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Youth Aviation Adventure works...

Aviation Enthusiasm Key to Success

By Curt Jenkins

When Dan Kizer decided to help a friend's son through the Boy Scout Aviation merit badge, he had no idea what he was creating. Dan and his friend Steve Wathen created a program, the YAA (Youth Aviation Adventure), has outgrown all their expectations and provided a much-needed introduction for young people into the exciting world of aviation. Eight years ago Dan and Steve tutored around 30 kids in their program, then, suddenly 80 showed up for one meeting. "I knew then that we needed help." Dan said. "I first turned to the Northwest Flyers Association. Bill Lint volunteered to become a demonstrator and then other pilots volunteered



their time, airplanes and expertise as discussion leaders. And here we are today with the biggest group in our history." More than 190 aviation enthusiasts from the ages of 12 to 18 came to the OSU airport to participate in the four hour program to get a hands on look at the many facets of modern aviation and to earn the Boy Scout Aviation merit badge. A large group from East High School made their first visit to YAA this year and said that they would be coming back again for the Fall program October 1, 2005. When asked how many kids have experienced the program, Dan reflects for a moment, "I'd probably have to get out a calculator for that one." He said smiling. Nine different stations that covered everything from Preflight to Power Plants guided the groups around the airport to learn aviation from professionals how the world of aviation works today. Police helicopters and fire trucks were available for close scrutiny and the young people took it all in, but I must say that when Lalah's lunch was announced in hangar 1, there was a stampede for the goodies. Even aviators need a good meal! After the program, many of the kids drifted down the ramp to where the Young Eagle flights were taking place

and experienced the thrill of flying in a small plane for the first time in their lives. Thanks to a lot of dedicated



people, it was a day that they will remember for the rest of their lives and maybe some will take that excitement with them and become tomorrow's aviators. What a day!

YAA'ers:

Thanks to the following Discussion Leaders for donating another Saturday to helping spark the flying flame in kids: Bob Deis (4th program); Rick Ochs (1st program); Tim Beach (3rd program); Rick Buerger (5th program); Ron Lime (3rd program. Ron also donated his airplane for YAA use.); Nathan Anderson (2nd program. Nathan also arranged for the cut-away jet engine YAA used.); Rick Hunt (5th program. Rick also provides our nametags); Clemmie Mathis (3rd program); Columbus Police Department Officer Steve Hungler (3rd program for both Steve and the CPD.); Steve Shirk (1st program. Steve also donated his airplane for YAA use.); Jeff Borelli (4th program); Susan Borelli (4th program); Columbus Fire Department Firefighter Ken Worley (1st program for Ken personally (I think). The 6th program for the CFD.); Jeff Walters (6th program. Our most experienced DL.); Jessica McMullen (2nd program.); Amy Yersavich (2nd program); Tony Hirsch (2nd program); Martin Campbell (4th program.); Dan Carnahan (2nd program). Also thanks to the following people for their contributions to yesterday's program: OSU Airport Director Doug Hammon and Assistant Director Ed Mikula for providing ... what else ... the airport. OSU Airport Operations

Our Next Meeting...



Next Meeting – May 19, 7 p.m.,
We return to Flight Safety – Port Columbus International. We'll assemble in the FS office off Hamilton Ave.

Manager Dale Gelter for coming in twice on his day off to make sure things were flowing smoothly. Civil Air Patrol Captain Jerry Miller for his personal efforts and for bringing four additional CAP staff who helped with the program from beginning to end. EAA Chapter 9 Young Eagles co-coordinator Chuck Hoisington for setting up the Young Eagles flying day that dovetailed with our YAA program. Greg Codispoti for helping set up and administer the program. Martin Campbell for providing additional signage and for our program maps. Barnstormer Restaurant operator Al Harding for providing the snacks and public address system. Ben Crites of Suburban News Publications for spending nearly the entire program gathering information for a story he will be writing about our program. Curt Jenkins from EAA Chapter 9 for gathering information for the story he will be writing about our program in Chapter 9's June Newsletter. Mark Lucas for providing his Channel 4 helicopter for YAA use. We couldn't do it without you. We know. We tried.

