



# Columbus Area Aviators

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## July Meeting

The July meeting (**Thursday July 10<sup>th</sup>**) will be a visit to Steve Wood's shop in Franklin, IN to see his Nieuport 28 replica project.



Steve has all of the structure complete along with the wings and gear. He is getting ready to build the engine mount and put the stringers on the fuselage. He will be installing a Rotec radial engine. The project is a kit from Airdrome Aeroplanes.

Steve's shop is in the back of his auto parts store that is located on the south side of the town square in Franklin. Here are the directions from Columbus - Travel North on US-31 to Franklin and turn right on to Highway 44 (Jefferson Street). Proceed Eastbound to South Jackson Street and turn right, then go 1 block South and turn left onto West Monroe Street.

Spears Auto Parts  
51 West Monroe Street  
Franklin, IN 46131  
317-736-5511

We will meet at his shop at 6:30 PM with the program starting around 7:00 PM.

## June Meeting

The June meeting was a visit to Freeman Field in Seymour to see Phil Krueger's completed full size replica of the RAF SE-5A aircraft.



The project had obviously come a long way since we first saw it in his home shop back in June, 2006.

The finishing workmanship was excellent just like that seen previously when we could see the internal structure of the aircraft.

### **Update –**

Since the meeting, Phil's airplane has had its inaugural flight. He received his airworthiness certificate on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup>; and took flight on Friday morning June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:55 AM. Unfortunately, during a subsequent flight on Monday, he experienced power problems and ended up in a farm field near the airport. Fortunately, Phil is OK except for some bumps and bruises.

## Notes From The "Prez"

How many of you are going to Oshkosh this year? Even though the name of our annual pilgrimage event was officially changed several years ago, it is still difficult to not refer to it as just plain "Oshkosh". In fact, some of the EAA announcements have reverted to the 'old' name in a casual fashion.

But, whatever you call it, this gathering of thousands of aircraft and tens-of-thousands of enthusiasts, is truly the premier flying event of the year. Are you flying or driving to Oshkosh? The difference is only about 70 (statute) miles if you choose the BAK - IKK - ARR (to visit friends) - OSH route vs. the I-65 - IN Turnpike - Skyway - Dan Ryan - Edens - US 41 route by car. You have heard me suggest the route directly through Chicago for several years. This year is different.

We were in Chicago a week ago; and found a few serious problems with this favored route.

First, I-65 is under construction (completely closed) between the I-80/94 junction and the Turnpike intersection. In addition, Edens Expressway, which is where US41 splits from I-94 on Chicago's northwest side, is down to two working lanes as they reconstruct the entire roadway. It took us an hour from downtown Chicago to the north suburbs last week on this route. (Guess who said: "Don't worry, this traffic can't last for too long!")

Anyway, this year I'm recommending the I-80/94 west from I-65 and I-294 north around Chicago. The bad news is that the tolls doubled a couple years ago and without the Illinois I-PASS total several dollars for this route. The good news is that with gas prices up (over \$4.50 around Chicago) the traffic is way down.

The bottom line is: Get to Oshkosh if you can. A number of LSA announcements are going to be made by several manufacturers of both kit and finished aircraft. The forums area is fully booked. The NEW OSH tower is in operation. Food services have been completely revamped (so I'm told) and new

pathways have been developed to help separate foot traffic from motorized traffic.

Oh, and of course, thousand of airplanes and tens-of-thousands of aircraft enthusiasts enjoying the same sights and sounds you will enjoy.

Hope to see you there. Check with us a couple weeks before the event for details on meeting us in a common camping area. Check out [www.airventure.org](http://www.airventure.org) for event details.

Fly Safely,

Dick G

## Aviation/Member News

### **New Instrument Pilot**

Congratulations to Daniel McElroy (Dan's son) on passing his check ride for the Instrument Rating in a C-182 on June 17<sup>th</sup>!

### **Officers For 2008**

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
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## Interesting Websites

[www.airdromeairplanes.com/](http://www.airdromeairplanes.com/)  
<http://home.att.net/~C.C.Jordan/index.html>  
<http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>  
<http://www.aviationexplorer.com/>  
<http://www.myaviation.net/>

## Calendar of Events

### **Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Hangar Pitch-In**

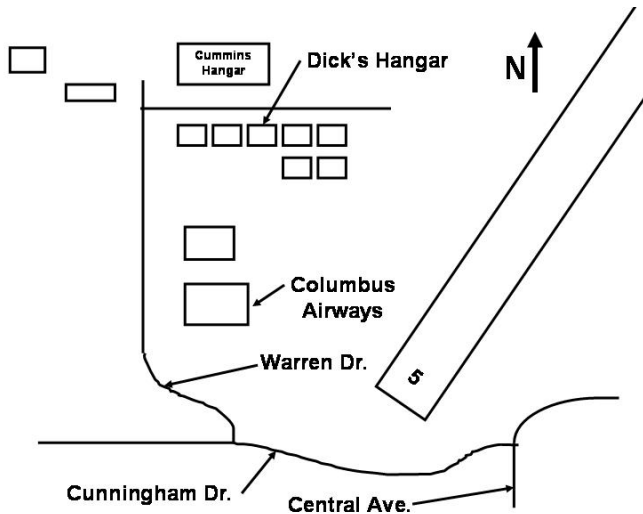
Dick Gaynor will be hosting his annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday Hangar Pitch-In & Fireworks Spectating event on **Thursday July 3<sup>rd</sup>**.

