



# Hangar 13 News

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## NEWS AND NOTES

### CONGRATS TO KENNEDY

Kennedy Davenport continues to build on her impressive list of accomplishments. The Kendrick High junior, who completed the EAA Young Eagles "Flight Plan" in 2013 and graduated from EAA's Advanced Air Academy this past July, was named JROTC Brigade Commander of Muscogee, Chattahoochee and Stewart Counties. That September news was soon followed by notification of her acceptance to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She'll begin classes in Fall of 2015.



### REMEMBERING EARNIE

Saturday, November 1 is the 12th anniversary of Earnie Shelton Day at Columbus Airport. It was on this day that Lt. Col. Shelton was honored with a street named after him on the airport grounds.



### SAVE THE DATE

- Nov 1 Memphis Belle at CSG
- Nov 8 [AOPA Fly-In, St. Simons Island](#)
- Nov 25 Chapter Meeting, 7 pm
- Nov 29 Young Eagles, 8 am

### EAA WEBINARS

- Nov 19 [Advanced Flying with ForeFlight Mobile](#)
- Dec 17 [7 Habits of Highly Effective Chapters](#)

## 2014 Young Eagle Flights Top 400

### THE YOUNG EAGLES

Rally on October 25 drew a lighter-than-usual turnout – 29 passengers – but moved Chapter 677 closer to the 500 milestone for 2014.

The total Young Eagle flights for the year now stands at 418.

Seven pilots and nine ground crew/admin volunteers participated, with John Walden becoming the latest to join the 10 for 2014 Flight Leaders group.

Other pilots were Ken Sines (who has now topped 1,500 Young Eagle flights in his career), Jack Bartholet, Mac Molnar, Bill Buck, Terry



Anderson and new father Daniel Jones (congrats, Danny!).



For more Young Eagle photos, **SEE PAGE 5.**



10 for 2014

- Terry Anderson
- Daniel Jones
- Will Buck
- Ken Sines
- Debbie Morris
- Phil Johnson
- Jack Bartholet
- Mac Molnar
- Bug Eiland
- Rocket Rick
- John Walden



### Belle of a Bomber

One of the most famous of American warbirds, the legendary *Memphis Belle* B-17, will be at Columbus Airport for ground tours and flights on Saturday, November 1. Flights are \$450 for non-Liberty Foundation members, \$410 for members, and may be scheduled in advance by calling 918-340-0243. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about this storied beauty.



# How Can They Hear without Someone Telling Them?



**O**n the evening of Tuesday, October 21, a group of chapter members and Harold Baker, tower chief at KCSG, met to discuss

how to improve our Young Eagle operations, from greeting to goodbye.

It was a frank and open discussion of what we do well, where we can improve, and where we *must* improve – all in light of the fatal mid-air collision during a Young Eagles Rally that happened near Buffalo, New York on September 27, the same day we handled our largest crowd this year.

As a group we developed a list of suggestions for future operations that covered everything from preferred runways (6/24), to best routes (turn northwest at departure and fly to the quarry, turn west to Lake Oliver, follow the river south to Highway 80, turn northeast to long final to 6 – or the reverse if using 24), to preferred operating altitudes, weather minima, maximum winds and more.

There were suggestions on how to more efficiently handle our guests and how to be more confident they know what to expect. Suggested new tools ranged from simple, brightly colored cards with our safety guidelines on them to a magnetic representation of the sectional, with model aircraft on it being moved by someone listening to a radio that accurately locates every aircraft as frequently as possible – just like on an aircraft carrier.



Hidden in the discussion of new ideas was a recurring theme that struck me as frighteningly significant. I kept hearing, “I never knew that,” “No one ever told me that,” and “I had no idea.”

I heard it from people who had participated in only a few rallies and from people who’ve been in the chapter much longer than I have. It was as if, somewhere along the line, we just assumed everyone knew what we were doing and how we do it.

