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Local pilot helps injured veterans reunite with family & friends

When the Pilatus touched down at the OSU Airport in late August, a wounded war veteran was reunited with family and friends, thanks to the generosity of a pilot who donated his time, aircraft and fuel costs through a non-profit organization called Veterans Airlift Command (VAC).

Fostoria, Ohio native Shane Parsons was injured Sept. 30 2006 in Iraq, and was rehabilitating in San Antonio, Texas after months in Germany and then at Walter Reed. His mother, Cindy, had temporarily relocated to Texas to be with him during the rehab. They wanted to come home to see family and friends.

But transporting an injured veteran is difficult and costly, depending on the types of injuries and the soldier's mobility. San Antonio pilot Claud Gilmer volunteered to fly his company's Pilatus, a single-engine turbo prop to make the four-hour trek to Columbus and OSU Airport – Gilmer's first trip to Columbus. Parsons flew in the co-pilot's seat.

One month later, OSU-based pilot Tim Fyda provided the same service to Parsons, returning him and his mother to San Antonio in Fyda's Cessna 525.



Pictured L to R: Seth Reimers and Tim Fyda.

Earlier this year, Fyda had flown a mission to take injured platoon leader Seth Reimers from Massachusetts to Minneapolis to visit the families of his platoon members lost in the attack.

“These veterans do so much for us. They are unselfish and ask nothing in return,” Fyda said. “This 24-year-old was so professional, and had integrity well beyond his years. He wanted to meet these families in person.”

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COVER STORY - CONTINUED

Minnesota-based VAC was founded last November, by Walter Fricke, a Vietnam Veteran who was injured in combat. In the past year, volunteers from all areas of the U.S. have flown 150 missions. VAC provides free air transportation to wounded warriors, veterans and their families for medical and other compassionate purposes, Fricke said. "This is a way to honor these guys. It's a way to connect them with their communities," he added.

"I can relate to these kids because I spent six months in a hospital 700 miles from home. My healing began in earnest when my family was able to gather the resources to make a trip to visit me."

Fricke said that financial support is also needed to administer the program. "We expect to be busy with requests during the holiday season, so donations are absolutely crucial to keep flight dispatch going," he said. Fricke said that number of volunteers as "exceeded my expectations." Besides Fyda, OSU Airport-based pilots Ted Kellogg and Rick Malir are among the 500 pilots and aircraft owners in the U.S. that have volunteered to help.

More information about VAC is available at <http://www.veteransairlift.org>.

Veteran's Airlift Command is similar to Angel Flights, where pilots volunteer time, aircraft and fuel to transport ill patients to homes or special hospitals depending on their needs. A story about Angel Flights is planned for an upcoming edition of this newsletter.

~ Contributed by Cathy Ferrari - External Relations



The FBO will have shortened hours during the Holidays. Please see the chart below. If you have special requests during these times, please contact Greg Jones (614.292.5146) prior to these days.

OSU Airport Holiday Hours

Thanksgiving Day	0800 - 1600
Christmas Eve	0630 - 1900
Christmas Day	1000 - 1900
New Year's Eve	0630 - 1900
New Year's Day	0900 - 2300