The festivities will start around 6:00 PM with viewing of the radio stations fireworks beginning shortly after dark.

Bring a side dish (casserole, salad, etc.) to share along with your "favorite" seating. Weather permitting; there will be airplane rides, along with the usual hangar flying, etc.

RSVP to Dick Gaynor at 812-379-9345

The map below gives directions to Dick's hangar located on the West side of BAK.



### Collings Foundation Bombers to BMG

For those of you who aren't planning to attend Oshkosh this year, there will be a nearby way to get your "aviation fix". The Collings Foundations fleet of WWII bombers (B-17, B-24, & B-25) will be visiting Bloomington, IN (BMG) July 30<sup>th</sup> through August 1<sup>st</sup> and will be offering rides as well as being on display. The visit is sponsored by Cook Aviation assisted by the Bloomington EAA Chapter.

- July 5 John Marshall Corn Roast  
Shelbyville, IN (GEZ)
- July 13 "Sinful Sunday"  
Lee Bottom (64I)
- July 19-20 Dayton Air Show  
Dayton, OH (DAY)
- July 28 - AirVenture Fly-In  
Aug 3 Oshkosh, WI (OSH)
- Aug 10 "Sinful Sunday"  
Lee Bottom (64I)

Aug 23-24 Indy Air Show  
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)

### Future Chapter Meetings

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

<b>Aug 5<sup>th</sup></b>	Sep 4 <sup>th</sup>	Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Dec 4 <sup>th</sup>	

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.

July 12 <sup>th</sup>	Aug 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sept 6 <sup>th</sup>
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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.

### Items For Sale or Needed

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

## **NEW AEIO-540 CHRISTEN EAGLE II**

\$95,000 18 Hours A&E Total Time!  
Hoffmann composite propeller.  
Super Stinker wings - all the trick stuff.  
Currently flying off 25-hour time restrictions.  
Location: Mount Comfort Airport (MQJ)  
Contact Boyd Birchler, Indianapolis, IN  
Cell (317) 418-6556, Telephone: 317-418-6556



## **1946 Taylorcraft BC-12D**

\$24,950 2,117 Hrs. Total Time, 190 SMOH  
Continental A-65-9 (has starter)  
For more details see:  
[www.flightsmith.com/tcraft/index.htm](http://www.flightsmith.com/tcraft/index.htm)  
Contact Dan McElroy, Columbus, IN (BAK)  
812-371-0008 (C), 812-376-6161 (H)  
[Danmcelroy555ej@comcast.net](mailto:Danmcelroy555ej@comcast.net)



## **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.

## **Aviation Humor**

### **NEW AIRLINE RULES**

Attendant: Welcome aboard Ala Carte Air, sir. May I see your ticket?

Passenger: Sure.

Attendant: You're in seat 12B. That will be \$5, please!

Passenger: What for?

Attendant: For telling you where to sit.

Passenger: But I already knew where to sit.

Attendant: Nevertheless, we are now charging a seat locator fee of \$5. It's the airline's new policy.

Passenger: That's the craziest thing I ever heard. I won't pay it.

Attendant: Sir, do you want a seat on this flight, or not?

Passenger: Yes, yes. All right, I'll pay. But the airline is going to hear about this.

Attendant: Thank you. My goodness, your carry on bag looks heavy. Would you like me to stow it in the overhead compartment for you?

Passenger: That would be swell, thanks.

Attendant: No problem. Up we go, and done! That will be \$10, please.

Passenger: What?

Attendant: The airline now charges a \$10 carry on assistance fee.

Passenger: This is extortion. I won't stand for it.

Attendant: Actually, you're right, you can't stand. You need to sit, and fasten your seat belt. We're about to push back from the gate. But, first I need that \$10.

Passenger: No way!

Attendant: Sir, if you don't comply, I will be forced to call the air marshal. And you really don't want me to do that.

Passenger: Why not? Is he going to shoot me?

Attendant: No, but there's a \$50 air-marshal hailing fee.

Passenger: Oh, all right, here, take the \$10. I can't believe this.

Attendant: Thank you for your cooperation, sir. Is there anything else I can do for you?

Passenger: Yes. It's stuffy in here, and my overhead fan doesn't seem to work. Can you fix it?

Attendant: Your overhead fan is not broken, sir. Just insert two quarters into the overhead coin slot for the first five minutes.

Passenger: The airline is charging me for cabin air?

Attendant: Of course not, sir. Stagnant cabin air is provided free of charge. It's the circulating air that costs 50 cents.

Passenger: I don't have any quarters. Can you make change for a dollar?

Attendant: Certainly, sir! Here you go!

Passenger: But you've given me only three quarters for my dollar.

Attendant: Yes, there's a change-making fee of 25 cents.

Passenger: For cryin' out loud. All I have left is a lousy quarter? What the heck can I do with this?

Attendant: Hang onto it. You'll need it later for the lavatory.

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With the mothballing of the F-117 Stealth Fighter fleet, you may not be aware that there is a new replacement in the wings which is even more invisible to radar.

Unfortunately, the pilots still "stand out like a sore thumb" so there is some more ergonomic work required before the new planes are ready to be deployed



Here's a candidate for eligibility to attend the "Wood, Fabric, & Tailwheel" Fly-In at Lee Bottom later this year.



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Have a safe and enjoyable 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

