



Columbus Area Aviators

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July Meeting/Cookout

The July meeting will be a cookout at Mike Williams' hangar following the Young Eagle Flight event. Columbus Municipal Airport is having its Airport Awareness Day on Saturday July 12th. We will conduct our second Young Eagle Flight as part of this event. The event will run from 9:00 AM till 4:00 PM.

In order to handle the expected large number of kids to fly, we will need as many pilots and aircraft as we can get; as well as ground personnel. Please contact Toby Orme to volunteer for this worthwhile program.

Following the Young Eagle Flights (about 4:30 PM) we will have a cookout (burgers, hot dogs, chips, soft drinks, etc.) at Mike Williams' hangar. This should be a great way to relax after socialize. In order to know how much food to buy, please RSVP to:

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June Program

Ginger Gordon gave a presentation on the new business she recently started called "Time Pieces LLC" which offers fractional ownership of a Piper Cub. The Cub is located at Mt Comfort airport.

Dick Gaynor presented an informative program on Radio Controlled Aircraft.



An avid RC flyer and "kit reviewer", Dick had a number of kits on display illustrating the differences between the various levels of kits from "scratch built" to "ARF". He discussed the various materials and construction techniques as well as the different control schemes.

Jesse James also brought his nearly complete one-off design VW powered project "Wat Zit" to the airport for a "static display".



Future Meetings

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

August 7th (just after Oshkosh)
September 4th (Labor Day week)
October 2nd
November 6th
December 17th (Wednesday – the 100th
Anniversary of First Flight)

Aviation/Member News

On The Mend –

Will Mathews who presented a program on his Reno Air Race winning aircraft at our December '02 Chapter meeting is recovering from a liver transplant – Get Well Soon.

Young Eagles - 2003

The first Young Eagle Flight organized by Jessica Johnson and the Summer Reading Program at the Library was a success with 57 kids flown. A special thanks to the pilots who donated their time and aircraft – Ellie McElroy, Dick Gaynor, Eric Bradley and Larry Morlock.

The Library has done a nice job in using aviation as a vehicle to interest kids in reading and learning about something new. Jessica even had a T-Shirt “advertising” the program –



The remaining dates for the 2003 Young Eagle Flights are – July 12th, August 9th, and September 6th.

“Purple Passion” Pitts

Those of you who were at the May meeting will remember the “colorful” Pitts that Mike Williams had under construction. The Airworthiness Certificate has been issued and flight testing is underway.



4th of July Weekend Special Events

On Saturday July 5th at Noon, John Marshall is hosting his annual Corn Roast at Martin Fall's Post Air Airport (7L8). John has built 7 RV's and 2 more underway. He invites all RV pilots and fans to the event.

The next day Sunday July 6th Dick Whelen has invited the members of Chapter 729 to his annual fly-in at Whelen Field (6IN2) for free food and pop for those who fly-in. The fly-in starts at 10:00 AM.

Whelen Field is located 20 miles northeast of Columbus Municipal Airport at latitude of 39 degrees 29 minutes and longitude 85 degrees and 39 minutes on the St. Louis sectional map.

The turf runway is 2700' x 75'. **NOTE** – There are power lines 800 ft west of and parallel to the north-south runway. Landing rolls can go over the two driveways that cross the strip near the south end. Comm. on 122.75. Questions – 765-525-5152.

The driving directions are as follows: Drive to I-74 and then take the first exit east of Shelbyville (exit 119). Then drive 2.5 miles east on State Road 244 to 700 East.

Interesting Web Sites

www.b17.org
www.maam.org
www.wilksch.com
www.wright-b-flyer.org
www.wilburwrightbirthplace.com
www.commemorativeairforce.org
www.flyins.com

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 by the third Friday of each month.

