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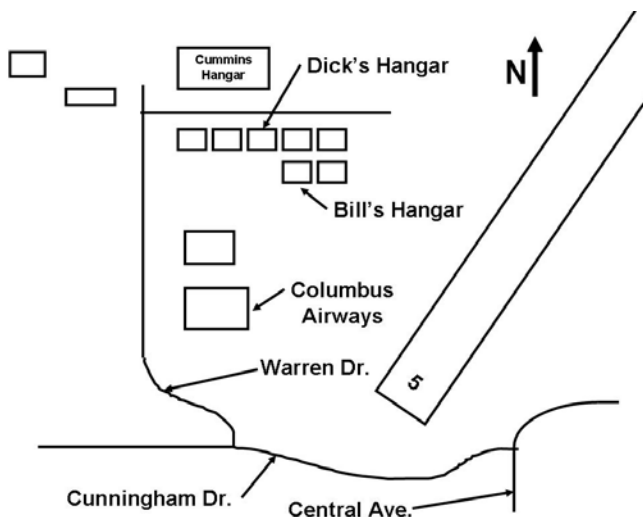
October Meeting

The October meeting (**Thursday evening October 2nd**) will be a visit to see Bill Reeve's North American T-6 similar to the one in the photo below.



Bill's hangar is located just south of Dick Gaynor's hangar on the Northwest side of the Columbus airport (see map below). We'll meet first at Dick's hangar about **6:30 PM** and then move over to Bill's hangar.

Please bring a chair if you wish to sit during the meeting. We will have help at the entrance gate on Warren Drive to let you into the hangar area.



September Meeting

The September meeting featured a visit to "suburban" Azalia to get an update on the progress of Larry Morlock's Pietenpol Air Camper project (a genuine one with the requisite Ford Model A powerplant)



As you can see from the photo above, the fuselage is complete and the engine is operational (sounds great too!). The plane really wants to go – it kept trying to do a "glider tow" on Larry's pickup. Larry has one-piece wing assembly which needs some repair and covering as well as a two piece wing assembly – so he is getting closer to lift off. Just to put some pressure on him, a first flight next summer would make a good meeting topic.

A highlight of the meeting was an "Indiana Summertime Cookout" (burgers & hot dogs on the grill, sweet corn, salads, and deserts prepared by **Erick Mize** and his wife **Jackie** with assistance from **John Flory**. These folks really know how to "put out a nice spread". Hopefully, we can do this again next year from time to time during the nice weather.

Notes From The "Prez"

Folks, we are getting into the great fall flying season. I was up a while today in an open cockpit biplane and it was glorious this evening. I wanted to come back and fly 81E for a while but, it had too many closed doors and windows. Oh well, the weekend is coming up soon.

Speaking of coming up soon; the October meeting (more detail elsewhere by Mike) will feature a "Show & Tell" of Bill Reeves' North American AT-6. We can meet at my hangar if we need a few minutes of business, and for a place for chairs and refreshments, then wander back to Bill's hangar for his presentation.

We're trying to gather some additional info on the T-6 to have around for further reading. Hope to see you there.

As I'm writing, it is Tuesday evening. Does anyone know what the BIG jet was that flew in and out of BAK today? Haven't had a chance to check with the tower, but it was larger than the norm.

More at the meeting next Thursday; See you there.

Dick Gaynor

Aviation/Member News

Chapter 729 "Reaches New Heights"

You may recall that Capt. J C Gorman gave a presentation on the U-2 aircraft at the August chapter meeting. We made him an honorary chapter member and gave him a chapter patch as a token of our appreciation.

He is currently in the Middle East "taking pictures" and sent back a couple of photos showing where the patch has been.

This might be the start of something interesting. Maybe we could have an annual contest to see who can take their patch to the most unusual or out of the way location each year – something to think about.



It is difficult to see in this small format, but the altitude readout on his PFD shows 67,030 feet – not much traffic up there!



There isn't much to see with the naked eye at this altitude over the desert as shown below.



New Instructor Available

Matt Miller who often assists us with the Young Eagle events has recently received his Flight Instructor rating (single & multiengine as well as instrument) and is offering his services as an instructor. He can be reached at 812-350-7565 or at Millerairservices@Hotmail.com.

Officers For 2008

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| President | Dick Gaynor |
| Vice President | John Walter |
| Vice President | Dave Timbers |
| Treasurer | Larry Morlock |
| Secretary | Mike Foushee |
| Director | Toby Orme |
| Director | Glenn Leonhart |
| Y.E. Coord. | Rebekah Spaulding |
| Newsletter | Mike Foushee |

Interesting Websites

<http://rareaircraf1.greyfalcon.us/unitedstates.htm>
www.greatdanepro.com/blue%20Bueaty/index.htm
www.dvorak.org/blog/?p=19304
www.alsworldflight.com

The innovation on display at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 has grabbed the attention of one of the world's largest technology companies, as General Electric has premiered a six-minute video featuring the sights, sounds and people of Oshkosh as the primary destination at the www.ge.com website.

The video, produced during this year's event (July 28-August 3) at Wittman Regional Airport, highlights the innovation and passion for flight found throughout the grounds at EAA AirVenture. General Electric and Airbus brought their advanced engineering teams to Oshkosh this year on what they called an "innovation treasure hunt" to discover more of the ideas and imagination that have been hallmarks of EAA members for more than 50 years.

