



# Columbus Area Aviators

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## November Meeting

The November meeting will be Thursday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> at Mike Williams' hangar at Columbus Municipal Airport starting at 6:30 PM. The subject of the meeting will be the Laird Super Solution Racer (the sleek green aircraft parked in front of the Vintage Aircraft "Red Barn" at Oshkosh (similar to the one below in the EAA museum).



This unique replica aircraft is "spending the winter" in Columbus while Mike does some repair work.



## October Meeting

The October meeting was held at Franklin Flying Field hosted by Richard Money who runs the jump school there.



Dick provided an excellent overview of jump operations from the perspective of other pilots fling in the area as well as the jumpers and jump pilots. He is definitely a "local" pilot with several thousand hours racked up within two miles of the airport!

## **December Meeting**

In recognition of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wright Brothers first flight on Wednesday December 17<sup>th</sup>, we will take a car trip to the Air Force Museum and Carillon Park (which includes Wright memorabilia) in Dayton. The trip will be a joint excursion with members of the Columbus Chapter 288 Air Force Association.

In order to coordinate the car pool arrangements, please let us know if you plan to go and if you can provide one of the cars (including passenger capacity). Please contact Toby Orme, Larry Morlock, or Mike Foushee.

We will have more details on this trip in the December newsletter.

## **Aviation/Member News**

### **Officers For 2004**

Elections were held during the October meeting at Franklin Flying Field with the following officers elected for 2004.

President	Doug Burgham
Vice President	Dick Gaynor
Sec./Treasurer	Larry Morlock
Newsletter Editor	Mike Foushee
Young Eagle Coord.	Toby Orme
Historian	Dave Timbers
Director	Toby Orme
Director	Karl Schilling

## **Interesting Web Sites**

[www.amhf.org](http://www.amhf.org)  
[www.spiritoffreedom.org](http://www.spiritoffreedom.org)  
[www.hangar9aeroworks.com](http://www.hangar9aeroworks.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 Larry Morlock 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](mailto:mike.j.foushee@cummins.com) by the third Friday of each month.

## **Calendar of Events**

November 20 – Col. Chapter 288 Air Force Assoc. Mtg. – Atterbury Chapel  
December 13-17 First Flight Centennial Celebration – Kill Devil Hills, NC

## **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 17<sup>th</sup>. The ones for November are listed below –

11/12/06 – Brazilian Alberto Santos-Dumont sets the first recognized absolute speed record of 25.66 MPH in the Santos-Dumont Type 14-bis at Bagatelle, France. However, this speed is slower than speeds posted by the Wright Brothers in the United States.

11/13/08 – Wilbur Wright, in a Wright biplane at Camp d’Auvours, France, and Henri Farman, in a Voisin at Issy, France, concurrently set a world altitude record of 82 feet.

11/7/18 – Robert H Goddard demonstrates tube-launched solid-propellant rockets at Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD.

11/12/21 – Wesley May, with a 5 gallon can of gasoline strapped to his back, climbs from the wing of one aircraft to the wing of another in the first “air-to-air” refueling.

11/11/28 – In a Lockheed Vega, Sir George Hubert Wilkins and Carl B Eielson make the first flight over Antarctica.

11/11/35 – In a joint National Geographic – Army Air Corps stratosphere project, Capts. Albert W Stevens and Orvil A Anderson soar to 72,395 feet enclosed in the gondola the Explorer II, surpassing all previous altitude records.

11/22/35 – First Trans-Pacific airmail flight in China Clipper by AAC Capt Edwin C Musick, takes place from San Francisco to Honolulu, Midway Island, Wake Island, Guam, and Manila.

11/7/45 – Royal Air Force Capt Hugh Wilson sets the first post-war recognized absolute speed record and breaks the 600 MPH barrier at the same time as he flies a Gloster Meteor F.4 to a speed of 606.26 MPH at Herne Bay, England. This also marked the first time the absolute speed record is held by a jet powered aircraft. The flight broke the previous record, set in 1939, by 137 MPH.

