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## President's Message

By Dick Wetherald

In spite of the poor weather, we crowded the OSU classroom to hear Tim Mead tell about his career move from Madison County (UYF) line boy to 747 pilot by age 26. Hmmm. Some of us have ordinary jobs! We all gasped as he compared a C172 operators manual with the two giant notebooks of 747 operators manual that is updated every 14 days. Whew! And what a different world he flies in. We trundle around 88 Ohio counties while the world aviation scene is his route. Fiction has been written about the life he says he simply lucked into. Many thanks to Tim for his fine presentation.

We like to offer a variety of activities to our members. The March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting will provide a different flavor. The topic will be The Gathering of Mustangs and Legends (GML) many of us attended in September 2007. Clare Lutton has agreed to assemble a number of pictures. This will be an interactive discussion. Bring your pictures on a thumb drive or CD to add to the party. And certainly bring yourself so we can exchange stories. Rick Hunt will tell about the famous pilot he chauffeured. Adnan Shibliq worked the admissions gate and will tell about the world audi-



ence that came. Craig Schneider will tell about marshalling rows of Mustangs. I will tell what it is like to marshal bombers and fighters for the show. We had plenty of EAA9 representation at GML. All have plenty to share, so come to the KOSU administration building 7PM Thursday March 20<sup>th</sup>.

Talk up EAA9 and bring a friend!

## Announcements -

- **Next Chapter meeting March 20th 7pm at the OSU Airport Administrative Building (aka the Blockhouse), see article above.**
- **March Homebuilders Subgroup meeting is March 27th, 7pm at Bob Leffers to see his RV-10 project (empennage complete, wings in progress). We'll check out his progress and talk tools and techniques. His address is 4973 Longbenton Way, Dublin,**
- **First Young Eagles Rally of the year March 29th at KOSU. (more details to come)**

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# 747 Pilot at Age 26

by Dick Wetherald

Tim Mead began hanging around Madison County Airport (KUYF) at the age of 13. At 16, when it was legal to do so, he began getting paid for being there. His story is that of the quintessential airport kid who made it big in aviation. And making it big is what he did, landing a seat in the front office of a Kalitta Air 747 cargo airliner. We all thought such opportunities were ancient history and Tim told us that much of his rise was dumb luck in addition to hard work.



Many of us knew Tim from our visits to UYF. Then he disappeared from sight. For a couple of years, I was making a number of trips to Rochester, NY, usually in crummy weather by the way. I made the usual contacts with Approach and Center as Skyhawk N738BL. Minding my own business, I hear "Cleveland Center, Airliner 123 permission direct to N738BL." "Granted" "N738BL, this is Airliner 123. Do you know who this is?" "Negative" "It's Tim Mead from Madison County." I was stunned. "You're flying an airliner! Congratulations, Tim!" I was so pleased for him.



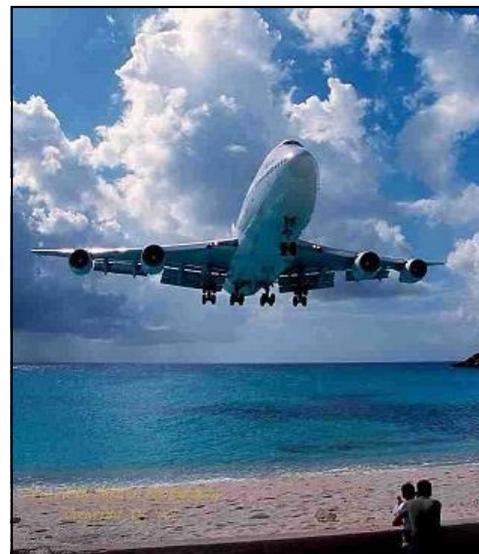
He told us about the interview and training process to get into a 747. We won't repeat the clincher question that got him hired. Maybe we'll talk him into repeating the presentation again so all can learn that "think on your feet" question.

He wowed us with amazing statistics of the 747. For instance, at 3 tons a minute, it takes 51 minutes to dump enough fuel to land in an emergency. And then there was the time a pair of pliers was impaled in one of the tires. At 250 psi, some concern was registered. One photo showed an array of instruments for 4 engines. One column looked decidedly anemic compared with the other three, as in, nonparticipation in a team effort.

He has flown all over the world. The 747 is so different than flying the Beech 1900 or the RJ. Missions for that regional equipment might include 20 landings in a day. With 8-17 hour legs and double crews, he might get in three landings a month. Currency is a challenge.

Cargo includes fresh flowers, Victoria Secret's well, secrets, bulk steel, manufactured goods, large airliner components, jet engines, helicopters, a whole airplane, horses, military equipment, and fallen soldiers too. Baghdad is a regular stop.

