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EAA 9 Calendar of Events

<i>Date'09</i>	<i>Day</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Place</i>	<i>Event type</i>	<i>Details</i>
Feb 7	Sat	10am	OSU Hanger 5	FAA Seminar	Safety of Glass Cockpits
Feb 12	Thu	7 PM	MedFlight	FAA Seminar	Weather/Meteorology Presentation
Mar 19	Thu	7 PM	OSU classroom	Chapter mtg	UAV initiative. Brian King
Apr 11	Sat	11am	Marysville	Chapter mtg	IAC 34 introduction to aerobatics
May 4*	Sun	8 AM	I73	FlyIn	Funday Sunday
May 25	Mon	8 AM	17OI	FlyIn	Haas memorial fly-in and breakfast
May30*	Sat	10AM	MRT*	FAA Seminar	Pancake breakfast

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COVER PHOTO—Jerry Isbell’s Beautiful Pacer

N3958P PA 22/20 150

This PA 22 was “found” in a garage in northern Ohio. Mr. Darrel Todd managed to reach an agreement with the owner and bought the non-flyable airplane. He brought it to the Zanesville area on a trailer and completely disassembled the Tri-Pacer.

In the reconstruction phase he upgraded the struts and control cables; twenty or so 337’s were needed for the FAA. The best modification was to move the nose wheel to the south end of the airplane. I bought the airplane with a partner in 1999 just after the restoration. I had not flown a taildragger in over 20 years. It is true the Pacer is rather a finicky airplane on the ground. Do NOT turn your back on it until it is tied down. Kay and I now own the airplane outright. Our “new” plane is a PA 22/20 150 and we love to fly; any excuse is enough to get the airplane out of the hangar.

Kay and I have flown the airplane to Montana on multiple occasions, to Portland OR for a Short Wing convention and to Canada for yet another Short Wing convention. You can find me at AirVenture; look for a group of short wing Pipers. I fly Young Eagles when ever I am in town and I enjoy the looks on the faces when kids first know they are going to fly in the taildragger. I retire in 2010 after 45 years of flying; I will fly the Pacer, gliders and Young Eagles. It does not get much better than that.

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President's Message

I receive many emails and phone calls from prospective new members. Each one receives a personal response. Following is one such letter about our active EAA chapter (edited to remove personal information). I think you will agree it is worthwhile belonging to EAA Chapter 9.

EAA Chapter 9 is a group of nearly 100 with varied aviation interests. We have a homebuilder subgroup that focuses on that activity. We have about a half dozen project visits each year and they have provided energy to the builder to keep plugging along.

We have a large Young Eagles program that brings kids and the community to a short duration Saturday event 6-8 times a year. This is a hit because so many people have a hard time committing a large chunk of time, but they can commit to part of a day. It also helps our airports with positive community relations. We offer rides at OSU, MRT, UYF, TZR, and sometimes at DLZ. We even operated out of CMH once. (That was interesting!)

We have an interesting speaker at each meeting. Meetings are generally the 3rd Thursday at OSU, but often we have special events that preempt a formal meeting.

We have an active volunteer effort at OSH AirVenture photographing over 1,000 planes in the judging arena.

We have an award winning web site and an award winning newsletter.

We have brought EAA's B17 and Ford Trimotor to Columbus for a total of five occasions. Those are great community events that involve a large number of the members.

Our Chapter tours included CMH tower, AirNet, NetJets, FlightSafety, AF Museum, Hartzel Propeller and more. We even had a special presentation of banner towing at TZR. Many of us were on the ground volunteering for the Gathering of Mustangs and Legends (What an amazing, once in a lifetime event). We sponsor and coordinate FAA Safety Seminars.

Like many Chapters, we have dining events, our fly-in breakfast at MRT, our summer/fall hog roast and a winter holiday gathering.

Of course, we look for excuses to fly to dine, to fly to MERFI at I74, I73 Funday Sunday and other locations. We sometimes fly just to burn up gas. One time, we even talked a twin turboprop owning member into taking us to Southern KY to see P-38 Glacier Girl as restoration was being completed. We have gone through the B17 project at I74.

