

Columbus Area Aviators

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Notes from the President's Desk

EAA Chapter 729 Members & Aviation Friends:

Welcome to July and the return of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh! It sure is good to be able to talk about and plan for AirVenture! Let me know if attending and will try to coordinate an evening with EAA 729 members.

With a heavy EAA heart, I report long time member and former leader of EAA Chapter 729, Dick Gaynor, has passed away. Recently being diagnosed with cancer, Dick spent a few weeks in hospital before coming home to family. Dick provided many years of leadership to EAA 729, Columbus Board of Aviation Commissioners and as instructor with lvy Tech.

Dick, along with Noreen, will always be remembered for their involvement with Young Eagle program and the Independence Day celebrations held at their hangar. Most will recall Dick's EAA Newsletters mentioning adventures with N7081E. And many told me about Dick's camping and meals at Oshkosh, as well. Our thought and prayers to entire family.

EAA 729 membership meeting of June was quite a success viewing of the "Columbus Indiana Huey" helicopter operated by Jim Ogilvie. Hosted by Jim, Joan and Jenna Ogilvie, 30+ people were in attendance and enjoyed an educational evening, along with the camaraderie of EAA 729 members. To learn more and become a "Columbus Indiana Huey" member – contact Jim @ 812-343-2422.

At the same gathering, we learned more about the planned "Hoosier Heritage Flight" along the Wabash River, which has been delayed to October. This is shaping up to be quite a true adventure and educational opportunity. Please reach out to Mike Harding @ 619-379-5116 to learn more on this unique adventure.

Our recent weekend hosting the Ford Tri-Motor was a huge success, with 28 flights and 283 passengers flown, over a 4-day period. Success was enabled by the many volunteers assisting over the weekend, and the reason EAA Chapter 729 will be rewarded \$1000, for their efforts. Thank you volunteers!!

Regrettably, we had to cancel planned Young Eagle flights on Saturday, as windy conditions were not favorable for providing first flight experiences. A hard pill to swallow with 80+ kids registered, but an easy and correct decision. Thank you again to the many pilots and ground crew who placed best effort to accomplish! Currently, we are scheduled to offer YE flights again on September 25 and October 16...... mark your calendar!

Our leadership with Young Eagles program is shifting. Larry Morlock led this program since the mid-90's and is stepping away. Larry has personally flown more YE's than anyone at EAA 729, with over 850 kids! Through his leadership of our program, he has indirectly provided thousands of kids the opportunity to experience their first aircraft ride. An untold number of kids selected aviation career from this first experience. Larry's effort is the true meaning of EAA – the Spirit of

Aviation! Please take time to say thank you to Larry!

Payton Gross, EAA 729 Ray Scholar, started this very way! Having her first flight at age 13 with EAA 729 (I happen to be the pilot), she is now working on her Private Pilot with Bakalar Flying Club. She has several flights under her belt and will be certificated by fall. Payton will be a freshman at Purdue University engineering school and declaring Aerospace next year. Go Payton!

Changes at the EAA hangar continue with new fencing being installed around the airport. These changes will provide a new driveway, parking area and entries into hangar. The hangar will remain 100% usable and entry codes the same. Please be cautious and patient through this transition.

Another long-time aviation member has stepped forward with a donation. Rodney Harmon has donated a Chevrolet LS-1 engine and blueprints for building a 1919 Spad aircraft. Blueprints are from the original design and in the French. Anybody knowing French can help us read! Thank you Harmon, both will be put to good use!

And speaking of donations, EAA 729 BOD is finalizing structure for an endowment meant to perpetually sustain EAA Chapter 729. This will be an opportunity for members, aviation enthusiast and community to participate. Expect to hear more soon.

Lastly, July is always focused on AirVenture Oshkosh with no membership meeting being held. We are working on August membership meeting, hoping that the positive trend of public gatherings continues.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.....

Be safe,

Brad

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Aviation/Member News

Officers For 2021

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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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2021 Young Eagle Events

The remaining Young Eagle Flight events for 2021 will be held on the following Sat. mornings from **9:00 AM** to **1:00 PM**.

Sept 25th Oct 16th

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 at these events should have completed the EAA Youth Protection Background Checks (no cost).

EAA Chapter 729 Hangar Needs

As we expand the use of the chapter hangar, 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 Prop Balancer

Wheel Balancer Scales

Flammable Material Storage Cabinet

Interesting Websites

http://vimeo.com/26086480

http://xa.yimg.com/kq/groups/15654030/16048 19366/name/bomber_plant.wmv

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.

Garmin G3X Experimental

New in the box Garmin G3X Experimental Experimental P/N: 010-01057-00 \$3.791

Contact: Lance Bartels

812-322-6762

Cherryhillaviation@yahoo.com

Brantly Helicopter



1959 Brantly B2A N5950X TT: 897.5 hrs. 35 hours since chrome top overhaul \$37.500

Contact: Karl Schilling 317-796-4997

kschilling@embargmail.com

Aircraft Winch



Hangar floor mount, GE 120v ac motor, 90ft steel winch cable, 75 ft control cable, \$125

Dick Belush 812 343-4910

Aviation Humor

(I found a collection of nearly 100 corny aviation jokes which will surely make you groan)

A teacher was arrested on an airplane after his bag was searched. Police found a protractor, a ruler, a calculator, and a book of graph paper. They charged him with possessing implements of math instruction.

I really wanted to build an airplane,

But the idea never really took off.

Who invented the paper airplane? The Write Brothers.

An ant falls out of an airplane, how did it die? Starved to death on the way down.

As I sat in my airplane seat for the 16-hour flight, I tried to get comfortable.

Then I remembered that I was in economy.

I don't find airplane jokes funny. To me, they're just really Boeing

Why did the airplane get sent to his room? He had a bad altitude.

What has a nose and flies but can't smell? An airplane.

You'll be happy to know that we have reached the end of the 100 Corny Airplane Jokes!

PONDERISMS:

How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered?

Why do you have to "put your two cents in".. But it's only a "penny for your thoughts"? Where's that extra penny going to?

Once you're in heaven, do you get stuck wearing the clothes you were buried in for eternity?

Why does a round pizza come in a square box?

What disease did cured ham actually have?