



Columbus EAA Chapter 729

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Chapter 729 Members & Aviation Friends:

It's been a beautiful fall with bright and plentiful foliage colors, but all good things come to an end. Most leaves have dropped and the task of collecting, and mulching has begun! A good sign colder temperatures are imminently close!

But October was glorious, as well as EAA Chapter 729 annual meeting! Good attendance by both members and students, who were witness to the review of 2022 accomplishments, updated financials, meet board candidates, discuss proposed By-Law changes, and hear of 2023 initiatives. Each member should have received the presentation presented and has taken time to review.



All 4 candidates (Bill Batten, Dan Villiger, Kate Russell, James Yrineo) were elected and the proposed By-Law changes were approved. Newly elected board members will be seated in January and 2023 officers will be appointed by the BoD, at that time.

We say "THANK YOU" to retiring board members Bob Graves and Bob Butterfield! Being EAA 729 board members for 8+ years, they have been instrumental in growing and making what EAA 729 is today! We will miss both, as each one brought an abundance of "aviation spirit" to EAA 729! Again, thank you Bob & Bob!

Anyone having questions on annual meeting, I can be reached at (812-350-9771) or contact any other board member, as well.

Our November meeting will be Thursday, November 17 @ 6:30pm at EAA hangar. A presentation on "Propeller Balancing" will be given by Brett Herrick on what "can and can't be improved" during this maintenance procedure. The benefits of reducing vibration on any aircraft is HUGE... in both comfort and cost. It's estimated over 80% of aircraft need balancing, highlighting why it should be included in annual inspections.

You will recall EAA 729 purchased a propeller balancer in the spring, and Brett has been learning how to operate. This balancer is available to members and others, to raise \$\$ for EAA 729. Come learn all about it!

In December, EAA 729 annual **Christmas** gathering will be at ZwangzigZ Production Brewery, where we will enjoy catered food and libations. So, make plans on joining EAA Chapter 729 from 6:30-8:30PM on Thursday, December 15. This is "not" the pizza location, but rather where beer production occurs. We will follow up later with invitations, but address will be 315 12th St., Columbus, IN.

Many of you know of **Brown County Bald Eagles** organization started in the 1980's. Since their founding, they have provided annual presentations commemorating the sacrifices and important dates of past military events. Being held at noon on Saturday, December 03 at Brown County Inn, please review and RSVP by November 30.

EAA Ray Scholar Kyler Rimes continues his flight lessons and working toward first solo. Regrettably, shorter days makes it more difficult, but many other students have experienced this difficulty and succeeded. So will Kyler! If you want to meet Kyler and share your experience, knowledge, and support, contact me and I will arrange (812-350-9771).

Kick-off for EAA 729 Build and Fly (partnering with local Aircraft Modelers Association – AMA) was held this past Saturday with 3 students in attendance. We're pleased with the start with 4 students while we learn how to grow this initiative. Goal is to be flying next spring, which should be a low bar to hit. Reach out to Brett and ask how you can be involved; we like to share the fun and excitement!

Taylorcraft rebuild continues with windshield and ailerons in process of being installed. New cables will be manufactured for the ailerons and rigging to follow. Another opportunity to share and participate!

Finally, I have told the current BoD's that I will be stepping down from President's role at years end. I've been President for 8+ years and have found it all enjoyable and know we have many more enjoyable days ahead!

I will remain on the board and look forward to being engaged in EAA 729 initiatives but feel it's time to pass the gavel. Thank you for your support, wisdom, involvement, and aviation passion over these many years.

Hope you find an aviation moment!

Be safe,

Brad

EAA – the Spirit of Aviation!

Aviation/Member News

Officers For 2022

President	Brad Stinebring
Vice President	Brad Moore
Secretary	Larry Kelly
Treasurer	Bill Batten
Director II	Bob Graves
Director III	Matt Brown
Director II	Bob Butterfield
Director III	Brett Herrick
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

Interesting Websites

<https://youtu.be/2UQb84N3by0>

<https://youtu.be/m6SEKNgxno>

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

12/15	EAA 729 Christmas Gathering ZwanzigZ Production Brewery
3/28 - 4/2	Sun N Fun Aerospace Expo Lakeland, FL (LAL)
7/24 – 7/30	EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, WI (OSH)

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

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

Aviation Humor

Cone of Confusion -

An area about the size of New Jersey, located near the final approach beacon at an airport.

Control Tower -

A small shack on stilts inhabited by

government pensioners who can't hear. When they become blind, they are sent to centers.

Course -

Popular alternate landing field marked by fairways and greens. Curiously, pilots who land here are said to be "off-course."

Crab -

1. A technique used by pilots to compensate for crosswinds, usually without success.
2. Pilot who has just ground-looped after trying unsuccessfully to use this technique.
3. The squadron Ops Officer.

Critical Engine -

That part of your airplane which used to be under the cowl; but is now in intensive care at the maintenance shop.

Cuban 8 -

A family of political refugees in Miami.

Dead Reckoning -

You reckon correctly, or you are.

De-icer -

De person dat puts de ice on de wing.

