

# THE FULTON FLYER

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T H E E X P E R I M E N T A L A I R C R A F T A S S O C I A T I O N

## • P A S T M E E T I N G S •

Since our last newsletter, Chapter 853 has been busy, so to get everybody up to speed, here is what has been going on.....

### SEPTEMBER'S MEETING.....



The Airshow setup

EAA 853 sure was busy in September. First we set up a display of General Aviation aircraft at the Cleveland Airshow. The display gave people at the airshow a real sense of what general Aviation was all about. There were a lot of questions asked and a lot of information given about flying and owning our airplanes. Gary Young displayed his Arrow, the Ohlinger's had their Bellanca, and the Thoma's had their Cessna on display, and we had the latest in technology in the homebuilt arena, the Stealth Homebuilt. To round off the display, the Bede's displayed their new kit plane, the BD-9. We owe a lot of thanks to Bede for their participation and helping us set up display. Without their help and advice, our display would not have been half of what it was. Thanks again to the Bede crew for helping out. We sure did learn a lot about displaying our airplanes to the general public while we were there, like.....did you know that if you leave the door to your plane open, it is a free invitation for letting people sit in it.....and if you leave both doors open in a Cessna 172, it is used for kids to run through it? I think everybody that came to the airshow and worked the display had fun.

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## • O U R Y E S T E R Y E A R S •

In the summer of 1928, a new airline, named Continental Airlines, secured a contract to fly mail between Akron and Cincinnati. In August of that year they started flying their route and used Akron Municipal Airport to unload and load their planes. They used Travelair biplanes which were three place open cockpit airplanes. They usually came into Akron at night which thrilled thousands of Akronites who gathered at the airport to watch them come roaring in. Some of the pilots that flew the route were Bill McConnel, Herb Kindred, Bryon Newcomb and Roy Mitchell. The Continental Airlines of 1928 later



Air mail at Fulton

became American Airlines.

In the fall of 1928, Middlestates Airline started to carry mail with Lockheed Vegas between Akron and Pittsburgh. As a result, the airport business began to boom. To handle these and other activities, "Shorty Fulton" was hired by the City of Akron to be the manager of the airport.

### EAA - 853 December Meeting

Date: Thursday December 20, 2001

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Airspace Place (on the airport)

Topic: Setting the Stage for 2002

Let's make it an unforgettable year

## • P A S T M E E T I N G S ( C O N T . ) •

### SEPTEMBER'S MEETING (cont.).....

At our regular September meeting, we had a lively impromptu general discussion about the events that had taken place on the 11<sup>th</sup>. We also watched a video that Gary Young taped documenting our experiences at the Cleveland Airshow. We also had a report from several people who attended Airventure 2001 about their experiences of this year's "Mecca of Aviation" event. We learned that our newsletter, The Fulton Flyer, placed lucky 13<sup>th</sup> in all of the newsletters submitted to National EAA. Now, if Jim Gauer had anything to do with the ranking, getting 13<sup>th</sup>, he would have changed it to 131st. There is no number 13 in his life.....just look at his hangar number.....

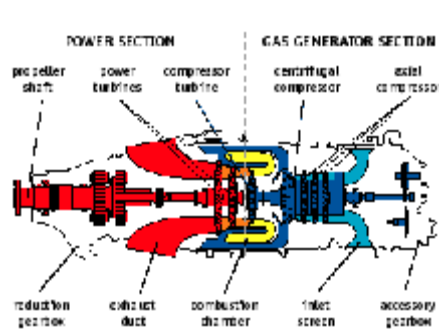


The Booth



The watch at the airshow

### OCTOBER'S MEETING.....



Anatol put on a marvelous meeting for the chapter in October. Our chapter is blessed with a top notched Aeronautical engineer. His topic of discussion for the meeting (if you missed it), was the basics of jet engines and their future light aircraft. Anatol, as well as many other current engine/aircraft designers, realize that the future of General Aviation lies in heavy fuel engines. It is Gary's hope that Anatol will give Part 2 of his jet propulsion discussion for the February meeting. Maybe Jim Bede and Anatol can get together and build the "Akro-Jet".

### NOVEMBER'S MEETING.....

The Novemberfest served as our November gathering. I hear that everyone had a good time. The food, drinks, conversations, comradery, and most of all, the music (Gary's Band) was great. Many beer drinkers became wine drinkers that night, as the beer tended to be a little excited, maybe due to the prospects of the live music. By the time the band stopped playing, you could finally get a glass of beer without all of the foam!

