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Terrorist Attacks Ground General Aviation



When terrorists flew hijacked airlines into the World Trade Center and Pentagon, for the first time in general aviation history, every plane was grounded as the nation sought to assess the threat. The world was shocked by the devastation that can be caused by hate. For four days, other than military aircraft, nothing flew, and we all had a time to reflect on all that was at stake. The terrible loss of life revealed at just how fragile freedom can be. Once the panic passed, commercial and general aviation began to recover. Though still under restrictions that affect hundreds inside "enhanced" Class B airspace, as a rule, we can pretty much fly as we did before the events of September 11, 2001. Through the efforts of EAA and AOPA, our very real concerns were addressed "at the highest levels."

Our Sept. 12 "Grassroots Gathering" with EAA President Tom Poberezny was cancelled. We certainly hope it can be rescheduled in the near future. When restrictions were partially lifted, we were fortunate to have AOPA President Phil Boyer in Columbus for a very special "Town Meeting" Sept. 19. Boyer used the meeting to gather vital information from attendees he would later use with FAA, DOT and DOD, among others, to push for lifting further restrictions. During the meeting, he was pleased to report that VFR flight, even without flight plans, had been restored, though with restrictions. However, his caution to all GA pilots: "Don't screw up."

A First Look at the OSU Aviation Center



When EAA Chapter 9 meets October 18, in the OSU Aero Lab at Don Scott, high on the agenda will be discussion about the Aviation Historical Research and Education Center now on the drawing board. Our hope is to begin assembling donors and sponsors as well as secure the official "cleared for takeoff" from the Ohio State University Board of Trustees. Among several of those indicating support—Worthington Industries

and Executive Jet. Site for the AHREC would be to the west of the Aero Lab. Projected ground breaking is December 17, 2003, according to Joe Vogel. EAA9 will likely begin its own efforts to collect donations. Among topics to be discussed: 1) Fund raising; 2) Staffing; 3) Exhibits (including a review of all the "archive" quality materials we have in storage; 4) Publicity; 5) Additional cosponsors.

EAA9 Directors Meet at a Silent Don Scott

EAA9 Directors met Oct. 1, at a very quiet Don Scott, with operations at a near standstill following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. In addition to discussion about the Aero Research Facility, directors approved \$350 to cover the cost of a stage prepared for EAA President Poberezny's "Grassroots Gathering" that was can-

celled. EAA is paying half the cost of the stage. The highly portable stage, which is 12"x24"x16-3/4th," will be stored by OSU. Other business included:

- ✦ Discussion about the Young Eagles Flight October 20. EAA buttons, posters and other materials have arrived, according to EAA9 President Al Harding.
- ✦ Registration of EAA9's domain name (www.eaa9.org).
- ✦ Assistance for Aviation Explorer Post 2009.
- ✦ Discussion about EAA9 officer nominations to take place Nov. 8 during the general membership meeting (to be in the Aero Lab). John Strayer heads the nominations committee. If interested in running for an office, contact John at jjstrayer@iwaynet.net. We currently have 87 members in our chapter.
- ✦ Welcome to Kristin Estrich our newest member. She's purchased a RV-8 kit and is taking flying lessons.
- ✦ The chapter is beginning the process of inventorying all of the equipment in storage to determine what to save and pitch.
- ✦ Learned that Tom and Linda Lusch will again sponsor the EAA9 Christmas Open House and Potluck at their house Sunday, Dec. 9, 4-? We'll get details out as quickly as possible.
- ✦ The next EAA9 Directors Meeting will be in January, date and site to be determined.

Treasurer Ted Kellog reports we have assets of \$25,342.99 with no current liabilities. The chapter has a CD due Feb. 21, 2002 that pays 4.25% APY with a value of \$23,230.74.



EAA9 Directors met Oct. 1 in the old tower conference room overlooking Don Scott ramp operations. During their two hour meeting, only one plane departed.

Plan Ahead – EAA9's October's meeting is set for 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18, in OSU's Aero Lab at Don Scott.

AOPA Recognizes Harding



AOPA President Phil Boyer recognized EAA9 President Al Harding for volunteering to be a part of AOPA's Airport Support Network (for OSU's Don Scott Field) during the Sept. 19 at Port Columbus. Tom Lusch (Port Columbus) and Dr. Robert Lewis (Bolton) were also recognized. Boyer told pilots AOPA now has 1,000 volunteers who work to preserve general aviation airports.