The last part of Romans 10:14 says, “How can they hear without someone telling them?” That is completely applicable in our case. ATC cannot know what you intend to do unless you tell them. Your passengers cannot know what to expect unless you tell them. Parents cannot know what is safe unless we tell them. And our chapter volunteers – including pilots and ground crew – cannot know what is expected unless we tell them.

I am truly sorry for having assumed everyone knew what was expected. I guess in some ways everyone did know what he or she thought was expected, but we all had different expectations. That’s a formula for disaster and an embarrassment to a guy who makes his living in communications.

After we arrive at our common aspirations for Young Eagle operations, I will make fewer assumptions and more regularly repeat our agreed-upon expectations. It will make the rallies more fun, more efficient, and safer.

And that’s what we’re all about.





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# Photographic Fun on the Flightline

AS AVIATION JOBS GO, OWNING A collection of expensive camera gear and using it to photograph aircraft – often while hanging out of an airplane or helicopter oneself – isn't bad at all.

That's what the guys who make up 3G Aviation Media do, and their passion for the work is evident. 3G is Tony Granata, Doug Glover and Matt Genuardi (hence the three Gs), each of whom brings a unique shooting style and skill set to the operation.

Not only are they photographers for hire, they also lead workshops around the country so amateurs like me can learn from their considerable expertise.

I attended Tony and Doug's workshop during the recent Warbird Weekend event at Dekalb-Peachtree Airport. To hang out with these guys on the flightline and hear some of their stories – Doug, for example, is a former Marine F-18 pilot – made for a memorable day.

The highlight was an exclusive sunset shoot of *Sentimental Journey*, a B-17 owned by the Commemorative Air Force's Arizona Wing. As a bonus, we got a great look at a Gulfstream parked nearby.

Below are a few of my favorites from the evening shoot. [Click here](#) for more on 3G Aviation Media.



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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

# DIANNE SOWELL PRESTON

**Hometown:** Panama City, Florida

**Occupation:** I am currently employed as a legal secretary for two defense attorneys here in Columbus.

**How did you get involved in aviation?** As far back as I can remember, the privilege and joy of flying has been a part of my life. In fact, my first memory is flying in a bi-plane with my Daddy and brother. I often tell people I was born in an airplane, raised in a hangar, and 95 percent of my DNA is in the aviation industry. My parents founded and owned Sowell Aviation Company, Inc./Sowell Aircraft Company, Inc., a full-scale FBO including a flight training school, avionics/maintenance shop, charter and airplane broker/dealer/sales in Panama City. We were in business for 62 years from 1945 until 2007. I worked there for 15 years prior to moving to Columbus and commuted there to work for 10 years from 1997 until 2007.

