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Chapter 729 Members & Aviation Friends:

Aviation Safety

As we slowly work our way through the last of the winter season, us fair weather pilots start making plans for getting back into the air. If you haven't flown for a while, it is good to pause and put safety first. The FAA FAASTeam recently sent out an email with a good summary on Safety Risk Management (SRM). Risk Management is a three-step process to; identify hazards, how likely they will negatively impact the flight, and how to reduce the chances these hazards will cause an accident. You can find this summary here: SRM Summary

Local Chapter News

It has been a very busy start to the new year for our chapter. We have procured blank name tags and will be creating name labels for these tags for all members that are current with their 2023 dues. Hint hint, you can either mail in, hand in, or pay online 2023 membership dues at: www.eaa729.org. We will have these name tags available for wear at every chapter gathering. The purpose is to help create a welcoming environment, especially for new members and visitors. While online to pay your dues at the chapter website you can also review our preliminary 2023 calendar of events.

Our February chapter gathering is scheduled for **Thursday**, **February 16th**. We will open the doors at 6pm, fire up the griddle, and make grilled cheese sandwiches to order. Come early, chat and reconnect with others and order a grilled cheese, grab a bag of chips and a bottle of water or soda. A free will offering will help pay this forward for the next month's grilled cheese supplies. For the meeting we will share

chapter happenings and have a brief group exercise. We also have a special guest speaker, 1st Lt Brian Herbert, Squadron Commander of the Columbus IN CAP. In our interview with Brian and the CAP, a number of collaborative opportunities between our two groups were identified. Hear what the local CAP squadron is up to.

We are migrating to using a Chapter Roster Management tool created for our use by the EAA. This tool allows us to consolidate multiple spreadsheets across a variety of sources. We will be able to better track dues, active members, engage with prospective members, manage email distribution lists, and provide one source of truth for membership information. The board is excited by the opportunities this tool provides.

In our January membership gathering we ran a couple of group exercises to gather inputs on what's going well, possible opportunities, and areas for improvements. This information was consolidated and reviewed by the board. We will summarize this information and have it available for review and get your inputs on priorities. Along with gathering this information we have conducted interviews with other members of our local aviation community. Some of these interviews included: Bakalar Flying Club, local CAP Squadron, IvyTech Aviation Program, and the Lift Academy. We will continue to conduct interviews and merge this with the inputs from the chapter membership to help develop a 5 Year Flight Plan for the chapter. The goal is to continue to develop aviation experiences and opportunities

to grow our chapter and provide activities for you to plug into.

The Taylorcraft Restoration

Progress on Taylorcraft continues. The team is shifting to installation of the windscreen and connecting the ailerons. The goal is for first flight this summer.

Build & Fly

The YE team continues to make great progress with the RC build. They completed the wing (almost 6') and started on the ailerons. Brett is working with Ken from the local RC club to "pilot" this Build & Fly opportunity. When they are done the RC club members will teach our Young Eagle builders how to fly this bird. Dane, Noah, and Evan coach each other through the process. Not pictured is Drew who is also working this project.



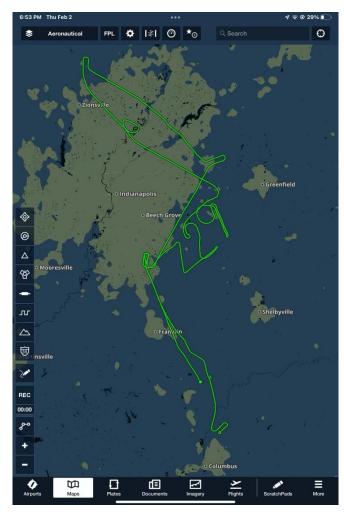
Shop Talk

Shop Talk is scheduled the 2nd Thursday (2:30pm) and 4th Saturday (8am) of every month in the hangar workshop. We fire up the coffee maker and discuss any and all topics related to home building. Here the group is reviewing a recently attended Workshop in Oshkosh on electrical systems, wiring, and avionics.



Young Eagles

Ok, so Boeing flew a 747 pattern in honor of the last 747 built, YAWN - autopilot, boring. Our very own Young Eagle Kate Russell put Chapter 729 on the map with a recent hand flown flight! Well done Kate, you've done us proud.



In January Brad was able to take some of our Young Eagles on a field trip to the Air Force Museum in Dayton OH. I'm not sure how Brad was able to pry them away from the simulators. Noah, Drew, Kyler, and Kate pose for a quick photo.



AirVenture Chapter Camping Experience

The National Chapter has created a unique experience for local chapters to reserve up to 6 camp sites during AirVenture, located as a block of sites. Reservations open on March 1st. We will request those 6 sites and plant the Chapter 729 flag in Oshkosh. If you would like to participate in this chapter camping experience contact me directly, sites will be held first come first serve. Even if you don't rough it, stop by, and get in on this experience. Maybe we'll grill up some burgers for all.....

Hangar Spring Work Day

Mark your calendar for Saturday April 1st. We will host a chapter Pancake Breakfast and invite the Bakalar Flying Club. Socialize, get a good breakfast, and then join in as we all pitch in to work on improving, organizing, and cleaning up the office/conference room, workshop, and hanger. Brad & Larry are pulling together the work "punch list" for the day. This

is a great opportunity to get ready for the new flying season and have some fun.

