



Columbus Area Aviators

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September Meeting

The September meeting/activity will be **Saturday September 23rd** and will be an "Aircraft Weight & Balance Clinic". If you have an aircraft that you would like to have checked, please contact one of the chapter officers with the following information: **Aircraft Make & Model** – for example Piper PA28-140. This information will allow us to gather aircraft datum information ahead of time.

In addition, plan to arrive at the hangar with full fuel tanks (self serve pumps are nearby) and a "cleaned out" cabin. Normally, weighing is done with empty tanks to establish the empty weight, but the logistics of draining tanks and then refilling after weighing precludes this. We will "back-calculate" to determine empty weight.

The weigh-in location is the 4th hangar south of the self service pump on the west side of the taxiway.

August Meeting

The August meeting was a fly-out to Marion, IL (MWA) to view the solar eclipse. Due to several last minute issues, only two planes were able to make the flight, but it was well worth it. The airport did a nice job handling the arrival of about 130 aircraft (including 35 corporate jets) for the day. The airport was near the centerline of the 100% eclipse track. There was no landing fees and the fuel price did not seem to be increased from normal days. Well Done Marion! See a neat eclipse photo on page 3.

Notes from the President's Desk

Chapter 729 Members,

As we slip the surly bonds of summer.....man, where did it go!! I hope you experienced many enjoyable events throughout the summer, regardless if aviation related or not.

Hands down, Chapter 729 most successful annual event/s is our Young Eagles program. Supported by many passionate individuals, we placed smiles on a great number of kids! With Larry Morlock's leadership and his army of volunteers, I already look forward to repeating in 2018! Thank you to each individual for your passion, time and big heart!

And any adult looking for a flight experience, Saturday, September 23 is a great opportunity to see Columbus from the air! Ray Rising Jr a BCSC senior is providing the leadership in a senior project, to provide area adults the same experience as YE's. Being held 8-12 at BAK terminal lobby, anyone of 18 years or older can get a free ride around Columbus. Though not an EAA Chapter 729 event, many of the same pilots/aircraft are making themselves available in support of Ray's senior project. Maybe even fly on multiple aircraft?? Come out early and see the Mill Race Marathon from the air!!

This month's membership meeting will be held on Saturday, September 23, as an aircraft Weight & Balance clinic. Being held "all day Saturday", anyone wanting to either learn, watch, or have their aircraft checked for

accuracy, please reach out to any Chapter 729 Board of Directors member for information (www.729.eaachapter.org). We encourage all members to stop and experience this important aspect of flying safely. "Central Command" hangar for this initiative is Mike Foushee's hangar, with other hangar/s reserved for multiple aircraft. Mike will have comments in newsletter about process.

For October, we're planning two outings. First is the return of Red Bull Air Race (http://airrace.redbull.com/en_US) being held October 14 & 15 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Cummins has been very generous in providing tickets in support of EAA Chapter 729. I will be sending out information shortly on this exciting aviation event and hope you can join us!!

We're also arranging an outing for evening of Thursday, October 19, which will include dinner. Current plan is to visit an active aircraft operation rather than a project. Please stay tuned.....

As we approach the most colorful time of the year, be safe.

Brad

The 2017 Chapter Meetings/Events

The 2017 meeting and event schedule is tabulated below:

Oct 19	Membership Mtg.
Nov 16	Membership Mtg.
Dec 9 (Sat.)	Christmas Party

Chapter meetings are a good way to meet others in the local area that share your interest in aviation – homebuilding, restoration, aviation history, military aviation, hangar flying, etc. It is also a way to become involved in activities such as Young Eagle events, visits to member projects, “fly-outs”, etc.

Newsletter Input

The newsletter editor is always looking for input. If you have input please contact Mike by the second Friday of each month at:

michael.foushee@yahoo.com

Calendar of Events

Sept 23	Airport Day North Vernon (OVO)
Oct 14	Seymour Aviation Day Freeman Field (SER)
Oct 14-15	Red Bull Air Races Ind. Motor Speedway

Aviation/Member News

Officers For 2017

President	Brad Stinebring
Vice President	Dave Lynch
Secretary	Bill Batten
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Director	Bob Graves
Director	Bob Butterfield
Y.E. Coord.	Larry Morlock
Chief Photographer	Nick Firestone
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Tech Counselor	Mike Foushee

Bakalar Flying Club

Bakalar Flying Club has recently been formed as a way to share the cost of personal flying. They are in the final steps of acquiring an IFR Cessna 172 (180 HP conversion with long range tanks) and are seeking additional members.

For information on the club see their website: www.FlyBAK.org

or contact Brad Moore at club@flybak.org .

Interesting Websites

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7lmhfOLTBUM>

<http://www.businessinsider.com/boeing-dreamliner-787-test-flight-america-2017-8>

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/u4D0yx4DvBk?rel=0>

<https://www.facebook.com/AviationTechOfficial/videos/1140935445944779/>

Items For Sale or Needed

As long as space is available, I'll list items either wanted or for sale that are AVIATION related. If you will provide me with a brief description and contact information, I will include your items.

1966 Beech Debonair



Total Time: 3,345 hrs. SMOH: 1,260 hrs.
IO-470-K engine (225 HP)
KX-155 with Glideslope
MK-12D with Glideslope
Northstar GPS
KR-87 ADF
AT-150 with Encoder
Standby Vacuum System
\$62,500

Contact: Steve Fushelberger
317-407-5227
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Aviation Humor

WHY I WANT TO BE A PILOT

When I grow up I want to be a pilot because it's a fun job and easy to do. That's why there are so many pilots flying around these days.

Pilots don't need much school. They just have to learn to read numbers so they can read their instruments.

I guess they should be able to read a road map, too.

Pilots should be brave to they won't get scared it it's foggy and they can't see, or if a wing or motor falls off.

Pilots have to have good eyes to see through the clouds, and they can't be afraid of thunder or lightning because they are much closer to them than we are.

The salary pilots make is another thing I like. They make more money than they know what to do with. This is because most people think that flying a plane is dangerous, except pilots don't because they know how easy it is.

I hope I don't get airsick because I get carsick and if I get airsick, I couldn't be a pilot and then I would have to go to work.

— *purported to have been written by a fifth grade student at Jefferson School, Beaufort, SC. It was first published in the South Carolina Aviation News.*

Best Eclipse Photo

A British Airways pilot took this photo of the solar eclipse when his plane was crossing the Atlantic Ocean. One can see another plane on the same flight path.



2017 Annual Airport Awareness Day



AIRSHOW PERFORMERS

ROBINSON AEROBATICS

Cliff Robinson - Stearman

Emerson Stewart - Citabria

SATURDAY, September 23rd

8:00 to 4:00

FREE ADMISSION & AEROBATIC AIRSHOW

AIRFIELD CLOSED FOR AIRSHOW: 1:30 TO 3:30

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- AIRPLANE RIDES
- FOOD & DRINKS
- STATIC AIRCRAFT DISPLAY
- CLASSIC CAR & TRUCK SHOW
- KIDS ACTIVITIES
- VENDORS, DISPLAYS & EXHIBITS

★ AVIATION FUEL ★
DISCOUNT

50¢ OFF PER GALLON

Food by: Tailfeather Farm Market

Profits Benefiting North Vernon Senior Center



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