

# THE FULTON FLYER

THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

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## •LAST AND NEXT MONTH'S MEETING•

### LAST MONTH'S MEETING

Our April meeting was a full agenda. We had a great speaker, met **Mike Kolomichuk** from the new flight school, **American Winds Flight Academy**, located on our airport and saw two short film clips. The only thing missing from the meeting was the popcorn to go with the films. The first film shown was a comedy of a 737 landing on the LA 405 freeway. Everyone really enjoyed this film. The second film was just as enjoyable as it was a trailer made for a film titled "**The Restorers**" which is being filmed and produced by **Adam White** from **Hemlock Films**, Bedford, Ohio. The film will be about some of the people that restore war and vintage planes. The hopes are the film will be aired on television. If the film turns out as good as the trailer, it will be an absolute must for any aviator to see. The business meeting was primarily reminding everyone about some of the up and coming events that will be held at **Akron Fulton Airport**.

What can we say about our speaker **Forrest Barber**. He was fantastic. He gave a presentation about the history of **Barber Airport**. Did you know **Taylorcraft** developed and **Al Barber**, Forrest's father, test flew a glider that was designed to deliver the *big bomb* in World War II? The glider, named the **Glomb**, (*the name came from combining the words glider and bomb*) was designed to be radio controlled and carry a 5,000 pound nuclear bomb. Someone had to test fly this thing at full load, and that person was **Al Barber**. It took a Hellcat to get it in the air, and on landing, it is reported that it came *over the fence* at over 170 mph. How would you like to be the test pilot of this thing? (Continued on page 2)

### EAA - 853 May Meeting

Date: Saturday May 18, 2002

Time: 6:00 PM

Place: Airspace Place (on the airport)

Topic: Hangar Progressive Dinner

Anyone and everyone is invited, see what people are hiding in their hangars, costs \$4.00 per person

## •OUR YESTER YEARS•

(Editors note.....This article is from the book titled "Akron and USS Akron World's Largest Airship." It was published by Akron Typesetting

### Goodrich Active In Experimental Work

(Continued from last month)

### NEW PLANE TIRE

From the basic development of tires Goodrich has extended its aeronautic manufacturing activity to include, in addition to cord and low pressure tires and tubes, many accessories in rubber necessary for safe and comfortable operation of aircraft.

Recently, after months of service testing, Goodrich announced a new low pressure tire. The fact that airplane tires must be dependable under exceptional pressure in the landing of airplanes, and that they must be similarly serviceable in the takeoff, led Goodrich to devote considerable time and effort to the development of airplane tires. Goodrich airplane accessories include pneumatic, sponge rubber, and solid rubber tail wheels, all developed to meet new demands and new ideas.

Goodrich also manufactures shock absorber cords for airplane landing gear, tension rings, and absorber discs, radiator hose, gasoline and oil hose, handle grips, grommets, pontoon hand hole covers for seaplane floats, all types of rubber hose, matting, seat cushions, rubber cement, and acid seal paint.

An outstanding contribution to American aviation is the Goodrich Air Container. This new tube embraces a compressed rubber pad next to the tread side of the tire, which grips objects penetrating the tire and causes the hole to seal when the foreign substance is removed.

This has proved exceptionally practical in western United States where cactus needles have been a menace to airplane tires.

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The Thompson Trophy won in 1930 by C.W. "Speed" Holman flying the Laird racing plane at Chicago, Ill. Sept 1

## • LAST AND NEXT MONTH'S MEETING (cont. from page 1) •

### NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Our May Meeting will not be held at it's regular day and time. This month we are going to try something new that will be fun. I am sure all of us have participated in a progressive dinner at one time or another. You know the type of dinner I am talking about.....it's the one where you get to look in and see all of the stuff in your neighbor's houses. The appetizers are at one house, the salad at another, the main course at yet another, and finally dessert at another. I think this type of dinner was created so nosy people could get into their neighbors houses and look around to see if the neighbor has better stuff.

Well.....on May 18 we are going to do the same concept with the hangars. We will have appetizers in one hangar, move to another for the salad, another for the main course, another for dessert, and finally to the last hangar for an awards ceremony. As we are walking from hangar to hangar for our dinner, other hangar doors will be open so all can see what you are storing in your building.....kind of fun.....huh? This will be a covered dish affair, so if you come, you need to bring a dish with you. The main entree will be provided, the cost is a measly \$4.00 per person. Tickets are on sale now. See Rick Briggs, Dave Clagos, or Mike Haines. If you want an alcoholic beverage with your dinner, you should "byob".