NOTES FROM AROUND THE AIRPORT

- Please welcome the following people as new members of the airport staff and congratulate those who accepted new positions;
 - **Mark Hollander** is a new **Aircraft Attendant** in **Line Service**.
 - **Rachel Mohr** is a new student **Customer Service Representative**.
 - **Dan Murphy** promoted to **Line Service Supervisor**.
 - **Casey Smatana** and **Todd Hartman** are new students in **Line Service**.
- **Doug Hammon** has been elected **President** of the **Ohio Aviation Association (OAA)** for **2008**. **Alan Harding**, Airport tenant, has been elected a **Director of OAA** for **2008**.
- **T-Hangar Tenants:** If your aircraft is equipped with a Tanis heater, and as an automatic practice, you would like Line Service to plug this heater in when putting your aircraft away; please call the Line Service Manager, Greg Jones, at 614.292.5146 or gjones@osuairport.org and leave a message stating that you would like this done. We will do our best to always do this for you. *Reminder: portable space heaters are PROHIBITED in the T-Hangars.*
- The Airport is receiving **two new 5,000 gallon jet fuel trucks** from AirBP. Expect to see them on the ramp shortly.
- **The Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150 Noise and Land Use Compatibility Study** for The Ohio State University Airport is underway. The consulting team took noise measurements in 13 locations near the Airport during the week between October 18 and 25, 2007. Monitors were placed in areas that experience frequent air traffic. A web site has been established to provide updated information about the study. The web address is <http://www.osuairportpart150.com>. A link is available from the front page of the Airport website, www.osuairport.org.
- The Airport currently has two local high school students participating in its **Shadow Program**. Students explore educational and career opportunities in general aviation by spending time in each of the Airport departments. Carlos Ruiz-Coll is a senior at Dublin-Scioto High School and Doug Liska is a senior at Olen-tangy Liberty High School. For information regarding this program, please contact the Airport External Relations office at 247-4366.
- The University has received an **FAA grant** in the amount of \$1.3M for improvements to the airfield. Work will include the relocation of the localizer, to meet new FAA safety area standards, and the replacement of the lights on the south runway. All work is expected to begin June 2008.



STAFF ATTENDS NBAA CONFERENCE



Georgia on My Mind

An Airport contingent made the trip south to the NBAA (National Business Aviation Association) Meeting and Convention in Atlanta. This year marks the 60th anniversary for the convention. There were more than 1,000 exhibits at the convention center and 100 aircraft on display at the Fulton County Airport. Event planners expected more than 30,000 people to attend the three-day convention.



Pictured: Sherry Fox and John Wickle.



Pictured: Cecilia Lammers and Mark Truman.

OSU was one of 12 FBOs invited to set up a display in the Air-BP exhibit. Representing the Airport was Sherry Fox, Customer Service, Mike Eppley, Business Development Manager, Cecilia Lammers, External Relations, Mark Truman, Airport Facilities, and John Wickle, Avionics. Attendance at the convention is an opportunity to make new business contacts, and visit with established customers. The group met MANY Buckeye fans. After the requisite football discussion, Airport staff members were able to talk about OSU, Flight Education and the Aviation Department.

With exhibitors from all facets of the industry represented, the group had an excellent opportunity to learn about business aviation, and how The Ohio State University Airport fits into this vital industry.

While attendees spent most of their time at the convention, the OSU group found a little time to see Atlanta including “Coke World,” CNN, and the Olympic Fountain. The trip was also the perfect setting for Airport employees to get to know one another.

~ Contributed by Cecilia Lammers, External Relations



Youth Aviation Adventure a Success!

On October 6, 2007, Youth Aviation Adventure held its 22nd semi-annual event. More than 100 young people, mostly Boy and Girl Scouts spent the majority of that sunny Saturday learning about various aspects of aviation through an engaging, hands-on program. The event is held twice a year at The Ohio State University Airport to introduce children to aviation through a fun and exciting day-long series of activities.

During the program, participants rotated through ten “stations” which included a pre-flight inspection, lessons on aerodynamics, power plants, airport operations (held in an old air traffic control tower), and the instrument panel. Other stations included interviews with a mechanic, an avionics technician, a helicopter pilot from MedFlight and an emergency rescue worker from Columbus Fire Department, Station 11. The last two stations tested participant knowledge with “Aviation in the Know,” a game show review of general aviation terms, and finally, foam plate glider construction and competitions.

