



Columbus EAA Chapter 729

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Chapter 729 Members & Aviation Friends:

AVIATION SAFETY

There is a great article in RedBird's "Friday Morning Flight Plan" weekly newsletter. I've found the articles interesting but also helpful in how I can best utilize our chapters newest asset, the RedBird TD Simulator, for my personal proficiency. I highly recommend you also subscribe to this weekly free newsletter.

www.redbird.com/friday-morning-flight-plan

IMSAFE (or am I NAIVE?)

This article covers all the letters of the IMSAFE (Illness, Medications, Stress, Alcohol, Fatigue, and Emotion) and how attention to this checklist tends to fade over time.

<https://emails.redbirdflight.com/imsafe-or-am-inaive?>

Keep in mind that any questionable answers to IMSAFE could end up being the first few sentences of an NTSB report. Prepare yourself accordingly, staying on top of each letter to ensure it doesn't deteriorate your performance as pilot in command.

As the saying goes "A Good Pilot Is Always Learning"

CHAPTER NEWS

If you forget your significant other this Valentines Day we can help you make up for it! We will host a Chapter Family Chili Cook-Off on **Thursday February 15th**. We will have BoD and guest chefs make their best secret Chili recipes and the chapter "buys" votes for their fan

favorite. The Chapter will provide drinks, breads, chips, crackers, bowls, etc. We will look for a few volunteers to help with some favorite desserts to share. If you would like to bring a dessert, please reach out to one of your board members.

You will be able to vote early and often through a cash donation (\$1 buys 1 vote). Proceeds will go towards funding the initial Zenith CG650B Vertical Stabilizer kit for the students to do a practice build.

Our chapter successes continue to accumulate!

The RedBird TD Simulator is setup and just about ready to release to the membership. The Board recently approved the initial Policies and Procedures. We've started some initial training with our Monday and Wednesday student groups. We would like to have a couple of volunteer trainers so if you are interested please contact James Yrineo for "training the trainer". This simulator setup is as close to getting into an airplane, while never leaving the ground. We will be organizing some introductory sessions to help people become familiar with ease of use and applying it to your personal proficiency. While there are a few bugs to work out it has been exciting to see the students beginning to learn the concepts of flight. The BoD has settled on an initial \$20 annual user fee for any chapter member. This fee will go towards an escrow account for future maintenance costs. For those students that pay their individual user fee they will receive one time a free Pilots Log Book for documenting their aviation journey.



<https://eaa729.org/product/annual-simulator->



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WHO'S READY TO BUILD AN AIRPLANE!!!

We were notified by the Ray Foundation Board of Directors that they will be approving \$51,500 towards our grant request for a Zenith CH650B airplane kit. With this award, along with the \$24,000 already raised, and a "line of sight" to the balance of funds for this project, the BoD will be looking to place the initial airframe kit order with Zenith in February. This would place the delivery of the kit into the April/May timeframe. You can find information on this airplane model at:

<https://zenithair.net/introduction-ch650>

This is going to be an awesome opportunity for the entire chapter. Have you ever wanted to be part of an airplane build but not interested in tackling the project yourself? Do you want to help mentor and work with youth? Not confident about having the mechanical skills and knowledge to take on a project like this? Rest assured you are not alone, but more importantly are you NOT on your own with this. We actually have a very large community of past and present airplane builders, FAA certified Airframe & Power Plant mechanics and Authorized Inspectors, pilots, and aircraft owners in our chapter. There are also 1000's of EAA webinars that cover every possible aspect of building an airplane.

In addition to mentoring the youth build, there are opportunities through adult build sessions. I started my own Sonex B build a little over a year ago and have found everyone to be very sharing, helpful, and have developed new skills and friendships. My entire airplane building experience has been more rewarding than I could have expected.

So, join us as we begin this journey together, gain new skills and friends, no prior experience required. Over the next few months, we will be preparing the Youth Aviation Center for this build. We have project planning teams to pull together, tables, benches and shelves to build, tools to procure, and training videos to start on.

“Gone West” – Dan Patton

Longtime EAA Chapter 729 member Dan Patton went West on January 23rd at the age of 86 at his winter home in Florida.

For those of you not familiar with the term “Gone West”, it originated during WWI (the first war involving aircraft). Allied pilots were based in England, but the fighting took place in the skies over Europe. When a pilot was killed in action, his body was sent back to England and thus he was said to have “Gone West”. Since that time when an aviator has passed away, it has been common practice to say that they had “Gone West”.