Networking is a critical component of Chapter 9, and above all, we work hard to keep the fun in recreational flying.

We hope you will find kindred spirits at EAA Chapter 9.

Please look at past newsletters to get a flavor of the Chapter. www.eaa9.org. Click on "Members", "Newsletters". Newsletters are just above the button to "Join EAA9". Official joining can be done on the website using PayPal, in person at a meeting or via US mail to EAA Chapter 9, OSU Airport, Suite 14, Columbus, OH 43235. Our annual dues is the princely sum of \$9. We don't want cost to keep you from joining in the fun.

We welcome you to Chapter 9.

Dick Wetherald—President, EAA Chapter 9

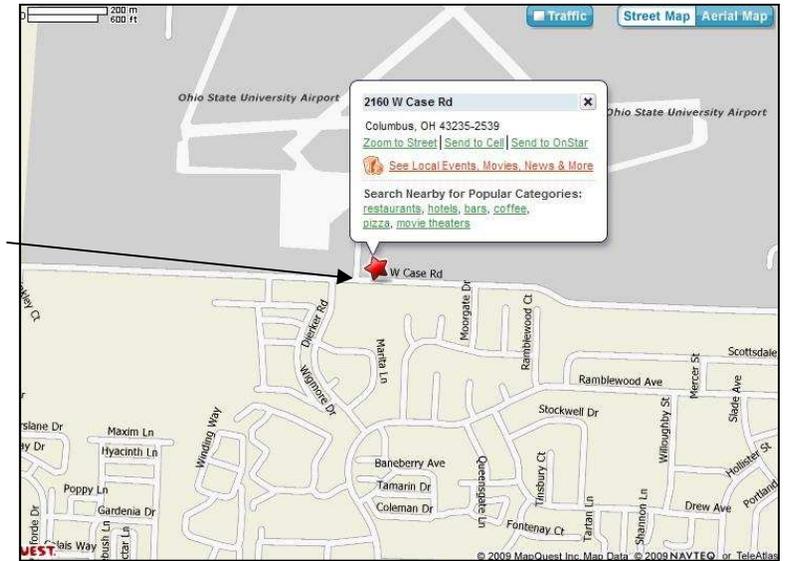


FAA Seminars in Full Swing in February

FAA Safety Seminar also on Saturday February 7th

The Ohio FAASTEAM will be presenting The Safety of Glass Cockpits and Synthetic Vision Technology. This event will explore the influence Glass Cockpit Technology has had on GA operations, Flight Training, and the Private Pilot. This seminar qualifies for the new Wings program. <https://www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pppinfo/default.aspx>

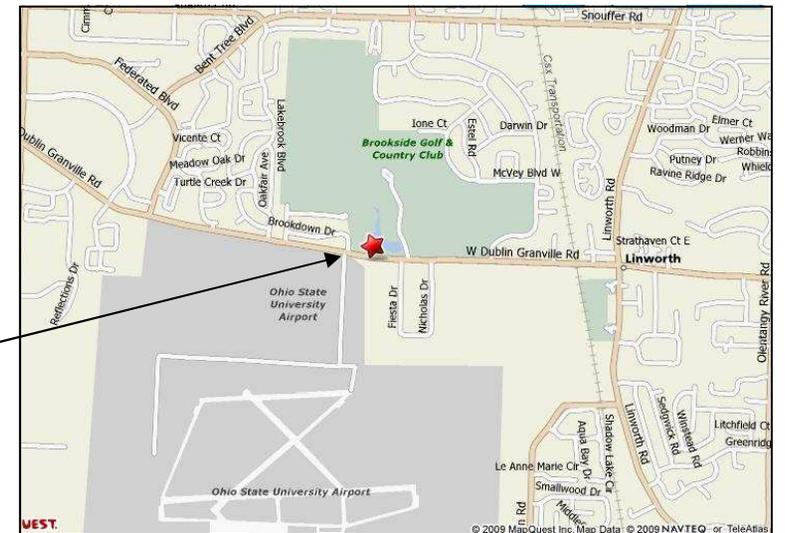
It begins at 10am on Saturday February 7th and will be at OSU Hangar #5 2160 West Case Rd. Questions? Contact EAA 9 President Dick Wetherald. president@eaa9.org or 614 891-5145



FAA Safety Seminar Set for Thursday February 12th

Expert meteorologist Jamie Castle from NetJets will present an FAA Safety Seminar on Weather. He will tell us about the best ways to keep weather from becoming a problem in our flying. As you may know from our previous tour, weather predictions does not get any better than the service provided to NetJets customers.

