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Central Ohio—Chapter 9



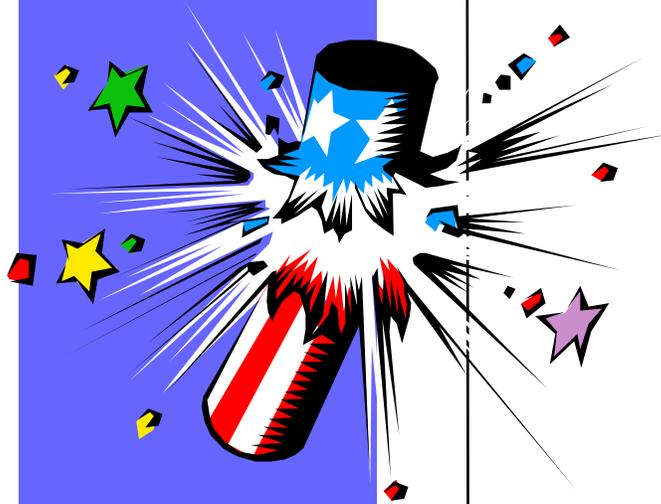
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President's Message

By Dick Wetherald

The TriMotor visit at OSU Airport in June was a huge success! It carried over 500 revenue rides on 57 trips and it was great to see that museum piece doing what it was meant to do; fly free and provide pleasure to all who saw it.

Forty Five volunteers were involved in putting together this significant event. We could not have done it without that EAA volunteer spirit. It was a chance to refresh old acquaintances and to forge some new ones. We welcomed 5 new members as a result of the event. We also cemented our relationship with OSU management who was glad to have us and contributed, along with AirBP, generous fuel donations and discounts.

Even the Columbus weather cooperated with no storms or delays. Nearly all our volunteers got a free ride and we apologize to the few that were bumped by paying customers on Sunday. I thank all who contributed their time and effort especially on Father's Day, to pull off this landmark event.

July 23-30 is our annual trek to aviation's *Nirvana*, OSH for **AirVenture**. I will be camping in the North 40 near the Warbirds. I expect to get there early to watch airplanes and will stay late so I don't miss any airplanes. Ah! The relaxing pleasure and sport of watching airplanes.

See you there!!

Upcoming Chapter Events:

Young Eagles

July 14—KMRT

August 18—KOSU

July 23 –29th AIRVENTURE /OSH KOSH

Have fun! Fly Fast!

See you in Sept. for the "Gathering of Mustangs and Legends"

...The “Tin Goose”

A community success for Chapter 9 and the OSU Airport



TriMotor pilots, Rand Siegfried and Colin Stacy

Thanks to the combined efforts of many volunteers, anonymous donors, generous supporters, the Columbus Dispatch, Channel 4 TV, Channel 10 TV and the OSU Airport, the Ford Trimotor flew over 500 passengers on 57 flights over the four days it was here. It was a very successful stop for our Chapter. **AirBP** contributed 300 gallons of AvGas and **Doug Hammon, Manager of the OSU Airport** provided substantial discounts on the TriMotor's purchases of Avgas as well as ground support staff.

In addition, OSU has generously given the use of its facilities over the years for our Young Eagles events as well as the special events like the B-17 bomber and the Ford TriMotor visits. Our chapter and KOSU have enjoyed a long and mutually beneficial relationship and hopefully it will continue many years into the future.

Several behind-the-scenes supporters were also instrumental in creating this success story. A major benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, generously donated hangar space for the Tri-motor. Otherwise it would have been hangared at CMH which meant long expensive flights to and from OSU to CMH. Our heartfelt **“Thank You!”** goes out to this generous supporter. **Jack Short** also donated his beautiful RV motor home to help relieve volunteers from the 90 plus degree heat. **“Thank You”** Jack, your support is much appreciated.

These events bring considerable positive interest to the area by bringing people from nearby cities that otherwise would not have seen the positive influences the OSU airport has on local aviation and the local community. Several hundred people were exposed to some of the great reasons why **Chapter 9** and the **OSU**, **Don Scott**, airport are an integral and important part of our aviation heritage here in central Ohio.

Member News

Meet Jim Lathrop and his Pietenpol “Air Camper”



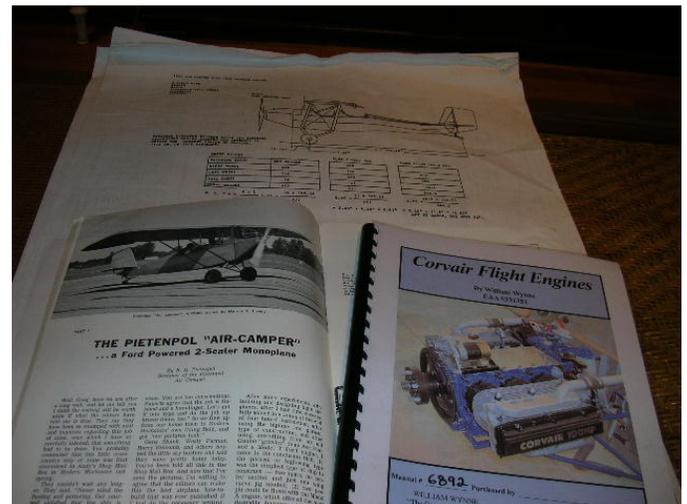
Jim shows off one of the many, many, gusset plates he will use through the project.

