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## EAA9 Readies for FAA Safety Seminar



FAA's "Skyspotter Training Program" and "Lahso Here and There" are the topics for a special safety seminar which will also be EAA9's monthly meeting, March 21. Jerry Semler from Dayton's Automated Flight Service Station and Jim Stokes, from the Columbus Flight Standards District Office, will be featured speakers. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the Med-Flight Hanger on OSU's Don Scott Airport. "This is an opportunity for EAA9 to show itself to a large number of pilots from central Ohio," says EAA9 President Al Harding. "Your officers and directors have developed a plan to help promote our unique organization. We hope all EAA9 members will attend." Harding says the Chapter will share information about the summer visit by "Aluminum Overcast," EAA's B17 bomber.

## Not a Simple Simulation Session



*FlightSafety instructor David Rogers points out Citation X simulator systems.*

For 20 hours a day, seven days a week, pilots "take off" in hangers on the east side of Port Columbus. "We shut down from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m., to service the simulators and check software," says instructor Tom Gasper. "About half the pilots we serve are here for currency check rides and the other half are upgrading." EAA9 Chapter members met at FlightSafety for a tour last month. The company has over 40 sites around the world and provide training in everything from Cessna 172's to Boeing 747's. The Columbus facility provides training primarily in Citation business jets. It has three full axis simulators in addition to a state of the art classroom. "If a pilot's having trouble with landings, we can shoot dozens of them from any point," says instructor David Rogers. "We keep track of all flights and provide detailed de-briefings after each session in the simulator."

"We're really talking systems management instead of flight control," says Rogers. "We can virtually roll a simulator as well as demonstrate severe turbulence."

FlightSafety's Susan Dugan, who helped organize the visit, says, "I appreciated the opportunity to meet with you and your members and learn about another side to the aviation world."

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## Boy Scout Merit Badge Help



Dick Weatherald (standing, right) and Craig Schneider (standing, left) provided information that will help Boy Scout Troop 700 members work toward their aviation merit badge. EAA9 provided pilots and planes Saturday, Feb. 23 for the event. Scouts received a tour of the OSU aviation facility, full pre-flight briefings, and longer rides than typically provided for Young Eagles events. Weatherald says the Scouts were encouraged to consider Aviation Explorer Post 2009 if interested in continuing to learn more about flying.



Craig Schneider demonstrates a thorough pre-flight for Boy Scout Troop 700 members.



President Al Harding's Tri-Pacer was pressed into service for the Boy Scout visit.

**Plan Ahead** – EAA9's March meeting will be part of the March 21, 2002 FAA Safety Seminar in the MedFlight Hanger, OSU. Begins 7 p.m.

## Work Progresses on GP-4



EAA9 member Don Austin prepares to cover the wings of his GP-4.



Don says the bottom of the leading edge has been glassed in because it becomes the fuel tanks.

## Volunteers Needed for 'Aluminum Overcast' Visit



Dick Weatherald has graciously volunteered to coordinate activities surrounding the July 8-11 visit of EAA's "Aluminum Overcast" B-17 bomber. He is our "Tour Stop Chairperson." We currently estimate that 40 members will be needed to

help with the project, considering that EAA9 must provide 24-hour security for the plane. Dick says we need to identify committee chairpersons quickly. He will send detailed information to members via e-mail and we expect the same to be posted on EAA9's Web site.

We will need people to handle "Promotions," "Volunteer and Equipment," "Merchandise and Ground Tour Sales," and "Raffle" teams.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for us," says EAA9 President Al Harding. "Not only can we promote EAA and our chapter, but also recognize and honor people from this area who served in the air during World War II. We are always looking for ideas. Please contact Dick Weatherald as soon as you can!"

**Dick's e-mail address is [weatherald@cas.org](mailto:weatherald@cas.org). His phone is 447-3808.**

EAA does much of the groundwork for promoting the B-17's tour which leads up to AirVenture at Oshkosh. However, EAA9 will need to work with media as well as other appropriate organizations. The Promotions Chairperson is one slot that needs to be filled quickly, Weatherald stresses.

Dick says volunteers will be needed for July 9 and 10 with enough people to fill about 36 two-hour time slots.

"Aluminum Overcast" is one of about a dozen flying B-17 WW II four-engine bombers. EAA offers flight experiences and ground tours. For detailed information, go to [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org) for greater detail.

## Simulator Action at OSU...



*Chuck Ventola (at the controls), Keith Edwards (left) and Ted Kellogg (right) have checked out on OSU's flight simulator. As flight instructors, Keith and Ted provide simulator time to Explorer Post 2009.*

## Builders Workshop in Pittsburgh

Saturday and Sunday, April 27-28, EAA conducts an EAA SportAir Aircraft Builders Workshop. Topics include sheet metal, fabric covering, composite con-



## Check Our Website

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

struction, gas welding, and a discussion of regulations, paperwork, workspace, time commitment, financial investment and insurance considerations. Costs range from \$289 to \$259 per course. Tuition for EAA members is \$30 which includes a dinner Saturday evening. "Courses are instructed by experts that not only know the subject matter, but know how to teach," says EAA's Charlie Becker. For detailed information, contact him at 800-967-5746 or log onto [www.sportair.com](http://www.sportair.com).

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to **Bruce Butts** who is now IFR certified. He completed his checkride March 13, 2002.

**Jonathan Gentile**, a member of Explorer Post 2002, passed his practical exam to earn his Private Pilot Certificate. Bruce Butts says this is the first Explorer to earn his Private.

## New Members...

**Greg Brown**, student pilot who lives near Center Village. Greg attended last month's FlightSafety tour.

**Frank Slemmons**, a private pilot, is building a GlasAir. He lives near the Honda plant and is building an airstrip on his farm.



## Ramp Check

**Membership Meeting – March 21, 7 - 9 p.m., MedFlight Conference Room, OSU Airport. FAA Safety program.**

**Sun N' Fun Fly-In – April 7-13, Lakeland, Florida.**

**Note:** Chapter members are encouraged to attend EAA's Chapter Leadership Forum, 9 - 11 a.m., April 11, in tent #10.

**EAA9 Membership Meeting – April 18, 7:30 - 9 p.m., AeroLab.** Subject: Aerobatic flying. We expect to have a representative from Chapter 34 of the International Aerobatic Club (IAC). The Columbus chapter sponsors an annual aerobatic competition at Bolton Field.

**GlasAir Fly-In/Young Eagles Flights – May 18, 10 a.m. until 2 p.m., Union County Airport, Marysville. The GlasAir Fly-in runs May 17-19.**

**SAFECOM – May 8-18, OSU Airport.** This is the annual national precision flying contest hosted by OSU.

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: May 18 (Marysville), Jun 8 (National Young Eagles Day), July 20, Sept. 21, and Nov. 16. As of March 14, 768,278 Young Eagles have been flown nationwide.

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**Next EAA9 Chapter Gathering**  
*March 21, 2002*  
**FAA Safety Program**  
**MedFlight Hanger, North side of OSU Don Scott Field**  
**2827 West Dublin-Granville Road**



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