



Columbus Area Aviators

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October Meeting

This month's meeting will be Thursday October 2nd at Franklin Flying Field hosted by Richard Money who operates the Sky Diving operation at Franklin. We will meet at 6:30 PM with the program starting at 7:00 PM. We will carpool from Columbus Airport about 6:00 PM.

September Meeting

The September meeting was hosted by Dick Whelen at his private airstrip near Waldron, IN.



Dick is building a Stewart S-51 project (a scaled replica of the P-51 powered by a big block Chevy V-8 engine). He has been working on the project for about 5 years and he estimates that he has at least 5 years to go. The workmanship is excellent and the aircraft structure is indeed impressive. Dick has graciously extended an invitation to Chapter 729 members to stop by any time by air or ground to see his project.

Future Meetings

The chapter meetings in 2003 will be held on the dates listed below (first Thursday of the month except as noted):

October 2nd
(Franklin–Richard Money–Jump School)

November 6th (TBD)

December 17th
(Wed. – the 100th Anniv. of First Flight
see suggestion below)

Need Your Input For Dec. Meeting

A suggestion has been made regarding the December meeting; and we need your feedback to see if it is feasible.

Since it is the 100th anniversary of the Wright brother's first flight, we thought a visit to Dayton would be an appropriate way to mark the occasion. Here's where we need your input – **How about taking a day of vacation (if necessary) and car pooling to Dayton to see the Wright Brother's memorial at Carillon Park as well as the Air Force Museum at WPAFB?**

If this is an event that you would be interested in, please let us know so we can make plans accordingly. Send your feedback to –

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If there is interest, we'll have more specific details on the trip and the attractions that are available in Dayton. Please let us know if you are interested in this trip.

Aviation/Member News

Officers For 2004

It is time to nominate candidates for next years officers. We will elect the following positions – President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, Newsletter Editor, Young Eagles Coordinator, and two Directors. The proposed slate of officers for 2003-2004 is listed below:

President	Doug Burgham
Vice President	Dick Gaynor
Sec./Treasurer	Larry Morlock
Newsletter Editor	Mike Foushee
Young Eagle Coord.	Toby Orme
Director	Toby Orme
Director	Brett Herrick

Voting for next years officers will be held during the “business portion” of this month’s meeting.

Young Eagles - 2003

The final Young Eagle Flight Rally was a success in terms of weather and kids. Approx. 40 kids took their first airplane ride on Saturday Sept. 6th. The pilots for this event were:

Larry Morlock	Bonanza
Dick Belush	Cessna 195
Doug Burgham	Commanche 250
Mike Foushee	Swift

Interesting Web Sites

www.aerovents.com
www.flyins.com
www.lyonsstudio.com
www.myplaneonline.com
www.yankeeairmuseum.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 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

September 27 Lee Bottom Fly-In
Wood, Fabric, & Tailwheel
October 4 Madison Airport Awareness
October 12 Noblesville Fly-In Hog Roast
October 18 Seymour Air Fair
December 13-17 First Flight Centennial
Celebration – Kill Devil Hills, NC

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President – Toby Orme
Vice President – Doug Burgham
Treasurer – Barty Moffett
Newsletter Editor – Mike Foushee
Class I Director - **OPEN**
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 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 17th. The ones for September are listed below –

10/5/05 – Orville Wright flies 24.2 miles in 38 minutes, 3 seconds at Dayton, OH establishing a world distance and duration record.

10/11/10 – Former President Theodore Roosevelt becomes the first Chief Executive to fly. He goes aloft as a

passenger in a Wright biplane over St. Louis.

10/17/22 – The first aircraft takeoff in US Naval history is made by Lt. V C Griffin in a Vought VE-7SF from USS Langley at anchor in the York River in Virginia.

10/18/22 – Brig. Gen. William H “Billy” Mitchell becomes the first US military pilot to hold the recognized absolute speed record, as he sets a mark of 222.97 MPH in the Curtiss R-6 at Selfridge Field, Michigan. This is also the first time the world speed record has been certified outside of France.

10/20/22 – Army Lt. Harold R Harris becomes the first American pilot to save himself by use of a parachute, bailing out of a Loening PW-2A that had shed its wings in flight over McCook Field, OH

10/11-15/28 – The German Graf Zeppelin makes the first transoceanic voyage by an airship carrying paying passengers. It traveled from Friedrichshafen, Germany to NAF Lakehurst NJ in nearly 112 hours with 20 passengers and a crew of 37.

10/25/30 – Transcontinental commercial air service between New York and Los Angeles begins.

