



Columbus Area Aviators

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February Meeting

The February meeting will be “**Operation Raincheck – BAK**” presented by Shawn Edlund, Tim Travis, and other ATC representatives. The meeting will be **Thursday evening February 4th** in the lower conference room at the Columbus Municipal Airport Terminal Bldg (see map below). We’ll have refreshments at **6:30** and the program starts at **7:00 PM**.

Operation Rain Check is designed to build pilot confidence while operating in the National Airspace System. It is a “town hall” type presentation covering subjects such as Aviation Meteorology, operating in the Air Route Traffic Control Center environment, operating in the Terminal Radar Approach Control environment, Runway Safety, System Operations, and FAA Grass Routes Initiative. Attendance at this session counts as 1.00 KEB credit for the FAA Wings/AMT program. More information is available at the following website

www.faa.gov/SPANS/event_details.aspx?eid=28422

January Meeting

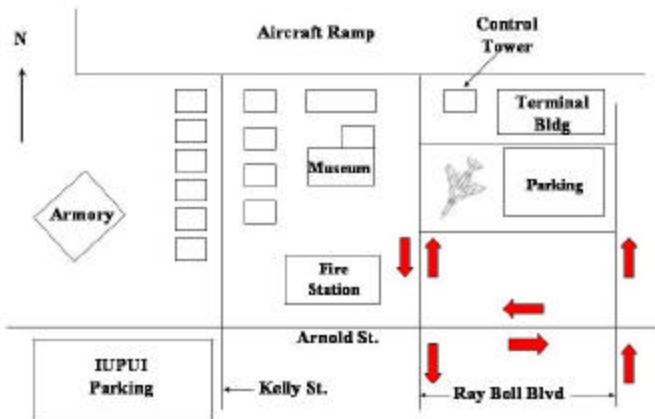
The January meeting was a visit to the newly completed “Bruce Dalton Media Center” at the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum. In fact, or meeting was the first event held there. The facility interior is design to imitate the interior of a CG-4A glider.



Bruce (who passed away in 2007) was a glider pilot during World War II and one of the original museum volunteers.



The museum is currently closed for the annual maintenance and gallery updates, but will reopen on Tuesday, March 2nd.



Notes From The "Prez"

As I'm writing this, the approaching "flying season" seems even further away. The snow is coming down briskly and the trees are whipping around just as briskly.

We finished putting '81E' back together on New Year's Day after the steering system was rebuilt and had hoped to fly that same day; it's always fun to tell non-pilots that you have flown on the first day of the year. Well, we haven't had any weather conducive to fun flying since then. And, the next full week doesn't look much better.

We all might benefit from some serious, best-you-can-remember, seat-of-the-pants, hangar flying. Our regular Chapter meeting next week gives us the opportunity to do some of that. Here is the challenge: Bring your best "there I was at 30,000 feet and doing 500 knots, when they came at me" story to share with the rest of us. We'll do our best job of pretending to be your "sorry, but I fell asleep as we climbed through 20,000 feet" copilot while you try to convince us of the absolute truth of your narrative.

FAA representatives from Indy will be presenting the primary meeting topic, so we'll hangar fly during the refreshments prior to the meeting

Speaking of meetings; If you missed the last meeting at the Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum you missed a great presentation of the new media room by John Walter, Jim Sellars and others. You can recover from that missed opportunity by visiting the museum when it reopens on March 2nd.

See you on February 4th.

Dick Gaynor – President

Aviation/Member News

Dan's Questair Venture – First Flight

Dan McElroy has been working (with a great many interruptions) on his Questair Venture project for 20 years; and he finally received his airworthiness certificate on January 9th.



He made a successful first flight on January 15th. He flew for about 1 hour and 45 minutes. The engine performs well and the handling indicated no problems. He was able to open the envelope to 245 kts (300 is max.)



Congratulations Dan!

Time To Pay 2010 Dues

Unlike a lot of other costs, the chapter dues have not increased for 2010 – they are still only \$15 for the full year (prorated if joining later in the year). Send your check for to:

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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

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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)

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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 •

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Thoughts On Aviation

In place of the usual aviation humor, over the next few issues of the newsletter I'll be using quotes from a variety of people - some famous and some not famous. These quotes are found on the www.flyaboveall.com website.

There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle.

- Albert Einstein

To fly is everything!

- Otto Lilienthal

Why fly? Simple. I'm not happy unless there's some room between me and the ground.

- Richard Bach, 'A Gift of Wings,' 1974.

When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.

- Leonardo da Vinci

Can the magic of flight ever be carried by words? I think not.

- Michael Parfit, 'Smithsonian' magazine, May 2000

The air up there in the clouds is very pure and fine, bracing and delicious. And why shouldn't it be? – it is the same the angels breathe.

- Mark Twain, 'Roughing It,' Chapter XXII, 1886.

The natural function of the wing is to soar upwards and carry that which is heavy up to the place where dwells the race of gods. More than any other thing that pertains to the body it partakes of the nature of the divine.

- Plato, 'Phaedrus.'

Man must rise above the Earth – to the top of the atmosphere and beyond – for only thus will he fully understand the world in which he lives.

- Socrates

Provide ship or sails adapted to the heavenly breezes, and there will be some who will not fear even that void . . .

- Johannes Kepler (in a letter to Galileo)

Earth is the cradle of mankind, one does not remain in the cradle forever.

- Konstantin E. Tsiolkovsky

Those who dream by night in the dusty recesses of their mind, Awake to find that all was vanity.

But the dreamers of the day are dangerous, for they may act their dreams with open eyes, and make it happen!

- Lawrence of Arabia

A single lifetime, even though entirely devoted to the sky, would not be enough for the study of so vast a subject. A time will come when our descendants will be amazed that we did not know things that are so plain to them.

- Seneca, Book 7, first century AD

Since the dawn of time there have been those among us who have been willing to go to extraordinary lengths to gain access to that domain normally reserved for birds, angels, and madmen.

- Steven B. Beach - Paraglider magazine, Vol. 1 No. 2

We are beginning a journey. It will be a journey both strange and wonderful. In our tour of the Universe we will travel the vast empty pathways of limitless space and explore the uncharted wilderness of creation. Here, in the dark unknown immensity of the heavens, we shall meet with glories beyond description and witness scenes of inexpressible splendor. In the great black gulfs of space and in the realm of innumerable stars, we shall find mysteries

and wonders undreamed of. And when we return to Earth, we shall try to remember something of what we have learned about the incredible Universe which is our home.

- Robert Burnham, in his introduction to Volume I: 'Robert Burnham's Celestial Handbook - An Observer's Guide to the Universe Beyond the Solar System', 1978

The most beautiful dream that has haunted the heart of man since Icarus is today reality.

- Louis Bleriot

You haven't seen a tree until you've seen its shadow from the sky.

- Amelia Earhart

Most gulls don't bother to learn more than the simplest facts of flight – how to get from shore to food and back again. For most gulls, it is not flying that matters, but eating. For this gull, though, it was not eating that mattered, but flight. More than anything else, Jonathan Livingston Seagull loved to fly.

- Richard Bach, 'Jonathan Livingston Seagull'

My soul is in the sky.

- William Shakespeare, 'A Midsummer Night's Dream,' Act V. Scene I.

All agreed that the sensation of coasting on the air was delightful.

- Octave Chanute, regards people who tried his gliders, 1894.

More than anything else the sensation is one of perfect peace mingled with an excitement that strains every nerve to the utmost, if you can conceive of such a combination.

- Wilbur Wright

The exhilaration of flying is too keen, the pleasure too great, for it to be neglected as a sport.

- Orville Wright