



Columbus Area Aviators

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February Meeting

The February meeting will feature a program by Rusty Richards on his experiences as a B-52 pilot in the Air Force.



Rusty who flies for Delta is also the owner of a beautiful Cessna 195 that is based at BAK. I've already told Rusty the joke about the B-52 engine out emergency – “the dreaded seven engine approach” – so you'll have to come up with some new ones

In addition to Rusty's presentation, Dick Gaynor and Larry Morlock will report on their attendance at the EAA Leadership Conference in Oshkosh in mid-January. This promises to be an entertaining and informative meeting so we hope to see you there.

The meeting will be held Thursday evening **February 7th** in the lower conference room at the Columbus Municipal Airport Terminal Building. We'll gather for refreshments at 6:30 PM with the program starting about 7:00 PM.

January Meeting

The January meeting featured a presentation by Paul King and Jason Sharkey on the “Victory Days” event scheduled for October 3–5, 2008 at Columbus Municipal Airport – www.victorydays.org.

VICTORY DAYS *Event Listing*

1. Event Long Warbird Flying
2. Living History Encampment
3. USO Show / Hanger Dance
4. Live Radio Show
5. War Bonds Parade
6. Pre-War Car Exhibit
7. Military Vehicle Exhibit
8. 1940's Movie on big Screen
9. 1940's Celebrity Speeches
10. Vintage Fashion Show
11. Educational Programs
12. Farm Equipment Show

Election of 2008 officers for Chapter 729 was also held at this meeting with the following results:

President	Dick Gaynor
Vice President	John Walter
Vice President	Dave Timbers
Treasurer	Larry Morlock
Secretary	Mike Foushee
Director	Toby Orme
Director	Glenn Leonhart
Y.E. Coord.	Rebekah Spaulding
Newsletter	Mike Foushee

Notes From The "Prez"

Over the weekend of January 11th, Larry Morlock and I attended the "Chapter Leadership" Conference at EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh.

We drove on Friday and arrived mid-afternoon at OSH. Rooms were provided by EAA at the Air Academy Lodge where our arrival was highlighted by the smell of cookies being baked for our weekend enjoyment – GREAT way to start a meeting. Steve Buss (Exec. Director) was there greet us and Tom Poberezny gave an enthusiastic "keynote" speech to the whole group.

Friday evening included dinner (all the meals were provided courtesy of the staff at EAA) and a "get to know each other" session for a relaxing start to the event.

Saturday meetings started early with sessions covering everything from Current Chapter Activities to Planning for the future. (We'll cover more details at the next meeting.) In addition to meetings and break-out sessions, we were treated to lunch with Paul Poberezny and an outstanding tour of the museum including "back rooms" to cap off the evening.

Sunday had a couple more sessions, including how to use local media to get publicity for the Chapter.... WE HAVE LOTS OF IDEAS TO DISCUSS... and departure for home. Even with a significant amount of snow, our drive back was uneventful since those "northern" states have LOTS of snow removal equipment and LOTS of sand to spread on the roads.

At the February meeting, Larry and I will cover more details on our conference and present a number of Chapter activities which we might entertain as ways to grow our own Chapter.

See you at the meeting.

Dick Gaynor

"Old Dog – New Tricks" Dept.

Dan McElroy is in his third week of Eclipse 500 ground school – it will probably be several weeks before he returns back down to earth.



Dan who is a retired Delta 777 pilot took the first leg to Albuquerque in his friend's Eclipse along with a factory pilot.

Interesting Websites

www.liveatc.net

www.oldairfield.com

<http://home.comcast.net/~bzee1a/>

DUATS Presentation At Seymour January 29th

The Freeman Field Flying Association has arranged for a guest speaker from one of the DUATS providers. Their Co-President, Karen James, met him at Oshkosh where she heard him speak. She says he puts on a great program.

He will present a program on the DUATS services available for weather and flight planning on **Tuesday, January 29th, starting at 7:00PM, in the Pardieck Aviation hangar at Freeman Field (SER) in Seymour, Indiana.**

He promises to have program disks for the latest flight planning software from his company.

For more information, contact Larry Bothe at 812-524-9440.

