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'Aluminum Overcast' on Final Approach



B17 Tour Stop Chair Dick Wetherald says all bases have been covered for the coming visit of EAA's "Aluminum Overcast" B17

from July 8 through July 11, at Don Scott Airport. "We would like all members to signup for 2-3 hour volunteer slots Tuesday and Wednesday," says EAA9 President Al Harding. Contact Dick Wetherald.

EAA9's next meeting June

20 will be devoted to reviewing all the details with members and fill in gaps where needed. The meeting will be in the Don Scott Admin building.



Members of the B17 Planning Committee are, R-L, Al Harding, Mike Hayhurst, Clare Lutton, Bob Mullins (standing), Dick Wetherald, and Craig Schneider (back to camera). They met outside OSU's terminal building on June 1.

Progress Continues for OSU Aviation History Site

A formal "business plan" has been developed for the OSU Ohio Aviation Historical Research and Education Facility and Museum, according to EAA9 member Joe Vogel and EAA9 President Al Harding. The Exploration Committee consists of Vogel, Harding, Keith Edwards, James Thompson (historian with the Ohio History of Flight Museum) and EAA9 Treasurer Ted Kellogg. "Fortunately we were also beginning our master plan update at the time and agreed to examine potential sites through our planning efforts," says Don Scott airport manager Doug Hammon. "The initial results of our planning process have confirmed a possible site for the facility, as well as identified infrastructure needs in locating it at this airport." OSU's Don Scott has already expanded its efforts to educate primary and secondary students through shadowing and career fairs. Planners target December 17, 2003 as ground breaking for the education/museum. The date is the 100th anniversary of the first flight of the Wright Brothers. Harding says the Chapter has explored options for a restoration/building hanger that would be a part of the complex. Chapter 9 would take a major role in the facility's construction.

Your Chance to See a B17 in 'Action'



"Aluminum Overcast" panoramic view of the cockpit and bombay catwalk will be a highlight for visitors who tour the B-17 bomber.

Special Flight for 'Wish Kids.'



"EAA9's 'Young Eagles' and 'Adventures for Wish Kids,' go hand-n-hand for mutual benefit toward a common goal," says YE Coordinator Keith Edwards. "On May 15, Gary James graciously and very generously gave his time and resources to accomplish a flight experience given to 6-year-old leukemia patient Hunter, his older brother, and his mother, Lucy Carpenter. Thanks, Gary, you are an inspiration to all of us and a benefit to general aviation."

Weather Hampers GlasAir Turnout



Despite bad weather the day before, EAA9 members flew a dozen Young Eagles during the GlasAir Fly-In May 18. Pilots were: Adnan Shibliq (1), Rick Tressler (2), Craig Schneider (2), Tom Maish (2), and YE Coordinator Keith Edwards (5).

Plan Ahead – EAA9's June meeting will be June 20, 2002, 7:30 p.m. OSU Airport, Administration Building, Classroom.

British SE5's Live in Ohio!



Ed Butterfield has two British SE 5's under construction on his farm near Sunbury. The 80 percent size planes have 40 hp Rotax engines. The small, light engines help keep these SE5's in the ultralight category.



Small bicycle tires with bungee cord suspension support the model SE5's. Another five SE5's are housed at Centerburg's Chapman Field.



President Al Harding and Newsletter Editor Bob Mullins met with (l-r) Tom Whittaker, Walt McClory, and Lew Parsley at Centerburg. The SE5 in the background is getting a new fuel tank.

Record Turnout for YE Day!



Whoa! We flew 142 Young Eagles fly on Saturday June 8 - National Young Eagles Day! The sign-up room (shown above) was crowded. We also had 16 pilots! Thanks to – Don Bauer (7), Bruce Butts (3), Keith Edwards (5), Gary James (22), Ted Kellogg (14), Linda Lusch (2), Tom Maish (5), Dick Packer (4), John Parsio (11), Don Ross (6), Craig Schneider (14), Tom Siler (7), Bill Thompson (1), Rick Tressler (11), Dick Wetherald (11), and Phil Yoder (17). Thanks also to Steve Hungler who brought a Columbus Police Department Helicopter for display during the event!



This probably had a lot to do with our great YE day!

What Did You Do in the War?

Keith Edwards reports he was “drafted” by Upper Arlington Barrington Elementary School student teacher Katie Benton to talk about aviation. The 5th Grade Class was scheduled to visit the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson and Keith was to prepare the students for their trip. “I felt a bit old when one boy asked, ‘How many Japanese did you shoot down in WWII?’”



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.

Post 2009 Explores Dayton FSS

Explorer Post 2009 took an opportunity to fly to Dayton for a visit to the Dayton Flight Service Station. Explorers were challenged to check weather and plot a course to Dayton International for a Cessna 172 at 110 knots and 8 gallons per hour. The route was to take the plane to DQN VOR then to DAY. The return trip was to fly to FULLER NDB and direct to OSU. Weather minimums were 3,000 foot ceiling and five miles visibility. Mission accomplished!



Explorer Post 2009 members did flight preparations on the picnic table outside the Barnstormer Restaurant at Don Scott.

Thanks for the Flight...

We recently received this thank you note from Kylie N. Mosteller: *Dear Dick [Wetherald] – Thank you so much for the plane ride. To show my appreciation, we baked cookies for you. I hope to get to take another one soon!*



Ramp Check

Next Membership Meeting – June 20, 2002. We'll meet in the OSU Administration Building at 7:30 p.m. to finalize operations for “Aluminum Overcast.”

EAA “Aluminum Overcast” B-17 Visit – July 8-11, OSU Don Scott Airport. This is our chapter's main event for the year! We hope every member can participate!

Buckeye Air Rally – June 28-30, Moraine Air Park (173), Moraine, OH. 26th annual event. Proficiency air rally. Prizes “All fixed wing planes welcome.” Entries close June 14. Pilot briefing 6 p.m., June 28. Rally starts 9:30 a.m. the 29th. For info, e-mail Judy Westerheide jwest@dramail.com.

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). The next dates for 2002 are: July 20, Sept. 21, and Nov. 16. As of June 3, 786,439 Young Eagles have been flown nationwide.

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