Plenty of fascinating stories were provided and the time flew by. For those who missed it, we can hope we can get Tim back again. A hearty thank you goes out to Tim Mead of Kalitta Air and Madison County Airport.





## FLIGHT TIME RADIO

I'm Milford Shirley president of #193 in Jacksonville, Florida. Along with fellow EAAer Brian Kraut we have started a General Aviation radio show, Flighttime Radio. It airs on Saturdays 10am EST on am1320 WBOB. You can also listen at our web site [www.flighttimeradio.com](http://www.flighttimeradio.com).

The goal we have is to create a show that will be entertaining to homebuilders, GA pilots and non flyers through stories that anyone can relate to. One main objective we have is to encourage new student pilots by promoting the Sport Pilot option. We are planning on having a Sport Pilot segment

each week with reports of my pursuit of a Sport Pilot CFI rating, then an on the air personality from the station will report on his quest of a Sport Pilot Certificate with me teaching him. ( Hopefully we will both survive the ordeal! )

**Note from the editor:** If you are a podcaster like me, you can download current or older episodes if you type in this link: <http://flighttime.libsyn.com/rss>

## EAA9 membership

EAA Chapter 9 (EAA9 Inc) welcomes EAA National members and volunteer-only participants. We are an active chapter with a multitude of activities, events and opportunities to meet others in the aviation community. And we love to fly, too!

With the 2007 overhaul of the By-laws, participation was clarified.

### Regular membership

Current membership in EAA National is required. Dues are \$9.00 for the calendar year.

### Volunteer participation

Those without EAA National membership are welcome and are encouraged to participate. Sign up is requested. Dues are not required.

Come join in the fun!

## DOOR PRIZES WANTED!

We have offered aviation related door prizes at several of your recent meetings. Many of them were quite valuable. Some, less so. All were the result of presidential house cleaning. Join in the fun of sprucing up your house. Bring your unneeded aviation related treasures and we can make them door prizes too. See Dick Wetherald, President EAA 9 for details.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

EAA 9 is a Chapter of people that come together for a common goal, their love for aviation. As a volunteer only organization, there is no better way to get involved than to lend a hand. Most of our positions require a very small time commitment, but the gratification and spirit of camaraderie more than make up for the modest amount of work involved. No matter how young, how old, or how experienced, you can make a difference. The following positions are needed:

- Newsletter Assistant Editor—reports to and assists the Newsletter Editor in producing this fine publication.
- Program Coordinator—helps to setup and coordinate programs for Chapter meetings as necessary.
- Scholarship Chairperson-this person would manage Young Eagle credits and other scholarship and educational opportunities within the chapter.

For more information about any of these or other areas of interest, please contact our President

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# Homebuilder Subgroup Road Trip....part I by Brent Owens

January 26th the Homebuilder Subgroup traveled over to the Dayton area to visit Airplane Plastics and Jim Hammond's 1917 Standard biplane project. The event was open to anyone interested. We had over a dozen folks, both members and guests, make the trek to Tipp City which was our first stop at Airplane Plastics.

Jeff and Becky Rogers own this unique fabrication shop that deals exclusively with Plexiglas canopies for aircraft and other special use vehicles. They make canopies for many aircraft types, most notably the Van's RV series which keeps them pretty busy year round.

They graciously came in on a Saturday outside of business hours to host our intrepid gaggle of homebuilders. As you can image many things in the shop are proprietary in nature so photos were allowed on a limited basis so we can only tell you that their tools and processes were deceptively simple. In fact, when Jeff took the time to "blow" an RV-8 canopy there was so little to it that it was almost like magic—please don't be fooled, Jeff has perfected his craft and only through his years of experience could one emulate his products.

In fact the workmanship was one of the highlights of the tour, all of the fixtures, tools, ovens, etc were built in-house and the quality of the optics where remarkable. Of course it is a huge endorsement to be the exclusive supplier of RV canopies in the free world!

Another item of note is the size of the factory, you would think it quit big based on the volume of work and the contracts they have, but here again is more genius. They have an extremely organized shop and with only a couple of full time employees they do just the right amount of business to keep things manageable. In fact they don't even have a website, they do their business through industry insiders so they can keep the quality high and take care of their existing clientele.

It was a excellent tour and I'm not just partial since I am building an RV (RV-8 to be exact) and they will be building my canopy!

-Brent



Becky and Jeff Rogers of Airplane Plastics



Middle picture shows a freshly blown RV-8 Canopy!  
Bottom Picture is a sample of how the process works using a simple fixture and a small piece of Plexiglas.



