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Chapter to Look at Aircraft Interiors



Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 PM is the next EAA 9 Chapter meeting. OSU Airport Hangar 3 is the place (Aircraft Maintenance). A very interesting time it will be. Paul Workman from Ohio Aircraft Interiors in Zanesville will show us the ins and the outs of interiors. He will tell us about how they are constructed and the material options available. Several examples of

new interiors will be available for inspection. To make certain you do not nod off, Paul will provide a graphic demonstration of why we use aircraft certified materials instead of automotive materials. You will be amazed. After you see the demonstration, you might just leave your car in the parking lot and walk home. Or, take a plane. In support of the demonstration, the Columbus Fire Department will be on hand. Got the idea?

So, see you Thursday, April 17 at 7:00 PM in OSU Airport Hangar 3.

June 14 OSU Open House Plans Grow



OSU Open House Co-Chairs Dick Wetherald (l) and Ed Mikula go over growing plans for the June 14 super event.

OSU Open House co-chairs Dick Wetherald and Ed Mikula report plans continue to grow for the June 14 event. The need for volunteers is critical. With invitations going out to all of Don Scott's neighbors, we anticipate a huge turnout! Because June 14 is also National Young Eagles Day, we expect to have a high number of EAA members handling those flights. We also will have our "donations welcome" pancake breakfast that day. Volunteers are needed more than ever! Please contact Open House (and EAA member) Volunteer Coordinator Bob Simon at rms@ustek.com. EAA Member Rick Hunt is in charge of static displays for the OSU Open House and he is looking for antique, home-built, ultralight, sailplane, "unusual," military and corporate craft. Contact him at Rick@RickMHunt.Com.

The Planning Committee reports invitations have gone to military units in and around the Central Ohio area. While they all indicated their willingness to participate, events in Iraq may have a dramatic effect on their ability to attend.

Flight Watch Learns about Airport Grants



Members of Columbus Flight Watch heard valuable information about how the State of Ohio handles grants to airports. Columbus City Council candidate Peggy McElroy (shown left with Dick Wetherald) also at-



tended the meeting to talk about her candidacy, including her support for Don Scott Airport. Doll said his office currently places runway and taxiway repaving has high priority. Over 80 airports are in serious need for repaving, including Don Scott. Doll also noted that the state helps leverage federal dollars for airports with little or no resources. However, with current and proposed budget cuts, the Office of Aviation is now in serious jeopardy of losing all grant money. This, despite the fact that the state receives approximately \$22 million a year from aviation fuel taxes alone. That money currently goes into the state's general fund. CFW President Al Harding urges all general aviation enthusiasts to contact state legislators with the message that funds for the Office of Aviation grant program be at least restored.

EAA9ers Look at First Class



EAA Member and NetJets Employee Greg Schroeder hosted the march membership meeting for the chapter. Greg explained in great detail how the fractional



EAA Member Greg Schroeder (r) talks with EAA Member Hal Thorley. Greg hosted the chapter's visit to NetJets in March.

ownership program at NetJets works. While amounts vary widely, prices start at \$5,000 a month for administrative costs and \$1,300 an hour direct operating costs *after* buying a fractional piece of a plane. NetJets handles everything first class, according to EAA9 President Al Harding. NetJets used to be Executive Jet.

Plan Ahead - April Meeting – April 17, 2003, Aircraft Interiors, Aircraft Maintenance Hanger (3), Don Scott Airport.

Can An Engine Be Far Off?



Bruce Butts reports good progress on his Tailwind. He has acquired the engine mount and landing gear. He is making more ribs, using EAA9's foot metal shear to cut aluminum. The shear is stored at Clare Lutton's shop.

'Shock and Awe' in Chicago



On March 30, Chicago Mayor Daley, under cloak of darkness, bulldozed X's on the "coolest little airport" runway, creating a firestorm of reaction from aviation quarters across the country. With no warning to either aircraft owners of planes on the field, or at least one aircraft on its way to the Chicago lakefront airport, Daley claimed "security issues" required him to shut the field. The fact Homeland Security Czar Tom Ridge knew nothing of the action revealed that politics was essentially the real reason for the drastic action. EAA, AOPA and other groups have vowed to fight the action. A stay on further destruction was granted by a local judge. EAA9 members can keep track and provide support by checking the Friends of Meigs Web site at: www.friendsofmeigs.org, and AOPA's www.aopa.org.



Explorer Post 2009 Joins NetJets Tour

Members of Explorer Post 2009 joined EAA Chapter 9 for the tour of NetJets in March. Shown from top down are: Brian Sanik, Ben Mushalko, Mike Kuss, and Steve Smith.

Austin's GP-4 Gets Closer



Don Austin reports good progress with his GP-4. "After several months of foam, fiberglass and filler, I have completed fairing in the wing bottom with

the gear doors and fuselage." He estimates adding retractable gear adds an estimates 1.5 to 2 years building time. "The plane now sits on its gear for the first time as it awaits the windshield and canopy." After a 2-year search, Don settled for a Lycoming IO-360 - for which the plane was designed. The engine came out of a late model Mooney. "It was factory new when installed and has 1,986 hours. It came with detailed logs that include no outstanding ADs. For \$9,500, it was difficult to pass up."



Check Our Website

Be sure to check our 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.

Members Notes...

Member **Tom Webster** says his RV is "coming along fine." Wings and fuselage are finished. The tail group has been mounted as have all instruments. Tom said the radio has been powered up and ELT mounted. "I have removed everything to get ready to paint the interior," Tom says. Fuel plumbing, canopy and firewall forward are ahead. His engine is being shipped. Motor mount, canopy, cowl and fairings were to be shipped May 5. "I am meeting with Paul Workman at our EAA meeting to arrange for him to cover my completed foam seats. He will also supply the interior fabric." Tom also owns a 1947 Luscomb 8A/E.



Welcome to new members **Bob Hampton** and **John Heise** – who joined us for the NetJets tour! **Lester Bell** attended this year's 'Sun n' Fun' in Florida. Says it was the best he's ever attended.

Telephone! The phone is now working in the Chapter office. The number is **614-292-4306** and has an automatic answering system.



Ramp Check

Young Eagle Flight Rally schedule. We fly the second Saturday every other month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at OSU Airport (weather permitting, of course). The next date for 2003 is April 12. As of April 10, 891,247 Young Eagles have been flown nationwide.

April 12, 2003 – Young Eagles at OSU Airport. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Gate E.

April 17, 2003 – Membership meeting: Paul Workman of Zanesville will "cover" aircraft interiors, including fire safety for approved and non-approved materials. Don Scott Aviation Maintenance Hanger 3.

May 3, 2003 – Flyout to area Airports to help promote Aviation Awareness/National Young Eagles Day. (We also expect Tom Poberezny to conduct a rescheduled "Grassroots Meeting" at Don Scott in May.)

May 3, 2003 – EAA Chapter 48 Fun Day Fly-In at Moraine Airpark (7 a.m. - 6 p.m.) – a good stop to drop off an OSU Open House/National Young Eagles Day Poster!

June 14, 2003 - Aviation Awareness/National Young Eagles Day, OSU Airport

July 4-17, 2003 – National 126 Association (sailplane) competition, Ceasar Creak, Ohio. Check www.126association.org.

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Next EAA9 Chapter Gathering
April 17, 2003, 7 p.m.
Aircraft Interiors
Hanger 2 (Aircraft Maintenance) – Don Scott Airport



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