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EAA's Poberezny Calls 'Grassroots Gathering'



Our own Al Harding will introduce EAA President Tom Poberezny September 12, in OSU's Hanger 1. Through the good graces of OSU Don Scott Airport Manager Doug Hammon, Poberezny is expected to address a record number of EAA members from across Ohio. The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and we need EAA Chapter 9 members to help set up and take down chairs. **We would ask volunteers to be in Hanger 1 at noon, to help with the setup. We will also need help to take down the 200 chairs we will have for the event.** While Poberezny will be flying to Columbus via commercial airline, EAA is sending down a sound van from Oshkosh. When the meeting is completed at 9 p.m., Poberezny and the van will drive to Indianapolis for another "Grassroots Gathering."

"This is our official EAA Chapter 9 meeting," says Al. "We are extremely fortunate to have Tom here only six weeks after AirVenture 2001." Topics for the meeting include: • EAA efforts at ensuring recreational aviation's future; • Recent additions and improvements in EAA's programs for home builders; • Sport Pilot license; • EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk; • 100 Low Lead availability; • EAA's relationship with FAA and other government agencies; • AirVenture plans for the future (50th Anniversary). In an announcement to that went to all area EAA members, EAA welcomes questions through the e-mail address chapters@eaa.org.

'A Great Year Underway' Say Prez Harding

By Al Harding: *EAA Chapter 9 has had a great year and I am looking forward to this month's program with Tom Poberezny at OSU Airport.*



We've seen Bill Tompson fly his Lancair 360. Don Russell has flown his GlasStar while Bob Simon is making progress on his GlasStar. Bob Edwards has run the engine on his Glasair III and is getting ready to paint. Dave Fox and Gary Demos have run their Adventurer amphibian. Bruce Butts bought plans for his Tailwing while DonAustin's GP-4 is looking fine!

Craig Schneider has posted a terrific Website for EAA Chapter 9 at www.eaa9.org. Be sure to check it out!

The OSU Board of Trustees has shown interest in the success of the University's Aviation program. Opportunities such as the partnership agreement between OSU and Executive Jet Aviation have highlighted the university's status within collegiate aviation. There's no question the airport will benefit from this renewed interest. We have high hopes that the University administration will help spur some much needed projects, including new hangers, north side improvements, and the proposed Aviation Historical Research Center.

Aviation Explorer Post 2009 has its Fall Kickoff September 25 at the MedFlight hanger on the north side of OSU Airport. We have had about 25 members in the past in this program.

Thompson's Lancair 360 Turbo Takes Flight!

Bill Thompson reports 360WT, his just completed Lancair 360 Turbo, took its maiden flight August 24. EAA9 members carefully inspected Bill's work during its August meeting at Bolton. "I ran a high speed taxi test, lifting the nose wheel off the ground (one of many) which gave me a good sense of balance of the air-



EAA9 members carefully went over Bill Thompson's Lancair 360 Turbo August 18.

plane," says Bill. "Taxiing back for the next test, I thought what better opportunity to fly." Maximum power on take-off was 30.5 inches and the airplane required heavy right rudder, according to Bill. "Rotation was at 60 kts., and I was airborne at 70 kts. The airplane felt very stable, but at the same time, extremely responsive to controls." When Bill saw the engine temperatures going up dramatically, he decided to return for a landing. "The landing was smooth and uneventful and I felt the jubilation of having built and flown an airplane. I also knew that much work was still to come--adding vents and heat shields, cowl flaps, and changing fuel flow to the engine and so on. They tell me that's why these airplanes are called 'EXPERIMENTAL.'"

Bill recognized help from President Harding, Martin Sobel through the EAA Flight Advisory Program, and especially Burl Fife who's an A&P at Bolton, as well as many others.

Fox's Amphibian Runs...

