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EAA9 YE Team Meets Mercy Challenge

Thanks so much for the team of pilots and workers who met the request of Dr. Anthony Hodge who wanted to provide a special Christmas gift on Dec. 22. Young eagles Coordinator Keith Edwards put the word out and met the challenge. "We flew 27 Young Eagles that day along with some parents, all of whom were from central and the northeast side of Columbus," says Keith. "They were brought to the airport in volunteered Ringer's Limousines [272-2865] and then flown by six pilots." Pilots were Rick Tressler (five YE's and some parents), Adnan Shiblaq (three YE's), Tom Siler (three YE's plus parents), Rick Hunt (five YE's.), James Manuel (five YE's), and Dick Willis (six YE's).

EAA9ers Gather for Holiday Party



Once again, Tom and Linda Lusch hosted a wonderful Christmas Open House for EAA9 members and others from the aviation community. Plenty of food was there for happy gathering and provided a great opportunity to reflect on 2001 and to think about the possibilities for 2002.

"Despite the tragic events of Sept. 11, our chapter has had a very good year," says President Al Harding. "EAA9 now has a 'home.' OSU has invited our

chapter to use Don Scott as our base. It opens our social activity possibilities as well as expand aviation projects." The University has also offered to sponsor Aviation Explorer Post 2009, which gives it a permanent home, too. EAA9 has also flown a great number of Young Eagles as EAA national shoots for 1,000,000 flights by December 2003, according to Keith Edwards. Membership meetings have taken place at sites from Columbus State's A&P school, and OSU's AeroLab.

EAA9 was pleased to help with OSU's highly successful Aviation Awareness Day in June. Plans continue for the Ohio Aviation Historical Research and Education Center. The chapter's treasury remains healthy. "We've also been invited to write an article for EAA's 'Sport Aviation' magazine," says Al. "It's a great honor."

Al says the chapter is hopeful that Tom Pobrezny's Grassroots Gathering can be rescheduled. EAA's drive for the "sport aviation" license has occupied EAA leadership over the past few months.



Tom's RV-7A Takes Shape



Tom Webster says working on his RV-7A's empennage takes time and patience. Tom and his son Tom Jr. are building the plane in Tom's basement.

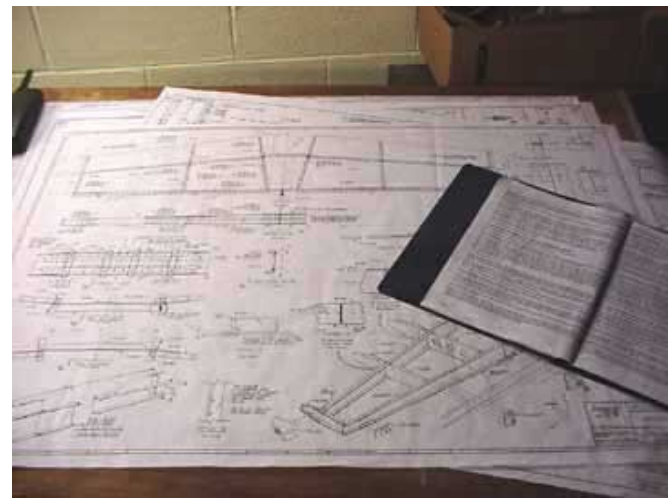


Tom shows the inside riveting pattern for the right horizontal stabilizer.



EAA9 President Al Harding and Tom review the long history of EAA9 Chapter members and their projects.

Plan Ahead – EAA9's January's meeting will be Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m. in OSU's AeroLab.



VanAir provides detailed plans for kit builders. Tom opted for the "quick build kit" which provides for major assembly of the wings and fuselage in the Philippines. Over RV 3,000 kits have been completed and are flying.



EAA9 Treasurer Ted Kellog joined the informal "inspection" of Tom's handy work.

Tom Webster, who also owns a Luscombe at Delaware Airport, says he is going with a 180 hp Lycoming with a fixed pitch prop for his RV-7A. (The "A" designates nose wheel.) He says the plane is rated to cruise at 199 m.p.h. and has already reserved "N462TW" for its registration – Tom Jr., was born in April 1962. A wealth of information is available through VanAir's Web site www.vansaircraft.com.



