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President's Message 2007

By Dick Wetherald

It is with heartfelt appreciation that we thank Alan Harding for his many decades of dedicated service to EAA Chapter 9. The challenge for us now is to capture all that knowledge, his inspiration, and carry it forward. Those are some mighty big shoes we will be filling. It is with the utmost appreciation and humility that we say, "Thank you, Alan!"

With Alan's legendary spirit to guide us, we move forward into a new phase of EAA9. The Directors have an aggressive agenda that will be started, but not be fully completed in 2007. As I said a few weeks ago, our goal is to be long on flying and fun, but short on "administrivia" and speeches.

We want everyone in the local aviation community to be a part of EAA9. The events and presentations will be fun and educational; the networking will be so positive that everyone will win by being an EAA9 member. With 2007 dues listed at the princely sum of \$9, funding should not be a barrier to any aviation enthusiast. (Heck, that barely buys two gallons of AvGas.)

The Board of Directors' email has been buzzing with interesting new ideas. We can't say much about them yet; some are fully baked, some are in the oven, while others are a fascinating collection of ingredients. As 2007 transpires, you will begin seeing an enhanced focus on fun and flying. So watch this space for more exciting news.

Here's what you can do to help. Share the EAA9 newsletter with everyone in the area you can. In particular, make a connection with newbies and renters who may not be a part of the established local aviation community. Get their email so we can send the newsletter to them directly. Welcome them to join EAA9 and be a part of the central Ohio flying community. We have plenty of flying and fun in store!

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

...don't forget

Meet the Vet..... 1st Lt. Michael (Mike) J. Pohorilla

Jan 18, 2007 at 7:00 PM in the admin building at the OSU airport.

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The **Dublin-Coffman Chorale** group led by **Cindi Brewer** filled hanger one with a spirited Christmas music program which was enjoyed by all. Thanks again to all the young people and Ms Brewer for their time and talent. Your presence was greatly appreciated.



Joe Vogel was, as always, the masterful Master of Ceremonies and introduced the new officers for 2007 and Al Harding announced the upcoming **Zingleman Award** recipient who will be named at the January meeting. The recipient is chosen by the President and is given to the member who has contributed the most to the chapter during the past year.



Outgoing chapter president, **Alan Harding**, presents the EAA National Service award and pin to **Chuck Hoisington** our Young Eagles Coordinator. Chuck has done a tremendous job of putting together a winning combination of pilots and ground crews to make each of the Young Eagles events very successful, which is no easy feat. Congratulations Chuck and keep up the good work!

Young Eagles Operation HO! HO! HO! A Success!!!

By Chuck Hoisington Young Eagles Coordinator /photos by Jeff Beachy



As usual the weather was not cooperating for our Young Eagles and I wasn't anticipating the very large, bus sized load of children, several carloads of parents and two limousines that came for rides. We couldn't fly so I called State Tower for permission to do group tours of the tower. They agreed the controller on duty did an excellent job of explaining how things work in his world. Many felt the tours justified the trip alone. Thanks Midwest! By then the weather was getting better and the ceiling climbed above 2000 feet so we returned to gate E to get in as many rides as we could. As usual all who wanted a ride got a ride thanks to the two pilots who turned out two days before Christmas, Rick Hunt and Dick Willis.

Don Morgan, an old hand on the ground support crew, and Jeff Beachy, a newby organized the paperwork and worked the flight line. Jeff also took the photos for the newsletter and Al Harding helped with transportation.

(Young Eagles con't)

All are invited to come out to visit, fly or work along with the others on the ground. The pay is sharing the fun and your love of flying with a wonderful group of kids. The 2007 schedule will be posted on www.eaa9.org when it is completed.

We've had a great season and I've heard so many expressions of thanks for those who make it happen. Mine is included too!!



Inside the tower



Pilot Rick Hunt with unidentified Young Eagles.



A happy Young Eagle!!

✓ Ramp Check

The Young Eagle Flight Rally Schedule is on our Website www.eaa9.org. By December 12, 2006, 1,287,173 Young Eagles have been flown.

Jan 18, 2007 Meet the Vet at the admin building at OSU. Door prize will be given.

February FAA Safety Seminar

May 11-13 2007 KOSU Ford Tri-motor, TBA

Sept 27 - 30, 2007 The Gathering of Mustangs and Legends: "The Final Round Up" Rickenbacker Airport www.gml2007.com

Check our Website

Our EAA 9 Website is www.eaa9.org

This site is maintained by Andy Hale

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Fixed-wing experimental light-sport aircraft repair course available

Sport Aviation Specialties has six empty seats for their fixed wing ELSA repairman course which will be held January 20-21 in Scottsdale, IN, north of Louisville, KY. Mike Huffman suggests any one interested get in touch via email or phone as soon as possible. The cost of the course tuition is \$349 for EAA, USUA, or ASC members, \$399 for non members

For more details call Mike at 816-838-6235 or email at sportaviation@kc.rr.com

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January Meeting Meet the Vet...

Thursday January 18th 7:00 PM
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