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...don't forget!

We'll Be Off to the AeroLab this Month!

Don't forget that we gather January 19 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 among other research projects. 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.



Explorer Post 2009 Has Busy Year



By Robert Leffler

December has been a very active month for Aviation Explorer Post 2009 based at the Ohio State Airport. Our first meeting on December 7th was hosted by EAA Chapter 9 member Bruce Butts. Mr. Butts is building a Whitman Tailwind in his garage. He has about 2000 hours into the construction of his Whitman Tailwind and he estimates he has about another 2000 hours left to go. Mr. Butts demonstrated how to use rivets, including the differences between blind rivets, standard rivets, and flush rivets. He also talked about the different types of welding and his personal experiences with a TIG welder. We were also shown his completed wings and heard interesting anecdotes about how not get the sealer used on the fuel tanks all over you when installing. The highlight of the morning was when Mr. Butts

let each Explorer use a bucking bar and attempt to install some blind rivets. Even though it was 30 degrees outside (and in the garage too), the Explorers enjoyed the hands on activities and Mr. Butts' stories of his trials and tribulations.



Our field trip on December 21st took the Post to Flight Safety and NetJets. Our host was Alex Serrano, who is a CFI at NetJets. We started out with a tour of the Flight Safety facility. The Explorers were very intrigued with the number of simulators and their complexity. The staff at Flight Safety demonstrated their Citation X simulator. Several of the Explorers asked their parents for one for Christmas, even though they cost millions of dollars. I guess they figured it wouldn't hurt to ask.



The Post headed across Port Columbus to the NetJets facility after touring Flight Safety. The interesting tidbit that Mr. Serrano shared with us was that NetJets has over 500 aircraft and 2500 pilots. Most of us never realized that NetJets had so many resources. One of the Dispatch Supervisors explained how the aircraft and pilots are dispatched, including several of their online systems that provide real-time tracking of all their aircraft. The tour ended with a trip through the NetJets' hanger. The Explorers were allowed to board both a Gulfstream 550 and a Hawker 800. The Explorers' question at the end of the night was how to pay for the Gulfstream to take them to Oshkosh this year.

Our Next Meeting...

Next Meeting – January 19, 2006, OSU AeroLab. Meeting begins at 7 pm. The Lab is located at 2300 Case Road. You can park in the Lab's parking lot.



Anyone that is between the ages of 14 and 20 is welcomed to join the Aviation Explorer Post. The Post meets the first and third Wednesday at the OSU Airport Admin Bldg at 7:00pm. You can also check for alternative meeting locations and meeting topics on the EAA 9 website: www.eaa9.org.

YE Dates Set for 2006

EAA9 Young Eagles Coordinator Chuck Hoisington has planned out a Young Eagles schedule for 2006. The schedule will help volunteers plan ahead for the events. To avoid conflicts with Air Venture and Labor Day the schedule is set for the following dates.



March 11

April 29

June 10

July 15

August 26

October 14

*THE EAA CHAPTER 9 YOUNG EAGLES PROGRAM
HAD A GREAT YEAR!*



The mission is to promote general aviation by providing a brief explanation of flying followed by a flight giving the youth the chance to see like eagles. These flights serve for some as the start of a professional career in aviation, a very enjoyable avocation, or to give the riders a look at general aviation from the inside out. Our other purpose is to give our volunteers some fun. As I write this I just read mail from a ground volunteer telling me about the fun they had. Since the Young Eagles program started nationally there have been more than 1.2 million riders. Locally we have had more than 2500 rides given to the youth who came out for a free airplane ride. The biggest disappointment of the year was the need to cancel the December rally. This was done because of adverse weather conditions.

This inconvenienced those who came out and hadn't learned of the cancellation. Fortunately we were able to tell many of the cancellation, and they generally understood why the cancellation was necessary. The volunteers who work on the ground to make the program possible do not receive recognition in the same manner as the pilots. I'm pleased to announce that this past year there were 24 who donated their time and enjoyed sharing the company of others who also enjoy general aviation and seeing the wonderment and pleasure of the youth when they return. They also noted how long some were willing to wait to take advantage of this opportunity. Certainly the OSU airport staff also serves to make this possible. 2006 will be another great year. Our program is expanding and we expect to serve even more youth. There is discussion underway to have another chapter join with us for the Young Eagles program. Our schedule is posted under the education section of the OSU airport web site and on the chapter web site www.eaa9.org. There is a flyer there that can be printed, handed out, and/or posted in other places. The flyer lists the requirements to participate. We continue with the time of 10 AM to 2 PM. We will have our new Quickshade canopies we received as a donation. Our mission and purpose continue unchanged. Most of our pilot volunteers and ground volunteers will return. They say how much they like what they do and have fun! We have more fun to share with new people. If you haven't yet had the pleasure of flying these youth come on out and share the fun. You're welcome and appreciated! Likewise if you're not flying then we want you for ground support too. Come on out and share the fun. You're welcome and appreciated! Even if you're not able to serve in either role stop by and take a look. You're welcome too!

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Sport Pilot Instructors Grow

There are now more than 320 flight instructors throughout the country ready to welcome people who are pursuing their dreams of flight through the new sport pilot category, and the Experimental Aircraft Association



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.

(EAA) is making it easier than ever to connect aspiring pilots with flight teachers in their areas. EAA's sport pilot website (<http://www.sportpilot.org/>) now lists the locations and contact information for this growing list of flight instructors. The list includes those who can give instruction in amateur-built aircraft, powered parachutes and other less-common types of aircraft. EAA's list of Ohio based instructors can be found at: http://www.sportpilot.org/instructors/ohio_1.html

Member Notes

EAA9 Member **Greg Schroeder** says he's ready to "leap from tire kicker to builder." He is ready to start on a Sportsman and is looking for any used tools members are finished with. If you have something, you can contact Greg at gregosu@wideopenwest.com.



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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 January 13, 2006, 1,203,762 YE's have been flown.

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.

Mar. 11 – Young Eagles. Gate E, OSU Don Scott Airport. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

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