



Hangar 13 News

Chattahoochee Valley EAA Chapter 677
Columbus, Georgia

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2011 in Review

January/February– The year began with record turnouts for Young Eagles flights, with 43 in January and 46 in February.



March– Our first annual pre-airshow event kicked off the airshow season with guest speaker Patty Wagstaff. 112 members and guests enjoyed an evening of hangar flying and wings. Chuck Goodrum and crew prepared a variety of wings that were

enjoyed by all.

April– A change in leadership brought Ernie Kelly to the helm as chapter President and Gary Brossett as Vice President.

May– We joined forces with Skyline Columbus to host International Learn to Fly Day.

June– We said goodbye to Lynn Hall and wished him all the best on his move to Washington, DC. Lynn was an active member and Technical Counselor for the chapter.



July– With the support of EAA and the Peter Burgher Chapter Fund we launched the chapter website

at <http://677.eaachapter.org/>. This month also saw the inaugural issue of Hangar 13 news (See page 9 of this issue for a recap). The Young Eagles Rally was one for the record book. President Ernie Kelly, in Keith Owen's Warrior, flew 24 Young Eagles.

September– We toured Hangar 13 and entered negotiations with airport leadership to occupy the north side office and shop space.

October– Joel Jones treated the chapter to tethered flights in his beautiful WindSpirit Aerostar Raven hot air balloon. Member Rick Dellinger presented a slide show and seminar about his trip to the International Hot-Air Balloon Festival in Switzerland



December– We finished off the year on December 31 with 13 Young Eagle flights, bringing the chapter total to 248 for 2011 (see page 4).



A New Year and a New-born Baby...

While in Paris in 1783, after witnessing one of the earliest flights of a hot air balloon, Benjamin Franklin was asked by another observer, "But of what use is it?" He replied without hesitation, "What use is a newborn baby?"

Franklin was born on January 17, 1706, and it's purely coincidental that I'm quoting him near his birthday for my first message of 2012; but our chapter has been given something with just as much potential as a new born baby (or a hot air balloon): A new year!

Scanning this edition of our newsletter will give you a quick overview of what we accomplished last year. I could not be more proud. And somehow I feel challenged to do even better this year at sharing that hard-to-define something that inspires EAA chapters around the world – "the spirit of aviation."

We have **Young Eagles rallies on the last Saturday of every month**. In 2011, we officially carried 248 children. I hope, weather permitting, we'll be able to reach the 250 YE milestone in 2012. Flightways generously offers each participating pilot a pro-rated share of \$100 worth of fuel (based on the number of Young Eagles you carry), so you have one more reason to participate. Need any more motivation? Call Ken Sines!

Thunder in the Valley Air Show will be March 17 and 18. Not only do we have the chance to host an event on Thursday, March 15 as a fundraiser, we can also help

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represent General Aviation to the nearly 15,000 people who will attend the event each day by volunteering and by sharing information at our tent! Phaedra Childers is the event coordinator and a chapter member. She could use our help.

Sun'n Fun will be March 27 through April 1, and we usually have several chapter members who make their way to Lakeland Linder (KLAL) for this amazing gathering of aviation enthusiasts, performers and service providers.

We will once again partner with Skyline Columbus for **International Learn to Fly Day on May 19**. Sometimes referred to as "Bald Eagles" or "Old Eagles" day, it is a day when we take adults up for an introductory flight and share our passion for aviation. Unlike Young Eagles rallies, we have seen almost immediate responses from ILTFD. Last year, at least three of our guests started lessons within a few months after flying with us – and we added several members to our chapter. EAA will probably launch what they're calling their "Eagle Flight" program in time for this, and we already have Steve Culpepper in place to organize our effort in that direction.

The summer is an open toy bin of opportunities for fly-outs and fly-ins and, of course, there's **Airventure in Oshkosh July 23 through 29**. We have the opportunity – and, in fact an obligation – to make the most of what we've earned through Young Eagles. (Did you know we earn credits from EAA for each Young Eagle we fly?) For 2011, our total number of points should allow us to send at least one, and possibly two, youngsters to Air Academy Young Eagles Camp in Oshkosh. We'll talk about this at our January meeting.

More than anything, for 2012, I'd like to see us keep up our momentum. Let's keep sharing the spirit of aviation with all who will listen.

We have so much to offer through our airport, our location and our many generous chapter members. What good is a new year? What good is a newborn baby? It is up to us.