Total Eclipse – April 8th

On **Monday April 8th of 2024** Columbus will be in the “zone of totality” for the solar eclipse. This rare event is generating a lot of national excitement. Columbus is expecting large crowds. The airport is also hosting a Renaissance Faire. They are also expecting up to 350 airplanes to fly in for this event. We have a couple of chapter opportunities to help support the airport and put on a good safe show. The airport and FBO will need extra help with marshaling aircraft on the ramp. Also a local security company is needing help for parking, traffic control, etc. The security firm will pay \$20/hr for 7 hours. The opportunity here is that you can direct this to be paid to your chapter as a donation (help us purchase that next airplane kit). They are looking for 6 extra personnel ages 18 years or older. If you are under the age of 18 you can still help with marshaling airplanes. We will be looking to start to gather volunteers and names in our Feb/Mar chapter gatherings. If you are interested in supporting the **Security Team contact James Yrineo, to support the Ramp Team contact Bill Batten.**

Our Chapter 2024 Calendar is now available on our website at: www.eaa729.org

As the 2024 airshow calendars are developed, a great source to see what’s coming are the AOPA and EAA websites. We will try to highlight local/regional events as they are scheduled. Who doesn’t like a good airshow? I know the F16 Demonstration team will be in Goshen Indiana this spring ahead of Oshkosh,

and the Canadian SnowBirds Demo team will be performing at Oshkosh.

EAA & AOPA Airshow Schedules:

<https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/news-by-topic/events/airshow>

<https://www.eaa.org/eaas/events>

Ray Scholars Update

We been notified that our matching Ray Scholarship for 2024 has been approved.

TAYLORCRAFT & NIEUPORT 11 UPDATE

Join the team as we work to prepare this hangar shop space over the next few months for the arrival and build of the Zenith CH650B. We have a lot to do to get ready and this is a great opportunity for you to engage now, no prior experience required, we are all learning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- 15th of Feb 2024 Chapter Chili Cook-off
- 8th of Apr 2024 Total Eclipse of the Sun
- Tentative Young Eagle Dates for 2024:
 - 11th of May
 - 8th of June
 - 13th of July
 - 10th of August
 - 14th of September

Aviate, Navigate, Communicate

James Yrineo
Chapter 729 President
“Blue Skies and Tail Winds”

Aviation/Member News

Officers For 2024

President	James Yrineo
Vice President	John Tunell
Secretary	Larry Kelly
Treasurer	Bill Batten
Director	Kate Russell
Director	Matt Brown
Director	Dan Villiger
Director	Brad Stinebring
Y.E. Coord.	Brad Moore
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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/rvmmUh8miZc?si=ZEWsiGmDlbLWKZv->

<https://youtu.be/HN6PDeBejlc?si=51sEbz2w0IQD0o8S>

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 PE Storage Cabinet

Calendar of Events

4/9-14 Sun & Fun Fly-In
Lakeland, FL (KLAL)

7/22-28 EAA AirVenture
Oshkosh, WI (KOSH)

Items For Sale or Needed

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

Aviation Humor

In response to how he checked the weather, "I just whip out my blue card with a hole in it and read what it says: 'When color of card matches color of sky, FLY!'"

— Gordon Baxter

Instrument flying is an unnatural act probably punishable by God.

— Gordon Baxter

Nothing said I had to crash.

— R.A. Bob Hoover, after hitting a telephone wire and losing two feet of wing in his P-51.

You know the part in 'High Flight' where it talks about putting out your hand to touch the face of God? Well, when we're at speed and altitude in the SR, we have to slow down and descend in order to do that.

— USAF Lt. Col. Gil Bertelson, SR-71 pilot, in 'SR-71 Blackbird: Stories, Tales and Legends,' 2002.

Newton's Law states that what goes up, must come down. Our Company Commander's Law states that what goes up and comes down had damn well better be able to go back up again.

— sign in the Operations Office of the 187th Assault Helicopter Company, Tay Ninh, Viet Nam, 1971.

I never liked riding in helicopters because there's a fair probability that the bottom part will get going around as fast as the top part.

— Lt. Col. John Wittenborn, USAFR.

A military aircraft had gear problems on landing, and as the plane was skidding down the tarmac the tower controller asked if they needed assistance.

From the plane came a laconic southern voice: Dunno - we ain't done crashin' yet.

The most dangerous thing about flying is the risk of starving to death.

— Dick Depew

When asked by someone how much money flying takes:
Why, all of it!

— Gordon Baxter