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EAA9 Helps With GlasAir Gathering

As it has for several years now, EAA9 members will gather for their May meeting at Union County Airport on May 18 for the annual GlasAir Fly-In. The breakfast crew has been put on alert and expected to get morning meals underway Saturday 8 a.m. Setup will take place Friday evening. Volunteers needed and welcome! This is a great opportunity for our chapter to raise money. We have always found that donations for the breakfasts we serve far exceed the cost of supplies. As we have in the past, we will also conduct Young Eagle flights. YE Coordinator Keith Edwards says pilots will

begin taking YE's up at 10 a.m. Keith notes the typical schedule for YE's would conflict with the SAFECON event at Don Scott the same week-end. Forums begin at 1 p.m., with Joe Vogel speaking on "Human Factors in Aviation." At 2:15 p.m., Roger Olsen will share "How to Save Money on Your Annual," and at 3:30 p.m.

Michael Via, the new GlasAir CEO, will conduct a teleconference. Linda Lusch says the 6 p.m. dinner "down the road" hopes to have Ken Johnson speak on "Flight to Alaska in a GlasAir." The GlasAir Fly-In will also give us an additional opportunity to promote the visit of "Aluminum Overcast" July 8-11 at Don Scott.



EAA9 member Linda Lusch, shown here last year, shows off Joe Wells' GlasAir as part of the annual GlasAir Fly-In at Union County (MRT ne I78). EAA9 will provide breakfast and conduct Young Eagle flights on May 18 during the event.

B-17 'Overcast' Crew Complete

B-17 Tour Stop Chair Dick Wetherald says all four committee chairs for the July 8-11 visit of "Aluminum Overcast" have been amply filled! Chairpersons are: Al Harding "Promotions," Mike Hayhurst, "Volunteer & Equipment," Clare Lutton,



"Aluminum Overcast" panoramic view of the bombay window and ball turret area will be a highlight for visitors who tour the B-17 bomber.

"Merchandise & Ground Tour Sales," and Craig Schneider, "Raffle." Bob Mullins is helping with publicity. Members are welcome and encouraged to volunteer to help in any of the areas. Contact them at the following...

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Dick says the committee is looking for ideas for the raffle. Offer your suggestions to him or Craig! Meanwhile, we are in the process taking advantage of "Aluminum Overcast's"

visit to recognize one of Ohio's grand aviation leader – **Norm Crabtree**. Norm was a B-17 and B-24 pilot during World War II. In the 70's and 80's he headed the Ohio Division of Aviation and was an advocate of locating an airport in all of Ohio's 88 counties. An advocate of commercial and general aviation, Norm was always available to any group – and still is! We



are working on an appropriate plaque to present to Norm on July 8, the "media" day upon "Aluminum Overcast's" expected arrival. At this point, we expect a "news conference" venue in front of the plane. We will invite members of the 398 Bomber Group unit as well as central Tuskegee Airmen who live in central Ohio. Al Harding says he has a large number of promotional posters which we need delivered to airports in and around central Ohio. Give him a call to help distribute!

Plan Ahead – EAA9's May meeting will be May 18, 2002, Union Co. Airport. All day!

EAA9 Featured in May Magazine

Turn to pages 84 and 85 in the May issue of *Sport Aviation* magazine. Our article has been published! It is an excellent overview of our activities – and a valuable tool when talking to prospective EAA9 members. We have contacted EAA and asked for additional copies of the magazine.

Why Young Eagles Count

Young Eagles Coordinator Keith Edwards shared with us this message from Karrie Shank, now an aviation major at Ohio University. The letter speaks for itself...

Last year you guys did a Young Eagle day at OSU and one of your pilots took me up. He found out that I was starting to fly and we went to Marysville where he took a picture of me standing by the plane in front of his hanger. If anyone remembers doing that (I don't know the pilot's name), let him know that I got my license on November 21st and am going to Ohio University in the fall as an aviation major. I'm in Chapter 443 now and am going to the Air Academy in July. My biggest goal is someday to own "Old Crow" [a P51 Mustang].

Karrie Shank

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If there were any doubts about the importance of the Young Eagles program, this message provides the answer.

EAA9 Takes Up Aerobatics



Aerobatic guru Russell Sheets diagrams basic aerobatic competition maneuvers for EAA9 members during the April membership meeting. Sheets and International Aerobatic Club Chapter 34 President Jim Butler put EAA9 members through their paces. Chapter competition takes place at Bolton Airport. Butler has shared with EAA9 the coming schedule for IAC events

which are open to the public. The immediate schedule is: • May 18, June 8, July 13, August 15-16, the “aerobatic box” is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Any IAC chapter member can practice and Butler said members are willing to give EAA9 members orientation flights. The Ohio Aerobatic Open, “the big event of the year,” is August 17-18. Russell, who flew in for the meeting in his twin Navion, also shared with EAA9 members information about the new Eclipse small business jet which is to have the capability to land at 69 knots at any airport with a 2,000 ft. runway. The \$1 million dollar jet has two 80 lb engines with a thrust of 800 lbs each.

During the meeting, President Al Harding reported that it appears rumors about closing OSU airport have pretty much been put to rest. Nevertheless, the Chapter continues to monitor the situation.

Bob Simon reports he flew his Glastar to AOPA's Fun 'n Sun in Florida. However, mechanical difficulties meant a commercial flight back from Naples, FL.

We also learned that the Barnstormer Restaurant will close in July. Our understanding is that the catering crew at OSU's Fawcett Center will take over the airport restaurant operation.

Explorers Hear Controller Lusch

FAA controller and EAA9 member Tom Lusch was featured speaker at Explorer Post 2009's May meeting. Lusch talked about tower operations at Port Columbus and answered questions about the ATC system. Tom has been on the controller team at Oshkosh during AirVenture.



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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.

Curtis Robin and More For Sale



Bill See from EAA Chapter 233 posted a message that he has a 2/3rds scale Curtis Robin sale for \$5,000 “firm.” He says it has a Mosler factory VW engine with the Zenith

updraft card. The plane is a two place red and yellow, built out of 4130 X-moly. He also has two other VW engines converted for aircraft use, one with a Zenith carburetor (\$1,500). In addition, he has two constant speed Hartzell props (\$1,500 each), a Jacobson 7 cylinder radial (\$2,500) and quarter or third share in his Rompin Stompin Apache. E-mail him at bdj@ecr.net.

Thomson's Lancair Gets Around

We heard from Bill Thompson that his Lancair has been “flying nicely” including some mountain flying in Colorado. It has also made it to Florida and South Carolina, a few times.

New Members...



Welcome to Darrel Johnson! He is a private pilot single engine, land. He says he's looking for a project or aircraft. Darrel lives near Port Columbus. (There's Curtis Robin available - see above!)



Ramp Check

Next Membership Meeting – 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.

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

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!

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), June 8 (National Young Eagles Day), July 20, Sept. 21, and Nov. 16. As of May 7, 777,785 Young Eagles have been flown nationwide.

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