



Columbus Area Aviators

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January Meeting

NOTE SPECIAL DATE: The meeting will be **Thursday** evening **January 10th**. Representatives from the group which will hold a "**Victory Days**" event at the airport in the Fall of '08 will discuss their plans – WWII re-enactors & encampment, period aircraft displays, hangar dance (like the one they held this past Fall as a fund raiser), and other activities.

We will also hold election of Chapter Officers and Directors at this meeting.

The meeting will be held in the lower conference room at the Columbus Municipal Airport Terminal Building. We will gather for refreshments at 6:30 PM with the presentation beginning around 7:00 PM.

December Meeting

Our December meeting was the Christmas dinner held at the Columbus Holiday Inn.



EAA Certificates of Appreciation were presented to the 2007 Chapter officers.

Special presentations were made to two chapter members who commanded bombers in World War II. The Marshall Islands (a U.S. territory) issued a special commemorative stamp sheet featuring 25 U.S. military aircraft to recognize the 60th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force.

Framed stamp sheets were presented to John Walter (B-17's in Europe) and Dick Shaffer (B-29's in the Pacific) in recognition of their service during a critical period in U.S. History. Both John and Dick were aircraft captains before the creation of the Air Force. John and Dick recounted some of their experiences; and answered questions.

Notes From The "Prez"

Seasons Greetings to all of our EAA Chapter Members and friends. This year has been an exceptional one in many ways not only for Chapter 729 but for the airport overall. And, more is coming, again on both counts.

I'm skipping the summary here which (not being written down) allows us to exaggerate fiercely during "hangar flights".

For the Chapter, Larry Morlock & I are going to attend the EAA Leadership Conference in Oshkosh during January. There is no fee for the conference or for our lodgings ... EAA covers the whole cost. One of my concentrations is on 'member recruiting' and 'member involvement'. We'll give you a recap at the February meeting.

I'm working on getting the **Victory Days** --- **OCT 3, 4, 5, 2008** ---- people to give us a full presentation of the planned program during the January meeting.... ON THE 10th of JAN to avoid the Holiday week. For February, I had a discussion with Will Matthews (as in Reno Racer Will) regarding a talk on some of his latest inventions and experiences. More details as we get his schedule.

In recognition of the potential for growth in the vicinity of our excellent airport facility, the Airport Board and Legal Counsel will prepare a letter to any future developers and tenants in the areas surrounding the airport. The document which will ensure they are aware of the active, growing airport, and the importance of the facility as a front door to our community. With growing issues around the country regarding noise and low aircraft (It sure helps to get low when you're landing! This is a VERY important first step to protecting the long-term usability of our airport.

The airport may also get new signage to match the latest changes to the City of Columbus image. Not sure of the schedule or "look" details yet.

Thanks for all your help this year with all our projects. Young Eagles went very well, the Ford Tri-Motor was great fun, and we had a nice evening at the Christmas Party.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and the very best to all of you in 2008. See you in a couple weeks.

Dick Gaynor

Aviation/Member News

Officers For 2006

President	Dick Gaynor
Vice President	Dave Timbers
Vice President	Karl Schilling
Sec./Treasurer	Larry Morlock
Newsletter Editor	Mike Foushee
Young Eagle Coord.	Rebekah Spalding
Young Eagles	Brett Herrick
Historian	Dave Timbers
Director II	John Walter
Director III	Toby Orme

FFY Recognizes Chapter Efforts

The Columbus Foundation For Youth (FFY) recently recognized the contributions of Chapter 729 and in particular Brett Herrick and John Walter to their youth programs.

Brett and John have conducted activities such as building and flying simple model airplanes and using the experience to encourage interest in science and math.

The chapter has also flown a number of the FFY kids as part of the monthly Young Eagle events.

The last page of this newsletter is an excerpt from the latest edition of the FFY newsletter.

Time To Elect Officers For 2008

We will hold elections for the 2008 Officers at the January meeting. If you would like to serve as an officer or to nominate someone, please send your input to:

Larry Morlock
3407 Woodland Place
Columbus, IN 47203

Time To Pay 2008 Dues

Time is running out for discounted 2008 dues – only 4 days left.

As we approach the end of 2007, it is time again to collect dues for 2008. Normally the annual dues are \$15.00. As a special incentive for people to pay their dues promptly, if you pay before December 31st, the dues are only \$10.00. To pay your dues, send your check to Larry Morlock at the address above.

Interesting Websites

www.bentbay.dk/blue_angels.htm
www.richard-seaman.com/aircraft/misc/f4dairtoair/index.html
www.richard-seaman.com/aircraft/airshows/riat2002/f117/index.html
www.richard-seaman.com/aircraft/airshows/edwards2005/b2/index.html
<http://home.comcast.net/~bzee1a/>
www.biertijd.com/mediaplayer/?itemid=4262

DUATS Presentation At Seymour

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.

