



Columbus EAA Chapter 729

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Chapter 729 Members & Aviation Friends:

Aviation Safety

For our March Chapter Gathering we had planned to have Chris House with the FAA FAAST team as our guest speaker. We just received from FAAST to postpone their presentation to a later date. Due to this late notification the board has decided to cancel the monthly chapter gathering that was scheduled for Thursday March 16th, and instead use the scheduled Saturday April 1st Pancake Breakfast & Hangar work day as our March gathering. Please help spread the word about this change. Also come hungry and dressed for helping around the hangar.

As you gear up for spring weather flying be sure to check NOTAMs for migratory birds this time of the year. Sandhill Cranes are moving through the area and they just love cruising at traffic pattern altitudes. Keep your VFR head on a swivel and your eyes peeled for these flocks.

Local Chapter News

It's March, can you believe that 2023 is already 25% over, WOW. Your chapter board has been at work gathering chapter membership inputs & priorities, conducting interviews, and brainstorming as we formulate a **5 Year Flight Plan**. We have conducted exercises during the past two gatherings to collect and prioritize your inputs. The objectives of this planning, beyond helping focus activities that the membership is asking for include; setting an overall schedule for chapter activities, helping tell our story and why we are here, help

you find areas where you can plug in, and creating a roadmap for chapter development and growth. Continue to watch this space as we consolidate all the data and formulate this planning.

I'd like to welcome 3 new members and 1 returning member. New to the chapter are Joe & Penny Litz and Dillon Caudill. Reestablishing her membership is Ralyssa Burton. Please be sure to look for them at our next gathering, introduce yourself, and make them feel welcome. This helps make the point of grabbing and wearing your name tag, many of us only see each other at the monthly gathering, name tags help create a more welcoming environment,

We have name 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.

We opened the doors early to our February gathering by providing grilled cheese sandwiches made to order, along with a bag of chips and a bottle of water. Our next chapter gathering is now scheduled for Saturday the 1st of April at 8am. We will kick off with a pancake and sausage breakfast. We have invited the Bakalar Flying Club to participate (many hands make light work). After breakfast you will have an opportunity to burn some of those calories off. We will be giving the hangar, shop and office a general cleaning and organizing, painting and repairing of doors & entrances, installing window blinds, and some landscape maintenance. We are blessed with a great facility, but with all things a little TLC is needed.

We have invited the Bakalar Flying Club to participate and build relationships.

We were notified by the National EAA organization that we have been awarded a 2023 Ray Scholarship. This great recognition for the chapter and our Young Eagle program. This scholarship funding provides \$11k towards a student private pilot training. Next steps will be to select & award this scholarship within the next 12 months. Another positive achievement is that we also received a donation that we are applying towards a matching fund for an additional Ray Scholarship for next year. Again, great news as we try to grow this opportunity for our aviation youth.

Oshkosh AirVenture chapter camping opportunity! We have the ability to reserve up to 6 camping sites for the 2023 AirVenture week. The National chapter will reserve and stake off a group of 6 campsites ahead of AirVenture. This is a great opportunity to plant our Chapter 729 flag and build some chapter camaraderie. While we now have 6 members that want to take advantage of this please let James Yrineo (jfyrineo@gmail.com) know if you would like to submit your name to a waitlist in case someone cannot attend.

The Taylorcraft Restoration

Progress on Taylorcraft continues. The windscreen is close to being installed. The team has run into a few difficulties with the control cables and cowling fasteners. However once these issues are solved the propeller will be installed in preparation for engine start and run up. The goal is for the first flight this summer.

In the meantime we are starting our search for the next EAA Youth Center project. If you are aware of a good project plane or kit that someone would make available through a donation please let your board know.



Vyom Desai prepares cowling parts for installation.

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, Evan, Noah, Ken, and Drew make final touches to the wing. They are starting work next on the fuselage.



As pictured left to right, Dane, Evan, Noah, Ken and Drew

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. We have a number of active build projects within our chapter, soon to add another as their kit is expected to show up any day.

Young Eagles

Our first Young Eagle Flight is scheduled for the 13th of May. This is the 30th anniversary of this EAA Program. Our chapter also receives credits from the National Chapter for every Young Eagle Flight. We use these nominal credits to help fund other youth projects. We always have a wait list of youth that want to experience their first flight. So if you have a plane or access to a plane please consider volunteering.

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.

