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## Chapter Prepares for FAA Safety Seminar



Each year, EAA9 helps sponsor an Aviation Safety-Education Seminar by the FAA. This year, Jim Stokes, FAA Operations Safety Program Manager, will present a two part program: • “Carburetor Ice How Why Where,” and • “Columbus FSDO Accident Analysis.”

The program runs 7-9 p.m., Feb. 20, in the Med-Flight Hanger on the north side of Don Scott Airport. The program is free and meets one of the requirements of the Pilot Proficiency Award Program as outlined in AC 61-91. This program constitutes our February chapter meeting. “This is a good opportunity to meet a lot of pilots and to help promote EAA Chapter 9,” says EAA9 President Al Harding. “We are pleased to help the FAA’s aviation safety program.”

## Plans Underway for Open House/YE Day



Dick Wetherald is coordinating EAA9’s efforts with Don Scott Airport to help organize and promote Aviation Awareness and National Young Eagles Day June 20, 2003. Dick shared the initial EAA9 volunteer list with directors during its Feb. 10 meeting. **Mike Hayhurst** will handle *volunteers*. **Steve Williamson** will help coordinate *pay adult rides*. **Tom Siler** is in charge of *booths* which will be located in Hanger 1. **John Strayer** will handle the pancake breakfast. As in the past, we solicit donations for breakfasts.

**Bruce Butts** and Aviation Explorer Post 2009 are in charge of the *information center*. **Joe Vogel** is scheduled to be *emcee* for the all day event. **Stan Hildreth** will coordinate *parking*. **Charles Lind** will provide *public address/music* for the crowds. **Rick Hunt** will take care of *aircraft static displays* which will be on the ramp in front of Hanger 1. **Keith Edwards** will coordinate the *Young Eagles flights*. With many members expected to fly aircraft for Young Eagles, we need an all out commitment by Chapter 9 members to help these people with this very important event. When asked, please join in with “work” that will definitely be fun! Each of the major areas for which EAA9 is responsible requires a good number of volunteers. Dick says that in addition to booths and aircraft static displays, we will have “for pay” rides in aircraft. One or more hot air balloons will be tethered near the AeroLab for up and down rides. EAA has been in contact with Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) President Phil Boyer about a special AOPA “presidential citation” to be presented to the airport in recognition of the airport’s contribution to aviation and the airport community. The presentation would be part of the program. Dick also adds that the chapter plans to sponsor a “flyout” May 3 to be sure special promotional flyers are located in central Ohio airports.

## Young Eagles Don’t *Chill Out!*

Keith Edwards reports Feb. 8’s Young Eagles day was “a taste of what polar flying must be like.” With clear skies the day was spectacular – though there was light turbulence below 3,100 feet. Nevertheless, 23 “brave and hearty” souls took flight

that cold Saturday. Special thanks go to volunteers who braved the cold to sign up YE's – Micki Hogan, Mike Thake (Aviation Explorer), Mike Kuss (Aviation Explorer), and Brittany Edwards. Thanks also to Craig Schneider and Alan Harding. Grounded by airframe ice were Adnan Shibliq and Tom Siler. "On behalf of the EAA, Chapter 9, and all those kids who experienced flight, many for the first time, I give thanks to all of those who made it a success," says Edwards. Pilots for the event were: Rick Tressler (6), Brian Brothers (5), Ted Kellogg (5) – and Ted flew his 100th YE!, Gary James (4), Rick Hunt (2) and Bob Simon (1). Keith also notes that Art Boone of the Barnstormer Restaurant supplied a pot of hot coffee to thaw volunteers. "We want to thank all of the airport staff who pitched in to help," says Keith. The next Young Eagles event is April 20 which is the weekend after Sun-'n-Fun and the week before Easter.



Keith Edwards (standing) watches over his volunteers at the Young Eagle signup table near Gate E.



Bob Simon stands with Young Eagle Mitchell Newman after his first flight in Simon's Glasair Feb. 8.

Plan Ahead - February Meeting – February 20, 2003, MedFlight Hanger. FAA Safety Seminar about carburetor icing and FSDO accident reports.

## Members Learn Interiors



Thirty five members showed for the chapter's January meeting about aircraft interior restoration. The meeting took place in the OSU Maintenance Hanger. Tony Barrell, upper right, hosted the event.



Chapter 9 Vice President Mike Hayhurst addresses members attending the January meeting. Mike coordinates the chapter's effort to contact members with reminders about meetings and events.

## OSU Explains Expansion



OSU Airport Director Doug Hammon (center) answers questions about the proposed lengthening of Runway 27R/9L to 6,000 feet. On Jan. 23, the airport sponsored an open house to share information about the runway as well as other proposals for the field and its long term plan.

## NetJet Visit Scheduled for March



For our March 20 meeting, we will gather at NetJet based at Port Columbus. Watch for details in next month's newsletter as well as our chapter's Website.

## Ralph Charles Passes On at 103

The country's oldest pilot, Ralph Charles, died Feb. 2 at age 103 in Somerset, Ohio. Ralph's life spanned three different centuries and all of powered flight's history. EAA9 was pleased to recognize him during the OSU Aviation Awareness Day in June 2001. He was born Nov. 22, 1899. By age 19, he worked as a welder with Orville and Wilber Wright at Dayton Wright Field. During his life, Ralph saw a Lincoln Beachy fly at local fairs and flew the space shuttle simulator at the Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX. He attended many EAA AirVenture gatherings, including 2001 when he was a forum presenter. He flew his Aeronca Defender *Blue Boy II* the day after his 102nd birthday. For a more detailed obituary, go to EAA's Website at [www.eaa.org/commu-](http://www.eaa.org/commu-)



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## Members Notes...

We welcome **Robert Hampton** as a new member. He is from Westerville and is evaluating a Pulsar, Europa and Zenair 601 as a building project. He holds a private pilot rating.



We also welcome **Richard J. Diehl** of Columbus. He owns a Lance on leaseback to National Flyers. His son is a candidate for the Julliard School of Music in New York City. Richard holds a private pilot license with IFR rating.

**Don't Forget to Renew Your EAA and EAA9 Membership! EAA9 dues are \$20 Send to Ted Kellogg: 487 Longfellow Ave, Worthington, OH 43085**

## 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 Feb. 7, 880,715 Young Eagles have been flown nationwide.

**February 20, 2003** – EAA9 sponsored FAA Safety Seminar, MedFlight Hanger, Don Scott Airport.

**March 20, 2003** – Membership meeting: Tour of NetJet at Port Columbus.

**April 17, 2003** – Membership meeting: Paul Workman of Zanesville will "cover" aircraft interiors, including fire safety for approved and non-approved materials. Site to be determined.

**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.)

**June 20, 2003** - Aviation Awareness/National Young Eagles Day, OSU Airport (never too early to plan ahead!).



## Check Our Website

Be sure to check our 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.

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**Next EAA9 Chapter Gathering  
February 20, 2003, 7 p.m.  
Med Flight Hanger – North Side of Airport  
FAA Aviation Safety-Education Seminar**



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