



EAA Chapter 729 Newsletter

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November Program

The November meeting will be Thursday Nov. 7th at Dan Villiger's home. Dan and his dad are building a Sonex project with a Jabiru engine. Dan's home is at 3351 Flintwood Drive in Columbus. His home is on the corner of Flintwood Drive and Flintwood Circle. Please bring chairs if you need seating. If you get lost, Dan's number is 812-378-8865.



Dan's plane isn't this far along, but he's getting close.

October Program

The October meeting held at Mike Williams' hangar featured his dad Bud Williams presenting a talk on his extensive aviation experience including military flying in WWII and the Korean War. Bud blended stories of learning to fly "on your own nickel" during the Depression with some of his exploits in the military. Bud who is 82 years young still flies – we should all be this active when we get into our 80's.



Future Meetings

We are planning to feature Will Matthews of Greenwood for the December meeting to discuss the design of his unique race plane and its performance at the recent Reno Air Races against other planes with larger displacement engines.

The January meeting will be a visit to the Vincennes University Aviation Department at the Indy airport for a tour and a talk by Tim LeBaron on small turbojet engines. Due to the University's schedule, the meeting date will be **Thursday, January 16th**.

The February meeting will feature Lew Owens of the FAA.

Young Eagles

Rauf Khalid, a new member has graciously volunteered to assume the role of Young Eagles Coordinator – welcome aboard and thanks for volunteering to help with this important EAA initiative.

Aviation/Member News

On the Monday after the recent Indy Airshow, the British magazine "Aeroplane" did a photo shoot of Mike Williams' Tiger Moth. The plane will be featured in the January 2003 edition of the magazine. The Indy Airshow will be featured in the December edition.

Board Meeting

The Chapter Board met in October 3rd with Toby Orme, Doug Burgham, Barty Moffett, Tom Dollmeyer, Larry Morlock, and Mike Foushee in attendance.

2003 Officers

The current officers (2002) have all agreed to continue to serve the chapter in their existing positions. An opening remains for a Director to serve as a member of the Board. Nominations for this position should be submitted to Toby Orme at 812-376-3820. The November meeting will be the final opportunity for nominations with the election of officers to be held at the December meeting.

Chapter Library Donation

John Walters got the Chapter Library started by donating a number of back issues of the Air Force Association magazine as well as an autographed copy of his own book about flying B-17's in WWII. Thanks John.

Bookcase Needed

As noted in an earlier newsletter, Mike Williams has offered his hangar as the Chapter "home" until we can manage to build a Chapter hangar. If you have a lockable bookcase or other suitable cabinet, we would appreciate a donation to be used to house the Chapter's "library" and reference material. If you have one we can use, please contact Toby Orme at 812-376-3820.

Lee Bottom Fly In

Several chapter members made it to the annual Lee Bottom "Wood, Fabric, & Tail Wheel" fly in on Saturday, September 28th. About 120 planes of all types were in attendance. Speaking as one who attended for

the first time, this is a really neat fly in that reminds one of what fly ins to the grass strips were like in the early days of aviation.



The photo above of Mike Williams Tiger Moth gives you an idea of the atmosphere (both climatic and emotional) at Lee Bottom early Saturday morning.

Interesting Web Sites

www.thelostsquadron.com
www.aeroplanemonthly.com
www.indyairshow.com
www.friendsofmeigs.org
www.win.net/bartmann/lbottom.htm

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.

Also, if you change your E-Mail address, please let me know so I can continue to E-Mail the newsletter to you (it saves postage).

We have one suggestion for a name for this newsletter - "**Columbus Area Aviator**". Barring any negative votes on this or other suggestions for the name, we'll adopt this starting with the next newsletter.

Calendar of Events

Oct 26 – Middlesboro, KY First Flight of the P-38 "Glacier Girl" at 2:00 PM piloted by Steve Hinton (see web site for more details) www.thelostsquadron.com

Officers for 2002

President – Toby Orme
Vice President – Doug Burgham
Treasurer – Barty Moffett
Newsletter Editor – Mike Foushee
Class III Director – Larry Morlock
Young Eagles Coord. – Rauf Khalid
Webmaster - Tom Dollmeyer
Historian - Dave Timbers
Technical Counselors: Jerry Brown, Karl Schilling, Jim Shaffstall, Mike Williams

Aviation Humor

Conversations that passengers normally don't hear. The following are accounts of actual exchanges between airline pilots and control towers from around the world:

While taxiing, the crew of a US Air flight departing for Ft. Lauderdale made a wrong turn and came nose to nose with a United 727.

The irate female ground controller lashed out at the US Air crew, screaming:

"US Air 2771, where are you going? I told you to turn right onto Charlie taxiway! You

turned right on Delta! Stop right there. I know it's difficult for you to tell the difference between C's & D's, but get it right!" Continuing her tirade to the embarrassed crew, she was now shouting hysterically: "God, you've screwed everything up! It'll take forever to sort this out! You stay right there and don't move till I tell you to! You can expect progressive taxi instructions in about half an hour and I want you to go exactly where I tell you, when I tell you, and how I tell you! You got that, US Air 2771?"

"Yes ma'am," the humbled crew responded.

The ground control frequency went terribly silent after the verbal bashing of US Air 2771. Nobody wanted to engage the irate ground controller in her current state. Tension in every cockpit at LGA was running high.

Then an unknown pilot broke the silence and asked, "Wasn't I married to you once?"

The German air controllers at Frankfurt Airport are a short-tempered lot. They not only expect one to know one's gate parking location, but how to get there without any assistance from them. So it was with some amusement that we (a Pan Am 747) listened to the following exchange between Frankfurt ground control and a British Airways 747, call sign "Speedbird 206":

Speedbird 206: "Top of the morning, Frankfurt, Speedbird 206 clear of the active runway."

Ground: "Guten Morgen. You vill taxi to your gate."

The big British Airways 747 pulled onto the main taxiway and slowed to a stop.

Ground: "Speedbird, do you not know where you are going?"

Speedbird 206: "Stand by a moment, Ground, I'm looking up our gate location now."

Ground (with arrogant impatience): "Speedbird 206, haff you never flown to Frankfurt before?"

Speedbird 206 (coolly): Yes, I have, actually, in 1944. In another type of Boeing, but just to drop something off. I didn't stop."