Calendar of Events

- June 26-28 Butler County Regional
Hamilton, Ohio
(Wings Weekend – Paul
Poberezny guest speaker
Saturday evening)
- July 12 Columbus Airport Awareness
(Young Eagle Flights plus
Chapter cookout)
- July 11-13 Mt Comfort–EAA B-17 Rides
- July 17-20 Dayton Airshow
(featuring the Thunderbirds,
Blue Angels, & Snowbirds)
- July 29 – August 4 EAA AirVenture
Oshkosh, WI
- August 21 AFA Chapter 288 Meeting
Columbus Municipal Airport
Norbeck Memorial Chapel
- August 23 North Vernon Airport
Awareness Day
Breakfast 7:00 – 10:00
Lunch 11:00 - ?
Airplane & Helicopter Rides

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 2003

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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 17th. The ones for June are listed below –

7/4/08 – Glenn Curtiss wins the *Scientific American* trophy with his *June Bug* biplane by flying for more than a mile over Hammondsport, NY at a speed of 39 MPH.

7/25/09 – Louis Bleriot become the first person to fly across the English Channel.

7/10/10 – Walter Brookins becomes the first airplane pilot to fly at an altitude greater than one mile when he reaches 6,234 feet over Atlantic City, NJ in a Wright biplane.

7/10/10 – Leon Morane pushes the recognized absolute speed record to

66.181 MPH in a Bleriot biplane at Reims, France.

7/15-22/33 – Wiley Post flying the Lockheed Vega Winnie Mae becomes the first person to fly around the world solo. The 15,596 mile flight takes 7 days, 18 hours, 49 minutes, 30 seconds at an average speed of 134.5 MPH.

7/28/35 – Company test pilot Les Tower and crew make the first flight of the Boeing Model 299, the prototype of the B-17 bomber in Seattle. The airplane was given the nickname “Flying Fortress” by the newspapers and the name was trademarked by Boeing prior to the type’s first flight.

7/10-14/38 – Howard Hughes and crew set a round the world flight record of 3 days, 19 hours, 8 minutes, 10 seconds in a Lockheed Model 14 Super Electra aircraft traveling 14,791 miles.

7/17-18/38 – Ostensibly aiming for California, Douglas “Wrong-Way” Corrigan flying a Curtiss Robin lands in Dublin, Ireland after a non-stop 28 hour flight from Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, NY.

7/29-30/47 – Lt. Col. O.F. Lassiter sets a recognized class record for speed over a 10,000 kilometer closed circuit without payload (piston engined aircraft) of 273.194 MPH in a Boeing B-29A Superfortress at Dayton, Ohio.

7/16/53 – Lt. Col. William Barnes pushes the recognized absolute speed record past 700 MPH as he hits 715.697 MPH in a North American F-86D over the Salton Sea in California.

7/15/54 – The Boeing Model 367-80 makes its first flight with company pilot “Tex” Johnson in command. The aircraft is the prototype for the Air Force’s C/KC-135 series and the progenitor of the 707 airliner.

7/20/69 – Man sets foot on the moon for the first time. At 10:56 PM EDT, Apollo

astronaut Neil Armstrong puts his left foot on the lunar surface.

7/27-28/76 – Three SR-71 pilots set three absolute world flight records over Beale AFB, California – altitude in horizontal flight (85,068.997 ft), speed over a straight course (2,193.16 MPH), and a closed circuit (2,092.294 MPH).

Aviation Humor

From the September 2002 8th Air Force News:

Basic Flying Rules:

- As a pilot, you should try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it.
- It is better to be down here wishing you were up there, than up there wishing you were down here.
- If you are ever faced with a forced landing at night, turn on the landing lights to see the landing area. If you don't like what you see, turn them off..
- The propeller is just a big fan in front of the plane to keep the pilot cool. Want proof? Make it stop; then watch the pilot break out in a sweat.

A "good" landing is one which you can walk away from. A "great" landing is one which lets you use the airplane another time.

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

Good judgment comes from experience. Good experience comes from someone else's bad judgment.

An airplane may disappoint a good pilot, but it won't surprise him.

Learn from the mistakes of others...you won't live long enough to make them all yourself.

Things which do you no good in aviation:

- Altitude above you.
- Runway behind you.
- Fuel in the truck.
- Half a second in history.
- Approach plates in the car.
- The airspeed you don't have.