Dive -

Pilots' lounge or airport cafe.

Engine Failure -

A condition that occurs when all fuel tanks become filled with [air](#).

Exceptional Flying Ability -

Has equal number of takeoffs and landings.

FAA -

Fear And Alarm

Fast -

Describes the speed of any high-performance aircraft. Lower-performance and training aircraft are described as "half-fast."

Final Approach -

1. Many a seasoned pilot's last landing.
2. Many a student pilot's first landing.
3. Last pass a pilot makes at the opposite sex before giving up.



Brown County Bald Eagles



December 3.2022

81st Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor Attack

Brown County Inn <https://www.browncountyinn.com>

Located on the southwest corner of the intersection of SR46 and SR135. One Mile south of downtown Nashville

1100 Meet-N-Greet

Drinks available at the CornCrib Bar

1200 Welcome/Buffer Dinner \$25 *see Directors note*

Cash or Check at Registration

Our December meeting presentation will be the story of Frank Olivi, one of the copilots of “Bockscar” by his nephew Jim Olivi. You may recall that “Bockscar” was the name of The B-29 that delivered the second nuclear device, “Fat Man” a plutonium implosion bomb on the city of Nagasaki on 9 August 1945. That act heralded the end of World War Two and brought civilization into the Atomic age.

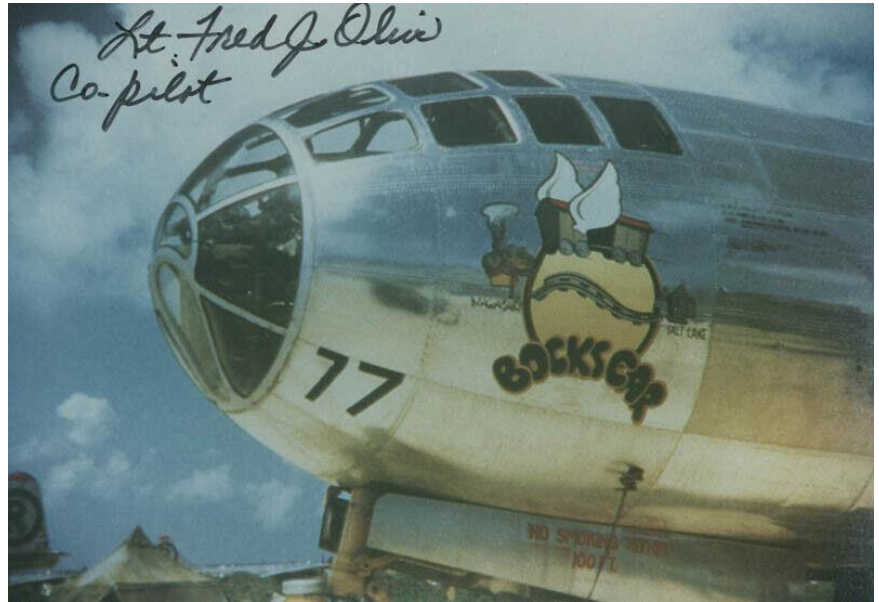
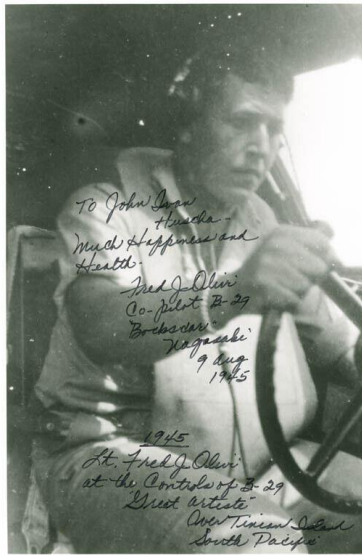
Jim will be presenting the story of how his uncle Second Lieutenant Fred Olivi earned a position in the crew of Bockscar and the enormous challenges that the crew faced throughout the mission. At one point it was believed the crew was lost at sea.

Jim Olivi is a computer programmer and networking engineer. He holds a Masters degree from DePaul University, Chicago and a Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois. Jim has been interested in history, especially the history of the first half of the 20th century. He has read about the causes of the First and Second World Wars and the aftermath of those wars. He got interested in this era because of his late uncle, Lt Col Fred J Olivi, USAF, who was a co-pilot on the B-29 “Bockscar” on August 9, 1945.

Jim accompanied his uncle to various air shows, where Lt Col Olivi spoke about his role while assigned to the 509th Composite Bombardment Group, the US Army Air Force unit tasked with delivering the atomic bombs. Jim and his uncle were inducted into the Commemorative Air Force at one of these events.

Jim also holds a pilot’s license with ratings in single- and multi-engine ATP and commercial sailplane. He flew as co-pilot in the CAF’s C-47 and JU-52.

RSVP Before 30 November 2022



The Bald Eagles were formed by a group of WWII veterans living in Brown County during the 1980's who were involved in aviation during the war who felt it important to commemorate the important dates and sacrifice that so many gave. The public is welcome as we continue their tradition today in honor of all Americans who have served and sacrificed for our freedoms.