The *AirCamper* is no ordinary airplane, but Jim isn't an ordinary pilot either. In fact, his license is something he will work on as his project gets further along. For now he is concentrating all his financial and mental resources on getting this plan off the paper.

This is a plan built model of a 1929 Pietenpol which originally used a Model “A” engine. Jim says he will use a 100 HP Chevrolet Corvair car engine which is a highly modified and a successful power plant for this light weight frame. The designer, Pietenpol, used the Corvair engine without any modifications. than 1350 pounds, this plan qualifies in the Sport Pilot category.

Jim is using Dilsburg Aero Steel Tubing for the fuselage which reduces the weight from 75 lbs for wood down to 35 lbs for the tubing. Of course it will have an electrical system to run the Corvair engine and with 15 gallons in the wing, and a 6 GPH fuel burn it will stay in the air long enough to satisfy most of our flying needs. Jim says that he first looked at the Bear Hawk for a project but decided on the Pietenpol instead.

He figures it will take about four or five years to complete. Lots of wood ribs to bend and



The original plans and specs as shown in the 1929 catalog.

glue before he can get in the air. The rib jig he made out of MDF board and ensures a perfect duplicate each time the pieces are placed inside. The stack of already completed ribs testifies to his industrious nature and I'm certain he will have them all done by the time you read this. Jim is a great young man with a supportive family so the next time you see him, take a minute to say “Hi” and get an update on another members project.

Builder meeting held on June 28th.

Rich Meske, proprietor of Aircraft Extras (www.aircraftextras.com) was the featured speaker at the June 28th meeting of the Chapter 9 Homebuilders . Rich markets a variety of products for homebuilders. For Example, a flap positioning systems with automatic elevator trim compensation, an accidental flap deployment protection device, a Tip Up Slider for an RV, fire protection, or an AE Fuel Guardian to name a few. Rich spoke to the technical merits and when it is the most appropriate to use some of these devices. He also sells a radio controlled RV for those interested in radio controlled aircraft



Tom Webster was joined by some friends to help reinstall the wings on his RV. Tom's 76 hour old engine blew a cylinder a few weeks ago, forcing him into an *"off airport landing."* Fortunately the plane was not damaged and Tom was unhurt., but he had to remove the wings to get his plane trucked back to Delaware. **Clare Lutton**, **Bob Leffler** and his son **Brad** gladly gave up some time to get Tom's plane back together. The new engine should be back in business by the end of June and Tom can get airborne again. By the way, Tom's Luscombe is for sale if anyone is interested.



HANGER TALK !!

Welcome New Members!

Jack Short, Melinda Baccus, Brent Dyke, Lee Roth and Jim Beck..



“Once you have flown, you will walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward.”

...*Leonardo da Vinci*

Norm Crabtree Scholarship

By Doug Hammon

Many people refer to Norm Crabtree as the “Father of the Ohio Airport System” (others may say that it was Gov. Rhodes, but we in the industry know better), but most may not know that he also taught at Columbus State, Ohio University, and The Ohio State University.

Upon the passing of Norm Crabtree in 2006, the Ohio Aviation Association (OAA) set out to know one of this state’s greatest aviation advocates through a scholarship in his name. This scholarship is intended to assist a student enrolled in, or entering, one of Ohio’s many collegiate aviation programs, including Bowling Green, Cincinnati State, Columbus State, Kent State, Ohio State, Ohio University, Sinclair College, and the University of Cincinnati.

An endowment is currently being developed from which the scholarship money will be drawn annually. Contributions to the scholarship fund can be submitted to:

The Norm Crabtree Memorial Scholarship Fund
c/o Ohio Aviation Association
PO Box 1340
Mount Vernon, OH 43050

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Oshkosh, b’gosh is here!
Have fun and we’ll see you in August.

Young Eagles July 14th at KMRT

...a special thanks to all our Ford TriMotor volunteers!

We couldn’t have done it without you.

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| Steven Brown | Rick Cahill | Angelo Campanella |
| Chuck Confar | Bob Cupples | Ginny Cupples |
| Edward Cush | Melanie Dickman | Debbie Doucette |
| Don Fuhr | Andy Hale | Tim Hansen |
| Chuck Hoisington | Dave Holsinger | Rick Hunt |
| Curt Jenkins | Leanne Jones | Ted Kellogg |
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| Clare Lutton | Paul McClennan | Don Morgan |
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