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A look at aviation in Ohio...

Howard Brings Life to Aviation History

By Curt Jenkins

More than 40 aviation enthusiasts from EAA9 and the general public were treated to a spirited presentation of Columbus Aviation history at the March meeting. Hanger 1 came alive with movies and anecdotes created by Arnett Howard. Arnett is a talented musician who says "I started playing music when I was nine years old, but I've been in love with airplanes even before that." He built model planes as a kid and dreamed of being a pilot for years and then, "I was able to take a \$25 introductory flying lesson," he says, "I figure that \$25, ended up costing me around \$70 thousand dollars!" He spun stories with tantalizing snippets of our past. Like Columbus's first aviator, Cromwell Dixon, who amazed the world with bicycle balloons and airplanes that he created before his tragic death at the age of nineteen. We also met the first black aviator, Lonnie Carver, who could fix anything and in 1926 built a working airplane that he flew frequently before selling it several years later. The dizzying journey continued through Arnett's glimpses of our aviation heritage. In 1929 Columbus was positioned at the center of aviation's future, and hosted such pioneering notables as Amelia Earhart, Eddie Rickenbacker, and Foster Lane. It was a time of energy, growth, and endless possibilities, and they didn't even have to stand in long security lines or remove their shoes just to board a plane! We learned that the founders called it "Port" Columbus because they envisioned its role in launching passengers into an ocean of air, which they did with the new Ford Trimotor coast to coast service. We met Mr. Walter McCreary, a Tuskegee airman, in a taped interview who was stationed at Lockbourne Air Base; flew P-39's and helped create the proud legacy of these brave men who, at times, faced more dangers at home than the German flak over Berlin. Jerrie Mock, the Bexley mother of three who flew her C-180, 38Charlie, around the world in 1964! (By the way, if anyone has a copy of that book I would love to read it) And there were so many more intriguing snippets that I couldn't write notes fast enough, but you get the idea. If you missed it, you missed an informative and entertaining evening. We are fortunate to have such a rich and honored association with these roots of modern aviation, and to have aviators like Don Peters who are with us today and intrinsically connect us to that past. Now that legacy is in the hands of our generation. What will the chroniclers of our history say about us? Will they call us visionaries who stood on an ocean of air and launched machines and ideas into the future? I hope so. Thank you Arnett for keeping our aviation heritage alive.





Dr. Robert Lewis (Skylane 27RL) with YE's Irina Posykalyuk, Maryia Posykalyuk, and Svetlana Rosykalyuk – members of the Westland JROTC – originally from the Ukraine – now in Columbus.



Wayne Williams (in Beech 892WW) with YE's Renee and Brad Leffler (Dublin) and Andrew Clem (Westland H.S. JROTC)



Dick Wetherald (in 738BL) with YE's Alec and Isabelle Brown (Worthington) and Brittany Brokaw (Columbus). Dick will be our presenter at this month's membership meeting!

Our Next Meeting...

Next Meeting – April 21, 7 p.m., Barnstromer Restaurant, Don Scott Airport. New life for a Cessna 172 - Dick Wetherald.

YE Success; New YE Leader



Dear Aviation friends,

The next Young Eagles event for EAA Chapter 9 will be next Saturday, April 9, 10:00 to 2:00 at Marysville, Union County Airport (MRT) in support of their open house and the kids of Marysville. In addition



Keith Edwards with Matthew McNeal (Columbus), Elizabeth Khovry (Texas/Columbus), and Gus Ricksecker (Columbus).

to YE's, they will have Medflight, DARE & Drug Dog, the Sheriff's department will be there to fingerprint kids, and they will have the CAP as well. Also, they will have FOOD and goodies! Sounds like a great event to get in on. With all that going on, and with publicity in the Marysville-Journal Tribune, they will likely have a good

turnout if the WX permits. So, pilots are needed! For the rest of your YE scheduling needs in 2005!: Apr 9 (at MRT); May 7 (all others at KOSU); June 11; July 16; Aug 20; Oct 1; Dec 17. These email notices for the event will likely be my last "Official" act as Young Eagles coordinator for EAA 9. While I have been doing this work, you have been a great group of people to show your compassion for kids and dedication to this great cause. It has not been my work, but yours, that has made these events so productive. I am grateful to each of you. Chuck Hoisington (614-888-0885) has cautiously stepped forward to help, and will be coordinating the MRT event. Hopefully he will still want to continue after that. So, PLEASE give him the help, support, encouragement, and understanding with which you graciously blessed me! Thanks!