"Some of the world's top companies, such as General Electric and Airbus, are discovering what EAA members have known all along - there is no better gathering or showcase of what's possible in the world of

flight than right here, along the flight line at EAA AirVenture," said Tom Poberezny, EAA president and AirVenture chairman. "This group could choose any location or event in the world, but they specifically came to Oshkosh to spark their own imaginations to what might be possible in the commercial aircraft of the future."

The video is available as the primary feature on the www.ge.com website through October 24.

Calendar of Events

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| Sept 27 | Wood, Fabric & Tailwheel Fly-In Lee Bottom – Hanover, IN (64I) |
| Oct 3-5 | Victory Days Event Terre Haute, IN (HUF) |
| Oct 4 | Madison Air Show (free) Madison, IN (IMS) |
| Oct 11 | Seymour Airport Awareness Day Seymour, IN (SER) |

Lost & Found Dept.

Someone left a blue-cloth, folding, lawn chair at Dick Gaynor's hangar after the July 4th Fireworks party. Let Dick know if it is yours or you might know to whom it belongs.

Future Chapter Meetings

The 2008 chapter meetings are scheduled for the first Thursday of each month.

Nov 6th Dec 4th

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.

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.

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

\$93,000 25 Hours A&E Total Time!
Hoffmann composite propeller.
Super Stinker wings - all the trick stuff.
Location: Mount Comfort Airport (MQJ)
Contact Boyd Birchler, Indianapolis, IN
Cell (317) 418-6556, Telephone: 317-418-6556



1946 Taylorcraft BC-12D

\$22,950 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)
812-371-0008 (C), 812-376-6161 (H)
danmcelroy555ej@comcast.net
or contact Rich Davidson – Lee Bottom (64I)
812-866-3211 (H), 502-500-5025 (C)
ifitsoldillflyit@msn.com



1985 Bonanza F33A

\$180,000 1,750 Hrs. AF Total Time
790 SFRM 570 STO/H
Millennium cylinders, Gami injectors,
RAM cam, Garmin 530W, Northstar M3 backup
GPS, full King Nav/Com, HSI, DME,
KFC200 coupled FD/AP, EDM-700 Analyzer,
Standby Vac and Elec.
Details: www.indyflyers.com
Hangared @ KEYE.
Rob Kirkpatrick 317-402-2562
rob@kirkpatrick.net



Aviation Humor

You might be a freight dog if...

- Your airplane was getting old when you were born.
- You have not done a daylight landing in the past six months.
- ATC advises you of smoother air at a different altitude, and you don't care.
- When you taxi up to an FBO they roll out the red carpet, but quickly take it back when they recognise you.
- You call the hotel van to pick you up and they don't understand where you are on the airport.
- Centre asks you to "keep the chickens down" so they can hear you talk.
- Your airplane has more than 75,000 cycles.
- Your company call sign is "Oil Can".
- The lady at the FBO locks up the popcorn machine because you plan on "making a meal of it".
- Your airplane has more than eight faded logos on it.
- You wear the same shirt for a week, and no one complains.
- Centre mispronounces your call sign more than three times in one flight.

- Your D O mysteriously changes your max. takeoff weight during the holiday season.
- Every FBO makes you park out of sight of their building.
- You have ever walked barefoot through the FBO because you just woke up.
- You mark every ramp with engine oil.
- Everything you own is in you flight bag and suitcase.

Murphy's Laws for Frequent Flyers..

1. No flight ever leaves on time unless you are running late and need the delay to make the flight.
2. If you are running late for a flight, it will depart from the farthest gate within the terminal.
3. If you arrive very early for a flight, it inevitably will be delayed.
4. Flights never leave from Gate #1 at any terminal in the world.
5. If you must work on your flight, you will experience turbulence as soon as you touch pen to paper.
6. If you are assigned a middle seat, you can determine who has the seats on the aisle and the window while you are still in the boarding area. Just look for the two largest passengers.
7. Only passengers seated in window seats ever have to get up to go to the lavatory.
8. The crying baby on board your flight is always seated next to you.
9. The best-looking woman on your flight is never seated next to you.
10. The less carry-on luggage space available on an aircraft, the more carry-on luggage passengers will bring aboard.

A 65 year old man went to the doctor for his Class II exam and the doctor was amazed at what good shape the guy was in.

The doctor asked, "To what do you attribute your good health?"

The old timer said, "I'm a helicopter pilot and that's why I'm in such good shape. I'm up well before daylight, climb all over the helicopter doing my preflight inspection, flying all day, etc."

The doctor said, "Well, I'm sure that helps, but there's got to be more to it. How old was your dad when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my dad's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean you're 65 years old and your dad's still alive? How old is he?"

The old timer said, "He's 84 yrs old and, in fact, he built and flies his own airplane and he went flying with me this morning. That's why he's still alive... he's a pilot too!"

The doctor said, "Well, that's great, but I'm sure there's more to it. How about your dad's dad? How old was he when he died?"

The old timer said, "Who said my grandpa's dead?"

The doctor said, "You mean your dad is 84 years old and his father is still living! How old is he?"

The old timer said, "Grandpa is 102 years old and he was a pilot too."

The doctor was getting frustrated at this point and said, "I guess he went flying with you this morning too?"

The old timer said, "No...Grandpa couldn't go this morning because he just got married and he's on his honeymoon."

The doctor said in amazement, "Got married!! Why would a 102-year-old guy want to get married?"

The old timer said, "Who said he wanted to?"

Airline123: Airline 123, request a 360 to parking.

Ground: 360 approved, 180 recommended.

[pause]

Airline123: You've been saving that one for while, haven't you?