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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February for me is the 'dog days' of Winter. The flying will certainly be down compared to our beautiful Summers.

One of the things I try to do each year around this time is work on my knowledge of all things aeronautical.

There are tons of great resources via the web to sharpen up flying intellect. AOPA, EAA and others have dozens of FREE online education programs that are only a mouse-click away!

You might also be interested in working towards a written exam for another new rating, what better time than now.

Once the flying season starts back there will be so much going on that you'll wish you wouldn't have squandered your time watching reality TV!
Fly Safe!

Danny Lee
President
EAA 9, Inc



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR EAA 9

- Jan 31, 2012 7pm FlightSafety tour @ KCMH (RSVP) - NO SPACE AVAILABLE
- Feb 16, 2012 7pm Limited Brands Flight Department tour @ KCMH (RSVP) - NO SPACE AVAILABLE
- Mar 15, 2012 7pm TAKE ONE! Location:TBA*
- Mar 30, 2012 Time TBA* USAF Museum Behind the Scenes Tour. USAF individual registration required.

**To Be Announced*

If you haven't been to our website in a while - check it out!
SAME ADDRESS (www.eaa9.org) - NEW LOOK



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EAA Chapter 9

Columbus, OH

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Welcome to our Chapter

Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our chapter. We are a group of central aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together with like minded people to share ideas, exchange information, encourage safety, serve the local aviation community and have a lot of fun doing so. Please come to our next meeting or event as our guest.

For more information on our chapter, please contact our president via the contact information provided in the sidebar.

EAA 9, Inc is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

About EAA

Our chapter is part of the worldwide network of EAA chapters. EAA embodies the spirit of aviation through the world's most engaged community of aviation enthusiasts. EAA's 170,000 plus members enjoy the fun and camaraderie of sharing their passion for flying, building and restoring recreational aircraft. To find out more about EAA and our programs and services, please visit our home page at EAA.org.

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FROM HEADQUARTERS

January 16, 2012 - EAA President/CEO Rod Hightower and EAA Founder Paul Poberezny today jointly sent a letter to the leaders of EAA's nearly 1,000 chapters, outlining the reshaping and strengthening moves originally announced by the organization last week. In the letter, Hightower and Poberezny highlight how EAA members and aviators will benefit from those changes.

In addition, Hightower recorded [a video that also focuses on the topic](#), which is currently available in the EAA video area.

The letter to EAA chapter leaders reads:

Dear EAA Chapters Leaders and Members:

As EAA chapters are among the most essential and valued parts of our organization, Paul and I are sending you this letter to update you on the facts regarding some of the changes within EAA announced last week and the background behind those changes.

During the past year, I have traveled extensively to our chapters and aviation events across this country, meeting thousands of members and learning their views and concerns regarding today's aviation issues. We held 31 Grassroots Pilot Tour sessions that allowed up-close and personal dialogue with members and non-members alike, to better understand how EAA can best promote aviation and meet their needs.

It's with this knowledge that we are strengthening our organization by adding key leadership positions, flattening the management structure, and concentrating resources in EAA chapters, youth education and homebuilding, while improving our capabilities in member services.

EAA's mission remains the same: to grow participation in aviation, by inspiring people to fly, build, volunteer and outreach to promote aviation. That hasn't changed since our founding and won't change in the future.

What will change is how EAA operates its business. We will be more concentrated in areas that support our mission, just as described. We will respect our generous supporters by managing our costs, with the goal of spending 100% of donor dollars directly on the programs that we are all passionate about as we inspire the next generation of aviators, builders, and aviation professionals.

We will continue to support our members with knowledge and services that keep them flying, building and restoring so they can realize their dreams of flight.

FROM HEADQUARTERS CONTINUED...

In addition, EAA is welcoming Jeff Skiles to head our chapters and industry-leading youth education programs. Jeff is a passionate aviator who brings a wealth of experience and represents the very essence of what is possible and achievable in aviation. As co-chair with Sully Sullenberger of Young Eagles – the world's most successful aviation youth outreach program – Jeff has been inspirational to thousands of young people who dream of flying.

Chad Jensen, Manager of Homebuilder Communities, has been promoted to EAA's senior leadership team and will report directly to me. You may be interested to know that Chad's position had reported three levels of management below EAA's president for many years. We have elevated Chad's role to a strategic level to ensure our continued leadership in amateur-built aircraft and to lead our future initiatives in homebuilding, including the expansion of our homebuilding area at AirVenture Oshkosh. Chad will also represent our special interest communities, including Homebuilt Aircraft Council, Ultralight Council, IAC, Warbirds, and Vintage by providing them a seat at the senior leadership table for the first time in decades.