"The most difficult part of the project was a lack of support from the manufacturer. He went broke," says EAA member Dave Fox who is working on an Adventure Amphibian. Fox and Gary Demos have installed the engine and the plane is "taxiable." "Gary and I were fortunate because we purchased a fast build kit and a partially completed kit for our second airplane. We also had the capability to fabricate many of our own parts. We hope to have our plane flying by late fall. If not, we are in no great rush and will reschedule for spring.



Dave Fox shows off his Adventure Amphibian to EAA member Craig Schneider on August 18. Fox and Gary Demos have their project hangared at Bolton Field. They hope to have the plane flying by fall or next spring.



Fox and Schneider fire up the Adventure's engine for a taxi run at Bolton.

AOPA's Boyer Talks 'Town Meeting'

One week after EAA's President Poberezny speaks in Columbus, Aircraft Owner and Pilots Association President Phil Boyer conducts an aviation "Town Meeting" September 19, 7:30 p.m., Concourse Hotel at Port Columbus (4300 International Gateway). The meeting is open to the aviation public. Boyer's expected to cover a wide variety of aviation topics. EAA9 received a special invitation from AOPA. See you there!

Plan Ahead – EAA9's October's meeting has been tentatively set for 7:30 p.m., Oct. 18, in OSU's Aerolab at Don Scott.

Soar Away in Sailplane



EAA member Hal Thorley reviews the finer points of a Grob 103 sailplane which is part of the Central Ohio Soaring Association based in Marion, Ohio. He completed two flights in the 103 on August 25.

EAA9 has shared members with the Central Ohio Soaring Association of Marion, OH. Founded in the 1940's, COSA is one of the oldest sailplane organizations in Ohio, if not the country. It has seven planes. Three are Sweitzer 233's which are used as basic trainers. The club also has a Sweitzer 126 and 134. Two high performance sailplanes include the Grob 103 and 102. COSA member Gary Acker says it costs \$300



This Sweitzer 233 is one of three basic trainers COSA uses for flight instruction. Tows are typically \$17.

to join the club and dues are \$12 a month. A typical flight in a 233 is \$17 and it usually takes about 30 to 40 rides to check out and receive a sailplane endorsement.

"A power pilot can expect about \$100 to \$200 for a check ride," says Acker. The club has 12 instructors. Club President Paul Wolf is senior instructor. EAA9 has worked with Paul over the years. Two years ago EAA9 traveled to Marion to fly sailplanes. EAA9 member Hal Thorley says he took interest in sailplaning during that event and has since gone on to receive his endorsement.

COSA began in Circleville and Columbus, according to Acker. At one time it was located on OSU's Don Scott Field, and moved to Marion in the 1950's. Members in the soaring club come from as far away as

Michigan, Cleveland, Lima, Findlay and Dayton as well as Columbus. Once a member is licensed, he/she can fly all of the club's planes. Most solo in 10 to 15 hours, according to Acker. A Third Class Medical is *not* required for a sailplane license. For information, call IMSOAR (614-459-0392) after 10 a.m. and before 4 p.m.

Stearman Winner Ready



Scott White, whose airstrip is about 13 miles south of Bolton) has a prize winning Stearman which may greet EAA President Tom Poberezny September 12. Scott won "Reserve Grand Champion" during this year's AirAdventure in Oshkosh.

Explorer Post to Tour MedFlight at OSU

Explorer Post 2009 will tour MedFlight on the north side of OSU Airport at 7 p.m. August 25. The Post will also have its kick-off meeting, according to Bruce Butts. Bob Moore, MedFlight Outreach & Education Coordinator will host the tour.

Great Flying Opportunities

MERFI (MNN) - September 7-9. Don't forget that MERFI is this coming weekend in Marion, OH.

Vinton County Fly-In/Airshow and Chicken BBQ (22I) - September 16. This premier Ohio aviation event is expected to see Norm Crabtree as emcee.



Check out New EAA9Website

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 (the one who's alive) at al@thentshop.com. Thanks to Craig Schneider for his work on this site.

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