



Hangar 13 News

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President's Desk



I'm Busier Than A...

I don't know about you, but I am so busy I can't remember what I'm NOT supposed to be doing. Somebody throws something at me, I just do it. Don't

have time to refuse. I guess that's the root of the truism, "Want something done? Give it to a busy person."

The fact is, in Chapter 677, we're ALL busy. Some slightly more than others, but there's more than enough busy-ness to go around.

We have Young Eagles every month; Meet the Performers Dinner March 14; Thunder in the Valley Air Show on March 16 and 17; a hangar in serious need of roof repairs; airplanes in need of maintenance; flight reviews; medicals; taxes are coming due; oil changes for ground-based and aviating vehicles; and did I mention your day job – if you still have one?

As much as I hate to add anything to your busy schedules, as your Chapter Nag, er, President, I need you to put a few things on your calendar, please:

Pay your dues. They're not expensive and we really need the cash: \$40 for full membership, \$50 family membership, \$20 for students and those 65 and older.

Come to the meetings. Last Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at Flightways (until we can get into our hangar).

Invite friends to the Meet the Performers Dinner on March 14. It's our biggest fundraiser. Low key this year; just a great Mexican dinner (thanks Raphael), and a chance to meet the pilots and support crew who will be performing at the Air Show. Tickets are \$10.

Come to Thunder in the Valley Air Show. The show will be presented on March 16 and March 17 (same show both days, weather permitting). Again, if you can volunteer, contact Gary. If not, just buy a ticket and come. They're \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. A deal at twice the price.

Spread the Word. More than anything, EAA 677 is a social organization where we have aviation in common. If you like what's going on, tell a friend. If you don't, tell the officers; that's how we'll get it fixed.

Share Your Gifts and Talents. See the above. We're a social organization with lots of talented people whose talents fall into many different areas. We need them all. If you're a fundraiser, a sheet-metal worker, a brain surgeon ... well, we might not have much work for a brain surgeon ... but whatever you have as a skill or gift, we can use it. Just let us know. Send your ideas (easy, Rocket, your ideas create work for the rest of us) and suggestions to EAAChapter677@gmail.com.

I'd write more, but I've got a ton of things to do. Have I mentioned how busy I am?

Ernie



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Editor's note

Ernie's message this month is appropriate for many of us, as we gear up for the air show season kick off next week. We've all had to juggle our commitments to survive the hectic pre game season (i.e. pre TITV).

I have a couple of apologies straight-away. First, I apologize for sending the February issue in March. Yes, this is Issue 2, that should have gone out in February. The March issue will focus on TITV and should be out the week following the show. I'd also like to apologize for the short newsletter...feel free to read Ernie's "I'm Busier Than A..." again.

Gracing the cover page is a group shot of the Parade of Planes gang, by professional photographer Nathan Leduc. Check out Nathan's business card in the advertisement section. Also on the cover is Dianne's Hero, striking a pose during the parade. I'm hesitant to name him in that I'm not sure if the MCPD is looking for him. Thank you to all of the volunteers that braved the sleet, snow and bitter cold during the event. Funny, the poster said "weather permitting" ☺. Even with the challenging weather, we had plenty of guests and a good time. The economic impact to the community resulting from McDonald's coffee sales is immeasurable.

See you next week!

Chapter Calendar

Mar 14—Meet the Air Show Performers dinner

Mar 16-17—Thunder in the Valley

Mar 28—Chapter meeting at Flightways

Mar 30—Young Eagles Rally at Flightways



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Thunder in the Valley Update



Sponsorships:

The sponsorship committee is on target to meet, and possibly exceed, budget this year. To date, the committee has raised \$75,300 for the 2013 Air Show; only \$5,000 to meet budget. The committee has secured \$5,250 in new sponsorships.