Because of the size and nature of the program, collaboration with a wide range of people was crucial to ensure success. Airport Director Doug Hammon opened the Airport doors to YAA with staff Todd Hartman, External Relations, and Dale Gelter Airport Facilities manager and his staff providing everything from planes and an empty hangar to extension cords and a projector. EAA Chapter 9 Young Eagles co-coordinator Chuck Hoisington scheduled and organized the Young Eagles flying day to dovetail with YAA. Bill Lint and the Columbus Northwest Flyers club donated two planes that were used in the aerodynamics station. MedFlight provided a helicopter and crew on very short notice. Capt. Richardson of the Columbus Fire Department, Station 11, provided their crash truck and two firefighters. In addition, 50 people volunteered their time to organize the day, teach the stations, and make sure the participants had a great experience.



Since 1997, the program has grown and more than 477 young people attended the Spring, 2006 program. The program has been refined and drafted into a coherent curriculum that is being offered at no cost to interested groups across the country. All materials can be found on line at <http://youthaviationadventure.org>.

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YOUTH AVIATION ADVENTURE - CONTINUED

Interest came from far and wide. A group in Anchorage, Alaska, offered a program in the spring of 2007, that was based on adapted YAA materials, and in September, the first true YAA "franchise" program was held at Sporty's in Batavia, Ohio, for 100 participants. YAA is also earning notice from such organizations as the Ninety-Nines and the FAA education committees. At the October 6 program, five volunteers came from out of town for the sole purpose of helping with the program, and others attended just to see what the program is all about. These VIPs included Dallas-based Jill Williams, the Ninety-Nines International Aerospace Education Committee Chair, Ron Green, Scout Executive of the 40,000 member Simon Kenton Boy Scout Council, and Tom Deuber, President of Lane Aviation.



As members of YAA continue its work of the past eleven years, they are constantly looking for new volunteers and new ways to expand the program to other airports. If you are interested in either of these, or if you just want to visit and see a program in action, please email info@youthaviationadventure.org. The next program is scheduled for April 26, 2008.

~ Contributed by Christine Murakami, Photography by Ken Harding

Football Bus

Do you hate to walk after parking so far away from Ohio Stadium? Park at the airport for FREE!!!

Enjoy the sights as you ride to the stadium for all HOME games from The Ohio State University Airport located in Northwest Columbus.

The bus leaves from the airport 1 ½ hours before kickoff and will drop you off at Ohio Stadium.



Ohio Stadium 2007

Bus Ticket Prices (per person):

\$10 Round Trip; \$7 One Way

Let's Go Bucks!

After the game, the bus departs from Ohio Stadium and returns you to the airport where you can spend a little time observing aircraft arriving and departing from our observation tower.

**To utilize this service, arrive at The Ohio State University Airport's Customer Service Desk at least two hours before game time to purchase tickets.*

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Game Dates >>

- ▶ November 3 Wisconsin
- ▶ November 10 Illinois



Young Eagles Rally October Wrap-up

More than 100 youngsters were able to enjoy free flights at the October 6, 2007, Young Eagles Rally. Participants learned about general aviation, and volunteers provided a memorable first-step in exploration of aviation as a hobby or a career.

As always, dedicated pilots and ground crew members made the day a success. Welcome and thanks to first-time rally pilots Mike Young and Danny Lee! The rest of the pilot crew included, Steve England, Rick Hunt, Bob Lewis, Tom Siler, Dick Wetherald, Mike Weinstein and Dick Willis. These committed volunteers flew 102 children!

Thanks to Dick Willis from New Flyers and Craig Scheider who put their planes on display for participants to see and discuss while waiting for their flights.

Helping out on the ground were Paul McLennan, Kurt Proegler, Don Morgan, Alan Edmonds, Leanne Jones, Andrew Hale, Debbie Doucette, and Melinda Baccus. What a job they did! Their understanding of procedures and self-sufficiency made everything run very smoothly.

<u>Pilots</u>	<u>Young Eagles Flown</u>
Steve England	17
Rick Hunt	8
Danny Lee	8
Bob Lewis	23
Tom Siler	5
Mike Young	3
Mike Weinstein	2
Dick Wetherald	24
Dick Willis	12

Courtesy of EAA9 Inc., all who helped were entitled to lunch at the Barnstormer. I heard the food was good.