BAK Tower Replacement

The control tower at Columbus Municipal Airport is in need of replacement. The tower was built in 1953 and cannot be upgraded to meet today's requirements. The estimated cost of a new tower built to current codes is \$2.5 million. Funding for a tower comes under different rules than for example runway or taxiway improvements. In order to "get our name on the list" user input (either business or individual) is needed in order to "petition" of for consideration.

I will send out a separate mailing to the distribution list for this newsletter with additional information on how to provide input. A group from Columbus will be traveling to Washington DC in mid to late February so your input is needed before this trip.

Calendar of Events

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| Apr 8-13 | Sun & Fun Fly-In
Lakeland, FL (LAL) |
| July 28 -
Aug 3 | AirVenture Fly-In
Oshkosh, WI (OSH) |
| Aug 23-24 | Indy Air Show (Blue Angels)
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 3-5 | "Victory Days" Encampment
Columbus, IN (BAK) |

Future Chapter Meetings

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

Mar 6 th	Apr 3 rd	May 1 st
Jun 5 th	Jul 10th	Aug 7 th
Sep 4 th	Oct 2 nd	Nov 6 th
Dec 4 th		

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.

June 7th July 12th Aug 9th Sept 6th

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.

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

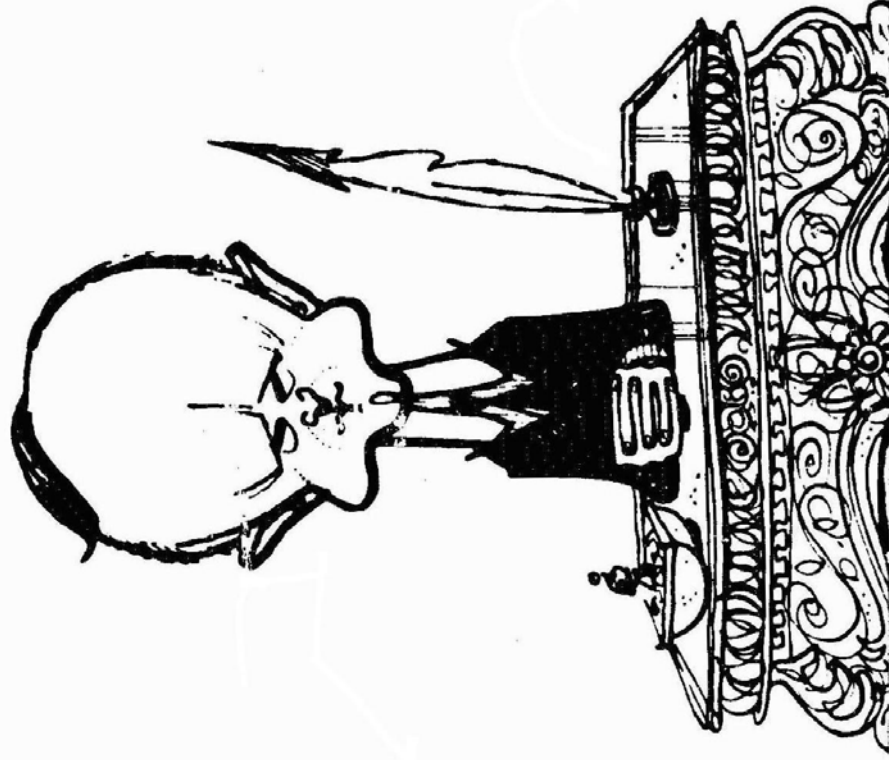
Airline Captains

For the last 9 months, I have been including a series of caricatures of airline captains as seen by their various colleagues. The last page of the newsletter is the complete collection. I'll leave the rebuttals to the airline pilots in the group.

Military Aviation Budget Crunches

The current military aviation budget woes due to "Aging Aircraft" worries, F-15's structural deficiencies, cost overruns on new developments, etc are nothing new. The quote on the next page from Calvin Coolidge shows it has been a problem for some time.

**“WHY CAN’T WE BUY JUST
ONE AEROPLANE AND
LET THE AVIATORS TAKE
TURNS FLYING IT?”**



Calvin Coolidge
During His Term in Office