Keith Edwards
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If you have not participated in YE's but are curious about it, FYI: Because safety is #1 and because the kids are often new to flight of any kind, we want the experience to be enjoyable. We fly only in better-than-MVFR (3,000 minimum and 5 miles) and the flights are designed to be 15 to 20 minutes in the air. If you want to take part, we want to see you there. Even if you don't fly, we love to talk about flying and always enjoy meeting new friends. So, whether you're a pilot or parent, youngster or oldster, with a casual interest or

consuming enthusiasm, we need YOU to come. If you can't come, we just need you to tell others about it. The flights are open to kids from 8 to 17 years old, with a parent's permission and a completed registration form. Just come and register; rides are given (weather permitting) on a first-come basis. If you are a pilot who wants to take part and have not flown Young Eagles before, these are the requirements: Member of EAA national, NAFI, or an authorized "partner" organization Minimum of a private pilot certificate Current medical certificate. All flight review and currency requirements as prescribed in 14 CFR Part 61, as applicable to your aircraft. Liability insurance of at least \$100,000 per seat. Additional insurance coverage is provided by EAA national if these requirements are met. The flights are conducted as a charitable operation, and qualify as a 501(c)3 charitable contribution.

Youth Aviation Adventure Set



Dan Kizer reports the next Youth Aviation Adventure will be May 7, 2005 at Don Scott. The program will run from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and is open to any young person whether or not associated with the Boy or Girl Scouts.

We will need pilots to fly this large number of kids under the Young Eagles Program. For more information about YAA, contact Dan at: (h) 614-771-0881 or (C) 614-506-6660. Within the program, Boy Scouts can achieve an Aviation Merit Badge. Upon successful completion of that part of the program, the Scouts will receive a YAA patch that has been approved by the Boy Scouts. Many EAA9 Chapter members participate in the program offering instruction at various stages of the program.

Acro Sport II Plans Available

My father (Bernard E. Yeater) ... a long time member of the EAA passed away about a year ago. I have come into possession of a complete set of plans that he purchased years ago for the Acro Sport II sport plane. I have no intention of building the plane, and he never got around to it before his death. I don't want to throw the plans away. I would be willing to give the plans away, providing that the postage is paid or some other means of getting the plans is arranged. I currently live in Enon, OH. -Doug Yeater. Contact Doug at eyeater@woh.rr.com.



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@osubarnstormer.com. Thanks to Craig Schneider for his work on this site.

OSU Open House July 16!

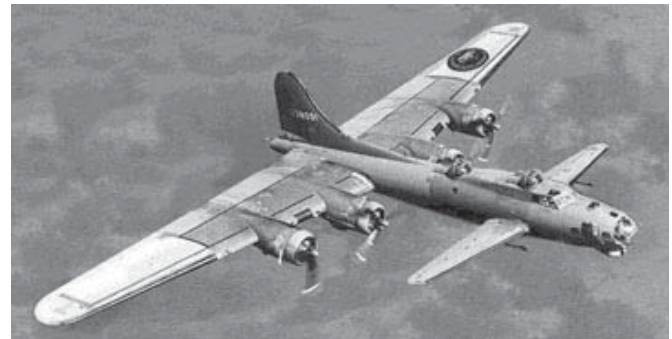
Be sure to mark July 16 on your calendar! A 5K run; pancake breakfast; hot air balloon; tandem parachute jumps; Young Eagles; aerial tours, exhibits, aircraft displays, FAA Safety Seminar; model aircraft; aerial demo's - and more - will take place! And, we're part of the program!

Member Notes...

We welcome **Gene Harrell** of Dublin. He is a PA with an instrument rating and owns a Cherokee 140. He plans to help with the Young Eagles Program as well as other miscellaneous projects. Welcome to **Steven P. Wathen** of Columbus who is also a PA with an IFR ticket. He plans to help with the Aviation Explorer Post. And, welcome to **Bob Leffler** of Dublin is the Aviation Explorer Post coordinator. Bob is a private pilot. Welcome **Melanie Dickman** of Worthington, a student pilot. And, thanks to **Chuck Hoisington** (left) who volunteered to take over the Young Eagles Program from Keith Edwards!



What If?



If Burt Rutan had headed Boeing before World War II...



Ramp Check

Young Eagle Flight Rally schedule is on the EAA9 Website and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at OSU Airport (weather permitting, of course). As of Apr. 9, 2005, 1,122,098 YE's have been flown. The next date for 2005 is May 7, 2005.

Apr. 21 – 7 p.m., OSU's Hangar 1. Dick Wetherald's "New Life for a Cessna 172."

May 7 – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Youth Aviation Adventure; Young Eagles, OSU Gate E.

May 19 – Flight Safety - CMH Airport

Jun. 11 – National Young Eagles Day

Jul. 16 - OSU Open House!

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