



# Columbus EAA Chapter 729

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### Chapter 729 Members & Aviation Friends:

#### Aviation Safety

At our May 18th Chapter Gathering we had a presentation from Mike Foushee (729 Tech Advisor) and Chris House from the FAAST Indianapolis FSDO. Their topic was First Flight After Maintenance. Also attending were members of the EAA Chapters in Greenwood and North Vernon. There were several points of emphasis; you are responsible for the aircraft to be flight worthy as the PIC, have a detailed conversation with your A&P about the work that was done and double check his work (we are all human), check the paperwork, conduct a thorough pre-flight inspection, approach this with a "test flight" mentality, conduct a thorough post flight inspection.

### Chapter Local News

What a couple months for Young Eagle Flights! Our first scheduled flight had been postponed to the rain date of May 20th. Two weeks later we held another Young Eagles Flight for Aviation Day on June 3rd. Combined we flew 165 kids on Young Eagle Flights. This is an achievement we should all be proud of. Without our volunteers we would not be able to have this level of success. Many thanks to our Young Eagle pilots and ground crew. Also as part of Aviation Day we staffed three different displays representing Chapter activities; homebuilding, RC Build & Fly, and the Taylorcraft restoration. Furthermore, we made a professional appearance in our new chapter shirts.



We'd also like to recognize many of the other unseen folks who work in the background to help make these flights a success. In particular, the ATC folks in the tower that handled the air and ground operations and kept traffic flowing in a safe manner. It's reported that the ATC team ran over 400 operations in a 7-hour period (close to one takeoff, landing, or flyover every minute), truly an amazing job.

We have a team that has accepted the challenge to build and decorate an Adirondack Chair representing our chapter. Chapter chairs are permanently displayed in the Chapter's Blue Barn at AirVenture in Oshkosh WI for all to see and use. Volunteer Jim Olmstead is helping coordinate this build and design over the next few weeks. If you would like to participate with this chapter activity please contact Brad Stinebring or James Yrineo and we will get you connected with the team. We will plan a special drawing for Chapter members that search out and submit a photo of themselves with our Chapter Chair at OSH23. Here is a roughed out photo of the chair so far. It will be finished and decorated with our chapter/community theme.



## **Upcoming Local Events**

We have been invited by the North Vernon Chapter (EAA 1328) to participate in the following local Fly-outs. Joe Simpkins helps coordinate these with their chapter and asked our members to consider joining in with them.

June 24th Noblesville IN (I80) Pancake  
Breakfast 8am-12pm

Aug 19th Jerry Brown Fly-in & Cookout  
Aug 26th Westfield IN (I72) Aviation Day

The Jerry Brown Fly-in on the 19th has historically been a combined gathering of the North Vernon EAA Chapter and our Chapter 729. Mark your calendar for this and fly/drive to enjoy a great social event between our chapters.

Another event in the development pipeline is a Sonex Fly/Drive-in at our very own KBAK airport targeted for August 26th. There are a number of Sonex builders in our chapter and across the region. We plan to "shake the trees" and see who falls out. Our goal is to meet other builders, swap contact information, and share past-present-future builds. While not an official chapter event all members are invited.

## **Taylorcraft Update**

The Taylorcraft made its first journey out of the hangar and displayed during Aviation Day. Work continues with Taylorcraft and have overcome hurdles that was slowing everyone down. The propellor was recently installed and can now start prepping aircraft for starting (first time in over a decade!). Wish us luck.....

## **Ray Scholarship**

2022 Ray Scholar Kyler Rimer continues his pursuit of PPL and with summer days, expects to accelerate his flying.

2023 Ray Scholar Noah Shatto will start his training this month (June). He has goals for completing the bulk of his training this summer and be waiting to turn 17 in February for his PPL checkride.

## **Build & Fly Update**

The construction of the wings, fuselage, and tail feathers is complete. The process of covering the project is underway. After covering the following needs to be completed; installation of the landing gear, install of the electric motor and battery pack, installation of the controller and servos for three axis flight control. Everyone is getting excited to see this take to the air!!

## **Shop Talk**

A number of regional Sonex Builders and Fliers have tentatively planned for a Sonex Fly-In / Drive-In for the 26th of August. Watch this space for more information as this develops.

## **Upcoming Events**

EAA Chapter 729 Gathering 15th of Jun - Dan Arnholt will share details on his flight from Columbus to the Bahamas with his family for Spring Break

EAA Chapter 729 Gathering for July will take a break for AirVenture OSH23 July 24th through the 30th

For those unable to make it to Oshkosh, but want to see the Blue Angels, consider attending Columbus, OH airshow (<https://columbusairshow.com>). Being held June 16-18 at Rickenbacker International Airport.

