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President's Message

EAA9 means many things to our members. One of the best for me is community. With all due modesty, dare I say pilots tend to be achievers. Let's face it, one has to study and work hard to become a pilot. Determination, planning and management of time and resources are required. By its very nature, piloting tends to be a solitary activity and it is easy to become isolated. But we all need the connections to others in this activity. EAA9 helps us do that. Early in January, I was on the ramp preparing for more IFR currency when I saw Bob Leffler and said 'hi'. I know Bob and his family, and I know his plane. Gene Harrell was there too. On the spur of the moment, he rode along with me to see the inside of clouds. A stranger would not do that. We enjoyed an hour of flying together. We swapped aviation knowledge and a story or two. We were not anonymous. We are part of the EAA9 family and that family is about growing the central Ohio aviation community. Thanks for the connection Chapter 9.

Meet the Vet

The January chapter meeting was a raving success! Over 20 people were thrilled with an exceptional presentation by Mike Pohorilla, a WWII B-17 navigator, who regaled his audience with stories and a slide show. If you missed it you missed a true American hero and his missions in the *Sky Goddess*. Mike's definition of hero is fairly simple; he is a patriot; he has a spirituality; he is disciplined and he has a sense of humor, but however it is defined, Mike fits the bill. He gave us details of two of his missions that took him through thousands of anti aircraft guns and to the heart of Germany Which explained why the average life of a B-17 was only four months and ten days. I hope we can have more vets like Mike and hear their stories before they are all gone.

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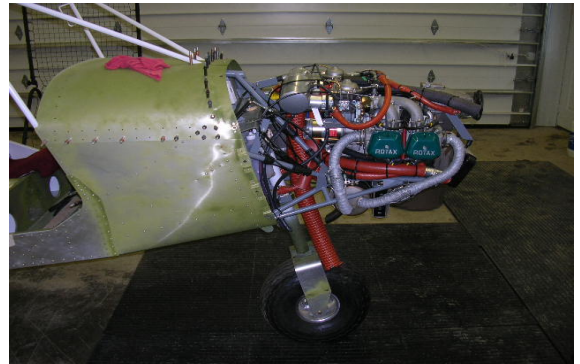
Officially **Jeff Beachy** is building a Chris Heintz design named the **CH-701 Zenith**. Unofficially, Jeff calls it a JEEP. The proverbial work-horse. If you want to get in and out of small spaces and I mean real small, this is the plane that will do it. Jeff says his Zenith will take off in 100' and enjoys a "Landing Limited" status which means that it will take off in the same space as it took to land.

The Zenith is a light version of the Husky and Jeff intends to use it as a Sport plane which means no night VFR and no IFR but if you're landing in less than 500 feet I'm not sure I would want to try that at night anyway!

With those distances his private grass strip of 2000 feet is more than enough to take off and land a couple of times!

The Zenith is powered by a **100 HP Rotax 912 ULS** and will pull his plane, which is less than 600 pounds, at 105 knots. It has two ten gallon fuel tanks and it uses around 4.5 GPH at cruise which means I will need a pit stop before it does.

When asked why he decided to build a plane Jeff says, "I got my private pilots license in 1993 and it got too expensive to rent so I started with an ultra light. It was Okay but difficult to control and if the wind is more than five knots almost impossible to control. So I decided to build my own." Jeff started this project in February two years ago and has around 1500 hours in it so far and it is about 85% complete.



"I think I'll paint it before I fly it which should be sometime this fall." he says. And Jeff promises to give us a call and maybe have a hanger party for the chapter members to come out and take a look before the Zenith leaves the ground. Jeff says the building experience has been more enjoyable than he had ever imagined and says that he would definitely tackle another project. "I've learned so much from this one that I would like to do another so I could make it 'prettier'" I must say that his workmanship is incredibly good for someone who has never done it before. I'm looking forward to his first flight this fall and hope to see all of you at the hanger party to celebrate Jeff's accomplishment.

See you then!!



HANGER TALK !!

Al Harding passes the torch...

After several years of dedicated service to EAA9 as President when Bob Mullins had to resign as editor Al stepped in and resumed the newsletter responsibilities. But Al rightfully thought it was time for others to take over and has graciously allowed me an attempt to replace him as editor.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank Al for all his unflagging service to this chapter and for setting a standard of excellence that I hope I can maintain.

Alan has **patiently** tutored me on the intricacies of all this new software and patience is the key word here. Alan is nothing if not patient!! And he continues to advise me when I get stuck which means we talk about every day.

As the new editor of your newsletter I can only say that I will try to maintain the standard Al and Bob Mullins have established and of course I will continue to look to Alan for guidance. If I fall short, let me know.

Thank you Alan for a terrific job!!!

