



# Columbus Area Aviators

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## February Program

The meeting will be held Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup> in the lower meeting room at the Columbus Airport Terminal. We will meet at 6:30 PM with the program starting at 7:00 PM

The program will feature a presentation by John Walter on his experiences as a B-17 pilot with the 95<sup>th</sup> Bomb Group of the 8th Air Force in WWII. According to John the program is in two parts. The first discusses the "World's largest aircraft carrier – the HMS England". The second relates some personal experiences during WWII.



Coincidentally, I've just completed reading John's book "My War" and based on that, I would expect this program to be very interesting and enjoyable.

## January Program

The January meeting hosted by Tim LeBaron was a visit to the Vincennes

University Aviation Technology Center at the Indy airport for a tour of the facility and a presentation by Prof. Phil Hollinger on small turbojet engines. A small but adventuresome group braved the inclement weather without incident.



The facility is certainly first class with labs, classrooms, and hangar space covering piston as well as turbine engines, and aircraft including helicopters and planes from a Cessna 120 to a Boeing 737. Prof. Hollinger teaches the turbine engine courses and previously worked in engineering for the GE Turbine Engine Div. in Cincinnati, OH.

Vincennes (as well as other Indiana schools) has a program of free tuition for people who are 60 or older and not employed full time. So if you are willing to admit that you are at least 60 and are interested in possibly getting your A&P license or some other program they offer, you can contact them at:

[www.aviationtechcenter.com](http://www.aviationtechcenter.com)

## **Future Meetings**

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

February 6<sup>th</sup>  
March 6<sup>th</sup>  
April 17<sup>th</sup> (following Sun & Fun)  
May 1<sup>st</sup>  
June 5<sup>th</sup>  
July 10<sup>th</sup> (following July 4<sup>th</sup>)  
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**

### **Young Eagles - 2003**

The tentative dates for the 2003 Young Eagle Flights are the Saturday following the Chapter Meetings in June, July, August, & September – June 7<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup>, and September 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Board Meeting**

The Chapter Board met on January 9<sup>th</sup> with Toby Orme, Doug Burgham, Dave Timbers, Larry Morlock, Barty Moffett, and Mike Foushee in attendance.

### **Time To Renew/Initiate Membership**

Membership Application/Renewal forms have been mailed (USPS) to all Chapter members and potential members. Please complete the forms and return them as indicated on the forms. As noted on the forms, there are several pieces of information (such as national EAA member number) which are important for the Chapter's registration requirements. Also, if you have an E-Mail address, it saves the chapter about \$4.50 per member per year in postage expenses.

### **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.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)  
[www.barnstormers.com](http://www.barnstormers.com)  
[www.airshowdayton.com](http://www.airshowdayton.com)  
[www.outerbanks.org](http://www.outerbanks.org)

## **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.

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).

## **Calendar of Events**

April 2-8 Sun & Fun Fly-In  
Lakeland, FL  
May 10-11 Wright-Patterson AFB Open  
House – Dayton, OH  
June 20-22 Wilber Wright Festival  
Henry Co., IN  
July 12 Columbus Airport Awareness  
July 17-20 Dayton Airshow  
July 29 – August 4 EAA AirVenture  
Oshkosh, WI  
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 2002

President – Toby Orme  
Vice President – Doug Burgham  
Treasurer – Barty Moffett  
Newsletter Editor – Mike Foushee  
Class I Director - **TBD**  
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

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.

## 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 February are listed below –

2/1/11 – First licensed aircraft manufacturer in the US – The Burgess & Curtis Co. (no relation to Glenn Curtis)

2/22/12 – Jules Vedrines pushes the absolute speed record to 100.22 MPH in a Deperdussin racer at Pau, France.

2/28/18 – Licensing of civilian pilots is ordered by Woodrow Wilson.

2/27/20 – World altitude record set at 33,114 ft. by a Packard LePere biplane.

2/22/21 – Transcontinental airmail service begins – first flight 33 hrs 20 min

2/2/25 – Calvin Coolidge signs Kelly Act authorizing contract mail service.

2/15/46 – TWA inaugurates daily non-stop service between LA & NYC in a

Lockheed Constellation piloted by Howard Hughes.

2/27/47 – P82B Twin Mustang sets propeller driven distance record of 5,051 miles between Hawaii and NYC.

2/26/49 – First nonstop flight around the world begins – B-50 bomber flies 23,452 miles in 94 hrs 1 min with 4 refuelings.

2/12/59 – Last Convair B-36 is retired resulting in an all-jet bomber force.

2/20/62 – John Glenn becomes the first US astronaut to orbit the earth. The Friendship 7 flight lasts nearly 5 hours.

2/9/69 – Boeing conducts the first flight of the 747.

2/1/75 – F-15A sets world time to climb record of 98,425 feet in 3 min. 27.8 sec.

## Aviation Humor

Shortly after just landing at a big international airport in his Cessna 150, our hero strolls into the busy airport cafeteria for a bite to eat. He finds an empty table by the window to keep an eye on the airport comings and goings.

Shortly thereafter, a striking woman walks up and asks to share his table. Naturally, he invites her to sit down. After several minutes of small talk, the woman asks if he is a pilot. He responds, "Why, yes, I am -- I fly a C-150." Knowing next to nothing about airplanes, she asks him what a C-150 is.

The pilot looks out the window and spots a C-130 Hercules taxiing out for takeoff. Pointing to it, he tells his companion, "See that plane over there? That is a C-130. I fly a C-150!"

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Every year aircraft manufacturers try to add something to their latest models. If they can't add it to the instrument rack, the speed, the handling, or the load carrying capacity, they do the next best thing..... they add a bit to the price!