### OOPS.....AN EDITORS ERROR

Your editor took some privileges and edited the article by Gary Young last month. It seems the article was the *Clement C. Moore* poem "The Night Before Christmas" mostly because of the snow storm we had on the night of that meeting. The edits were made purely by mistake.....mostly because the editor was under pressure to get the issue out (he had over 20 hours in producing the last issue as things were not going well) and did not realize the article was a poem.....sorry for editing your article Gary.....lesson learned.....so with that said, here it is unedited,

While the coffee shop sheltered us from the cold snow, the flyers talked of Sun-n-Fun and who was to go. The positions above

run, under the threat of the president's shotgun. Then Anatol led us toward Kents "Hall of Tech", along the snowy streets, just missing a wreck. The light turned red and he kept on going, we sat and cursed while it kept on snowing. We guessed to keep driving until the road ended, all of us hoped no fenders would be bended. When what to our wondering eyes should appear, but Anatol's truck, full of women ad beer! We parked our cars in the closest parking lot, made it inside by 8 on the dot. There we saw airplanes in pieces ad puts, made of wood and of metal and old shopping cart& The ribs were all hung from the pegboard with care, in hopes the glue would stink less once they'd gotten some air. We all looked around at the planes in construction, glad in our hearts that form follows function. Airplanes are beautiful, all pilots agree, and we wished we could build one then fly it for free. We continued out tour, just walked down the hall, to cut-away engines literally lining the wall. The jets were so cool, they suck up the gas, make a nice sound and go very fast, After much spinning, poking, and talk, Kent seemed deserted despite of their jocks. It was a nice meeting for everyone there, Bob had a snowball just miss his nice hair. A ticket was found on each of our cars, ten bucks we owe Kent for the FAA Czars. On Donner, on Cupid, on Comet and Bob, on Anatol and Ken, on Leanna and Bob, dash a way, dash a way all.



AirSpace Place.....home for the progressive dinner

## • NEW NEIGHBORS AT FULTON AIRPORT •

I think we all know by now that the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> have had far reaching effects on the whole world more than what anyone can imagine. For most it has been a very bad and devastating event, and for some people, the September 11 events have changed the direction and careers of their lives. Denise Hobart and Mike Kolomichuk are examples of those where September 11 has changed their career paths. Before the 11<sup>th</sup>, had you told them they would be starting and operating a flight school at Akron Fulton Airport, I think they would have told you that you were crazy. Well I guess crazier things have happened! If you have not noticed, then you have been hibernating and it is time to wake up. Akron Fulton Airport now has a full time, full fledged flight school aimed toward the general aviation pilot. The name of the flight school is American Winds Flight Academy, and they are located on the west side of the FBO building.

If you have been around a little bit, you might remember the name of American Winds. It was a flight school started in 1986 at Vero Beach Florida by Denise's brother, Scott Finnigan. Scott was an aerobatic pilot and had actually flown in some competitions at Miller Airport when the IAC was active in our area. Scott passed away on New Years Eve of 1989 due to blood poisoning from painting parts on his Pitts. I think there is a lesson for all of us to learn from this sad event. Our newer paints are dangerous, and without proper protection, they can and will kill us.

Denise worked for Scott at his school, and this is where her passion for aviation grew. In fact, it is told, she got her first 100 hours of flight time in a Pitts. Can you believe that? There are many of us that are still dreaming of getting just a flight in a Pitts, let alone learn to fly in one. What a plane to learn in! It wasn't too long before she had earned her CFI, CFII, ME, and MEI ratings. The school was dissolved after Scott's death, at which time Denise flew King Airs in Vero Beach and then Merlin's in Wapakoneta, until 1994. It was at this point she felt there was no real future in aviation as her career was going nowhere. She left aviation and went to work in the industry for which she has her degree, International Marketing. Denise met Mike during this time as they both worked for the same company. They were soon married to one another.

Denise's passion for flying grew more and more during her time away from flying. In the Spring of 2000, with the full support of Mike, she decided to leave the marketing business and find her career in aviation. She was all set up to take a job with Continental Express when September 11<sup>th</sup> happened. As you know, all hiring was suspended in the airline business during this time.