11/2/47 – Howard Hughes's wooden H-4 Hercules (the Spruce Goose) makes its first (and only) flight over Los Angeles Harbor, Calif. Distance traveled is about a mile.

11/18/52 – Capt J Slade Nash set new world air speed record of 698.505 MPH in an F-86D over a 3 kilometer course at the Salton Sea in California.

11/6/53 – A Boeing B-47 Stratojet is flown from Limestone AFB, Maine, to RAF Briz Norton, UK in four hours, 53 minutes to establish a new trans-Atlantic speed record from the continental US.

11/20/53 – NACA test pilot Scott Crossfield becomes the first pilot to exceed Mach 2. His Douglas D-588-II Skyrocket research airplane is dropped from a Navy P2B-1S (B-29) at an

altitude of 32,000 feet over Edwards AFB.

11/10/88 – The Air Force reveals the existence of the Lockheed F-117A Stealth fighter, operational since 1983.

11/22/88 – Northrup and the Air Force roll out the B-2 Stealth bomber at Air Force Plant 42 in Palmdale, CA.

11/30/88 – The Soviets roll out the AN-225 transport, the world's largest airplane.

## **Aviation Humor**

### **You may be a redneck pilot if:**

Your stall warning plays "Dixie".

Your cross country flight plan uses flea markets as checkpoints.

You think sectional charts should show trailer parks.

You've ever used moonshine as Avgas.

You have mud flaps on your wheel pants.

Your toothpick keeps poking your mike.

You've ever just taxied around the airport drinking beer.

You wouldn't be caught dead in a Grumman Yankee.

You use a Purina feed sack for a wind sock.

The side of your airplane has a sign advertising your septic tank service.

You constantly confuse Beechcraft with Beechnut.

You think GPS stands for Going Perfectly Straight.

You refer to formation flying as "we got us a convoy".

Your're matched set of luggage is three grocery bags from the Piggly Wiggly.

You have a black airplane with a big number 3 on the side.

You've ever fueled your airplane from a mason jar.

You've got a gun rack over the ACES II Ejection Seat.

You have more than one roll of duct tape holding your cowling together.

Your preflight includes removing all of the clover, grass, and wheat from your landing gear.

You figure the weight of the mud and manure on your airplane into the GC calculations.

You siphon gas from your tractor to put in your airplane.

You've never landed at an actual airport though you've been flying for years.

You've ground looped after hitting a cow.

You consider anything over 100" AGL to be high altitude flight.

There are parts of your airplane labeled John Deere.

You've never actually seen a sectional but have all of the Texaco road maps for your flying area.

You answer all radio calls from females with, "That's a big 10-4 little darlin".

There's exhaust residue on the right side of your aircraft and tobacco stains on the left.

You have to buzz the strip to chase off the sheep and goats.

You use your parachute to cover your plane.

You've ever landed on the main street of town to get a cup of coffee.

Somewhere on your airplane is a "I'd rather be fishing" bumper sticker.

You fly to family reunions to meet girls.

You've won the "Barb Wire" award at a spot landing contest.

Some of your favorite navigation aids have things like "Seniors 96" hand painted on them.

The tread pattern, if any, on your main tires doesn't match.

Your primary Comm radio has 90 channels.

Your hangar collapses and more than 4 dogs are injured.

You have fuzzy dice hanging from the magnetic compass.

You put hay in the baggage compartment so your dogs don't get cold.

Your flight instructor's day job is at the community sales barn.

You've got matching bumper stickers on the vertical fin.

There are grass stains on your propeller tips.

There is a brown stained Styrofoam cup strategically placed in your glove box.

The FAA still thinks you live at your parents house.

You think Zulu is an African time zone.

You navigate with your ADF tuned to exclusively country stations.

When you go to the airport cafe they hand you biscuits and gravy instead of a menu.

You think that an ultralight is a new sissy beer from Budweiser.

Just before the crash, everybody at the airport heard you say, "Hey y'all, watch this!!"