Happy New Year!



The Joy of Soaring


Mark your calendar and join us as CFIG Lane Bush presents "The Joy of Soaring." Presentation and discussion will include certification requirements, launch, thermalling, and sail plane racing.

The presentation will begin at 7 pm on January 31 at Skyline Columbus. **WINGS** Program credit will be awarded for this event and a door prize will be presented, compliments of Gleim Publications, Inc.



Young Eagles Gallery Dec 31, 2011





10 for 2011

Ken Sines
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Fog lifted around 10:00 and 13 new Young Eagles were flown

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"Even though we fell just short of our goal of 250, we were able to fly 248 Young Eagles. EAA 677 president Ernie Kelly, "On Dec. 31, we also flew some parents and family members more than 300 people to recreation.

EAA 677 was able to carry so many Young Eagles on Saturday of every month. A regular posting on the EAA website, and a regular posting on the Waffle House website, bring in would-be aviators, despite the weather.

The group also relied heavily on volunteers and donations. Chapter members volunteered as ground crew to provide safety briefings, complete paperwork, and organize the kids; pilots donated their time and use of their aircraft; and corporate members — including Flightways Columbus, Skyline Columbus, and Waffle House — supported the program by donating space, time, expertise, goods, and services, Kelly said.

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Columbus-based EAA chapter flew nearly 250 children in 2011

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Chattahoochee Valley Chapter 677 of the Experimental Aircraft Association is one of more than 1,000 chapters of EAA. EAA 677 is a not-for-profit organization.

A regular listing in the Columbus Strong relationships with local youth weather on three or four occasions.

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About EAA
The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is a national, not-for-profit organization of more than 170,000 members dedicated to growing aviation through participation. To learn more about the Experimental Aircraft Association, please visit their website at <http://www.eaa.org>.

Our chapter featured in local and national news outlets

248 Young Eagles Flown in 2011

Young Eagles Gallery 2011



This month in history-

On January 26th, 1953, Poberezny calls the first official meeting of EAA at Curtiss-Wright (now Timmerman) Field in Milwaukee. The group originally gathered together to aid and assist amateur aircraft builders. However, its purposes quickly encompassed the promotion of all facets of aviation — especially sport aviation, the preservation of America's rich heritage of personal flight — and the promotion of aviation safety.



Thunder in the Valley is in need of volunteers to manage the Huey rides. You'll assist riders on and off the aircraft and help buckle them into position. Several chapter members have already volunteered. We need 4

volunteers at the station from 10 am to 6 pm each day. Split shifts may also be available. If you can help, contact volunteer coordinator and chapter friend Vanna Kelley at vjordan@thunderinthevalleyairshow.com NLT February 10th. Must be at least 17 to volunteer for this position

Annual Spring Safety Seminar

sponsored by Rose City Soaring Association, LLC and the Georgia FAAS Team. The members of Rose City Soaring invite you to attend this drive in or fly in event located on the Bainbridge, GA public airport (KBGE). The date is **February 21st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**. Door prizes and food will be provided. Headlining the event is Domenick M. Eanniello, USAF Colonel (Ret). Domenick will describe his adventures flying the famed U-2 Dragon Lady. Altitude and endurance aeromedical factors will be incorporated into the presentation. Two additional speakers will present modules on "Failure To Follow Procedures" and "speeds to fly while soaring". Please plan to attend. Wings credit will be available for this event. If you have any questions you can reach Lane Bush at 229-416-6486.



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THUNDER IN THE VALLEY AIR SHOW

The 15th Annual Thunder in the Valley Air Show, themed as “Xtreme Thunder,” will be Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18, 2012 at the Columbus Airport. Gates will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m.

The line-up for this year’s air show will be: Team RV, the largest aerobatic formation team in the world; Greg Connell in his radial powered Pitts Model 12; Gary Ward in his MX2; Mark Sorenson Airborne Comedy; F-18 Demonstration Team; V-22 Osprey Demonstration Team; Naval Aviation Legacy Flight; Sky Soldiers Helicopter Demonstration Team; Glory Days Jet Dragster and Stearman Group. Plus flying demonstrations by current and historic military aircraft, civilian and military aircraft and vehicles on display, airplane and helicopter rides, a military encampment experience, hands-on weapons simulators, a children’s carnival and great food.

The line-up of performers and static displays falls into several “Xtreme” categories, according to 2012 Marketing Chair, Ernie Kelly.