Curt Jenkins,
Editor

Bob Miller won the door prize which was a great big book on aircraft! Something any aviation enthusiast would love

Ponder this...Its hard to make a comeback if you've never been anyplace.

...anonymous

FAA Safety Seminar

February 28—7:00 pm

Contact Tracy.kursch@aopa.org

301-695-2184

Whitehall Parks & Recreation

402 N. Hamilton Rd

Ever hear a radio call that made you scratch your head or worse, cringe? Attend this free seminar and increase your communication know how. Learn the three magic words every pilot should know. Some things you should check before squawking 7600 and the popular phrase the 2007 AIM says should NOT be used under any circumstances.

Aviation Safety Seminar—OSU Airport

Thursday, February 15, 2007 at 7:00 pm

**Med Flight of Ohio
2827 W. Dublin-Granville Rd
Columbus, OH**

This free aviation safety seminar is one you don't want to miss. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 9, we've invited ODOT's own Andy Doll to present a program on situational awareness "***Are you Aware of Your Environment?***" will open your eyes to every day flying tasks and share tips on how to be a safer airman.

Local contact—Alan Harding (614) 531-0228. Register now on FAASafety.gov to receive email aviation safety information. Fly in or Drive-in. The **meeting room is adjacent to the Office of Aviation N. Side of KOSU airport.**

New Member benefit from EAA**

Introducing a new EAA Member Benefit launched this year-the **EAA Finance Program** (administered by AirFleet Capital, Inc.)

The EAA Finance Program provides a wide array of programs to meet the needs of our members. It's currently **able to finance experimental aircraft (kit & airworthy)**, light-sport aircraft, piston, helicopter, and jet aircraft. . The EAA Finance Program allows for financing of progress payments for the new very light jets (VLJ's) which have recently been certified. There are many pilots looking to purchase an aircraft in this new class, but who have to make payments as the aircraft progresses in its manufacturing process. The EAA Finance Program is able to help those who are in a position to order their VLJ with the progress payments.

The EAA Finance Program has also been aggressively supporting the special light-sport aircraft (S-LSA) market. As the light-sport aircraft industry continues to develop and change the face of recreational aviation, the EAA Finance Program will continue to review the aircraft entering the market in order to support those aircraft that have been accepted and certified by the FAA. This is all part of EAA's mission to make aviation more attainable and affordable to its current and future members.

To obtain more information on the programs offered by the EAA Finance Program, give them a **call at 866-808-6040** and a representative will be happy to speak with you and answer any questions you may have.

Upcoming Chapter 9 meeting schedule

Feb 15 7:00pm—A WINGS program. Andy Doll from ODOT is the speaker/
MedFlight KOSU

Feb 24 10:00 am—Tour the new CMH tower courtesy of Tom Lusch

Feb 28 7:00 pm—FAA Safety seminar/**Effective Communications** presented by
Mark Grady Whitehall Parks & Rec 402 N Hamilton Rd

Mar 24 9/10 am—Join us for an inside look at Netjets, Hamilton Rd

May 6 11:00 am-Fly to Funday Sunday at Moraine(K173)

May 12 10:00 am— Another “don't miss” War birds at Marysville (KMRT)

May 17 7:00 pm EAA9 Homebuilts KOSU

Jun 16— Another flying adventure to Akron Canton War birds MAPS Military Museum and restoration

Jun 23 —Join us for the WACO reunion (K6G4)

Jul 23thru 29— Mon thru Sun Air Venture (KOSH)

Sep 27-30—The Last Roundup at Rickenbacker truly the years crowning jewel (KLCK) Gathering of Mustangs and Legends

**Flying events weather dependent



HAPPY NEW YEAR FLYING.....!!

Dick Wetherald continues his New Years Day tradition of getting off the ground. He was joined by Curt Jenkins who is back in the air after a “minor” vacation at the Cleveland Clinic where they did some “preventative maintenance” on him. The New Year’s day flight was “wonderful”, Curt said. OK, so the ceiling was low, the ride was rough and the rain was not ideal. The important point was to start off the year right. By flying!

Check our Website
Our EAA 9 Website is www.eaa9.org
This site is maintained by Andy Hale
andhale@aol.com Thank you Andy!



Check your weather briefing !!!

...don't forget! Chapter dues are \$9 per year...remit to:
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Editor's Note:

Pass the word! Share the Newsletter. Bring someone along to an EAA9 meeting so we can get to know more of the local aviation community. We have an exciting agenda of meetings and events coming up this year! Don't miss out on the fun. **Be there!**

The editor would also appreciate any and all **MEMBER** suggestions for future articles or stories you would like to see in the newsletter. Any aviation or chapter 9 related photos or ideas will be considered. Email or call Curt at razb01@columbus.rr.com or 882-9570 Your input is appreciated.

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