'Other License Uses' Theme for EAA9's January Meeting

Rick Hunt and Keith Edwards will be featured speakers during EAA9's Jan. 17 meeting, according to President Harding. Basic theme will be "things to do with your license." Rick will talk about flying for the Civil Air Patrol and Keith will cover "angel flights" and other humanitarian uses for aircraft. Dick Weatherald will cover flying tail-draggers. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in OSU's AeroLab conference room on Don Scott Field.

Chapter Directors Accept OSU's Home Invitation

EAA Chapter 9 directors formally and unanimously accepted OSU's invitation to make Don Scott Airport its official home during its Jan. 7 meeting. "OSU's master plan, which includes heightened security measures, will still provide great opportunities for Chapter 9 to use its facilities for meetings and activities," says Pres. Al Harding. Directors are pleased to report that the University continues to be receptive to the Aviation Education and Research Facility. With SAFECOM (intercollegiate precision aviation competition) May 9-19, EAA9 expects to play a role. Directors also discussed ways to promote EAA9 during the March 21 FAA Safety Seminar. Plans are also underway for a special Fly Out to Chicago's Meigs Field in June. Harding reported to directors that national EAA has approached Chapter 9 to provide security and tours for EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" July 8-11. We expect Explore Post 2009 to help, too! Directors also discussed having more social events, including picnic fly outs to one or more grass strip fields in Ohio. Treasurer Ted Kellogg reports the chapter's finances remain healthy. Directors also agreed to send a representative to MERFI meetings, usually the second Sunday of each month. This year's MERFI is scheduled for Sep. 6-8.

Chicago's Meigs Field Reprieve To Last a Quarter Century



Relief could almost be heard nationwide when news came that Chicago's Meigs field will not be



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.

turned into a "park." An agreement between the city, state and Congress provides for the field to remain open until at least 2026. "Friends of Meigs" thanked EAA, AOPA, and thousands of pilots across the country who responded to calls for e-mails and letters to Illinois Gov. Ryan, Chicago Mayor Daly, and Congress. For more details, logon to www.friendsofmeigs.org.

OSU Cosponsors Post 2009

We were pleased to learn that OSU will sponsor Aviation Post 2009. In addition to providing a permanent meeting place for Post meetings, OSU has indicated it will provide opportunities for explorers. The January 2002 issue of "The OSU Airport News" newsletter features the Post and its activities. Bruce Butts says plans are underway for a tour of Wright Patterson AFB a trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton. The Post meets in the AeroLab conference room.

A Good Way to Get Well Grounded...

Be sure to check out the OSU Instrument Ground School. Tom Buzogany says it begins Jan. 8, runs for six weeks (Tuesdays and Thursdays 6:30-9:00 p.m.) and costs \$300. Call Tom at 614-292-5614. Email tombuzogany@hotmail.com

New Members...

Rick Tressler. Rick is a member of the Central Ohio Flyers Association who has been a pilot for 10 years and has 180 hours. He works for Liebert, a company that produces computer power supply units.

Dues Due Reminder...

Don't forget your EAA Chapter 9 dues (\$20) which should go to Ted Kellogg, Treasurer, 487 Longfellow Ave., Worthington, OH 43085.

Ramp Check

Membership Meeting – January 17, 7:30 p.m., at OSU's AeroLab, Don Scott Field.

Next Young Eagles Flights – January 19, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., OSU Airport.

Membership Meeting – February 21, 7:30 p.m., Flight Safety Facility, Port Columbus [tentative]

FAA Safety Meeting – March 21, 7:30 p.m., MedFlight Conference Room.

Young Eagle Flight Rally schedule. We fly the third Saturday every month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at OSU Airport (weather permitting, of course). Dates for 2002 are: Jan 19, Mar. 16, May 18, Jun 8 (National Young Eagles Day), July 20, Sept. 21, and Nov. 16.

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Next EAA9 Chapter Gathering
Thursday, January 17, 2002
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