



EAA Chapter 729 Newsletter

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October Program

The October meeting will be Thursday, October 3rd at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held in Mike Williams' hangar at Columbus Municipal Airport. Mike's dad Bud Williams will present a program on his extensive involvement in aviation and the many planes he has owned and restored over the years. This brief resume of Bud's gives you an idea of his achievements:

Bud A Williams

83 years young
WWII, Korea
Multi-Engine, Instrument, Commercial,
Flight Instructor, Seaplane, Private Pilot
since 1940
B-25, C-47, C-46, T-50, PT-17, AT-6
Aircraft Restoration,
Builder/Designer
Still Flying and Some Acrobatics



More information is available on Mike's website:

www.mikeshangar.com

September Program

Did you know that the sole source for Falcon Jet wing leading edge assemblies, nacelles, and control surfaces is located in Seymour, Indiana? Dave Bishop of Metal Air Services at Freeman Field hosted the September meeting. Metal Air provides replacement assemblies for Falcon Jets all over the world.



The quality of these complex assemblies is amazing under any circumstances, but it is even more remarkable since they have designed and built their own tooling and fixtures they rely primarily on hand tools (air drills and rivet guns) rather than large automated equipment. The leading edge in the first photo above goes for about \$196,000!

Dave Timbers also arranged a visit the Freeman Field Museum that continues to add exhibits covering the WW II history of the field including evaluating captured enemy aircraft. Always and interesting place to visit.

Young Eagles

The final Young Eagle Flight for 2002 was held Saturday morning September 21st.

At first it looked like we were going to be grounded by the weather again, but the overcast finally cleared about 10:00 AM. We were then able to provide first flights for 40 kids. An indication of how the kids and their parents value this experience is the fact that most of them waited out the weather for two hours in hopes of getting to go up.

Thanks again to the pilots – Dick Belush, Jerry Brown, Larry Morlock, Tom Morone, and Chuck Nussbaum. Assistance was also provided by the “ground crew” – Dan Villiger, Brett Herrick, Jesse James, Rauf Khalid, Dave Timbers, Toby Orme, and Mike Foushee.

A special thanks goes to **Nina Curry** of Rhoades Aviation for her help with registration, printing certificates, and coordinating messages for all of the Young Eagle Flights this year.

Newsletter Naming Contest

I haven't received any suggestions for a name for the Chapter Newsletter, so this is your last chance to enter for a free subscription. Send you suggestions to:

mike.j.foushee@cummins.com

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).

Aviation/Member News

Get Well Soon

Dick Shaffer recently took a fall and broke his hip. We wish him a speedy and successful recovery.

Mike's Cassutt

Some of you may remember Mike Williams' Cassutt project. He sold it a while ago, and it is now on the air racing circuit. The photo below was taken from the Reno Air Race website showing the entrants in the recent races.



Race Winner from Greenfield

Will Mathews – a pilot from nearby Greenfield, IN won the Sport Class race. His plane “White Lightning” is unique in that it has a 360 cubic inch engine while all of the others utilized 540 cubic inch engines. He used a rather unusual arrangement to boost the performance of the engine (210 HP) – a separate 2-stroke engine behind the pilot driving the supercharger for the main engine. During the race, Mathews reached 278 MPH.

Jerry Brown in Flying Magazine

In the Oshkosh coverage in the Oct. '02 Flying magazine, there is a photo of Jerry Brown on Page 75 as he judged a Waco.

Library Donation

Chapter 729 donated a copy of the EAA book "Wild Blue Wonders" to the Parkside School library and the Bartholomew County Public Library. We've received a note of thanks for these donations.

2003 Officers

As we approach 2003, we are still looking for a volunteer to take over the Young Eagle Flight Coordinator role from Toby Orme who has generously continued to serve this year. We are also seeking nominations for the position of Director on the Board of Chapter 729. If you would like to serve in either role, please contact any of the current officers.

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.

Interesting Web Sites

www.safetydata.com
www.wpafb.af.mil/museum
www.ntps.com
home.earthlink.net/~muche

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

Sept 28 – Lee Bottom Fly-In south of Madison

Oct 5 – Madison Fly-In and Airshow

Oct 13 – EAA Chapter 67 Fly-In & Pig Roast
Noblesville Airport

Officers for 2002

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

If you would like to nominate someone (or yourself) for the Young Eagles Coordinator position please contact one of the current Chapter 729 Officers.

Aviation Humor

Some People Just Never Listen

ATC to Flight 123: "Slow to 300 knots please." After several moments, it was apparent the crew had not complied with the first speed reduction and was overtaking the inbound plane ahead of them. ATC to Flight 123: "Slow to 280 knots." This was soon followed by a request for 250 knots from ATC when the crew still had not slowed the airplane. Finally, the now-frustrated controller ordered, "Gentlemen, the number is 250. Either slow to it or turn to it!"

Turbulence On Taxiway!

For months after California's Northridge earthquake of 1994, aftershocks rocked the San Fernando Valley and Van Nuys Airport. One morning about three weeks after the initial quake there was a particularly sharp aftershock. Moments later on Van Nuys' ground control frequency: "Uh, four-three-kilo would like to file a pilot report for moderate turbulence on the east taxiway..."