The FAA Safety Seminar begins at 7 PM at MedFlight and qualifies for the new Wings program. <https://www.faasafety.gov/WINGS/pppinfo/default.aspx>. MedFlight is located at 2827 W. Dublin Granville Road. Questions? Contact EAA 9 Vice president Clare Lutton. vicepresident@eaa9.org or 614-451-5406



Volunteers Needed—Really!

We have asked for volunteers in each newsletter. Some have come forward, but we would like you to seriously consider one of the posts so we can keep the chapter growing. Otherwise, the Board has to track all the details leaving the Board unable to look into new activities. Feel free to contact any of the Board members for a more thorough discussion. Our email addresses are listed on early pages of the Newsletter.

Program chair and co-chair –

The program Chair (and co-chair) will manage details of monthly meetings and other events that do not have their own chairs. Set dates and times, reserve the meeting place, open and close the meeting place, and ensure required equipment is in place. Contact speakers reminding them of their commitments to speak. Assist the Newsletter editor with brief advance stories of each speaker and provide short email reminders of the activity.

Doesn't sound too tough does it? The Board has a slate of speakers set for many dates this year, so this is a great time for a new program chair to ease in to the role. With time, the program Chair will solicit and arrange for speakers. This task is surprisingly not very difficult.

Each board member has done this activity so there are many mentors to help. Please step forward and help coordinate the most visible part of EAA 9 chapter life.

Major Events Chair and co-chair –

Unlike other chair roles, this one generally has a firm start and finish date. In the past, this has meant coordination of the B17 or the Ford Trimotor visits. This is one of the most interesting leadership activities available at any price. There is plenty of mentoring available; contact President Dick Wetherald to learn more.

Assistant Chairs –

Assistant chairs are needed for the posts below. None of these are very difficult, but they are essential. In these roles, you can contribute as much or little time as you wish. Please consider participating.

Young Eagles

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Volunteer Now and Receive

100% FUN!

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Young Eagles Christmas Program

by Chuck Hoisington

Saturday December 20th was the date of this event. The weather just reached the minimums in the morning, had been forecast earlier to improve as the day went on, but shucks! That didn't happen. It quickly went below minimums.

The Northwest News and the Worthington News publicized the event.

Andrew Hale came in to help on the ground and we were set up ready to go by the time the kids started coming, thanks too to the airport crew.

Dick Willis flew 2 while the weather permitted, pilots Rick Hunt and Ted Kellogg were present on standby but the deteriorating weather did not allow them any flights. Certainly it didn't stop the hangar flying and camaraderie and visiting with the kids while they were waiting.

As we have in the past we asked Midwest Air Traffic Control Services for assistance and again they came through and helped by giving small groups tower tours, explaining their duties, demonstrating equipment, and fielding many questions. Thank you, State Tower.

How do you measure success? If by the number of kids flown, this was not so great. If by interest and enthusiasm it was fine. There was a lot of interest in returning at another Young Eagles Rally and many questions about flying, planes, the weather, the instruments used in a plane, especially when the weather is minimal, and more. They left with material about flying-the Skylane panel posters, wrist bands, and for those who flew certificates and a 8 ½ X 11 color picture of their plane and crew.

Now we've got our equipment packed up for the winter, looking forward to another great season! The schedule will be up on www.eaa9.org when it has been finalized.

Thanks to all who help with this great program!

Chuck Hoisington—Young Eagles Coordinator, EAA Chapter 9

On a Young Eagles flight this recent fall, one kid was so overjoyed as we got into the air, he said "Thank you God!" I guess that sums up the experience of flight.



