



Columbus Area Aviators

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December Program

The December meeting will be held in the basement meeting room at the Columbus Municipal Airport Terminal Building. We will meet at 6:30 PM with the program starting at 7:00 PM

The program will feature Will Matthews of Greenfield who will discuss the design of his unique race plane and its performance at the recent Reno Air Races against other planes with larger displacement engines. He won the Sport Class Silver Race with a speed of 267.425 MPH. The engine is a 210 HP IO-360 engine with an 80 HP 2-stroke engine driving a supercharger that provides sea level power even at Reno's altitude. For more details see the November, 2002 issue of Sport Aviation (pages 69 – 71).

November Program

The November meeting was hosted by Dan Villiger and featured the Sonex project that he and his father are building. Dan provided an interesting history of his family's involvement with aviation starting with ultralight projects. The quality and craftsmanship is very impressive. Dan also showed a video of their visit to another builder for a "demo flight" as well as a video from the kit manufacturer.

Future Meetings

The January meeting will be a visit to the Vincennes University Aviation Department at the Indy airport for a tour and a talk by Tim LeBaron on small turbojet engines.

Due to the University's schedule, the meeting date will be Thursday, January 16th. A map will be provided in next month's newsletter.

The February meeting will feature a Safety presentation by Lew Owens of the FAA. The meeting will be in the basement meeting room at the Airport Terminal Building.

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

January 16th (3rd Thursday)

February 6th

March 6th

April 3rd (just before Sun & Fun)

May 1st

June 5th

July 10th (following July 4th)

August 7th (just after Oshkosh)

September 4th (Labor Day week)

October 2nd

November 6th

December 17th (Wednesday – the 100th Anniversary of First Flight)

Aviation/Member News

Welcome to several new chapter members – Bob Thaxton, Paul Pocock, Dave Bishop, and Dick Gaynor. Bob exhibited his RV project several meetings ago. Paul also has an RV project. Dave hosted the meeting at Metal Air Service in Seymour. Dick is on the process of moving to Columbus from the Chicago area and is active in aerobatics.

The P-38 "Glacier Girl" flew for the first time in 60 years on October 26th after a 10 year \$2.5 million restoration in Middlesboro, KY. The plane was one of several that had to crash land on a glacier in Greenland in 1942. They ended up buried under 268 feet of snow and ice. The first flight was covered by a film crew from the History Channel which will broadcast the event on March 3, 2003. The plane will become the centerpiece of the "Lost Squadron P-38 Museum" in Middlesboro.

Young Eagles - 2003

The tentative dates for the 2003 Young Eagle Flights are the Saturday following the Chapter Meetings in June, July, August, & September.

Board Meeting

The Chapter Board met in November 7th with Toby Orme, Doug Burgham, Dave Timbers, Tom Dollmeyer, Larry Morlock, and Mike Foushee in attendance.

2003 Officers

The current officers (2002) have all agreed to continue to serve the chapter in their existing positions. An opening remains for a Director to serve as a member of the Board. Nominations for this position should be submitted to Toby Orme at 812-376-3820.

The election of officers will be held at the December meeting.

Bookcase Needed

If you have a lockable bookcase or other suitable cabinet, we would appreciate a donation to be used to house the Chapter's "library" and reference material. If you have one we can use, please contact Toby Orme at 812-376-3820.

Interesting Web Sites

www.aso.com
www.aero-news.net
www.aerolink.com
www.flightexplorer.com
www.airshowpics.com
www.wilberwrightbirthplace.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 by the third Friday of each month.

Also, if you change your E-Mail address, please let me know so I can continue to E-Mail the newsletter to you (it saves postage).

"**Columbus Area Aviator**" received the most votes for the name of the chapter newsletter in balloting by chapter members. Second place was "Bakalar Buzzards".

Calendar of Events

April 2-8 Sun & Fun Fly-In
Lakeland, FL
June 20-22 Wilber Wright Festival
Henry Co., IN
July 12 Columbus Airport Awareness
July 17-20 Dayton Airshow
July 29 – August 4 Oshkosh
August 30 Marion, IN Fly-In

Officers for 2002

President – Toby Orme
Vice President – Doug Burgham
Treasurer – Barty Moffett
Newsletter Editor – Mike Foushee
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 Humor

Here in Indiana it is time to watch out for deer as we drive on country roads at night. However, just leaving the ground in aircraft doesn't protect us from contact with wildlife as the photos below indicated.

Now THAT'S a bird Strike!!! Gotta watch them birds!

Attached are photos of RH Horizontal Stabilizer of Navy T-44A aircraft out of Corpus Christi, TX after encountering what looks like a Pterodactyl!



Pretty substantial bird and damage. They were lucky it wasn't further out on the stab or elsewhere on the aircraft. Type of bird unknown at this time but it appears to be one that sleeps anywhere it wants and chirps with a real deep voice.



T-44A 161058 suffered a bird strike to the R/H Horizon Stab during a routine training flight this afternoon. The aircrew initiated an uneventful landing with no other damage noted to the aircraft.



I didn't think about it till I was finished editing the newsletter, but I hope this story doesn't prevent anyone from enjoying the traditional Thanksgiving turkey dinner this week.



Have A Happy Thanksgiving!