Marketing:

The marketing committee is full speed ahead. Two press releases have been published - (1/28/13) *Thunder in the Valley Announces 2013 Acts* and (2/9/13) *Thunder in the Valley 2013 Tickets Available*. The Columbus Ledger-Enquirer published an article "Thunder in the Valley Prepares for lift off" in the January 31 edition. New ticket locations this year are: Brusters Real Ice Cream locations at 1654 Whittlesey Rd, 7590 Schomburg Rd, 3465 Macon Rd, Wingstop at 2528 Weems Rd and Stand and Stretch at 1334 13th St.

ment. Looking to a launch in the next week.

The TV commercials are in creative stages now. There will be two 30-second spots. Radio production will begin this week. And, the newspaper ads are being created as well; expect launch to be February 20. Electronic billboards are in production as well. A draft of the billboard is expected this week.

The Columbus-area McDonalds donated their tray liners to promote the 2013 Thunder in the Valley Air Show. They are in restaurants now.

The Money Mailer donated ad space in their inserts. The ad can be found in coupons delivered February 7 - 9.

The spectator survey has been updated for the 2013 Air Show. Volunteers from the Central High School Navy

Junior ROTC program will be administering the survey this year.

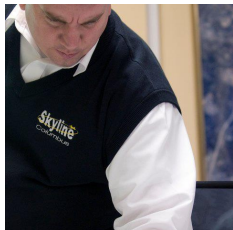
Logistics:

The committee has begun working with the acts/statics committee to lay out the ramp. The sponsors and vendors will be placed around the statics.



A new web site was unveiled Friday, February 1. Please go to TITV website and check it out! The social media graphics for Facebook have been updated. The team is working on a couple of others including You Tube and Twitter. The Facebook campaign is under development. Expect a launch date - 3 weeks prior leading up to the event sounds good for launch. Facebook photo/video contests are under develop-

From the Right Seat



Etiquette & Manners

All too often (almost every day) I see and hear pilot's not using the appropriate etiquette on the radio, on the phone with flight service, or in casual conversation and interactions around the airport. Etiquette is something that will not appear in most training publications or seminars, but maybe it should. Etiquette is a code of polite conduct based on social acceptance and efficiency. Just as there are aviation laws to create smooth transportation flow and prevent incursions, so there are societal rules designed to facilitate positive human exchanges and reduce conflict. One of my biggest issues is with pilots not showing etiquette on the radio while talking with ATC. An instance would be a pilot talking when they shouldn't or stepping on another radio transmission. This is common at Columbus because we often share the same controllers when switching from Ground to Tower. For example, the tower clears an aircraft to land, and before the pilot can respond, another pilot requests to take off. The etiquette here would be to wait for the pilot to respond to the tower and then make your radio call. We should have all learned to *listen* when our CFI taught us about runway incursions. Chapter 4 of the AIM states that brevity is important and contacts should be kept as brief as possible, however not so brief as to sacrifice safety. When in doubt, just ask. Manners on the other hand are a completely different creature. Manners are polite behaviors that reflect an attitude of consideration, kind-

ness and respect for others. You may not have been taught how to make proper introductions, but a kind person knows better than to belittle or embarrass another person in public or private. A well-mannered person also remembers to say "Please" and "Thank you" and refrains from interrupting others in the middle of a conversation. The AIM and the Pilot/Controller Glossary even state that when making contact, a greeting (such as good morning, afternoon, etc.) will tell the controller that this is the first time that you are speaking with them. In short, don't hit the switch and immediately start stepping on everyone else who may be on the frequency. Take your time with your communication, show some etiquette to others on the radio, and remember the airport is also known as Peyton Place, so mind your manners.

Todd



Around the state

Bainbridge, GA March 23rd & 24th 2013



The weekend after the Seniors there will be a GTA race in Bainbridge, GA. Bainbridge is in SW GA just North of the Florida line. Everyone is welcome. Cost is only a yearly \$22 GTA fee and your tows. There will be a group restaurant outing on the night of the 22nd to discuss race rules with the novice pilots. If interested email:

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