If you have family members you wish to invite, please do so; however, let us know the first and last name of each person attending.

If you wish to attend but are unable to drive, please contact us. We will try to locate transportation for you. Understand that doing so is not an inconvenience for us. We want to help you attend.

Our prices have gone up to \$25 for the Harvest Buffett and as Floyd Crouse used to say it will be "great and plenty of it." The famous Fried Biscuits and apple butter is a meal in itself!

- Traditional Harvest Buffet
 - Tossed Green Salad with Toppings
 - Fried Biscuits with Apple Butter
 - Country-Style Green Beans
 - Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
 - Fried Chicken
 - Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee & Decaf
- We will have our 50/50 raffle and sell our Bald Eagles insignia.



Sweeney (Pilot) & Olivi (Co-pilot) "Bock's Car" Nagasaki

RSVP Before 30 November 2022

From the directors:

Our meeting will be Saturday December 3rd and look forward to seeing you then. We are sorry about the price increase for our meals but as you are all aware, everything has become more expensive. We try to run a cost neutral event, breaking even is our goal. That's why I need a good head count from your RSVP so we can give the kitchen an accurate number attending the meeting. We are billed on the number I give them unless we have a few more in attendance. Please email your response by just hitting reply to this email. If you call to RSVP at (812)-988-2377 you will be prompted to leave a voice message. Please speak clearly so I can get your name and any guests recorded correctly.

Spin

Sparky

T3

B-29 Right Seat looking at left seat controls



List of Recent Guest Speakers

- Dec-22 Jim Olivi My Uncle, Bockscar's Co-pilot
- June-22 USMC Major Aaron Huffman V-22
- Dec-21 Dave Newill Indiana Aviation Hall of Fame
- Dec-19 Mike Stock, Piasecki PA-97 Helistat
- June-19 Gary Quigg Search for Amelia Earhart
- Dec-18 Tim Sparks and Keith Baker
- June=18 Captain James Paulsen Medal of Honor recipient Edward Henry "Butch" O'Hare
- Dec-17 Alan Teller Combat Gliders
- June-17 Randy Yablonowski Helicopter Pilot Lifeline, NIPSCO Dept of Energy
- Dec-16 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor Attack
- Dec-15 John Kelly Indiana State Police and Indiana Air National Guard Pilot
- Jun-15 Hank Marshall Vietnam Helicopter Pilot
- Dec-14 Keith Baker Light Attack Naval Aviation – The Story of the A-7 Corsair II
- Jun-14 James Graham Story of the Shortest Pilot in the U.S. Navy
- Dec-13 Robert Kelly- Austin Malcomb Ross Porter Eagle's Nest Project Building Aircraft in Public Schools
- Jun-13 Marty Wyall WASP Women Airforce Service Pilot WW II
- Dec-12 Gerry Harkin 45 Years of Aviation 1965 to 2010
- Jun-12 Lee Hutchinson The Boys in the B-17
- Dec-11 Mark Pillar STRATCOM Welcome To Your New Job
- Jun-11 Robert Kelly Broken Wings Scrapping 3200 Aircraft in England after WWII
- Dec 10 Rollin Mosher Hank Weidner Don Born Flying THE HUMP in the CBI Theater WWII C-46/C-47
- Jun-10 Jim Stark Two Turning, Two Burning! Memories of a Naval Aviator P2V Neptune
- Dec-09 Martin Baier The Berlin Airlift Post WWII
- Jun-09 Matthew Sweeney – Reflections on a United States Air Force Career F-16 Falcon
- Dec-08 Raymond Brandt – Survivor of 5 Kamikaze Attacks on USS Saratoga (CV-3) – WWII
- Jun 08 Herbert J Spier Jr – Rescue at Kham Due Vietnam May 13 1968
- Dec-07 Ray Lepore A WWII Fighter Pilot Remembers P51 Mustang
- Jun 07 Ray Hall – 30 Year Career of a Naval Aviator
- Dec-06 Richard Graham Afghanistan Deployment
- Jun-06 John Walter Thirty Five Missions over Europe – WWII B-17
- Dec-05 Dirk Melchior Career in the West German Air Force Luftwaffe F-4 Phantom II
- Jun-05 E D "Buz" Dryfoose Five Six-Month Antarctic Deployments
- Dec-04 Charles Holleman Famous Fighter Aces of WWII
- Jun 04 Robert Stewart D-Day Invasion WWII
- Dec-03 Daniel Jensen Rolls Royce Heritage Trust
- Jun-03 Charles McGee Tuskegee Airman WWII P-51
- Dec-02 Donald Steel Naval Flight Officer P-3 Orion
- Jun-02 Glen Jackle P-38 Lightning Pilot Pacific WWII
- Dec-01 Edgar Whitcomb USAAC Philippines POW WWII B-17 Navigator
- Dec-00 John Hoff "The Way It Was" Before WWII
- Jun-00 Margaret Ringenberg WASP Women Airforce Service Pilot WWII
- Dec-99 Erick Bradley Civil Air Patrol
- Jun-99 Frank Dulley Senior Medical Officer USS Enterprise CVAN-65