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# Homebuilder Subgroup Road Trip...part 2 by Brent Owens

From Airplane Plastics we went for lunch and then headed south east to Yellow Springs home of Jim Hammond. Jim is a bit of a celebrity in the antique airplane community and was kind enough to show us his latest project, a 1917 Standard Biplane.

A little background is in order, Jim is an engineer and has built and restored more airplane types than most folks have flown. Currently I counted 5 flying airplanes and 3 project airplanes at his 2 hangar/shop complex at the end of his grass strip. Jim is a student of history and has a vast collection of memorabilia and relics of aviation past. This place was a virtually a working aviation museum. And Jim doesn't let them collect dust, he exercises his steeds regularly, most notably he flies his beautiful 1931 Stinson Jr with the American Barnstormers Tour (<http://www.americanbarnstormertour.com>).

The 1917 Standard that Jim is rebuilding had actually been a barnstormer at one point and has not flown since 1932 (no, that isn't a typo). When we viewed the airplane it was without fabric cover so you could see the absolutely beautiful workmanship that has gone into the restoration up to this point. The ship sports a 1718 cu in. Hispano Suiza engine putting out 220 HP, but was originally equipped with and OX-5, popularized by the Curtis Jenny. The "Hiso" mod was a popular modification and this aircraft has had that engine since 1927.

One thing is certain, we could have spent a week looking at all of the interesting things. Jim is one of the nicest guys you'll meet and you could tell he just loves airplanes.

Hopefully in the not-to-distant future there will be a significant piece of aviation history terrorizing the skies over central Ohio.

-Brent



Jim Hammond standing talking about the Standard

Top 2 pictures are the J-1 Standard  
3rd from top is Jim's Stinson Junior at Oshkosh  
Last photo is 2 large hangars plus a shop (not pictured)

# Young Eagles Flights 2008

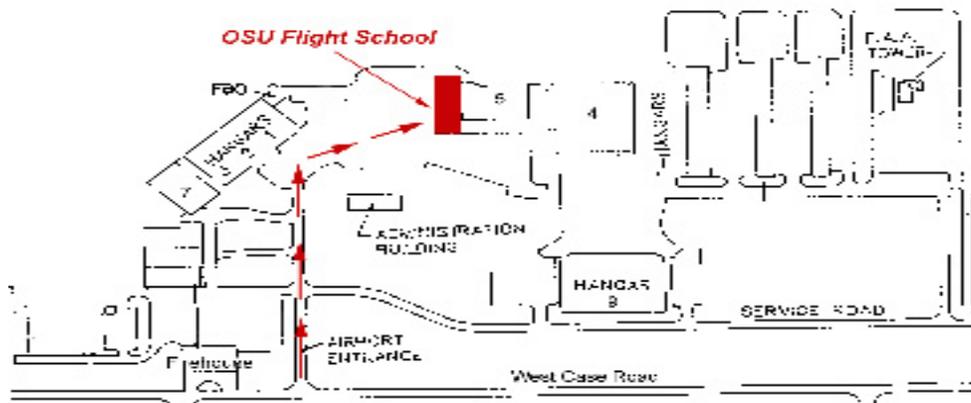


**Who:** Kids from 8 to 17

**What:** FREE AIRPLANE RIDES!

**When:** All events are Saturdays 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in 2008 (all dates are “weather permitting”):

March 29<sup>th</sup> OSU Don Scott Airport  
 April 26<sup>th</sup> OSU Don Scott Airport with Youth Aviation Adventure  
 May 10<sup>th</sup> Marysville Union County Airport  
 June 21<sup>st</sup> London Madison County Airport  
 July 12<sup>th</sup> OSU Don Scott Airport  
 August 9<sup>th</sup> Bolton Field at Columbus State Community College  
 September 13<sup>th</sup> OSU Don Scott Airport  
 October 4<sup>th</sup> OSU Don Scott Airport with Youth Aviation Adventure



When at OSU we are located at a new location. We are now located at the Flight School which is at the East end of the main parking lot. The red shaded building above.

**Why:** This is a community outreach program sponsored by the EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and put on by our local EAA Chapter 9. Nationally we have flown over a million children in the past 10+ years, and are continuing to fly kids to show them the joys of flight in the hopes that they may become interested in aviation as a career or as a hobby, or simply to show them what flying is from the inside.

**How:** Simply come to one of the scheduled Young Eagle rallies shown above. No Pre-registration is required, but a parent or guardian must sign our waiver form.

**Web sites:** [WWW.EAA9.ORG](http://WWW.EAA9.ORG) [WWW.YOUNGEAGLES.ORG](http://WWW.YOUNGEAGLES.ORG)

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