Make a Difference Day, October 27 is the last rally of the season. However, we're hoping to be able to host Christmas Ho! Ho! Ho! again this year.

We are always looking for new volunteers. The ground crew need only have the desire to help and share the fun. For all of the helpers, the reward is seeing the reactions of the youngsters when they return from a flight. It is a real treat.

Our pilots need to meet the same requirements plus compliance with the FAR and, for insurance purposes, be a member of EAA and carry \$100,000 per passenger seat of liability insurance. EAA adds another \$1,000,000 to that during the event.

For those of you who are missing out on the fun please consider joining us and sharing the camaraderie of fellow aviation enthusiasts.

~ Contributed by Chuck Hoisington - Young Eagles Coordinator



Accolades Fall Upon OSU Tower Controller

There comes a time when a company gets to set aside time to honor its own for exceptional contributions within the company, the community, and those they serve daily. Midwest ATC service, Inc. has the honor of doing just that for one of OSU Tower's own; Brian Ziegler.

Brian has not only received the Midwest Air Traffic Control Inc., "Controller of The Year Award" for 2007--a yearly company award given in recognition of outstanding performance as an air traffic controller, but additionally he is recognized as the Air Traffic Controller Association's 2007 domestic "Controller of The Year". This award encompasses all air traffic controllers submitted within both the FAA and contract ATC fields.

Brian has been a part of OSU's team since 1997 and continues to be a leader in the ongoing efforts of providing superior ATC service to Midwest's busiest facility in Ohio. Brian coordinated and directed the control tower's efforts during SAFECON 2006. Brian's administration contributed to record setting airport operation levels for contract tower - over 2,100 operations in a single day.

This recognition is also shared with another of OSU's team; Travis Normandin. Travis was selected as Midwest's "Air Traffic Controller of The Year" for 2006 for his outstanding performance in the Midwest-controlled Northeast region.

Hats off to Brian & Travis on a job well done!!

~ Contributed by Deral Carson, OSU FAA Contract Tower Manager



Pictured: Brian Ziegler



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Flight Team Takes Third at Region III Competition

As always, Region III lived up to its reputation of being the best and deepest region in the National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) competition. It was an incredibly close contest, and The Ohio State University Flight Team finished third in a tight race behind Western Michigan and Kent State. The third place finish qualifies the Ohio State team to compete at the National SAFECON at Middle Tennessee State in May.

The team competed extremely well and finished second in ground events. Individual performances earned competitors like Kyle Sleeper second place in the Top Pilot rankings, missing Top Pilot by a mere point. First place finishers were Bryan Miller in the Power Off Landing competition with a total score of 17 feet, and Michael McConnell in simulator.

There were several second, third and fourth place finishes for the Ohio State team. Please see all the competition results at: http://www.nifa.us/2007_REGION_3_RESULTS.html.

The coaches said it was an honor and pleasure to work with this team and watch them compete so well. Coach, Richard Ward was impressed by the hard work and time the team devoted not just during the regionals, but during the weeks leading up to the competition. He said, "Every one of these students is working very hard to better themselves not only as aviators, but as people."

The students who are carrying on the tradition of the Ohio State Flight Team this year are:

Sarah Dudeck	Bryan Miller, <i>Captain</i>
Maggie Ho	Mike Nienberg
Kelly Hoffmann	Derek Rust
Christina Kurowicki	Kyle Sleeper, <i>Captain</i>
Michael McConnell, <i>Captain</i>	Andrew Tarini

Coaches Luke Stouffer and Richard Ward look forward to the National Championship and credit friends and alumni for their continuing support.

~ *Contributed by Cecilia Lammers, External Relations*

**The OSU Flight School would like to congratulate the following students
on their recent accomplishments.**

(Sept 24th - Oct 29th)

<u>INSTRUMENT</u> Carl Pachmayer	<u>COMMERCIAL</u> Sarah Dudeck	<u>CFI</u> James Gursky
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