One of American Winds 150 ready for flight

American Winds Flight Academy is dedicated to training future aviators by providing Flight Instruction from FAA Licensed Instructors. Their programs are designed for the individual seeking a Private Pilot's License for leisure flying or a Commercial License for the career minded individual looking to prepare themselves for the airline or corporate environment.

Coming to the Cleveland area to visit Mike's mother, they came across Akron Fulton Airport this past January. They saw the potential in our airport.....a great facility with easy access, good approaches.....and an airport that did not have a flight school. In January of this year they signed a contract with Akron Flight, and immediately started setting up their flight school. They officially opened on March 1 of this year.

The concept is to provide a real honest to goodness full service flight school dedicated to those that want to learn to fly for any reason. It could be recreational or for those that want to make flying a career for themselves. It doesn't matter. They currently have two C150's for instructional flying and rental with a C172 being restored in Texas currently. It should arrive AKR next week. The planes are completely restored with new paint, interiors, radios, along with overhauled engines. As a renter, it's a plane that you can be proud of flying. (Continued on page 5)

## • H E A R D     I T     O N     T H E     T A R M A C •

Congratulations to **Danny Karam** who recently received his helicopter license. Danny gives **Ted Jendrisak** a round of applause for all his help....Cast your bets now--how long will it be before **Bud Dalton** has an IFR approved moving map GPS installed in his Arrow? The bookies are placing 20:1 odds on within 45 days although he has purportedly stated he will fly it a year the way it is....The bounty has been raised to \$50, a Snickers candybar, and dinner at **Piscatelli's** for anyone that can convince **Dick Norton** to relocate his Bonanza to AKR....Instead of using a transponder in his new RV-6, **Lou Lutrell** is just wearing a florescent pink ballcap that the tower can see miles away, although the altitude reporting is a little off because sometimes you can't hear him over the engine noise ("I said I'm at five thousand")....**Jerry Ramsey** figured out how to make a P210 into a taildragger--good thing he had that weight and balance thing figured out to tow the plane off the taxiway with a flat front tire...And speaking of **Jerry Ramsey**--check out that checkerboard disco carpeted hangar floor and new map wall, fans, and other goodies in **Hangar #27**....and what's with all of the hangar upgrades at Fulton?.....have

all of you seen **Bob Kyle's** black and white disco floor, or **Briggs'** big deck.....and while we are on the subject of **Briggs**, where did all of the sand outside of his hangar come from and why was the EPA taking samples of it? Understand **Briggs** is learning the joys of Centurion ownership.....he now knows the difference between an *amp and a volt*....and who knows, *maybe an ohm*....it only took four alternators, two regulators and a new UPS stack.....oops.....it does matter how those wires are hooked up.....and speaking of volts, amps and ohms.....talk to **Rick Patterson**.....he will tell you what he knows.....and while we are on the subject of **Patterson**, he has it all figured out so his wife will let him keep spending money on flying.....take her to Nemacolin Resort and Spa in Pennsylvania for the day.....boy that was a nice facial and fingernail polish job you had **Rick**.....**Bill Blair** has been seen playing in the dirt again at AKR, some kids never grow up.....And speaking of growing up.....will that dog of **Bill Beal's** ever get any bigger. Is it even a dog? We're not sure if it was

the dog or **Bill** out watering his hangar lawn but he said he was killing weeds....Congratulations to **Gary Hedrick** who received a multi-engine instrument rating last week in Connecticut--with all the luck he's had with magnetos and alternators lately, he's getting to be a believer in the number 2 (not doing a number 2 in his pants)....**Gary Wheeler** is officially retired now and needs something to do to keep occupied. Because he loves aviation so much, he has volunteered to wash and de-grease your airplane during the day while everyone else is working.....Anybody seen **Don Brott** in his 182 lately? Somebody should tell him it would go higher and faster if there was an engine in it....Yes, John Rauchenstein has resurfaced with a sighting in Hangar 8.....And would you believe this? **Bob Tollerton** DID NOT ski into any trees this winter after all. He and **Joyce** are back at it for more flying this season....the elusive **Michael Christian** has been seen aerating that still new smelling leather interior in the pattern...**Dave Calgos** has regular office hours now in his **Hangar #2**, ready to take your carpet order....Congratulations to **Stephanie Masek** who received her instrument ticket---next step--**United Airlines**....**Will Ferguson** may have finally found his bird--after an exhaustive international search filled with scorpions and snakes, he found one at CAK. His Bonanza will be history and a pressurized Aerostar will soon be in his hangar....and **Bob Kyle** proved everyone wrong.....his hangar will fit a Mooney and a J-3 Cub all at the same time.....must be because the Mooney is so small...news from the **Anatol and Young** aircraft design build shop.....they have settled on an engine.....the **MEGABOOM!** Think it will do the job guys for that two place your designing? That's all that isn't.....till next month.



