



# Columbus EAA Chapter 729

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### Chapter 729 Members & Aviation Friends:

#### Aviation Safety

On September 27th the EAA will be hosting a webinar on **Collision Avoidance in the Traffic Pattern**. This webinar will focus on

- When and under what conditions most midair collisions occur
- Lessons from accident case studies
- What's legal—and what's not—for traffic pattern entry and departure
- Right-of-way rules and responsibilities
- Practical collision avoidance tactics

[https://pages.eaa.org/2023-09-27WBN\\_Collision\\_LP-Registration.html](https://pages.eaa.org/2023-09-27WBN_Collision_LP-Registration.html)

While aviation is a very safe activity and aircraft safety continues to improve year-over-year, a good pilot is always learning.

#### **CHAPTER NEWS**

Our August Chapter Gathering celebrated National Aviation Day, Orville Wright's birthday, and our chapter family. It was a great turnout, some really good eats, and beautiful weather. People brought their favorite family picnic recipes to share for sides, salads, and desserts. Between these dishes and the burgers & hotdogs no one went home hungry.



I'd like to welcome new Chapter #729 members Logan Maqueda (Young Eagle), Ryan Malanoski, and Allison Williams. During our upcoming chapter gatherings & events please search them out, introduce yourself, and help make them feel welcome

In September we had a field trip with our Young Eagles to the North Vernon EAA Chapter to view their RV12 build as well as a completed RV12. Jeff Malcolm and Bob Kelly shared some details and challenges with taking over a build that had been in process and paused. We then viewed Jeff Malcom's RV12 Eagle Nest One. Afterwards we stopped for pizza, everyone had a great time.





Our 4th and final Young Eagle flight for 2023 was held on Saturday the 16th. This year has been a great success for our Young Eagle program as we approach 300 YE rides. This is a huge effort and we need to recognize and thank all of our volunteers & pilots. This is a real commitment of time, talents, and funds to help share the Spirit of Aviation with the youth in our community. If you want to see the impact that these flights have on kids please view the YouTube link (below) from our YE Flight in August.



We continue to build out our kit of aircraft specific tools for our Youth Center. These are available for use by chapter members. We now have a set of scales for airplane Weight & Balance and also a Propeller Dynamic Balancer.



Chapter #729 has received a donation of a Nieuport 11. This is a "Graham Lee" 7/8's replica of a WW1 bi-plane fighter. This was the type of aircraft first flown by American volunteers for the French Air Force in WW1. We organized a team of Young Eagles and other volunteers and retrieved this from Mike William's shop and transported it to our home airport and put into temporary storage. We will then clean and inventory the airplane, research our options, and share recommendations with the chapter. We will also look to have our Young Eagles research and share the history of these types of airplanes.

In the October Chapter Gathering we will conduct an election for our Board of Directors. We have 3 incumbents (Brad Stinebring, Larry Kelly, Brad Moore) and 2 new candidates (John Tunell, Ryan Malanoski). We will introduce John and Ryan to the chapter at our September Gathering. I'm excited by the diversity of skill and experiences not only of our chapter but also these candidates that have volunteered to serve as board members. Your board helps control the regular business of the chapter as well as help guide the growth and programming for the future. I'd like to take this time to thank Brett Herrick for his service on the board and to the chapter. Brett was a past chapter president and an experimental aircraft builder. His knowledge and experience have been a great resource to our chapter. I would like to also thank Allison Williams, President of the local Women in Aviation-International chapter, as she has filled in to complete the term of Matt Brown.

Aligned to our chapter bylaws I will be sending an email ballot soon to all current chapter members with annual paid membership. The candidates will be listed with vote buttons yes or no. We will also have ballots available for those in attendance at the October Chapter Gathering.

In 2020 we established an endowment with the Heritage Fund of Bartholomew County. There was an initial goal of \$100,000 for this endowment. Through a number of individual donations and gifts our current balance is around \$56,000. This has been achieved without a formal endowment fundraising campaign. William Batten and Brad Stinebring have stepped up as Co-chairmen to help kick-off our fundraising campaign. Look for Bill and Brad to share more information on these efforts in the near future. With this endowment, our chapter will receive future regular funds to help cover our on-going operating expenses (e.g. utilities, insurance, maintenance). Join us and donate to help put our chapter on solid financial footing. Another benefit of this endowment is that it creates freedom to help support expanded activities and programming for the chapter.

In September we created and submitted grant proposals to foundations to fund a BATD (basic aircraft training device) and an RV12iS airplane kit. The BATD is a great FAA Certified resource for pilot training. This device can help reduce overall flight training costs, support ground school training, and demonstrate workflow procedures, aircraft configuration, practice emergency procedures, and checklists. The RV12iS kit will be a great addition to the Aviation Youth Center and keep the momentum up once the Taylorcraft is completed. Right now we are waiting for a response from the foundations. However, in communications with the foundation there were a couple of recommendations to improve our financial tracking and reporting. The recommendations were very positive and will help mature and set up our finances for future growth. We will be taking action to make these improvements and have them ready for the start of the new financial year.

## **TAYLORCRAFT UPDATE**

Progress continues on the Taylorcraft restoration. While the team is needing to rework and make new covers for the wing/fuselage gaps (the original covers are just not fitting well) the team will begin work on the interior, seats, seatbelts, etc.

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)

## **Chapter Member You Tube Channel**

One of our chapter members Caleb Tennis has created a series of You Tube videos on flying and aircraft building. Caleb has previously built an RV-8 and an RV-10. He would appreciate the chapter's comments, thoughts, likes, subscribes, etc.

<https://www.youtube.com/@hotshotaero>

## **Interesting Websites**

[https://youtu.be/51MZh\\_YoFe0?si=Fc-jDS9osotTb3jE](https://youtu.be/51MZh_YoFe0?si=Fc-jDS9osotTb3jE)

<https://youtu.be/6dwgLvGs6uE?si=U9oZETqBxUdPloxv>

<https://youtu.be/vrUj2JLjjco?si=wN9hW2annsipDDJq>



## **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**

- 9/18 - 9/24    Triple Tree Fly-In  
Woodruff, SC (SC00)
- 8/26            Sonex Builders Fly-In/Drive-In  
Columbus, IN (KBAK)
- 9/21            Chapter 729 Gathering (6:00 PM)  
Chapter hangar (KBAK)
- 9/30            Madison Airshow  
Madison, IN (KIMS)
- 10/19           Chapter 729 Meeting (Elections)  
Chapter hangar (KBAK)
- 10/28-29      Crossroads Airshow (Blues)  
Indianapolis, IN (KMQJ)

### **Items For Sale or Needed**

#### **Garmin 496 GPS**



Garmin 496 GPS complete with antenna, Gizmo mounting bracket. Removed during upgrade.

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@embargmail.com](mailto:kschilling@embargmail.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

#### **Wanted – GDL-39 or GDL-50**

Larry Bothe is looking to purchase either a used Garmin GDL-39 or GDL-50 receiver, for use with a Garmin Aera 660 GPS (I already have the GPS), so I can "play" traffic and weather on the GPS.

Contact Larry Bothe at:  
812-521-7400 or  
[LBothe@comcast.net](mailto:LBothe@comcast.net)

## Aviation Humor



## Aircraft Mechanic Troubleshooting Chart