Calendar of Events

- Apr 8-13 Sun & Fun Fly-In
Lakeland, FL (LAL)
- July 28 - AirVenture Fly-In
Aug 3 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 31 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.

Feb 7 th	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.

Items For Sale or Needed

1961 Cessna 172 For Sale

Cont. O-300, 145hp, 1358 SMOH, TTAF 3557
New VFR GPS in panel-mounted dock,
2 KX-155's (1 w/ glideslope), KMA-24 audio
panel w/ markers, Collins X-ponder w/
encoder. New windshield, hoses, tires &
brakes. Newly overhauled flight instruments.
Paint & interior in good shape, was redone in
mid-90's.

Price Reduced: \$25,500

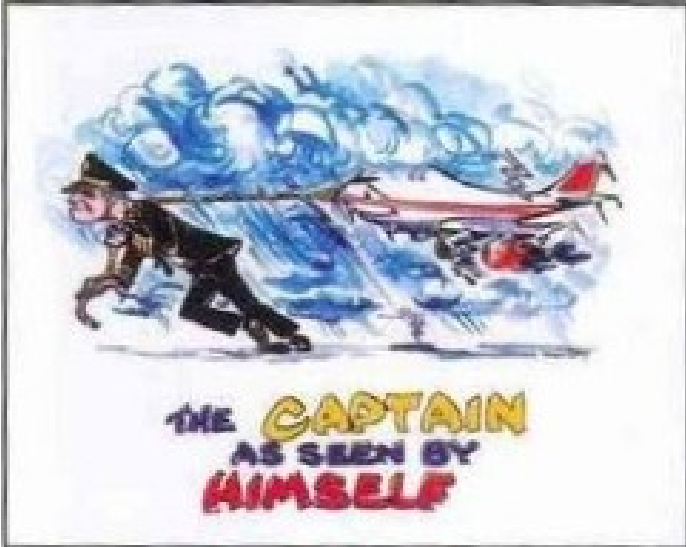
Call Todd Van Natta; 812-528-2034

As long a space is available, I'll list items either for sale or wanted and that are AVIATION related. If you will provide me with a brief description and contact information, I will include your items.

Aviation Humor

Airline Captains

This is the ninth and final in a series of caricatures of airline captains as seen from different perspectives –



After a particularly lousy landing by the co-pilot of an Australian commercial airline, that co-pilot heard the Captain announce "Ladies and Gentlemen, XXX airlines wishes to apologize for that rough landing provided today by our first officer".

Some months later the same crew was together and, you guessed it, the Captain did an even worse one. The First Officer immediately jumped on the intercom announcing "Ladies and Gentlemen, XXX airlines wishes to apologize for that rough landing provided today by our Captain".

The Captain immediately responded angrily, "What did you say that for?". The First Officer replied "Remember a couple of months back? I owed it to you"! "But I never keyed the mike"! responded the Captain.

Same happening with another First Officer. After the announcement of the Captain about the bad landing by the copilot, this First Officer stood up, put on the Captains uniform jacket and left via the passenger cabin.....

Another practical joke to enhance the interpilot relationship: The captain made his routine public address talk a long story with the usual useless information. After finishing the First Officer slowly lifted his arm with the loose mike-plug of the Captain "Sh--,"replied the last one and began his long story to the passengers again. When he was finished this time, the first stewardess came to the cockpit, and said: "Very nice story Captain, but why two times?"

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In Boeing's flight training school, they are offering a new course: *in-flight maintenance*.

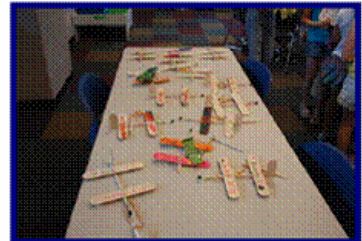
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Being an airline pilot would be great if you didn't have to go on all those trips.

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A good simulator check ride is like successful surgery on a cadaver.

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Sue and Bob, a pair of tightwads, lived in the Midwest, and had been married years. Bob had always wanted to go flying. The desire deepened each time a barnstormer flew into town to offer rides. Bob would ask, and Sue would say, "No way, ten dollars is ten dollars." The years went by, and Bob figured he didn't have much longer, so he got Sue out to the show, explaining, it's free to watch, let's at least watch. And once he got there the feeling become real strong. Sue and Bob started an argument. The Pilot, between flights, overheard, listened to their problem, and said, "I'll tell you what, I'll take you guys up flying, and if you don't say a word the ride is on me, but if one of you makes one sound, you pay ten dollars." So off they flew. The Pilot doing as many rolls and dives as he could. Heading to the ground as fast as the plane could go, and pulling out of the dive at just the very last second. Not a word. Finally he admitted defeat and went back the field. "I'm surprised, why didn't you say anything?" "Well I almost said something when Sue fell out, but ten dollars is ten dollars!"

Young Eagles Program

Introduces Kids to the Wonders of Aviation!



Photographs by Brett N. Smith