



Columbus Area Aviators

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June Meeting

The June meeting (Thursday, June 5th) will be a trip to **Freeman Field in Seymour, IN** to take a look at Phil Krueger's completed full size RAF SE-5A replica project. You may recall we visited his shop in Brown County back in June, '06 to see the project while it was still under construction.



The project is powered by a Chevrolet LS-1 V-8 engine; so the performance should be impressive. Phil moved it to Freeman Field for final assembly and taxi testing.



Phil's project is located in the General Aviation hanger (green), is on Avenue A, just West of the FBO. Avenue A is closest to the runways and forms a Vee just as they do.

We will arrive at the hangar around 6:30 PM and the project "review/discussion" will start about 7:00 PM.

May Meeting

The May featured a presentation by Rich and Ginger Davidson on the history of their Lee Bottom Flying Field (64I) and their plans for the future.



As part of their presentation, we viewed an excellent video which traces the history of Lee Bottom using a series of vintage stills and movies accompanied by period music. Hopefully this video can be added to their website – www.leebottom.com Rich and Ginger are committed to preserving the field and its aeronautical camaraderie

For anyone who has not attended one of the events at Lee Bottom, you are missing out on a real treat! The field is the site of the annual "Wood, Fabric, & Tailwheel" fly-in on the last weekend in September. They also host a relaxed series of "ice cream socials" know as "Sinful Sundays" during the summer months. See the events calendar later in this newsletter for the dates of these events.

Notes From The "Prez"

Now that we are approaching the season where 81E's windscreen starts collecting the summer Indiana bugs, more of us are starting to think about some serious flying. A few folks have asked me about putting together a flyout for the Chapter. The first question which comes to mind is where to go. So, here is that question:

Where would you like to go? We've had a few suggestions over the last year during discussions of the same topic. Places like: Falls of Rough River, Keeneland Race Course (was a great trip last time), and Rantoul AFB (for the great museum) have come up from several folks... and I have many more in mind. Let's have a good discussion about this at the next meeting. We should have enough planes to carry a dozen or more people on a day trip.

Another idea is to make the rounds of the neighboring airport restaurants. You have to fly a ways for some of the better ones.. Like Welliver's in Hagerstown (one of the best buffets in the state)... let us know of your other favorites and, since pilots are ALWAYS hungry, let's go to eat.

We also need to talk over the list of planes being built which we could visit. Phil Krueger has already told us we are welcome to see his (finished?) SE-5. I'd like to see the status of the P-26 (Peashooter) we visited in Seymour two years ago.

This last Thursday I flew over to Sunman with our Assistant Pastor who is becoming the Senior Pastor at a church in Sunman. He really enjoyed the perfectly clear sky and even volunteered to help wash the bugs from the windscreen. THAT is how I knew it was "flying season" again.

Watch for notes about : "Flyin', Fiddlin', & Food" for some upcoming Saturday mornings.

Fly Safely

Dick G

Aviation/Member News

The Eclipse Has Finally Landed

After an 8 year wait, Eclipse N555EJ was finally delivered to Dan McElroy recently. To say that Dan was excited about its arrival doesn't due justice to his anticipation.



Besides a series of trips planned to visit relatives in the Northwest and Southwest, Dan plans to use it in support of the Angel Flight program which he has been doing previously with his C-182. A long awaited addition to the BAK fleet of aircraft. Congratulations Dan!

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Interesting Websites

www.vintageflying.com/page2.html
www.1000aircraftphotos.com
www.wonderhowto.com/howto/video/how-to-perform-commercial-steep-turns-176715/
www.eaa.org/calendar/
www.2flytv.com/
www.warbirddepot.com
www.leebottom.com

Calendar of Events

- June 8 "Sinful Sunday"
Lee Bottom (64I)
- June 12-15 Aeronca Fly-In
Middletown, OH (MWO)
- June 17-21 "Sentimental Journey"
Lock Haven, PA (LHV)
- June 14 Dave Bishop Fly-In / Airshow
North Vernon, IN (OVO)
- June 21 Midwest Taildragger Meet
Indy – Post Air (7L8)
- June 22 Franklin Fly-In Breakfast
Franklin, IN (3FK)
- 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)
- Oct 3-5 "Victory Days" Encampment
Columbus, IN (BAK)

"Bald Eagles" Meeting

The "Bald Eagles" are a group of military aviation history buffs who meet twice a year on or about the anniversary of Pearl Harbor and D-Day. This organization has no officers, committees, or by-laws; but they enjoy getting

together twice a year for good food and great stories. See the last page of the newsletter for details of their next meeting on June 6th.

Errata

In last month's newsletter, I reported on our visit to the **Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum** (located at the Columbus Municipal Airport - BAK just West of the Control Tower); and I recommended it as an interesting place to visit.

Unfortunately, I neglected to mention the hours of operation; so here goes –

Tuesday – Friday	10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Saturday	10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Sunday & Monday	Closed

Future Chapter Meetings

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

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 7 th	July 12 th	Aug 9 th	Sept 6 th
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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
Contact Dan McElroy, Columbus, IN (BAK)
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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

A C-130 was lumbering along when a cocky F-16 flashed by. The jet jockey decided to show off.

The fighter jock told the C-130 pilot, 'watch this!' and promptly went into a barrel roll followed by a steep climb. He then finished with a sonic boom as he broke the sound barrier.

The F-16 pilot asked the C-130 pilot what he thought of that. The C-130 pilot said, 'That was impressive, but watch this!'

The C-130 droned along for about 5 minutes and then the C-130 pilot came back on and said 'What did you think of that?' Puzzled, the F-16 pilot asked, 'What the hell did you do?'

The C-130 pilot chuckled. 'I stood up, stretched my legs, went to the back, took a pee, and then got a cup of coffee and a cinnamon bun.'

Honey I'm Home!



Military Aviation History Buffs Hangar Fly with the *Bald Eagles*

D-Day 64th Anniversary Program

We welcome all who identify themselves as
Military Aviation History Buffs

GUEST SPEAKER:

Herbert J. Spier Jr.

MAJOR GENERAL, USAF & ANG, (RET)

TOPIC:

Rescue at Kham Duc



No officers, committees or by-laws

Hear great stories

Laugh a lot

Spouses are welcome

Enjoy an excellent Dinner Buffet

Conference Center at The Seasons Lodge

560 SR 46 E - Nashville, IN 47448

Friday, June 6th, 2008

1800 hrs (6:00 PM) - Meet friends & chat (Cash Bar)

1900 hrs (7:00 PM) - Dinner Buffet

2000 hrs (8:00 PM) - Guest Speaker

Cost: \$25.00 - XXXXXXXXXX

RETURN CARD MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, JUNE 3RD

Questions: Floyd Crouse - 812/988-7428 or fkc@kiva.net