The Spirit of Aviation™



Presentation “Tuskegee Airmen at Lockbourne Army Air Field” a Hit



The January EAA Chapter 9 meeting was graced by Arnett Howard. He is a well known local musician and he is one of us too. He obtained both his private and instrument licenses here in Columbus. Arnett is also a historian focusing on black aviation in Columbus. He has presented to Chapter 9 in the past. This time, he revealed his most recent research about the Tuskegee Airmen at Lockbourne Army Air Field, now called Rickenbacker. The Tuskegee Airmen story was written in many locations, but it was concluded at Lockbourne. Once segregation in the Army Air Corp (later Air Force) was abolished, the Tuskegee Airmen were disseminated throughout the Service.

Arnett provided a special encore for Chapter 9. He had a special position at the Gathering of Mustangs and Legends last fall and provided videos for our viewing pleasure. But no; that was not all! Arnett received permission from Larry Hamill to show official photos he took for the event. Many were from the back of a C-130 looking at 10-20 P-51s in formation. If you missed the January meeting, you missed something truly special. The audience was spellbound to see these exquisite photos. We have special permission to include a sample with this story.

We offer a hearty thank you to Arnett Howard for his fine presentation to EAA Chapter 9.




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THE SPIRIT OF AVIATION

EAA 9 Homebuilders visit Geoff Combs' RV-10 Project w/Chapter 443

Bob Leffler keeps good tabs on folks building RV-10s. He has good reason to, he's building one himself. Geoff Combs, President of Aerosport a local modeling and design company, is also building an RV-10, so when Bob learned that Geoff was having an open house with his EAA Chapter 443 buddies it was a great opportunity for EAA 9 Homebuilders Group to join in on the fun. Geoff's business got started building RC model aircraft and in fact he is a past Champion RC pilot and although he is retired, he's still involved with the RC industry. His RC history was the main topic of the meeting along with his new toy!



Center is Geoff describing his custom console

Geoff's RV-10 is located at his office and when I say office, I mean he has a fabrication facility the likes of which would rival a full-up aircraft factory. He has conventional machine tools, CNC machines, modeling equipment and fixtures along with several apparatuses I didn't even recognize. Needless to say, he is taking his Quick-Build RV-10 to the next level with several custom features, many of which he plans to market. His carbon fiber instrument panel is a work of art. He also fabricated a center console for the -10 which really looks slick. His airplane already has the engine hung and wings and fuselage are essentially done, so he's moving right along. Which is amazing considering the number of irons he has in the fire.

One thing is certain, you won't find a more likable guy or a more gracious host. He opened his doors to anyone who wanted to come, cameras weren't banned and I imagine that many of the things we saw were proprietary. Jeff is all about supporting the building community at large and if his past exploits are any indication, his RV-10 is going to be a show-stopper.



Bob Leffler is checking out the -10



The carbon fiber instrument panel was awesome!

Bulletin Board

**Join
EAA 9**



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 Bylaws, participation was clarified.

Regular membership: Current membership in EAA National is required. Dues are \$9.00 for the calendar year. You can join by mail, at a meeting or on our website via paypal. (www.eaa9.org)

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

PLANE PICS WANTED

Put your favorite plane on the Newsletter cover. It can be the one you own, your favorite rental, your friends, or the one you wish you still had. Send a digital picture of at least 1 megapixels to newsletter@eaa9.org. The best are front quarter shots. Include a shot with and without you in it.

When you send it along, optionally say something about it. Here is an example:

N738BL is a 1978 Cessna 172 that Dick and Kendra Wetherald have owned for over 20 years. Bought as a run-out with poor cosmetics, they continued to upgrade its condition over the years. They have flown all over the country with it, often flying IFR. The long range tanks, new 180 HP Lycoming engine, recent interior and paint along with IFR GPS make it a nice traveling machine as well as local hamburger hopper. Over 500 Young Eagles and plenty of Angel Flight patients have experienced flight in this plane.

Dues Due

What other club has dues of only \$9?

We have to admit, we did not do a great job collecting for 2008. If you can, we ask you to pay for both 2008 (if you haven't already) and 2009. New for this year, we can accept multiple years of dues in advance to lock in the rate before we figure out it is too little. So take advantage of the low \$9 rate.

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