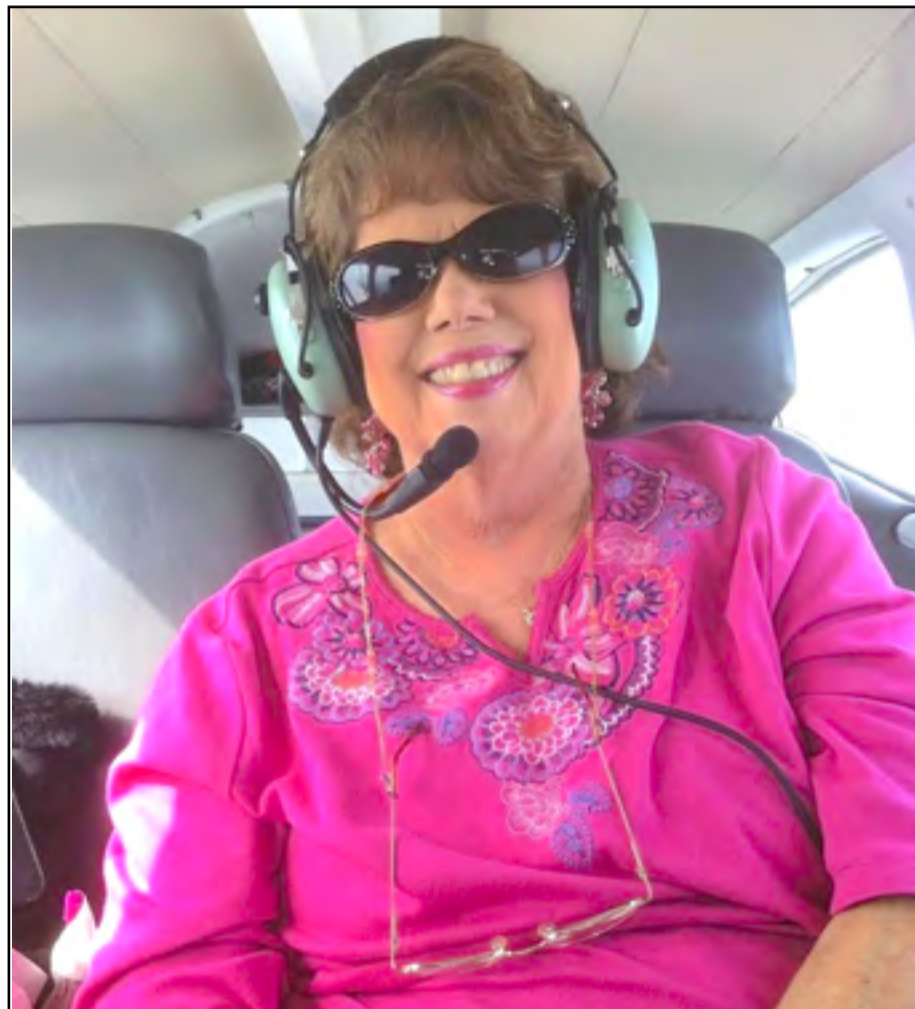
**What ratings do you have?** I earned my Private Pilot Certificate but was unable to go on to earn my Commercial/IFR Rating due to vertigo issues. I have logged approximately 75 hours as PIC. Having airplanes and pilots at my beck-and-call all of my life, I have probably logged 40,000-plus hours as a passenger. Recently my son told someone he was 16 years old before he realized not everyone owned an airplane, because we flew everywhere and anywhere we wanted to go with just one phone call.

**What's your dream airplane?** My dream airplane is a Beechcraft Baron G58. If I cannot have one of those, I would settle for Rocket Rick's Carmike Learjet!

**What's your favorite destination to fly to?** Panama City and Nashville, Tennessee.

**What do you enjoy most about flying?** The wonder and awe of taking off and seeing the ground from the sky is brand new to me each and every time I fly. When an airplane flies over me, no matter where I am, I *always* look up as though I have never seen one before. If I am at the airport, I feel it is my duty to watch each plane as it takes off and lands. I sometimes laugh at myself, because it always seems like my first time seeing or being in an airplane. It is hard to say what I enjoy most – looking down at the ground and seeing what appears to be a miniature train layout or flying above the clouds and, as John Gillespie Magee once said, “feeling like I can put out my hand and touch the face of God.”

**What do you enjoy about being in EAA?** I enjoy being a member of the EAA because I am surrounded by men and women who share my passion for aviation. I have met and made very close friends with many accomplished and remarkable individuals through my involvement with



EAA. I simply love being around airplanes, the airport and all the people who love it as much as I do.

**What do you enjoy about Young Eagles?** My love for children and young people, and watching them experience the joy and freedom of flight through the Young Eagles program is my favorite part of being a member of this chapter. Flying has taught me that the world is a beautiful place and dreams really, truly are possible. It is an honor and a blessing to be able to share a moment of children's lives by giving them this remarkable memory and gift of seeing their world from a new perspective. It is a chance to awaken a dream that may become a reality for some of these children, and it is also my chance to pay back the many privileges I have enjoyed all of my life.

