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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>
Jan 15	Thur	7 PM	OSU classroom	Chapter mtg	Tuskegee Airmen at Lockbourne Army Airbase
Feb 7	Sat	TBD	OSU->DAY	Tour	Family trip to AF Museum
Feb 19*	Thur	7 PM	MedFlight	FAA Seminar	Details TBD
Mar 19	Thu	7 PM	OSU classroom	Chapter mtg	UAV initiative. Brian King
Apr 11	Sat	TBD	TBD	Chapter mtg	open
May 4*	Sun	8 AM	I73	FlyIn	Funday Sunday
May 25	Mon	8 AM	170I	FlyIn	Haas memorial fly-in and breakfast
May30*	Sat	10AM	MRT*	FAA Seminar	Pancake breakfast

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COVER PHOTO—Clare Lutton's MiniMax

Clare purchased his Mini Max a year ago and has done a few things to it to make it operational. From looking at the cover photo this month, there is no doubt Clare is having fun - that's what it's all about! Clare is an extremely involved member of the Chapter and has recently taken the role of Vice President.

The President's Message

by Dick Wetherald



You should be receiving this newsletter at Christmas, but technically this is the first edition of the new year. The cold has really settled into central Ohio so flying has been somewhat limited by the less fun aspect of preflighting in sub-zero temperatures. 2008 has been a good year for our club, but 2009 is shaping up to be an even better year. In spite of the economy, or maybe because of it, people more than ever are active in aviation. We have earned incredible freedoms in this country to be creative and pursue our passions. I know no other pursuit that more rewarding than flight. See you around the patch!

-Dick

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Holiday Gathering Report

48 members and guests had a fine time dining and swapping stories. It was hard getting everyone to leave. Young Eagles Coordinator Chuck Hoisington honored the Young Eagles ground crew and pilots. We provided over 500 kid rides this season. The Chapter is over 4,600 total to date. What a remarkable achievement. President Dick Wetherald pleased the audience

when offered the best speech of the evening - none. Hearty thanks to Membership Chair Mike Cencula for coordinating the event,



How to Join EAA Chapter 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.

Come join the fun!

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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Young Eagles Christmas Program

by Chuck Hoisington

Gentlemen, so far as I can see at the moment it looks like we may have acceptable weather for this event. Time will tell.

It is traditional, it has been called the Ho! Ho! Ho! rally. I'm trying to include more of the general community in addition to any possible participation by the Earth Temple group. They have participated previous years. As long as we make the effort required it is appropriate to reach out to as many as possible.

The Young Eagles program of EAA9, Inc. is doing a great job of sharing our love of flying and promoting aviation with others. That has, and continues to require the help of many, both in ground support functions and as pilots. We also enjoy the good support of the OSU Airport and staff. Pilots need be members of EAA and have, for insurance reasons, liability insurance coverage of \$100,000 per passenger seat. EAA provides additional coverage of \$1,000,000.

Supporters of the program continue to come back because they really enjoy the excitement, wonder, and appreciation of the participants as well as the camaraderie of fellow aviation enthusiasts.

Included below text that was distributed to the media.

As always, thank you for making it happen.

Chuck Hoisington Young Eagles coordinator EAA Chapter 9 Phone 614 888 0885

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

EAA Chapter 9 and the Ohio State University Airport will present, weather permitting, a Young Eagles program on December 20, registration 10-2.

Young Eagles provides youth 8-17 with a chance to meet and talk with pilots and other aviation enthusiasts and have the opportunity to experience an actual flight in a general aviation aircraft.

Requirements include the age as stated, adult supervision, a registration form including a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian and, of course, suitable weather.

More information can be had by visiting www.youngeagles.org, www.eaa9.org, or phoning Chuck Hoisington at 614 888 0885.

Clare's Sonex

by Dick Wetherald

EAA 9 Chapter members visited Clare Lutton's home on December 11th to study the progress of his project. Clare has been building a Sonex since just after the turn of the millennium. This is a plans-build project; things do not go quick because he is building most of the parts from scratch. Every rib, every flying surface, just about everything is built in his basement. The tail group is nearly done and it is beautiful. What is more amazing is that the leading edge of the rudder was formed entirely by hand and it doesn't look like anything but a factory built component.

Clare is serious about his project. To work on the wings in the basement, he took out a wall. Compare this to rumored instructions to another member that he is not allowed to drill any holes in the house.

He has compressed air run to the basement shop. The gorgeous work there reveals his professional work with plumbing.



The fellas checking out Clare's handy work!

Left to Right

Dana, Tom, Bruce, Dave, and Bob



Clare is describing how raw materials and plans can be turned into something special— in his case a Sonex.

Maybe the most fascinating part of the visit was looking at the tooling. Some was store-bought of course. Other items were home made with parts from the most unlikely sources. One is based on a light pole that was removed from a Sohio gas station that was reportedly out of business before Clare got the steel.

Clare's other plane is a flying MiniMax.

Julie put out some goodies that were most tasty.

Thanks for the wonderful Lutton hospitality.



Bulletin Board



White Knight Two, the 'Mothership' for SpaceShipTwo, completed its maiden flight on Sunday, December 21, moving Virgin Galactic one step closer to becoming the world's first commercial "spaceline." The twin-fuselage aircraft being developed by Scaled Composites reached an maximum altitude of 16,000 feet during the 59-minute flight, which took place at the Mojave Air and Space Port at 8:16 a.m. PDT, following successful taxi trials earlier this month. White Knight Two is scheduled to

Plane Pictures 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 megapixel 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.

Send us your pictures of your 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 have 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.

We have three ways to make it easy.

Use PayPal – www.eaa9.org -
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