Local Airport Community

Aviation Day is set for June 3rd. We are working with the airport to help support this community event. Young Eagle introduction flights, a focus on home building and the EAA, pancake breakfast, and aviation education are areas we've been asked to support. As this firms up and more information is available, we will pass it on. Aviation Day is a great chapter recruiting opportunity and we can all be ambassadors for EAA 729. Please mark your calendar and help support this community and chapter event.

Jim

Aviation/Member News

Officers For 2023

President James Yrineo Vice President **Brad Moore** Secretary Larry Kelly Bill Batten Treasurer Director Kate Russell Director Matt Brown Director **Brett Herrick** Dan Villiger Director Director **Brad Stinebring Brad Moore** Y.E. Coord. **Tech Counselor** Mike Foushee

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:

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Interesting Websites

https://youtu.be/YLr03kmDYlo

https://youtu.be/uHyqLVfi5hQ

EAA Chapter 729 Hangar Needs

We have developed a list of items that would be useful in pursuing some of the chapter's projects. So, if you have any of the following items cluttering up your life, your

garage, or your hangar please consider donating them to Chapter 729 (a 501c3 organization).

Swaging Tool Wheel Balancer Aircraft Scales PPE Storage Cabinet

Calendar of Events

3/28 - 4/2 Sun N Fun Aerospace Expo

Lakeland, FL (LAL)

6/3 Airport Day

Columbus, IN (KBAK)

7/24 – 7/30 EAA AirVenture

Oshkosh, WI (OSH)

2023 Young Eagle Events

The Young Eagle Flight events for 2023 will be held on the following Sat. mornings from **9:00 AM** to **1:00 PM**.

May 13 Rain Date May 20

June 3

July 8 August 5 September 16 September 30

These events are a great way to introduce kids to the wonders of aviation (not to mention a good reason to go flying). To make these events a success, we will need pilots, planes, and ground crew volunteers.

Reminder: everyone helping out with these events should have completed the EAA Youth Protection Background Checks (no cost).

Items For Sale or Needed

Garmin 496 GPS



Garmin 496 GPS complete with antenna, Gizmo mounting bracket. Removed during avionics upgrade. Make offer.

Contact: Scott Braden 270-706-3474

Scottbraden1@hotmail.com

Flight Simulator Components



Volair Flight Sim cockpit components – NEW Basic frame, widescreen frame plus misc. parts Less seat and instrument panel Value \$870.00 Sell for \$625.00 Can be seen at Atterbury-Bakalar Air Museum Call 812-372-4356 and leave a message

Brantly Helicopter



1959 Brantly B2A N5950X TT: 897.5 hrs. 35 hours since chrome top overhaul \$37,500

Contact: Karl Schilling 317-796-4997

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Aviation Humor

Approach: Cessna X, your mode C is intermittently reporting 3,000 feet. Say your altitude.

Pilot: Cessna X is intermittently at 3,000 feet.

Flight Watch: Cessna X, Can you give us

a pilot report?

Pilot: It feels like we're riding a hotel's

vibrating bed up here.

Flight Watch: Is that bed on the light, moderate or rattle your teeth setting?

An airliner was in a holding pattern waiting for the Democratic Presidential Nominee to leave the area.

Tower: Airliner X, can you hold for

another 10 minutes?

Pilot: Yes sir, however, please advise the Democrats that more and more passengers

are turning Republican.

Jet Pilot: Tower, we'd like to report a family of foxes crossing the taxiway. **Tower:** Roger that. The foxes help keep families of birds from nesting in the area.

Approach Control: 747 Heavy, traffic is a 777 at your 2 o'clock at 4000 feet. **747 Heavy:** Roger, Approach, we have that light twin in sight.

Ground Control: Airliner X, Good news, you are clear to taxi to the active. **Pilot:** Roger, What's the bad news? **Ground Control:** No bad news at the moment, but you probably want to get gone before I find any.

Tower: "Kilo Mike Delta, are you

proceeding to TGO?"

Pilot: "Yes Sir, more or less."

Tower: "In that case, proceed a little bit

more to TGO!"

Pilot (LH 876): "Request heading 110 to

avoid."

Tower: "To avoid what!?"

Pilot (LH 876): "To avoid delay."

Pilot (after a long time in a holding pattern): Tower, could we get an EFC?

(Translation: how much longer?)

Tower: Indefinite.

Pilot: I'm pretty sure we don't have fuel for that.

Pilot: O'Hare Tower, Bonanza X, request landing. I can land on any runway and hold short of any other runway.

Tower (with an over-full load): Roger, we request you land at Chicago Executive and hold short of O'Hare.

Tower: Airliner X, it looks like you have a baggage door open.

Airliner: Thank you for the report, but that must be our APU door that's open for cooling.

Tower: Airliner X, you have luggage falling out of your APU door.

Lost Student Pilot: Tower, Cessna X, Requesting help determining my location, I'm lost.

Tower: Can you fly over any identifiable man made objects like a highway or water tower?

Pilot: Affirmative, I just flew by a water tower, but all it said was "Class of '09."

Denver Tower: Gulfstream X, You're cleared to 9,000 feet. For a vector to Hector, contact the sector director.

Tower: Airliner 757 vectored 310 at 145 knots behind traffic.

Pilot: Roger that, 310 at 145 to clean out the stall horn.

Approach: Airliner Heavy, report your airspeed for spacing.

Pilot: Approach, we're really hauling ass. **Approach:** Airliner Heavy, I couldn't care less about your cargo, I need to know your airspeed.

Kids on a tour of the Tower: Have you

ever had a real emergency?

Controller: There was that one time when

we ran out of coffee.