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Chapter 9 Is Growing

by Bob Leffler, VP

The membership of Chapter 9 has a rather large variety of interests. I have spoken with over twenty current and former Chapter members that would like to deal more with builder issues and activities than our formal chapter meetings provide. We are happy to announce a new sub group that will cater to the needs of our builders. **Clare Lutton** has graciously provided the use of his office for a meeting location. The builders will meet independently from the standard monthly meeting. So, if you are a builder, thinking about building or would just like to hang out with other rivet bangers join us on April 26, 2007 for our first meeting.

Meeting address: 973 Old Henderson Rd Columbus. East of Kenny, second to last building on the right. Look for **Lutton Associates** on front directory and **Sarferteam** on the door.

April Meeting ...
Saturday April 28
Young Eagles
KOSU—join us!

The **Gathering of Mustangs and Legends**
is well under way!



Its full speed ahead for the bigger than life September 27-30th event at Rickenbacker. 87 P-51s have already confirmed, and many more WWII vintage favorites are expected to attend. Here are a few:

P-38, P-40, P-47, P-63, ME-109, ME-262, FW-190, Zero, B-17, B-24, B-25, Modern Air Force planes will be there too. The A-10, F-15, F-16, F-22 and of course the **Air Force Thunder Birds** will mesmerize the crowd which is expected to top 200,000.

EAA9 will be helping out as volunteers, but each person has to sign up in advance to participate.

Go the website www.gml2007.com/ and fill out the application. You can find it under the "volunteer" tab. The Columbus Regional Airport Authority (CRAA) requires individual's information for security purposes and for issuance of their parking pass and other event related materials. To keep our members together, there is a section within the application "**Are you volunteering as an individual or as a group**" Check "group" and list the organization as EAA Chapter 9 in the space provided. This will ensure they keep all our applications bundled together.

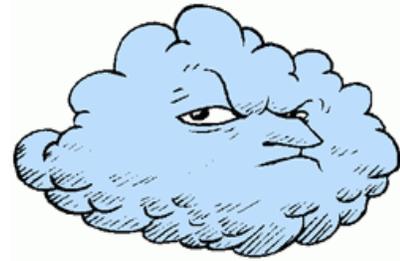
If you have any friends and/or family members who are not EAA Chapter 9 members but would like to volunteer and join our group, just have them list the same information. Each person has to fill out the information to register.

Be patient. Volunteer assignments will be firmed up no sooner than 60 days (around July) before the event. Those in charge say they will do their best to place EAA Chapter 9 somewhere that best fits our skills and interests. (So you may prepare yourself for some latrine duty!)

This is a huge event for all of Central Ohio! and it is a wonderful venue for furthering our pursuit of promoting aviation and educating people about the value of aviation in our community.

If you can't be a volunteer at least make some time to join us at Rick; sit back, relax and just listen to the throaty burble of an idling 1200 HP Merlin engine.

There is no other sound like it in the world!



Young Eagles in London was a success despite the WX

We flew 32 Young Eagles Saturday at London (UYF) and disappointed an additional 12 when weather went below minimums.

The weather might have been sour but it did not dampen the enthusiasm of the kids. Even the ones who didn't get to ride were appreciative of the pilots efforts. Many of those will attend other events and some will pursue the Youth Aviation Adventure program. It was pleasing to have so many enthusiastic people there.

Mary Knopp of the Madison Plains Schools made a substantial effort to share information about the program. **The Madison Press** newspaper featured us with a story and photo on the front page. No doubt this helped us to get as many as we did compared to last years turnout. Thank you Madison Press!

The chapters new photo printer worked as planned and the free photos were greatly appreciated. There are plans to acquire a second printer to keep up with the number of riders anticipated at the next event.

Rick Hunt flew 14 and a news reporter while **Dick Wetherald** flew 15. Both are pilots who regularly help. **Ron Wolf** flew for the first time and gave rides to 3 YE's. Thanks Ron! We're looking forward to working with you again.

Don Morgan, Alan Edmonds and Andy Hale helped out on ground support. **Leanne Jones**, a first timer, learned quickly and did a great job. Thanks Leanne!

Chuck Hoisington

Young Eagles Coordinator
EAA Chapter 9

NetJets tour is SRO!

It was standing room only for Greg Schroeder's NetJets tour. Over 65 people showed up to learn about NetJets and to tour the facility

Our many thanks go out to Greg for his efforts setting up the tour and his "behind the scenes" insight into how NetJets works.

And it works very well. Greg says that Columbus controls over 400 aircraft, but there are other facilities all over the globe. Lisbon has 120 aircraft, NetJets Middle East out of Saudi Arabia is just starting and there are plans to expand into Asia and South America. All of this makes NetJets the 3rd or 4th largest airline in the world and it is growing at 10-15% per year. That is a phenomenal growth rate for any business.

