



# Columbus Area Aviators

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## December Meeting

The December meeting will feature a demonstration of **FlightSoft** flight planning software by Dick Gaynor.

The meeting will be Thursday evening December 7<sup>th</sup> in the downstairs conference room at the Columbus Municipal Airport Terminal Building. We will gather at 6:30 PM for refreshments with the meeting starting at 7:00 PM.

We will also be showing the superb movie **"One Six Right"**. For those of you who haven't seen this movie before, I highly recommend it – it really captures "The Romance of Flying". If you have seen it before, I can assure you that it is worth a second viewing.

## November Meeting

The November meeting was hosted by Jim Stribling at his hangar at Columbus Municipal Airport. Jim gave the chapter an update on his current project an RV-10.



This is Jim's second RV project; he still has an extremely nice RV-4 that he that he completed several years ago.

In keeping with the "RV theme", Paul Pocock also displayed his recently completed RV-7 project which is just back from the paint shop.



Dick Gaynor provided a slide show of his recent "round robin" tour of the surrounding area (Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, and Georgia). He reported that there was not very much activity at a number of the airports even though the weather was perfect for flying.

## Notes From The "Prez"

### **A Skylark Christmas**

'Twas the night before Christmas, and out in the dark  
of a solemn quiet hangar, stood my Cessna Skylark.  
There was little festooning of bells or of lights  
Just lots of great memories of flying's great sights.

Somewhere in the distance another craft flew  
With only one person, dressed in red as its crew.  
It jingled and jangled along through the night  
Delivering headsets, charts and planes; what a sight.

The red, jolly captain, had lots of aircraft  
Stored on his sleigh, both forward and aft.  
They're presents for pilots who need something new  
Some were red, some white, some yellow, some blue.

And as he delivered planes shiny and new  
81-echo sat quiet, and waited. She knew  
We'd be flying together as soon as the day  
Dawned whether cheerful or cloudy and grey.

Some high flights, but most are more near to the ground  
Some days we go farther, some days round and round.  
You see it's no matter if Christmas or not  
We love flying together the way we were taught.

Some days it's with others, some days its alone  
Either way we can claim the sky as our own.  
So she sits quiet, waiting alone in the dark,  
In her home at the hangar, my Cessna Skylark

As she ponders the next time we'll take to the sky  
She rests to be ready for she loves to fly.  
And wishes to all as she waits in the night  
Merry Christmas to all and to all a good flight.

From the Prez. and 81E's Chief Pilot (as well  
as "poet laureate" of Chapter 729):

***Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas  
season and may all your flights be joyous  
ones.***

### **Time To Pay 2007 Dues**

It's time to collect the 2007 Chapter dues. The last page of this newsletter is the member information sheet - please update this information (or fill it out if you are a new member) and send your dues payment to Treasurer – Larry Morlock.

### **Aviation/Member News**

#### **Laird Swallow Featured In Vintage Airplane**

Charlie Laird's 1927 Laird Swallow is featured on the cover of the November '06 issue of "Vintage Airplane" magazine along with a nice 6 page article on the plane.



### **Officers For 2006**

President	Dick Gaynor
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Young Eagles	Brett Herrick
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Director II	John Walter
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### **Interesting Websites**

[www.warbirddepot.com](http://www.warbirddepot.com)  
[www.nationalmuseum.af.mil](http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil)  
[www.planesoffame.org](http://www.planesoffame.org)  
[www.museumofflight.org](http://www.museumofflight.org)  
[www.exp-aircraft.com](http://www.exp-aircraft.com)  
[www.history.com/minisites/dogfights/](http://www.history.com/minisites/dogfights/)  
[www.richard-seamon.com/aircraft/airshows/edwards2005/highlights/index.html](http://www.richard-seamon.com/aircraft/airshows/edwards2005/highlights/index.html)

### **Calendar of Events**

- Apr 17-23 Sun & Fun Fly-In  
Lakeland, FL (LAL)
- July 23-29 AirVenture Fly-In  
Oshkosh, WI (OSH)

### **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.

### **Future Meetings**

The 2007 chapter meetings are tentatively scheduled for the first Thursday of each month.

Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mar 1 <sup>st</sup>
Apr 5 <sup>th</sup>	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jun 7 <sup>th</sup>
Jul 5 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Sep 6 <sup>th</sup>
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup>	Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Dec 6 <sup>th</sup>

## Items For Sale or Needed

### **C-150 For Sale -**



One of the Best 150s around, In excellent condition. Stripped down and repainted in 2003, Cessna 328 NAV Com, Narco AT50 Mode-C Transponder, interior in very good condition, has been hangared, a real nice flying and very well maintained airplane. Engine TOH at 1068, TT 1506, 4500 TT airframe.