This is going to be a busy day for our chapter but also a great outreach opportunity. It will take "all hands on deck" for this community event.

Jim

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

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

Interesting Websites

<https://inspire.eaa.org/2023/03/03/ruffled-feathers-homebuilding-special-dna-required/>

<https://www.ainonline.com/aviation-news/general-aviation/2023-02-17/illinois-general-aviation-airport-makes-brewing-history>

<https://thunderoverlouisville.org/>

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)
9/18 - 9/24	Triple Tree Fly-In Woodruff, SC (SC00)

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**.

	<u>Rain Date</u>
May 13	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

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

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

Controller: Flight XYZ, can you climb to FL390?

XYZ: Standby (A few seconds pass)

XYZ: We can make it, but we'll have to throw out a few passengers

Controller: That's approved.

Tower: "Delta Zulu Romeo, turn right now and report your heading."

Pilot: "Wilco. 341, 342, 343, 344, 345..."

Tower: "Hotel Papa Oscar climb four thousand to six thousand and maintain."

Pilot: "Hotel Papa Oscar, climbing flight level 100."

Tower: "Hotel Papa Oscar, climb to flight level 60 and maintain."

Pilot: "But 4 and 6 is 10, isn't it?"

Tower: "You're supposed to climb, not add."

Tower: "Delta Fox Alpha, hold position, Marshall will park you."

Pilot: "Roger. Looking out for John Wayne."

Tower: Cessna 310, that taxiway is approved for single engine use only.
Pilot: Roger, shutting down one engine.

Pilot: Logan Ground, Radio Check.
Tower: You sound like you are calling from inside a tin can.
Pilot: Roger. It feels like it, too.

Pilot: Airliner X, request a 360 to parking.
Tower: 360 approved, 180 recommended.

Tower: Have you got enough fuel or not?
Pilot: Yes.
Tower: Yes what?? Pilot: Yes, SIR!

Pilot: Tower, please call me a fuel truck.
Tower: Roger. You are a fuel truck.

Pilot: Tower, give me a rough time check
Tower: It's Thursday, Sir.

Tower: Hawk 20, is this the same aircraft declaring emergency about two hours ago?
Pilot: Negativ, Sir. It's only the same pilot.

Pilot: Tower, there's a runway light burning.
Tower: I'm sure there must be dozens of lights burning.
Pilot: Sorry, I mean it's smoking.

Tower: Lufthansa 893, you are number one, check for workers on the taxiway.
Pilot: Roger We've checked, they are all working.

Tower: Cannot read you, say again!
Pilot: Again!

Tower: Mission triple-three, do you have problems?
Pilot: I think, I have lost my compass.
Tower: Judging the way you are flying, you lost the whole instrument panel.

Tower: Motorglider X, Can you go any faster?
Motorglider: Not if we want to climb. But think about it, we don't burn much fuel.
Tower: You must really smile when you get fuel.
Motorglider: Roger that, with a 7 gallon tank, we get to stop and smile a lot.

Controller: "FAR1234 confirm your type of aircraft. Are you an Airbus 330 or 340?"
Pilot: "A340 of course!"
Controller: "Then would you mind switching on the two other engines and give me a 1000 feet per minute, please?"

Champ Pilot: "Shaw Tower, Champ 71X with Echo for Landing."
Tower: "Champ 71X, Cleared to Land."
Jet Pilot: "Shaw Tower, Learjet 22U with Echo for Landing."
Tower: "Champ 71X, Remain East of River, Learjet 22U, Radar contact 15 miles, approved for the straight in approach."
Champ Pilot: "Shaw Tower, request priority landing."
Tower: "Learjet 22U, are you OK letting the Champ slip in?"
Champ Pilot (impersonating the Jet Pilot): "Affirmative, we'll wait."

Tower: Airliner X, please expedite descent through 4,000 feet. Traffic is a Pitts at 11 o'clock climbing to 4,500.
Pilot: Is the Pitts doing aerobatics?
Tower: Not intentionally, but it may start if you don't expedite your descent.

Flight Watch: Cessna, Traffic 12 o'clock, 2 miles and closing fast.
Pilot: Flight Watch, was that message for Cessna 59J or Cessna 25K?
Flight Watch: Both of you.

Pilot in a holding pattern: Tower, Request an ETA.
Tower: Cessna X, Do you have a situation that requires priority?
Pilot: Does "Daddy, I gotta go" qualify?