James Yrineo  
Chapter 729 President  
*"Blue Skies and Tail Winds"*

## **Aviation/Member News**

### **Officers For 2023**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| President      | James Yrineo    |
| Vice President | Brad Moore      |
| Secretary      | Larry Kelly     |
| Treasurer      | Bill Batten     |
| Director       | Kate Russell    |
| Director       | Matt Brown      |
| Director       | Brett Herrick   |
| Director       | Dan Villiger    |
| Director       | Brad Stinebring |
| Y.E. Coord.    | Brad Moore      |
| 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:

[michael.foushee@yahoo.com](mailto:michael.foushee@yahoo.com)

## **Interesting Websites**

<https://youtu.be/F7WNNjqgfp0>

<https://youtu.be/G0T4-XG612Q>

<https://youtu.be/k9-m5tCT0zY>

<https://youtu.be/MJrXUh0eZjw>

## **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  
Aircraft Scales

Wheel Balancer  
PPE Storage Cabinet

## **Calendar of Events**

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| 6/9-6/11    | RPA Formation Clinic<br>Columbus, IN (KBAK)           |
| 6/10        | Museum Airplane Ride Day<br>Seymour, IN (KSER)        |
| 6/16-18     | Columbus Airshow<br>Columbus, OH (KLCK)               |
| 6/18        | Flying Circus Fly-In<br>Hagarstown, IN (I61)          |
| 6/24        | Airport Awareness Day<br>North Vernon, IN (KOVO)      |
| 6/24        | Pancake Breakfast 8AM -12PM<br>Noblesville, IN. (I80) |
| 7/8         | EAA 729 Young Eagle Flights<br>Columbus, IN. (KBAK)   |
| 7/24 – 7/30 | EAA AirVenture<br>Oshkosh, WI (OSH)                   |
| 8/19        | Jerry Brown Fly-In & Cookout                          |

- Kephart Field (IN01)
- 8/26 Westfield Aviation Day  
Westfield, IN (I72)
- 9/8-9 Putnam County Airport Day  
Greencastle, IN (KGPC)
- 9/8-10 KY Sport Aviation Fly-In  
Rough River, KY (2I3)
- 9/18 - 9/24 Triple Tree Fly-In  
Woodruff, SC (SC00)
- 8/26 Sonex Builders Fly-In/Drive-In  
Columbus, IN (KBAK)
- 9/30 Madison Airshow  
Madison, IN (KIMS)
- 10/28-29 Crossroads Airshow (Blues)  
Indianapolis, IN (KMQJ)

### **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.**

**July 8**  
**September 16**

**Rain Date**  
**August 5**  
**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**

#### **VAL 2000 Comm Radio**

VAL 2000 comm radio – never installed – still in its sealed anti-static wrapper – includes rack.



Purchased for \$1,100, asking \$500.  
Contact: Bob Butterfield  
317-401-1315  
Bpq9696@hotmail.com

#### **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](mailto:Scottbraden1@hotmail.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@embarqmail.com](mailto:kschilling@embarqmail.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

## Aviation Humor

### More Corny Ones:

I have this new idea for an airplane,  
But I don't think it's gonna fly.

What do you call an airplane that flies  
backward?  
A receding airline.

What do you call the Swiss president's  
airplane?  
Tobler One.

What happens to a bad airplane joke?  
It never lands.

Two pilots are discussing piloting. One asks,  
"Why did you become a pilot?"  
One asks, "Why did you become a pilot?"  
He responds, "To overcome my fears."  
The other asks, "Which one? Heights?"  
To which he responds, "Dying alone."

What's the difference between an optimist and  
a pessimist?  
An optimist created the airplane; a pessimist  
created the seatbelts.

Getting on a plane, I told the ticket lady, "Send  
one of my bags to New York, send one to Los  
Angeles, send one to Miami."  
She said, "We can't do that!"  
I told her, "You did it last week!"

A vulture walks into an airplane with a rotting  
corpse.  
The flight attendant screams, "You cannot  
bring that on this plane."  
The vulture says, "It's just my carrion."

What did the kamikaze pilot tell his students?  
I'm only going to demonstrate this once, so  
look closely.

Why is development in airplane engineering so  
slow?  
Everyone is afraid to make a groundbreaking  
design.

Things a pilot can't say in a job interview:  
I'm down-to-earth.

Yesterday, I saw a police officer wearing a  
pilot's uniform.  
I thought it was a bit odd.  
Then I realized he was one of those plane  
clothes cops.

What if a dog flew the first airplane?  
Well, it just wouldn't be Wright.

Why couldn't the fighter jet pilot communicate  
with his co-pilot?  
He hadn't broken the sound barrier yet.

Have you heard of the TV show about the  
airplane?  
It sorta crashed and burned, but I think it's  
because the pilot wasn't very good.

What do you call it when you're sick of being in  
the airport?  
Terminal illness.

What do you get when you cross an airplane  
with a magician?  
A flying sorcerer.

What kind of chocolate do they sell at the  
airport?  
Plane chocolate.