We've said goodbye to some employees as well. EAA has treated its employees with the greatest respect, and we have provided them with generous severance packages and assistance to help them transition to their next steps. We have also invited them to remain part of our extended EAA family and join us at AirVenture for The World's Greatest Aviation Celebration.

Leading the world's most dynamic aviation organization comes with unique challenges and wonderful opportunities that sometimes require making difficult decisions. We hope that what we shared with you today is helpful to better understanding EAA direction and plans for our continued success.

Feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thanks again for being a part of EAA.

Best regards,
Rod Hightower
EAA President/CEO

Paul Poberezny
EAA Founder

RED TAILS....A MOVIE REVIEW

Red Tails hit the theaters Friday, January 20th, 2012. Of course as the roving reporter for this fine publication I was there front-and-center. The theatre was full - good to see folks still like airplane movies.

The rumor leading up to the film was that George Lucas had been toying with this project for the last 23 years and ended up bank-rolling it to the tune of just under \$100M himself. Kudos to the man who brought us StarWars!

Due to the budget I knew that it would be almost all CGI (Computer-Generated Imagery) - it's not cheap flying real mustangs around.

If you haven't seen it you need to keep in mind this is a movie, a movie for entertainment and to tell a story, not a history lesson - glad I got that off my chest!

I enjoyed the movie, sure there are some cheesy parts and some technical inaccuracies, but all-in-all I was entertained.

Finally, we could do worse than to have an exciting airplane movie tell a loose rendition of a very historically significant part of our past for folks to enjoy today - especially our youth.

We were very lucky to have some of the remaining Tuskegee Airmen here in Columbus during the Mustangs and Legends Air show. The 332nd Fighter Group was based at Lockborne (now Rickenbacher) after the War. If you haven't heard of the Tuskegee Airmen, you should do some research - fascinating part of our history. They contributed much to a country that was still very much racist.

Go see it, it's worth money and a perfect diversion for the winter blues!



LETTER FROM JEFF SKILES - EAA HEADQUARTERS

January 24, 2012 – Below is an introductory letter from Jeff Skiles, EAA's new Vice President of Chapters and Youth Education. Skiles will be sharing his thoughts and vision with you in upcoming *ChapterGram* editions.

Over the last year, EAA has conducted an extensive internal evaluation of where our organization is today, and where it should be streamlined to create the best value for our membership.

This process has led to changes across the organization, with chapters and Young Eagles being no exception. Since being named Young Eagles co-chairman along with Sully Sullenberger, I have been very active as an EAA volunteer, and as part of this re-evaluation have taken the position of Vice President, Chapters and Youth Education. This is a completely new position at EAA's highest level, reflecting EAA leadership's commitment to both youth programs and chapters.

The heart of the tremendously successful Young Eagles program has always been the chapters, and in the coming months I will express to you our new vision for the future. But for now, I'd just like to thank all the EAA membership for this opportunity to serve you and our organization.

Best Regards,
Jeff Skiles
EAA Vice President, Chapters and Youth Education





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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

EAA Chapter 9 (EAA9 Inc) welcomes EAA National members and volunteer 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! Please join in the fun.

Check one:

Regular membership

Current membership in EAA National is required. Dues are \$10.00 for the calendar year.

Trial Regular membership

Trial membership in EAA National is required. Dues for both EAA National and Chapter 9 are not required. EAA Chapter 9 is offering a NO RISK trial membership in both EAA Chapter 9 and EAA National. FULL benefits of Chapter 9 and EAA National are extended six months to anyone who has not been an EAA member in the past three years. You get the newly redesigned EAA magazine, newsletters, resources, full access to all of the consultative services at EAA, the works. Sign up is easy.

Volunteer participation

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

To protect your privacy, the EAA9 Inc. will not disclose information you provide to non-members without your permission. EAA9 Inc. reserves the right to publish your name and picture(s) on its website and other media.

Name: _____ EAA National # _____

First name to use on your BADGE: _____ Pilot Ratings: _____

Mailing Address: _____ Aircraft: _____

_____ Project: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Your comments: _____

Send application and dues to:

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REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

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VOLUNTEER PARTICIPATION

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EAA FREE TRIAL MEMBERSHIP

People frequently want to join the local EAA chapter but may be reluctant to sign up for EAA National membership. Once they become EAA members they then realize EAA is a very large tent that supports a broad range of interests. EAA National provides considerable value.

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CURRENT MEMBERS IT'S TIME TO RENEW FOR 2012

Renew via mail, at a meeting or via pay pal on www.eaa9.org

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