**Megaboom**: one-of-a-kind rocket sled, tested at Alamogordo, N.M. It runs on a combination of red fuming nitric acid (oxidizer) and unsymmetrical dimethylhydrazine (fuel). This particular engine is a \$286,000 Aerojet-General rocket that has never been fired. 33 ft long, 3 ft diameter nozzle. Weighs approximately 7000 lb.

## • NEW NEIGHBORS (cont. from page 4) •

American Winds is looking for some lease back arrangements to enhance the types of aircraft they have available for rent. They are interested in any type of high performance planes, so if you have a plane, and do not fly it as much as it should be flown, and would like to make a little bit of money, maybe you should talk with American Winds.

American Winds has a full service pilot shop with over 500 items, which includes all Sectionals, WACS, both NOAA and Jeppenson Enroute, Approach and Terminal charts. Those pilots in need of a new headset, a handheld radio or need to replace a nav light or are in need of some oil, can find these items at American Winds. Ground schools, for both Private and Instrument ratings along with being a registered FAA testing center will start around the first of June. Each course will be 10 weeks long, and the cost will be \$195.00. So if you know someone wanting to learn to fly, or upgrade their ratings, here is a place to do it easily. Within the next 30 days, American Winds will have their Part 141 certification, proving their commitment and dedication to aviation.

If you haven't done so, stop by and see Mike and Denise. They are great people that will welcome you with open arms. They are enthusiastic about their new endeavor and really enjoy talking about anything dealing with aviation.



Ground School

## • PILOTS CHOICE HANGAR AWARDS •

Saturday May 18<sup>th</sup> 6:00PM  
AKRON FULTON AIRPORT

Clean your hangars! Start your engines! Cast your ballots! Make history by attending the world's first Pilots Choice Hangar Awards



### PROGRESSIVE DINNER AND PILOTS CHOICE HANGAR AWARDS

Between each course while walking to the next hangar, participants will have the opportunity to tour the other hangars at the airport and fill in the ballot sheets. Here is a great opportunity to get some good ideas on how to make your hangar more useful to you. At the end of the evening, the awards presentation will recognize those who have excelled (and those who haven't). Revel in the glory as you walk up to the podium to accept your award and give your acceptance speech in the spotlight. This will be a lot of fun.

Hangars will be judged in several categories by all participants. Results will be tabulated by Enron, who is one of the sponsors, with the results audited by Arthur Anderson Co. This event is open to all AKR hangars and pilots, and all pilots in the area.

Airport Patents to be Awarded

**What  
is  
provided:**

**Main course:** mouth-watering beef tenderloin  
**Drinks:** lemonade & coffee  
**Plates, napkins, utensils**  
**BYO beverages:** beer, wine, or soft drinks

**What to  
bring if your  
last name  
begins with:**

A-B  
C-K  
L-R  
S-Z

Appetizers  
Salads  
Side dishes  
Desserts

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*Here is a brief listing of some events that are planned at our Airport or in our area.....*

- # May 18, Carrollton Aviation Days
- # May 18, AKR Hangar Mania.....progressive dinner, this will be a fun event.....see article this month
- # June 1, Barber Airport Young Eagles and Old Buzzards Day
- # June 22-23, Akron Fulton Airport, MAPS 2002 Aero Expo
- # July 5-7, Barber Airport Taylorcraft Fly-in
- # July 5-8, Akron Fulton Airport, Aluminum Overcast, "Under the wing of the 17" Pancake breakfast on July 8th.
- # August 9-11, Barber Airport Ohio Aeronca Aviators Fly-In
- # August 31-September 2, Cleveland National Airshow, EAA 853 static display and Young Eagles, who can show their plane, who will give Young Eagle rides?
- # September 6-8, Indianapolis Airshow featuring the "Gathering of Corsairs and Legends"
- # September 13-14, the Rhinebeck escape.....date has moved.....who is interested?

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The Rhinebeck Airshow



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