“We’re building on the Roman numerals XV for our fifteenth anniversary,” Kelly says. “We’ll have ‘Xtreme Visual’ acts such as Team RV, Gary Ward, and Greg Connell; ‘Xtreme Vertical’ is the norm for Sky Soldiers in their helicopters, the V-22 Osprey, and the skydive team; ‘Xtreme Velocity’ will come from current and historic military aircraft, the Glory Days jet dragster and an F-18 fly-by - the decibel level will provide ‘Xtreme Volume.’”



Kelly quickly added another “XV” for ticket prices. “This year’s show is an ‘Xtreme Value’ because ticket prices remain the same as they have for the past several years.” General admission is \$8 in advance and military admission is only \$6 in advance. Day-of-event tickets are only \$2 more and children age six and younger are always free.”

Tickets for the Thunder in the Valley Air Show will go on sale February 1, 2012 at Columbus area McDonalds, Cricket Wireless – Macon Road, Flightways Columbus (Columbus Airport), MWR at Ft. Benning, GA and Wells Fargo branches in Columbus, GA, Pine Mountain, GA, Hamilton, GA, Ft. Benning, GA (Main Post) and Phenix City, AL. **Military discount tickets can be purchased through the MWR Office at**



Ft. Benning. All tickets are good for one of the two show days, but not for both days. (Attendance on both days would require two tickets.) The Air Show is scheduled rain or shine. There will be no rain dates and no refunds.

There is free parking for the Thunder in the Valley Air Show at Columbus State University; includes shuttle service. Limited parking is available at the Airport for \$10.00 and Wal-Mart (Airport Thruway) for \$5.00. For safety concerns “no parking” rules will be enforced on Airport Thruway and Moon Road.

The Thunder in the Valley Air Show is a non-profit, family, fun event that is both alcohol and tobacco free. Proceeds from the 2011 Air Show went to organizations in the Chattahoochee Valley – Ann Elizabeth Shepherd Home, Literacy Alliance, Chattahoochee Council Boy Scouts of America, Children’s Miracle Network, Russell County Child Advocacy Center, PAWS Youth Development and Education Program, Outdoor Therapeutic Program, Northside High School’s FCCLA, Smiths Station High School’s National Honor Society, Bradfield Center, Big Brothers and Big Sisters, Ft. Benning trainees, Kids Café’, Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Columbus High School Soccer, Wounded Warriors, Storybook Farm, Columbus Jaycee’s, Columbus State University’s ROTC Program, Central High School’s ROTC Program, Civil Air Patrol and Girls Inc.



The Thunder in the Valley Air Show began in 1997 as a local fly-in for aviation enthusiasts and has grown to become one of the largest outdoor family events in the Chattahoochee Valley. The air show brings in top performers from across the United States, all paid for by local and regional sponsors whose products and services are exposed to an average of 15,000 guests each day of the show, and included in advertising that reaches hundreds of thousands before the event. National attention has been given to the Thunder in the Valley Air Show by the International Council of Air Shows for excellence in marketing.

Sponsors for the 2012 Thunder in the Valley Air Show include: Columbus Airport, Aflac, Wells Fargo, Pratt & Whitney, KIA Autosport, Knology Cable, WTMV News Leader 9, PMB Broadcasting, ACE - Acute Care Express, Cricket Wireless, Wingate by Wyndham, Hilton Garden Inn, Homewood Suites, Waffle House, T&W Oil, TracSoft, and dozens of other community-minded individuals and organizations.

For more information on the event or how you can become a sponsor, visit www.thunderinthevalleyairshow.com.

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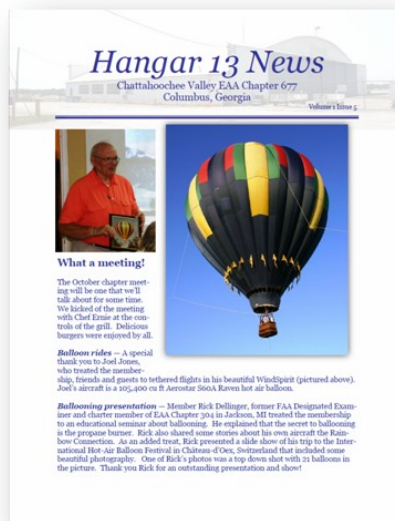
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January 31
At
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Young Eagles Rally

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