plans to use as a future project for Junior High and High School kids. It will be a non-flying project to teach the kids about materials and skills needed to build an airplane.

He is looking for help to remove the rust from the welded fuselage via media blasting and then priming it.

If anyone in the chapter has equipment to cleanup the fuselage, please contact Brett at 812-376-0530.

### **User Fees vs "Good Works"**

Dan McElroy was interviewed by Channel 59 the Fox TV station in Indy regarding the probable effect of User Fees on activities such as Angel Flights (which Dan has been involved with for quite a while). The segment included the interview with Dan as well as one of his "patients" who lives in Indy.

The segment can be accessed on the Fox 59 website as follows:

<http://www.fox59.com/wxin-angel-flight-central-threatened-060109,0,6335334.story>

The original segment has also been "stored" on YouTube at the following address:

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B\\_PqjaV-w4I](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_PqjaV-w4I)

In addition, Channel 6 in Indy also did a segment on the effect of the fees on Angel Flights. This segment can be accessed at the following address:

<http://www.theindychannel.com/call6/19761106/detail.html>

## **2009 Young Eagle Flights**

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

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**

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## **Calendar of Events**

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| Aug 9   | “Sinful Sundae” Event<br>Lee Bottom – Hanover, IN (64I)           |
| Sept 5  | Fly-In / Cruise-In<br>Marion, IN (MZZ)                            |
| Sept 26 | Wood, Fabric & Tailwheel Fly-In<br>Lee Bottom – Hanover, IN (64I) |
| Oct 10  | Freeman Field Airport Awareness<br>Seymour, IN (SER)              |

## **2009 Chapter Meetings**

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

**Sep 10<sup>th</sup>**      **Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**      **Nov 5<sup>th</sup>**      **Dec 5<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.

## **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 as 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.

### **Garmin 196**

GARMIN GPS MAP 196 with all mounting accessories, update cables, instruction video, cigarette lighter adapter, remote antenna, etc. The data base was recently updated.  
Sporty's price: 595.00 Asking \$295.00.  
Reason for selling: Upgraded to a color GPS  
Contact: Gerald Clayton  
[ghclayton@bellsouth.net](mailto:ghclayton@bellsouth.net)

### **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)

### **2002 Starduster II**



Beautiful Airplane! Fun to fly! 90 TTAF, 180 hp, Lycoming O-360A1D, 80 TTSMOH, fully electric, airframe mods include: Cessna 170 spring gear with Cleveland wheels, new brakes and master cylinders, fully enclosed bubble canopy (removable), like new blue vinyl seats with grey carpet, interior (10), good heater, Garmin 250XL GPS/Comm, 2 way intercom, G-meter, Scott 3200 tail wheel landing lights in both lower wings, strobes and position lights, engine compartment includes pressure cooling Plenum, new carburetor and Stainless Steel exhaust, the exterior is blue with white stripes and yellow accents.(10) This is a very clean airplane, it has always been in a hangar, never seen rain or snow! You won't be disappointed! The aircraft is rated +/- 6G. Stability is good and the light wing loading makes slow landing speed and short-field operation outstanding. The Starduster Too can be flown by any tail wheel pilot. It is easy and fun to fly, and the plane handles as well in the air as on the ground • located Columbus, IN \$40,500  
Contact Matt Miller -Telephone: 812 350-7565  
milmat0619@hotmail.com



## Aviation Cliches

If we are what we eat, then some pilots should eat more chicken.

Without fuel, pilots become pedestrians.

*Regards engine power:* Lots is good, more is better, and too much is just enough.

If you're ever faced with a forced landing at night, turn on the landing lights to see the landing area. If you don't like what you see, turn 'em back off.

A checkride ought to be like a skirt, short enough to be interesting but still be long enough to cover everything.

Standard checklist philosophy requires that pilots read to each other the actions they perform every flight, and recite from memory those they need every three years.

Experience is the knowledge that enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

Speed is life, altitude is life insurance.

No one has ever collided with the sky.

One peek is worth a thousand instrument cross-checks.

Experience is a hard teacher. First comes the test, then the lesson.

Always remember you fly an airplane with your head, not your hands.

Never let an airplane take you somewhere your brain didn't get to five minutes earlier.

If it's red or dusty don't touch it.

Don't drop the aircraft in order to fly the microphone.

An airplane flies because of a principle discovered by Bernoulli, not Marconi.

Cessna pilots are always found in the wreckage with their hand around the microphone.

If you push the stick forward, the houses get bigger, if you pull the stick back they get smaller.

To go up, pull the stick back. To go down, pull the stick back harder.

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

Flying is the second greatest thrill known to man.... Landing is the first!

*Definition of 'pilot':* The first one to arrive at the scene of an aircraft accident.

The probability of survival is equal to the angle of arrival.

If you don't gear up your brain before takeoff, you'll probably gear up your airplane on landing.

In thrust I trust.

Jet noise: The sound of freedom.

I had a fighter pilot's breakfast - two aspirin, a cup of coffee and a puke.

Those who hoot with the owls by night, should not fly with the eagles by day.

Fly with the eagles, or scratch with the chickens.

It only takes two things to fly, airspeed and money.

Forget all that stuff about thrust and drag, lift and gravity, an airplane flies because of money.

Do you see that propeller? Well, everything behind it revolves around money.

The similarity between air traffic controllers and pilots?

If a pilot screws up, the pilot dies.

If ATC screws up, the pilot dies.

A smooth touchdown in a simulator is as exciting as kissing your sister.

Helicopters can't really fly - they're just so ugly that the earth immediately repels them.

Helicopters don't fly. They beat the air into submission.

Helicopters don't fly, they just vibrate against the earth and the earth rejects them into the air.

Helicopters are for people who want to fly but don't want to go anywhere.

The owner's guide that comes with a \$500 refrigerator makes more sense than the one that comes with a \$50 million airliner.

Flying is not Nintendo. You don't push a button and start over.

The future in aviation is the next 30 seconds. Long term planning is an hour and a half.

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself.

Three things kill young pilots in Alaska - weather, weather, and weather.

FAA Regulations forbid drinking within 8 feet of the aircraft and smoking within 50 hours of flight. Or is it the other way around?

An accident investigation hearing is conducted by non-flying experts who need six months to itemize all the mistakes made by a crew in the six minutes it has to do anything.

*Things which do you no good in aviation:*

Altitude above you.

Runway behind you.

Fuel in the truck.

A navigator.

Half a second ago.

Approach plates in the car.

The airspeed you don't have.

It is far better to arrive late in this world than early in the next.

You start with a bag full of luck and an empty bag of experience. The trick is to fill the bag of experience before you empty the bag of luck.

If God had meant for men to fly he would have made their bones hollow and not their heads.

What's the difference between God and pilots? God doesn't think he's a pilot.