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...to be our neighbor

EAA9 To Tour OSU AeroLab Facility

When EAA9 members gather January 19, they will have an opportunity to tour the Ohio State University AeroLab, 2300 West Case Road. Our chapter has met there several times in the conference room, but we will be able to spend some time learning about this unique research facility. The site does various kinds of wind tunnel research. We will learn more when we get there! The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the conference room. Park in the lot just off Case Road.



Be Prepared for Ho-Ho-Ho December 17



Chuck Hoisington reminds us we're scheduled for a very special Young Eagles December 17 (from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.). We will again host the Ho-Ho-Ho youth from downtown Columbus. Right now, we do not know how many walk-in Young Eagle youth will show for the event. As usual, we will be at Gate E. We will also have

an opportunity to use our new tents! Volunteer pilots need to contact Chuck at 614-888-0885 or e-mail at chuck@hoisington.com.



Holiday Hangar Partry Fun



EAA9 members gathered Dec. 3. for the annual Holiday Hangar Party in Don Scott's Hanger 1



EAA9 President Al Harding introduced newly elected Treasurer Bob Lewis to the Hangar Party gathering.



Hangar Party Social Coordinator Linda Lusch presents a drawing prize to member Don Peters.

Our Next Meeting...

Next Meeting – December 17, 2005 – Young Eagles and Ho-Ho-Ho flights. From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Gate E, Don Scott Airport.

Huffman Prairie Comes Alive for Aviation Crowd



Huffman Prairie, now on the site of Wright-Patterson AFB, was where Wilber and Orville Wright perfected their "production" Wright Flyer in October 1905. This October 5, Mark Dusenberry of Dover, OH, flew his replica 1905 Wright Flyer III to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' third powered plane. The event was sponsored by Wright-Patterson AFB, the National Park Service and the nonprofit Aviation Heritage Foundation, Inc. EAA Chapter 9's own Don Peters joined Dusenberry and 13 other airplanes for a fly-over of Huffman Prairie. Don flew his bright yellow J-3 Cub. "This was the dawn of practical flight," says Peters. "The first Wright Flyer was more a concept than an aircraft. The Wrights were very protective of their plane and their patent." Wilber stayed aloft in the Wright Flyer II for more than 39 minutes, circling the prairie until he ran out of fuel. Dusenberry launched his machine from a rail similar to the one he uses in Dover (as shown above). Just like the Wright Flyer III, Dusenberry's has no wheels. Peters says all flying participants had to start from Barnhart Memorial (north of WP-afb, fly straight across Huffman Prairie then swing to the north to return to Barnhart. Two French delegations from Le Mans and Pau, France, attended. Both were cities where the Wright Brothers flew and marketed their planes to Europeans.



Don (center) and his J-3 during this summer's OSU Don Scott Open House.

Angel Flights Never Routine



EAA Members Dick Wetherald and Curt Jenkins recently provided an Angel Flight for a young man in Michigan. In very strong, gusty winds, they flew to Lansing, MI, then to Akron Canton where the patient hopped another flight to Washington, D.C. The final leg for Dick and Curt was from Akron to Bellefontaine to OSU. "This is my third Angel Flight with Dick and I've



learned something new about flying each time," says Curt. "On our final leg home, we played tag with the tops of clouds and watched the cherry red sun drop out of a deep overcast and

guide us home. We had the sky to ourselves and all the time in the world to reflect on just how lucky we were to be there. I also learned about a man with a heart of gold who is willing to go anywhere to help someone in need. It would have been cheaper to buy the Angel Flight passengers a round trip commercial ticket, but then they wouldn't have had the care and kindness they received at Pilot Wetherald's hands." For more information about Angel Flights, go to: www.angelflight.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 Andy Hale at andhale@aol.com. Thanks to Andy for his work on this site.

Member Notes – Elections



Curt Jenkins addresses the general membership meeting of EAA Chapter 9. During the meeting, the following were elected: **Al Harding**, President; **Clare Lutton**, Vice President; **Bob Lewis**, Treasurer; and **Bob Mullins**, Secretary. Jenkins was elected to a 2006 vacancy. **Chuck Hoisington** was elected to fill a 2007 Director vacancy. During the meeting, President Al Harding told about his trip to Australia to deliver a Piper Warrior.



Don't Forget to Renew Your EAA and EAA9 Membership!
EAA9 dues are \$9 for 2006-2007! Send to Dr. Robert Lewis, 400 'Darbyton Drive, Plain City, OH 43064-8883.



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 December 9, 2005, 1,199,953 YE's have been flown.

Dec. 17 – Young Eagles and "Ho! Ho! Ho!" – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Gate E, Don Scott Airport. We'll need a full crew!

Jan. 9 – EAA9 Directors Meeting – 7 p.m. Old OSU Tower.

Jan. 19 – Membership Meeting and tour of OSU's AeroLab. Assemble at 7 p.m. in the AeroLab conference room.

Feb. 17 – Membership Meeting - FAA Safety Seminar, (tentative), MedFlight Classroom. 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

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