**Any final words?** William Shakespeare once said, “My soul is in the sky,” and for me, there is no truer statement. Flying is pure passion and desire which has filled my lifetime with more memories and blessings than I can count. Being in an airplane is like “going home,” because airplanes speak to me in a language beyond words. There isn't a flight that goes by when I don't stare out of the window and thank God for what I am seeing and feeling. To most people, the sky is the limit, but to those of us who love aviation, the SKY IS OUR HOME.



# Young Eagle Snapshots

October 25, 2014



## CORRECTION

In the September issue of *Hangar 13 News*, the Young Eagles report incorrectly stated that guest volunteer David Martin was a flight leader. Rather, he was a ground volunteer. Pilots that day were Mac Molnar, John Walden, Phil Johnson and Rocket Rick Payne.



# Election Notice

Chapter elections are scheduled for November 25, 2014.

## NOMINEES

### Treasurer

Rick Payne      Jerry Lewark

### Secretary

Dianne Sowell Preston (Incumbent)

### Board (Minimum 3/Maximum 9)

Phaedra Childers (Incumbent)	Richard Knapp
Ken Sines (Incumbent)	Steve Culpepper
Rocket Rick Payne (Incumbent)	Allen Allnoch
Chris Cook (Incumbent)	Robin Jester
Jack Bartholet (Incumbent)	Dianne Sowell Preston
Marty Flournoy (Incumbent)	Tom Swilling
Jack Phillabaum	Phil Johnson

### Non-Elected Volunteer Positions

These positions are appointed by the chapter board when vacated:

Young Eagles Coordinator	Ken Sines
Eagle Flight Coordinator	Steve Culpepper
Events Coordinator	Jack Bartholet
Flight Advisor	Marty Flournoy
Membership Coordinator	Daniel Jones
Property Manager	Marty Flournoy
Editor	Allen Allnoch
Webmaster	Gary Brossett



AIRPORT DIRECTOR | RICHARD HOWELL

## On the Ramp and Behind the Scenes, a Flurry of Activity

IN SEPTEMBER, THE COMMISSION was awarded a \$750,000 grant for air service development. This money will be used as a revenue enticement for additional air service in our market.

We have recently completed a push to get all our lights and signs operational on the airfield. With Paul Phillips out, we got a little behind in this area. Airfield Maintenance Supervisor Richard Daniels has been working very hard to get these systems up and running, and he and his crew have done a great job. If you notice an outage, please call the Administrative Office to report it and we will open a work order.

The FAA will be starting a project in November to make modifications and tune up the PAPI units on the ends of Runways 6 and 24, and the MALSR to Runway 6.

The project will run through the middle of January 2015. There will be long- and short-term outages of the equipment that will be coordinated by NOTAMs weekly.

Longtime Airport Commissioner Don Cook resigned his position this month. Mr. Cook's term was due to expire in December 2014. The Commission will be appointing a nominating committee to select three names to submit to the Council of Columbus, GA, for appointment. So if you or someone you know might be interested in serving, please contact our office at (706) 324-2449, x 1410, or communicate with one of the sitting Commissioners to express your interest. Term is for five years.

There will be an Airport Tenant meeting on November 12, 2014 at 5:30 p.m. in the airport conference room. There are a number of items on the agenda, but the

main one is the removal of non-aeronautical items being stored in the AOA while ensuring hangar tenants have access to their leased premises. We are looking for input and good ideas!

Looking ahead, in 2015 we will be required to conduct our tri-annual live crash exercise. This exercise must be completed every three years according to FAA standards. It will involve all airport resources, as well as mutual aid to the airport and hospitals in the area. Right now we are looking to a March-April time frame for the event. At some point will be looking for "victims"! So if you are a frustrated actor or just would like to play at the airport one morning, keep us in mind and we'll be in touch next year.

And don't forget, the *Memphis Belle* will be here November 1!



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