Only one member, Ken White, and one guest showed for the regular November meeting. Ken got a lot of business done at this meeting. He nominated and voted that all of the current officers "remain current" as the officers for 2002. No check rides, medical, minimum number of approaches required. Just continue to do the job that needs to be done. So with that said.....Gary Young will be the President, Mark Ohlinger will be the Vice President, Bob Thoma the Treasurer, the Prince's as secretary, and Bob Turpin as the Young Eagles Coordinator. We also have a new office, the "events coordinator". And since Rick Briggs does such a great job with this, he has been voted and sworn in. Parties, dances, breakfasts, airshows.....is there anything he can't organize? The newsletter editors will continue to be Mark and Gary. So that is the line up for next year, but let's remember, the quality and vitality of our club is dependant on the participation and the energy spent by it members, not just its leaders.

## • D U E S A R E D U E •

It's that time of year again -- dues are due. Send your check made payable to EAA 853 in the amount of \$20.00 to Robert Thoma, Treasurer, 3425 Eastwind Circle NW, North Canton, Ohio 44720.



## • STORIES ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND OTHERS •

Rumor has it Rick Briggs found something to fly that has a little more room than the Mooney. I heard he found a Cessna 210.....lets see.....a Mooney to a 210.....wouldn't that be like going from a VW to an eighteen wheeler? Since getting her Private Certificate, Judy has had her eye on learning to fly the Bellanca. She isn't too far from getting her tail-wheel instruction set-up with Barber.....weather and time seems to be the problem. You know how it goes, when you have the time the weather is bad, but when the weather is good the time is not available. But the real question that still remains.....can she get the gear up and down on that Bellanca? Mark O has not been around the airport much.....says he has been busy with the netting business helping his brother produce over 1000 miles of Christmas tree netting between September 1 and November 15th.....or has he really been doing rain dances on the weekend? Bob Turpin was out snooping around and found that Bob Etheridge, an EAA 853 member, is real close to making his maiden flight in a Mustang II he has been building for a number years. Maybe he can make it to one of our meetings and give use the low down on it.....Dave Calgos has entered the surreal world of aircraft ownership, it's the world where you can not believe this is happening, the world where you need a money pump working overtime.....all the time.....by the way.....did you get a money pump with your plane? And rumor also has it that the surgeons at Summa are extremely happy with the business of hernia repairs that Gary Wheeler and Bob Kyle have been able to send their way.....you will have to ask them about details.



Bob and his Mustang II

## • AROUND THE WORLD IN A CRUISAIR •



Mark & Judy Ohlinger made their annual trip to Oshkosh this year after finishing some last minute touch-ups on the Bellanca. Airventure's theme this year was Aviation Firsts. And there were many firsts present from the Vickers Vimy, Bertrand Piccard, General Chuck Yeager, Scott Crossfield, Dick Rutan, Astronauts Eileen Curtis, Charlie Precourt, and "Hoot" Gibson, to name a few.

But one of the best firsts happened this year, and they made a stop at AirVenture 2001 while enroute to being a first. As some of you may already know, the Bellanca 'Columbia' (Lindbergh's first choice), made a non-stop flight from the United States to Germany in 1927. Willi Bernhard and Elisabeth have shown that these Bellancas are still up to the task, flying from their home in Switzerland, through Russia, Alaska, and then to Oshkosh for AirVenture 2001. Willi and Elisabeth are the first to fly a 1946 triple-tailed Bellanca Cruisair around the world. They were the Guests of Honor at the Bellanca Champion Association's dinner. After Airventure 2001 they installed long-range tanks in their Cruisair for the trans-Atlantic leg. What a trip, and the stories I am sure they have to tell. This makes the trip that Judy and Mark want to make in the Bellanca to Alaska look like a cake walk.....

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• O N T H E L I G H T E R S I D E •

Controllers always in control --

The controller who was working a busy pattern at one of our major airports told the 727 on downwind to make a three-sixty to provide spacing between aircraft. The pilot of the 727 complained, "Do you know it costs us two thousand dollars to make a three-sixty in this airplane? Without missing a beat the controller replied, "Roger, give me four thousand dollars worth!"



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Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Builder: \_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft Owned / Flown: (past or present) \_\_\_\_\_

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Pilot: \_\_\_\_\_ Ratings: \_\_\_\_\_

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