Sky Empty at Vinton County



On a day when planes from Ohio and surrounding states would gather for the Vinton County Airshow and Chicken BBQ, the sky was empty. With everything grounded Sept. 11, EAA Chapter 1054 decided to go ahead with their event. Local residents and pilots who drove made the event as successful as possible, according to EAA Chapter 1054 President Nick Rupert who also served as announcer for the fly-in/drive-in. VFW 5299 provided a 21-gun salute while the Vinton County High School band performed a concert for the crowds. Jackson County RC Club flew planes, including a jet-powered F-4 Phantom "flown" by Terry Nisch. The Lancaster and Appalachian Car clubs had approximately 25 vintage



EAA Chapter 1054 President Nick Rupert emcees

models cars on display. **We note the Vinton County Airport Pig Roast is scheduled for Oct. 21!**

Some Serious Hanger Flying



With no flying during the Vinton County Airshow, pilots took advantage of the time to do some serious hanger flying. Norm Crabtree and Glen Stout (right) go over the finer points of aviation lore in a trailer near the 221 terminal. Norm had colorful comments about CIA, FBI, DOT, and FAA reaction to the terrorist attacks.

Future Aviators Learn About MedFlight Operations



MedFlight technician Ryan Brazinski (left) explains aviation operations during Aviation Explorer Post 2009's first meeting Sept. 25, in the MedFlight Hanger at OSU. Approximately 21 students and parents attended the initial gathering. Bruce Butts provided information about Post 2009 opportunities. Goal this year is to begin a ground school, involve more parents in the Post's operation and provide more opportunities



Check Our Website

Be sure to check our new Website at www.eaa9.org. We would like to hear your comments which you can send to President Harding at al@thentshop.com. Thanks to Craig Schneider for his work on this site.

to fly. Brian Asbury, Scout Explorer Director, addressed the gathering and noted that 2009 is the only Aviation Explorer Chapter Post in central Ohio.

Weather Curbs MERFI



Fast moving weather Oct. 9, drew the 35th Mid-Eastern EAA Regional Fly-In to a quick close. Marion Municipal is site for the annual event. This year's theme was "Flying with the Angles" and honored Jeanea "Jenny" Dyke.

New Member Starts RV 8A

"I always wanted to learn to fly and when I turned 30 last year, I decided it was about time," says EAA9's newest member, Kristan Estrich. Building an RV 8A, Estrich adds, "My mom and I are going to Georgia to take the SportAir workshop on RV assembly, I can't wait!"

Ramp Check

EAA9 General Membership Meeting - October 18, 7:30 p.m., Aero Lab, OSU.

EAA9 Young Eagles Flights – October 20, 10 a.m.– 2 p.m., OSU's Flight School, Don Scott.

Vinton County Pig Roast (221) - October 21. This is sponsored by the Vinton Co. Pilots Assn. and EAA Chapter 1054. Young Eagles and FAA Safety Seminar scheduled.

Deschler Chili Fly-In – October 21. EAA Chapter 636 annual event. Deschler Municipal Landing Strip.

IFR Ground School – Starts Nov. 6 (6 weeks; 6:30–9 p.m.), OSU Flight School. Contact Tom Buzogany at 292-5614, buzogany.3@osu.edu.

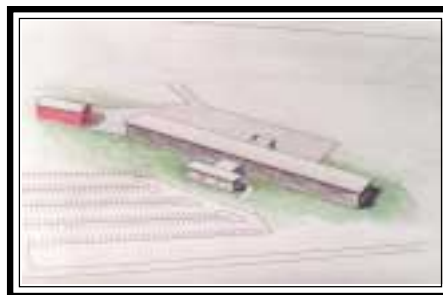
EAA9 General Membership and Elections – November 8, 7:30 p.m., Aero Lab, OSU.

OSU Aviation Day – November 17. ODOT, includes Young Eagles Rides in the morning. (Ages 14-17)

EAA9 Christmas Open House and Potluck – December 9, 4 p.m. – ?, Tom and Linda Lusch's house.

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**Next EAA9 Chapter Meeting
OSU Aero Lab
7:30 p.m., October 18**



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