Asking \$21,500

Contact: Rauf Khalid e-mail: [Khalid@uindy.edu](mailto:Khalid@uindy.edu)  
Located Franklin, IN (3FK)

Telephone: 317-786-0459, Cell: 317-694-7752

### **Hangar For Sale –**



Large aircraft hangar located at Columbus Municipal Airport (BAK). \$85,000

48' wide by 136' long

Heated & air conditioned

Excellent lighting

Includes office, full bath, & kitchen

208 volt 3 – phase service

14' by 46' door in front

14' by 25' overhead door in rear

Overhead storage area

New concrete apron in front

For additional details, contact Mike Williams at  
[mike@mikeshangar.com](mailto:mike@mikeshangar.com)

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.

## Aviation Humor

### **The F-100 Super Sabre Start**

The F-100 Super Sabre had a large chamber to accept a large gas generating cartridge. When ignited by electrical current, the expanding gas from the black powder-like pyrotechnic cartridge drove a starter turbine which brought the engine up to a self-sustaining RPM via a drive system.

This eliminated the need for heavy and bulky ground starting units, but the starter cartridge spewed out a characteristic dense cloud of choking black smoke, which was often mistaken by inexperienced ground crews for an engine fire.

The powder charge for the ground start came in a big sealed can, and on opening and extracting the cartridge, you'd find two small metal tabs on the bottom of the cartridge. These tabs were the electrical contact that fired the cartridge when the pilot moved the throttle outboard on start, before bringing the throttle forward. As soon as a tiny RPM registered on the tach, you brought the throttle around the horn to feed fuel and engine ignition to the rapidly-building engine speed.

Sometimes the big metal receptacle that held the gas generator cartridge would get so dirty from repeated use that the metal tabs wouldn't make contact. Then the cartridge would refuse to fire, and the Crew Chief would give the starter receptacle a good healthy whack with a wooden wheel chock, usually curing the powder charge of any reluctance to detonate.

We'd often take a can containing a starter cartridge along with us as an alternative starting means on cross-country.

The story is told, of USAF Capt. John Green going into Memphis, Millington NAS or MCAS, in an F-100 way back in the early '70s.

He was met by a couple of young Marine ground crewmen, who asked what kind of plane he was flying. "F-100 Super Sabre" - only got him further puzzled looks. One of the ground crew said, "Sir, I don't think we have tech data on this bird. What do you need for start..a huffer..or just electrical"?

"Neither one," John replied with his tongue in his cheek.

"If I can get, oh, about six guys to give me a push to start me rolling, I'll just pop the clutch and get the engine started that way."

More and more doubtful looks. "Yessir" was the final comeback. What else would a young Marine say?

The Hun was pretty finely balanced on the two main gear struts.

When you tapped the brakes, the nose strut compressed so much that the nose took a dip, just like the hood of our cars used to dip when being clutch-started after a similar push from our friends.

So now six Marines are standing at the ready; still doubtful but not about to question an Officer on Procedure. "Just get me going at about a fast walk," John instructed. "I'll wave you all clear when we're fast enough, pop the clutch and be on my way."

"Thanks for the good turnaround!"

With six Marines pushing, they quickly get the bird up to a brisk-stepping speed. John waves his arms; and the Marines warily stand well clear.

The nose dips as John "pops the clutch". . THERE IS A BIG CLOUD OF CHOKING SMOKE AS THE F-100's ENGINE WHINES TO LIFE.

And off goes Captain Green to the takeoff end of the runway, leaving six puzzled Marines in his wake.

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# Merry Christmas



# Happy New Year

# Columbus Area Aviators EAA Chapter 729

## Membership Application/Renewal

Items in bold are required. See bottom of form for info.

**Today's Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Membership Year:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Dues Paid:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Children (names & ages): \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (street):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address (city, state, & zipcode):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number (home):** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OK to E-Mail Newsletter?:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Saves the chapter postage & printing costs)

**EAA Membership Number & Expiration Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot rating(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft (flying, restoring or building): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Aviation Interests?: \_\_\_\_\_

What Chapter Programs Would Interest You?: \_\_\_\_\_

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What Programs Could You Present Or Arrange?: \_\_\_\_\_

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Columbus Area EAA Chapter 729 is a chapter of the national EAA organization. For the first year of chapter membership you are not required to be a member of the EAA. Starting the second year you are required to be member of the EAA to be a member of the chapter. **If you are joining the EAA for the first time, please request an application form from the Chapter**, as we receive a partial rebate of new member dues. Chapter membership includes your immediate family.

**Chapter dues are \$15 per year**, from January to December. **New member dues are prorated** as follows: January through April, \$15; May through August, \$10; September through December, \$5.

Checks should be made payable to **Columbus Area EAA Chapter 729 Inc.** Dues can be paid to any chapter officer at a monthly meeting or mailed to the chapter treasurer:

**Larry Morlock**  
**3407 Woodland Place**  
**Columbus, IN 47203**