



## Our 1st Air Academy Graduate Returns

Jerad Lewark graduated from the Air Academy in Oshkosh, WI on July 9th. He kicked off our July 31st meeting with an awesome presentation about the experience, complete with tri-fold display and projects. Highlights of the trip were his 1st unaccompanied commercial transport trip and some stick time in the new glass cockpit Cessna 162 Skycatcher. He's our 1st academy graduate and the 1st chapter member to fly the C-162.

## United States Air Force Academy

Chapter member & USAFA Cadet Sam Highnote is keeping busy with his studies at the United States Air Force Academy, in Colorado Springs, CO.

His Dad reports that the highlight of his basic training was flying a glider and he's looking forward to skydiving lessons next summer.

Proud parents, Ron & Wendy Highnote, will be traveling to visit him on the labor day weekend.

Editor's note: The USAFA has the most active soaring operation in the country, with over 30,000 sorties each year





## So long, George...

It was supposed to be a party. Flightways Columbus was having its third birthday party and Susan and I arrived right at the start to be sure we didn't miss anything. I greeted Demo with a hearty handshake and some remark about his being all dressed up, and he said, "You haven't heard, have you? There's

been an incident on the field. It's George. Looks bad."

*It was bad.* We lost George Wade on August 18, 2012. His Focke Wulf replica – his retirement present to himself – developed engine trouble on takeoff and he crashed trying to get it back to a runway.

As I write this less than 12 hours after the crash, I'm struggling with what to say. I've spoken to many people who knew him. Read the Facebook posts. Asked all the obvious questions to God and even to George: "Why George? He was one of the good guys!" and "What happened, George? What were you thinking?" No answers from either.

Of all things spoken and written about him, one thing has been consistent: No one has bad memories of George. He was a skilled pilot. An intuitive instructor. An outspoken supporter of his causes. Generous friend to all, particularly children. And the only guy I knew who still sported a pony tail and made it look good.

He was a very active volunteer with EAA 677 during the Air Show and with Young Eagles. Only two things would keep him from taking part in whatever crazy activity we had go-

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ing on: A paying job or his family. Not necessarily in that order. He *loved* his family. He was active in his church. He has even been associated with some stealthy gardening in the park near his house that turned a rectangle of rocks back into a cross.

He also loved flying, and his passion was contagious. It was fun to be around George and listen to him tell you (or anyone else) about the right way to do things – in a plane or on the ground – while he wagged a cup of coffee at you to emphasize his point.

While losing George is a tragedy for so many people, particularly his family, we should honor his memory in a way that would make him proud. I am confident he would not want a lot of sad faces and people questioning the safety of flying. He'd tell us, I'm sure, flying is a risky

thing; the trick is to minimize the risks and maximize the fun.

So while EAA 677 plans to remember George in a tangible way by loving and supporting his family in this time of loss and in the years to come, we would

honor him most powerfully by sharing what he loved (not most, but way up there), and turning out in good numbers to fly our Young Eagles the last Saturday of every month. Even if you only participate one time, do it that one time for George.



You know George would be there if he could. He just got a better offer. Now he's flying where he never again has to worry about weather, fuel, or having an idiot for a student. This particular idiot can't wait to fly with him again.

*Ernie*



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# Young Eagles Gallery – July 28



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10 for 2012

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## *Around the field...*

### **He's a Rocket Man!**



On Monday, July 16th, while en route to Lincoln, Nebraska, Sam Mcquagg & our very own Rocket Rick reached FL510.

They join a distinctive group of pilots that have earned the coveted Learjet FL510 Golden Pin. Rocket swears he could see the International Space Station, but unfortunately did not take a picture to prove it. Sam said it was probably just a lack of oxygen.



Look what was spotted at the 10th FAI World Advanced Aerobatic Championship in Nyiregyhaza, Hungary



### **Debbie makes the Presidents list again!**

Chapter member Debbie Morris joined fellow Columbus student Chris Blankenship on the President's list at SGTC, where they are studying Aviation Maintenance Technology. Debbie continues to excel in her studies

#### **SGTC announces Spring 2012 President's List**

South Georgia Technical College President Sparky Reeves announced that the following area students were named to the South Georgia Technical College President's List for Spring Semester 2012.

In order to qualify for the President's List, a student must be enrolled full time, be a regular admitted student, be enrolled in a diploma or degree program, and have a 4.0 GPA for that semester's coursework. There were 142 students from SGTC's Americus and Crisp County Campuses who qualified.

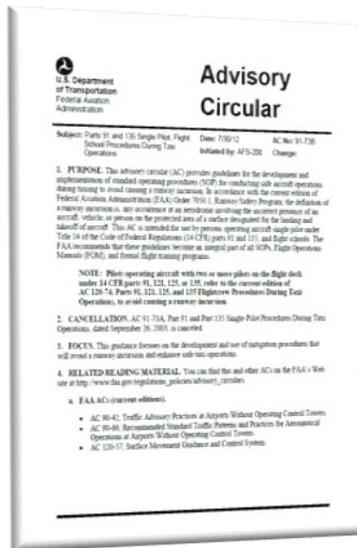
Muscogee County: Christopher Earl Blankenship of Columbus, Aviation Maintenance Technology and Debbie L. Morris of Columbus, Aviation Maintenance Technology.



# Hangar Project



We've cleaned out the multi-purpose room, attic, and restroom. We even have a freshly overhauled fan, a sporty new lock on the door and our sign out front. Thank you to all of the volunteers that have worked on Hangar 13



## Advisory Circular 91-73B 7/30/12

Provides guidance on developing Standard Operating Procedures to avoid runway incursion

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