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Join Us for A Hangar Holiday Party!

Don't forget! Saturday, Dec. 6 is our Annual Holiday Party! This year's EAA9 Holiday Pot Luck Dinner/Party will be in Don Scott's Hanger 1! So, we have a "Hangar Holiday Party!" We'll start at 4 p.m. with dinner at around 6 p.m. The Chapter will provide the meat and drinks. Members are asked to bring dishes of their choice. To add to the festivities and unique decorations, OSU has been asked to put EAA9 members' planes in Hangar 1 for the evening! The planning committee says we may even have some entertainment after the meal!



EAA9 Flies Junior ROTC Students

Chapter 9 members added a special "Young Eagles" day Nov. 22 to fly members of the Whetstone High School Junior ROTC. Senior Aerospace Science Instructor Major William E. Fischer, Jr., works with between 105 and 110 students in the program. Retired from the Air Force, Fischer says the program is designed to promote citizenship. Nationwide, Fischer says about 20 percent of students in the JROTC program go into the Air Force. In addition to promoting actual flight,



Keith Edwards and Dick Wetherald brief JROTC students.



Rick Tressler provides a detailed pre-flight for members of the Whetstone H.S. Air Force JROTC.

the program includes trips to Washington, D.C. to visit, among other sites, the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington Cemetery. Students have also gone to Rickenbacker to work with the Air Guard Refueling Wing. Fischer has taught aviation history at the U.S. Air Force Academy. The Air Force supports the high school program for students by covering one-half of Fischer's salary. Chapter 9 members who flew JROTC members were Rick Tressler, Bob Simon and Dick Wetherald. Keith Edwards coordinated the Saturday event.



EAA9's Keith Edwards talks with Whetstone H.S. Air force JROTC Counselor Maj. William Fischer, Jr. Fischer lives in Lancaster and commutes to Whetstone in Galloway.



EAA9's Dick Wetherald helped Whetstone H.S. Air Force JROTC members understand the ins and outs of a Cessna 172. Weather was perfect for the eight JROTCers who flew on Saturday.

Next Meeting – Hanger Holiday Party! Dec. 6, Hangar 1 - Don Scott Airport. We gather at 4 p.m. with dinner to start around 6 p.m. Bring your favorite dish. EAA9 provides meat and drinks. Bring your favorite CDs!

Members Gather in Barnstomer



Members gathered Nov. 20 in the Barnstomer Restaurant to elect officers and directors and hear a special presentation by Mike Hayhurst.



Mike Hayhurst (standing) explains the trials, tribulations and triumphs of being an A&P (aircraft and powerplant mechanic).

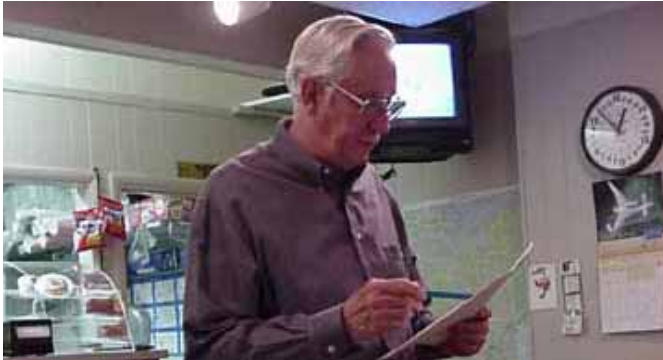
CFW Learns of Tower Troubles



Members of Columbus Flight Watch met Nov. 18 in the Barnstomer Restaurant. They heard about difficulties with the new tower at Port Columbus. Controllers report they have to stand on boxes in order to look over the edge of the tower to observe all runways and taxiways.

EAA Chapter 9 Members Elect Officers and Directors

During the EAA Chapter 9 Nov. 20 general membership meeting, members elected officers and directors for the coming year. Al Harding was re-elected as president. Ken Barrow was elected vice president. Ted Kellogg was re-elected treasurer and Bob Mullins was re-elected as secretary. Bob Simon, Joe Vogel and Craig Schneider were elected directors until 2005 (the "Class of 2005"). During the meeting,



Hal Thorley announces election results.

Bob Mullins reported that the tentative dates of August 13-16 have been set for EAA's B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" visit to Columbus. Dick Wetherald is our Chapter's tour coordinator. This year, the B-17 had some 500 flights, according to EAA B-17 Project Coordinator Scott Mahar. With 3,500 passengers, our national organization raised \$500,000 in revenue.

Mike Hayhurst provided an excellent report about his work as a new A&P. He advises members the biggest headache is aircraft documentation. "If you don't understand the documentation for your plane, neither will the mechanic." As a result, the mechanic must do time-consuming searches. He suggests keeping aircraft documentation in logical order. Most good shops want the aircraft owner to be involved with the mechanic working on the plane. While working with an aviation shop in Texas, Mike said that they found an AD due on every plane. Mechanics are often relatively underpaid. "Most mechanics could make 30 percent more by going to a car dealership," Mike says. "General Aviation mechanics make about 40 percent less than with airlines. It's essentially a work of love."



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.

Member Notes...



Welcome to **Ken Barrow** (left) a new member - and our new vice president! Ken comes from Delaware, owns a C172 and a homebuilt. He is skilled in fiberglass and carbon. He is

also a student pilot!

Welcome **Doug Cahill** of Columbus who is a non-pilot. He's a budget analyst for Franklin County and has been a comptroller for most of his career. He's interested in getting into



flying!
We also welcome **Paul Reeder** from Hilliard. He's is a plant mechanic for (yum) Anthony Thomas. He has his commercial and instrument ratings, SEL.



We also welcome **Leah Fox** of Powell a YE whose parents bought her a membership in Chapter 9!



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 December 13 - **National Young Eagles Day!** As of November 25, 1,008,728 Young Eagles have been flown nationwide!

December 6 - Holiday Party! - Hanger 1, Don Scott. - 4 p.m., 6 p.m. pot luck dinner - and on into the evening! The Chapter will provide meats and drinks. Bring your favorite dish. We plan to have some entertainment for the evening, so plan to stick around!

December 13 - Young Eagle Flights - Gate E, Don Scott Airport - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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