But it takes a serious dedication to customers and an obsessive attention to detail to make it all work. NetJets has dozens of people behind the scenes to make certain it happens without a glitch. Whether a customer needs a tray of grass for a doggie bathroom or special soft drinks in the fridge, its all part of the service.

"The world of jet fractional ownership is for the *"high net worth"* individual", Greg says." The cost for entry can be as little at \$5 million which gives the customer a five year commitment and the right to fly 200 hours per year. Of course other fees apply. The monthly maintenance fee of approximately \$5 thousand dollars must also be paid whether you fly or not and if you do fly an additional \$12-1500 per hour shows up on your bill.

Let me see, If I didn't pay my mortgage, gave up eating, didn't use any utilities...nope I would still be several Pesos short. Oh well! I guess the rich truly are different and I say "Thank you" to Greg for allowing all of us a tiny glimpse into a part of their world. It was a great tour Greg!



Greg explains how to track a flight



One of many different interiors we saw



Keeping track of people and planes

In Memoriam

Our ranks have been thinned by the death of Russell Sheets, but like most good men Russell's contribution to us was much more than the sum of his parts. We were all saddened to hear of his loss in his twin Navion on March 8, 2007. Russ had been a member and officer of EAA Chapter 9 and he and his wife, Linda, worked hard on the Fly-ins we had at the Delaware Airport for many years. Alan Harding has a photo of Russell's Pitts doing a roll taken from Alan's Tri Pacer. Russell was a good pilot with a kind soul.

He will be missed.

Member News



Welcome New Members!!!

Seven new members joined our Chapter in March . Charles Abram, Michael Close, John Miller, Michael Moran, Michael Sais, Martin Schroeder, and Pete Wilkins joined Chapter 9 and I look forward to meeting all of them.

Charles Abram was an air traffic controller in WWII and worked traffic that included the likes of Generals Eisenhower and Dolittle. His first ride from the left seat was a B-25! He is instrument rated and was the owner of a C172.

John Miller is an 8,000 hour instrument rated pilot and flies a Seneca III as part of his business. John wants to participate in the Young Eagles program. Thanks John! Chuck needs all the pilots he can get.

Martin Schroeder flies a Saratoga and is building an RV7. Martin, I hope you will allow us to make you a feature builder in an upcoming issue. Welcome!

Michael Moran is an instrument rated pilot. He recently sold his C182 and is keeping his eyes open for another plane. Good luck Michael, but I know around here you're sure to find something that will lighten your wallet.

Michael Sais is a 125 hour pilot who flies just for fun. Early in his flying must have been interesting. He later spent some time flying out of Las Vegas North. His young children consume much of his time, but he is current and wants to get back in the air. His nephew is a CFI from Emery Riddle and is providing additional encouragement. I'm sure Michael will enjoy flying with Chapter 9.

In the meantime, take the time to introduce yourself to these new members as well as old ones we haven't seen for awhile. All of them have interesting stories to share and they can learn a great deal about our role in central Ohio aviation **Welcome to the best ! Chapter 9!**

Volunteer today for the Ford Tri-motor visit in June

The Ford Trimotors visit is June 14-18 and we need volunteers. Please call

Curt at 614-882-9570 or email

razb01@columbus.rr.com to sign up today.

Your help is certainly appreciated



HANGER TALK !!

FYI

The Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 4561.22 now provides for a fine, up to \$500 per aircraft per year for failure to annually register any aircraft based in Ohio.



If you love aviation and a great story, read **“First Light”** by Geoffrey Wellum. A well written piece about a young man’s role in the Battle Of Britain.

Note: We will have photos in next month’s issue for the London YE event.

Don’t Forget!

The Warbirds are coming to Marysville May 12th. It will be a rare opportunity to get up close and personal with some vintage aircraft and eat up some great pancakes. Mark your calendars for the 12th and join us in Marysville.

√ Ramp Check

April 28—Young Eagles KOSU

May 6—11:00 am Fly to Funday Moraine Airpark

May 12—10:00 am Warbirds at Marysville

And don’t forget the pancake breakfast and the FAA WINGS program Safety Seminar in Marysville

May 17– 7:00pm Homebuilts KOSU

Stay tuned for updates on these scheduled events. All “fly” dates are weather dependent.

FREE OFFER

EAA Chapter 9 with its **Young Eagles Program**, the **Youth Aviation Adventure**, and the **OSU Airport** work together to promote general aviation and public good will within our central Ohio communities. Their programs are designed to introduce all youth to flying adventures along with other worthwhile aviation programs.

To give attendees of these two programs a better opportunity to participate in both, there has been concurrent scheduling. Schedule conflicts made that not possible for this years YAA fall event.

I’m pleased to announce that the schedule conflicts have been resolved and the Young Eagles will be operating **October 6th**, the same date as the fall Youth Aviation Adventure at the OSU Airport.

Please come out and support these very worthwhile programs. I will guarantee you the time of your life and it doesn’t cost you a dime. Its all **“free”**

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