10/3-5/31 – Americans Clyde “Upside Down” Pangborn and Hugh Herndon Jr. make the first non-stop transpacific flight from Japan to America in a Bellanca monoplane. The trip takes 41 hours, 13 minutes.

10/13/39 – Evelyn Pinchert Kilgore becomes the first woman to be issued a Civil Aeronautics Authority instructor’s certificate.

10/26/40 – Company pilot Vance Breese makes the first flight of the North American NA-73, the prototype for the P-51 Mustang, at Inglewood, Calif. During World War II, P-51 pilots would record more than half of the air-to-air victories in Europe, and the aircraft

would serve as a long range bomber escort in the Pacific.

10/1/42 – The Bell XP-59A lifts off from Rogers Dry Lake, Calif. With Bell test pilot Robert Stanley at the controls. It is the first flight of a jet airplane in the US.

10/14/47 – Capt. Chuck Yeager becomes the first pilot to reach supersonic speeds in level flight when he reaches a speed of Mach 1.06 (700 MPH) at an altitude of 45,000 feet in the rocket powered XS-1 (later redesignated X-1) over Muroc Dry Lake, Calif. His aircraft was released by a B-29 mother ship in mid air.

10/29/53 – Lt. Col. Frank Everest sets a new world speed record of 755.149 MPH in the North American YF-100 prototype over the Salton Sea in Calif.

10/4/57 – The space age begins when the Soviet Union launches Sputnik 1, the world’s first artificial satellite into Earth orbit.

10/24/68 – With NASA test pilot William H Dana at the controls, the North American X-15 makes the type’s 199th and final flight, completing 10 years of flight testing at Edwards AFB, Calif. The airplane reaches a speed of Mach 5.04 and an altitude of 250,000 feet.

Aviation Humor

Questions & Answers –

Q: What separates flight attendants from the scum of the earth?

A: The cockpit door!

Q: What is the difference between a flight attendant and a jet engine?

A: The jet engine stops whining at the gate

Q: How does a blind parachutist know when he's about to hit the ground?

A: His guide dog's leash goes slack.

Q: How does the Airbus A340 manage to climb?

A: By the bend of the earth!

Q: Why does the Pope kiss the ground each time that he lands ?

A: Did you ever fly with Alitalia ?

Q: What is the ideal cockpit crew?

A: A pilot and a dog...the pilot is there to feed the dog, and the dog is there to bite the pilot in case he tries to touch anything.

Q: How many pilots does it take to change a lightbulb?

A: Just one. He holds the bulb and the world revolves around him.

Q: How do you know if there is a pilot at your party?

A: He'll tell you.

Q: What do pilots use for birth control?

A: Their personality.

Fuel Dumping On Cops

In the days of the Northrop F-89 Scorpions, the Air Force pilot at an interceptor squadron was driving to work one day when he got caught in a speed trap on a road that ran very near to the end of the runway. He argued his case with the local cops, but to no avail.

Steaming mad and more than a little frustrated, he stormed into Operations demanding that an F-89 be readied for him immediately. Firing up the engines, he taxied to the active runway and took off.

Shortly after getting airborne, he declared an emergency and reversed course back to the field. Of course, being the good pilot that he was and ever-mindful not to exceed the max landing weight of his Scorpion, and having a fuel dumping system installed, he dumped his excess fuel...just as he reached the road near the end of the runway.

The fuel-drenched cops packed up their radar and weren't seen anywhere near that area again for a very long time.

Do you know who I am?

An award should go to the gate agent in Denver for being smart and funny, and making

her point, when confronted with a passenger who probably deserved to fly as cargo.

During the final days at the old Stapleton airport, a crowded flight was cancelled.

A single agent was rebooking a long line of inconvenienced travelers. Suddenly an angry passenger pushed his way to the desk. He slapped his ticket down on the counter and said, "I HAVE to be on this flight and it has to be FIRST CLASS." The agent replied, "I'm sorry sir. I'll be happy to try to help you, but I've got to help these folks first, and I'm sure we'll be able to work something out." The passenger was unimpressed. He asked loudly, so that the passengers behind him could hear, "Do you have any idea who I am?"

Without hesitating, the gate agent smiled and grabbed her public address microphone. "May I have your attention please?" she began, her voice bellowing throughout the terminal. "We have a passenger here at the gate WHO DOES NOT KNOW WHO HE IS. If anyone can help him find his identity, please come to the gate."

With the folks behind him in line laughing hysterically, the man glared at the agent, gritted his teeth and swore "#### you."

Without flinching, she smiled and said, "I'm sorry, sir, but you'll have to stand in line for that, too."

The man retreated as the people in the terminal applauded loudly. Although the flight was cancelled and people were late, they were no longer angry.

Did You Ever Wish For More Runway?