Dan Kiser and Steve Wathen

Another Saturday Success



Well we suffered through new procedures, bouncy rides, paper work blowing around and 88 Young Eagles learned and rode



during YAA! Here's the count by pilot:

John Wilson 21; Dick Wetherald 20; Steve Horne 12; Ted Kellogg 9; Alex Serrano 9; Wayne Williams 9; Rick Hunt 6; Bob Simon 2; Ground volunteers were: Bob Leffler, many thanks for helping me organize things and for coming in spite of recent surgery, Janice, Brad, and Renee Leffler (the whole bunch), Kenny Harding, Emma Beasley, Chris Pirel (I hope I got it spelled right), Don Morgan and others whose names I did not get on the sign in sheet including Dan who hauled things for us with his pick up and helped set up and tear down. Working as a team was a satisfying experience for us, including myself. New procedures came off well! I will also mention NetJets who gave us the use of a plane and a replacement when needed, flown by an enthusiastic Alex. I watched our newbies enjoying the program and telling me they'll be back next time for sure. That sort of enthusiasm helps, a lot! This program is growing thanks to the collective hard work of many.

A great big thank you to all of you who make this program work!

Chuck Hoisington
Young Eagles Coordinator
EAA Chapter 9

Wetherald's 'New' Machine...

By Curt Jenkins

Dick Wetherald rebuilt his 172 in hangar 1 during the last EAA9 Chapter meeting. Much to the delight of several attending members, Dick chronicled the total restoration of his 172 from the smallest repairs and updates like, new alternators, sun visors, vacuum pumps, shielded cables and landing lights, to the biggest overhauls, including the brand new



Lycoming 0360 engine replacement. Initially the new engine was a big bite in avgas, sucking over 10 GPH, but it has since settled down to a more economical 8.7 GPH and may even get a little better. But some of his biggest accomplishments were the learning experiences Dick had when dealing with decisions on equipment and the mechanics doing the work." Beware of mechanics predictions on what the scope of work will entail and cost." Dick says. "Sometimes the amount of work is increased as the job goes on which drives the cost way beyond the original estimate." Sometimes the decisions were right and sometimes not so right, but Dick survived them all with a Yeoman's sense of detail and dedication, along with a big slice of humor, C172/738BL is a beautiful culmination of one pilot's commitment to his plane. I would recommend that anyone who wants solid information on how to restore your plane, take a good look at a beautiful and fast (130 kts) C172; then talk to Dick and get some first hand experience that may save you tons of money and headaches. A new paint job, which is scheduled for June this year, is the last step in the completion of 738BL and I wonder what Dick will do now? Maybe its time for a whole new plane that's in need of some TLC. What do you think Dick? Are you ready for a new challenge? Dr. Bob Lewis also made a quick presentation of his company's "Plane Lock". This product is an ingenious way of locking the door and the window which makes the plane less vulnerable to inadvertent door openings during strong winds on the ground or the less welcome event of thieves helping themselves to your equipment



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.

when you're just stopping by for a quick \$200 dollar hamburger (the price of fuel has made the \$100 dollar hamburger obsolete) Anyone seeking more info on the "Plane Lock" can access www.protectaplane.com.

YE's Fly in Marysville



Rick Hunt gets ready to fly Young Eagles (l-r) Melissa and Shekinah Kish of Columbus and Anna Toborg of Milford Center during the May 9 Young Eagles at Union County Airport.

Member Notes...

Welcome to **Christopher Hendrix** of Westerville. He is a student pilot thinking about building a Sonex.



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!



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 May 12, 2005, 1,126,736 YE's have been flown.

May 19 – Flight Safety - CMH Airport, 7 p.m. - Thanks to Bob Gatto for making arrangements.

Jun. 11 – National Young Eagles Day/EAA9 Chicken BBQ.

June 24-27 – WACO Reunion, Wynkoop Airport, Mt. Vernon.

Jul. 16 - OSU Open House!

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