



EAA Chapter 729 Newsletter

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September Program

As noted in last month's newsletter, we are moving the meeting schedule to the **first Thursday of the month**. The **September meeting will be Thursday, September 5th at 6:30 Pm**

The meeting will be held at **"Metal Air Service"** (they build bizjet wing assemblies for example) in Seymour. They are located at 1100 West A Avenue which is just west of Rhoades Aviation on Freeman Field. Our host is Dave Bishop (812-522-6075) who will give a program on Metal Air's services.

Dave Timbers has also arranged for us to tour the Museum on the field which has some additions since our last visit.

August Program

John Marshall of Greenwood graciously hosted the August meeting at "Marshall Field". John's completed project is a "Super 8" (RV-8 powered by and IO-540 engine).



You have to see the dragon paint job up close to appreciate the craftsmanship of this as well as the rest of the airplane.

John's hangar/shop is located on "Marshall Field" (located behind his home) and is a classic Midwestern Flying Field located between fields of corn.



John – thanks for your hospitality. All of us at the meeting were very impressed with your aircraft and your airport! I for one am very envious of your neat flying field.

Young Eagles

The remaining Young Eagle Flight for 2002 is scheduled for Saturday morning September 21st.

We had about 60 kids signed up for the August 17th session, but unfortunately the weather did not cooperate since the ceiling never reached the required height for the event. Most of these kids will be back on September 21st and more may sign up yet. Therefore, we will again need at least 5 pilots and planes to handle the event effectively.

Remember we need pilots, aircraft, and ground support to make this event successful – please volunteer. The pilot briefing begins at 7:30 AM with flights starting at 8:00 AM.

Chapter Meeting Schedule

REMINDER:

Beginning with the September meeting, the Chapter will meet on the **1st Thursday of each month**. This change from the 3rd to 1st Thursday will allow us to participate in the Quarterly meetings of the Air Force Association as well as avoid conflicts with Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The Board meetings will continue on the 1st Thursday and will be held immediately prior to the chapter meetings as follows –

Board Meeting	5:00 PM
Chapter Meeting	6:30 PM
Program	7:00 PM

Newsletter Naming Contest

I attended a Forum at Oshkosh for Chapter Newsletter Editors and picked up several suggestions for improvement. One recommendation is that all publications should have a name. For example “Sport Aviation Magazine” is better than “EAA Magazine”. Therefore, if you would like to submit a suggested name for the newsletter, please send it to:

mike.j.foushee@cummins.com

The Board will select a name for the newsletter from those submitted and the winner will receive a free subscription to the newsletter – now there is a real deal!

Aviation/Member News

Eclipse 500 Jet Flies:

You may recall Dan McElroy’s recent presentation on the Eclipse 500 jet that he has on order. On August 26th, the Eclipse jet successfully completed its first flight. The flight lasted one hour and featured a departure from the Albuquerque airport (density altitude 7600 ft) and max altitude of 10,000 ft MSL.

The aircraft is the first of eight test airframes and was built on the same production tooling that will be used to produce aircraft for delivery to customers in Jan '04.

1000th RV-7 Shipment:

Karl Schilling (a proud RV owner – check out his license plate) forwarded information on a major homebuilt milestone. Van’s Aircraft has reported shipping the 1000th RV-7 empennage kit to a customer in Nevada. The first shipment occurred in March 2001. To have shipped 1000 kits in only 18 months is truly remarkable. Compare this to the number of piston single engine aircraft produced by the “factories” in this same period of time. It just reinforces that Sport Aviation and the homebuilding movement is “where it’s at” in the world of aviation.

Interesting Web Sites

www.exp-aircraft.com

www.kitbuild.com

www.avweb.com

www.avhome.com

<http://amelia.db.erau.edu/gen/index.html>

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 first Friday of each month.

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 31 – Aviation Awareness Day at Salem Airport
- Sept 6-8 – Indy Airshow at Mount Comfort
- Sept 12-15 – Reno Air Races
- Sept 14 – Aviation Awareness Day at Davis County
- Sept 21 – North Vernon Airport Awareness Day (head down after the Young Eagle flights)
- Sept 21-22 – Angelflight RC Model Airplane Fly-In at Seymour Airport
- Sept 28 – Lee Bottom Fly-In south of Madison

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

Many people who have built Christen Eagles consider the most painstaking part of the job to be masking the wings for the “feather” pattern (remember the guy working on his wings in Mike Williams’ hangar during one of our recent meetings?).

Can you imagine the work required to complete the paint job on this helicopter?



Any ideas about how many rolls of masking tape this job consumed? Somebody had a lot of patience!



Also can you imagine the visual impact this creates on someone unfamiliar with helicopters when this thing comes over the horizon?

