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Hamilton, Ohio



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SEPTEMBER 2018 MEETING AND VMC CLUB SUMMARY

At the first VMC club Meeting I lead with some comments about Draft Advisory Circular (AC) concerning pattern entry to non-controlled air fields. This months VMC Club we revisited the topic with a discussion about Initial climb altitude and when to turn crosswind.

Question: At the non-towered airport, when remaining in the traffic pattern, when should a pilot turn crosswind? Are straight-in (long final) landings permitted there?

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Answer: Airplanes remaining in the traffic pattern should not commence a turn to the crosswind leg until beyond the departure end of the runway and within 300 feet below traffic pattern altitude. Pilots should make the turn to downwind leg at the traffic pattern altitude.

The FAA encourages pilots to use the standard traffic pattern when arriving or departing a non-towered airport or a part-time-towered airport when the control tower is not operating, particularly when other traffic is observed or when operating from an unfamiliar airport. However, there are occasions where a pilot can choose to execute a straight-in approach for landing when not intending to enter the traffic pattern, such as a visual approach executed as part of the termination of an instrument approach. Pilots should clearly communicate on the CTAF and coordinate maneuvering for and execution of the landing with other traffic so as not to disrupt the flow of other aircraft. Therefore, pilots operating in the traffic pattern should always be alert to aircraft executing straight-in landings, particularly when flying a base leg before turning final.

(Ref: AC 90-66B)

My comments at the initial VMC club meeting was based on the preliminary draft of the AC.

After reading the AC (B) you and tell the FAA highly recommends entering into the aircraft traffic pattern but will allow a straight in when conditions allow. the feds have backed off requiring the go fast guys mixing it up with the Low-n-slow guys is the traffic pattern. (Phew!)

The AC in its entirety is attached at the hyperlink

Cheers, Al Fullerton

THE PREZ SEZ

As always, it was great to see everyone at the meeting. Another culinary delight from VP Tom, and another great conversation from Al in the VMC Club meeting! I've already been asked if Tom can permanently stay VP so we can continue to enjoy his cooking. Officially, there's nothing saying the VP is the one providing food. So if he wants to continue being Food Guy as well as President, that's up to him. ;)



Looking forward in our schedule, the October meeting will have annual elections for next year's open offices - Vice President and Secretary (2-year term). November will have our annual hangar crawl, and then December our Christmas party. Until then, enjoy the cooling temps (eventually) and changing leaves.

Respectfully Submitted: Scott Balmos

Editors Note: Seen on right is VP Tom Martin's Corn Dog Casserole. Sorry I missed it! Looks awesome! Thanks Tom!



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SECRETARY'S REPORT, MEETING MINUTES

Eaa meeting 9/92018

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Hangar: no report.

Chapter Librarian: no report

Mark McCormick at Mason schools, wants to do ground school and do young eagles flights.

Tech report all quiet.

Projects: Joey Shreve is doing his annual, new interior, replaced seat back, new seat pan,

Gary Mullens :Still training for gyro, license, looking for a cheap hooker (harness) i.e. Seat-belt

Tom Martin: Took out hot water plastic fittings and heater core. Removed marine fuel tank and battery

Scott Balmos still working on debugging and software problems.

Mark Weiss was back from Wisconsin. He recently installed about 700 nutplates on the floor of his Ch750 project.

Old business:

Christmas party is set up, date and arrangements, Houston Inn in Mason.

Heater three people expressed interest but no one has taken it..

Next meeting October is election.

Marion Ohio is on the 9/15 and also Waco on 9/15

Sept 22 cookout at I67

October 7 red bull air race in Indy

Rolf cookout Saturday 9/15

July 10-14 2019 several warbirds in town sponsored by Cincinnati Warbirds

Adjourned 2:39

Respectfully Submitted: Tim Morris, Chapter Secretary



TAIL DRAGGER FLY-IN, 2018, RED STEWART FIELD

The Tail Dragger Fly-in at Red Stewart Field on Sunday September 2 is always a great homespun event and was well attended again this year owing to the beautiful weather. It was hosted by EAA Chapter 284 who served up their usual tasty pancake and sausage breakfast. Thanks Chapter 284 for a terrific day!

Photos: ed.



LUNKEN DAYS 2018 COURTESY OF AL KENKEL



Al Kenkel submitted these photos of the Lunken Days Celebration over the Labor Day weekend. Al reported there was no B-17 or B-25 appearances due to repairs going on to both aircraft. Still, it looked like no one was unduly suffering. Several chapter members participated with Mike and Kevin cooking their famous hot dogs, Bob Burkhardt trying the King Cobra on for size and Pat Flaherty posing with hit Mooney. Looked like a great day!



Photo Credit: Al Kenkel



WACO FLY-IN COURTESY OF SCOTT HERSHA

On this page are some photos sent to me by Scott Hersha from the Fly-In at WACO Field on September 16. Scott reports that the weather was great which is certainly verified by the pictures. Looks like you could see clouds all the way to the horizon, viewed from the ground, testifying to great visibility. Scott says the hosts were great, and he received a gift for flying in. Two beautiful WACO YMF's were providing rides. From the shot on lower right, it looks like a car show was going on as well. Great shots Scott! Thanks!

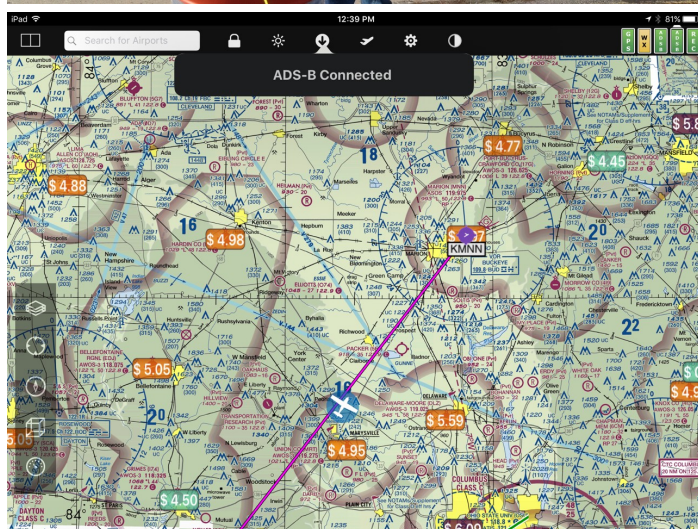
Photo credit: Scott Hersha



MARION, OHIO FLY-IN FROM TIM MORRIS

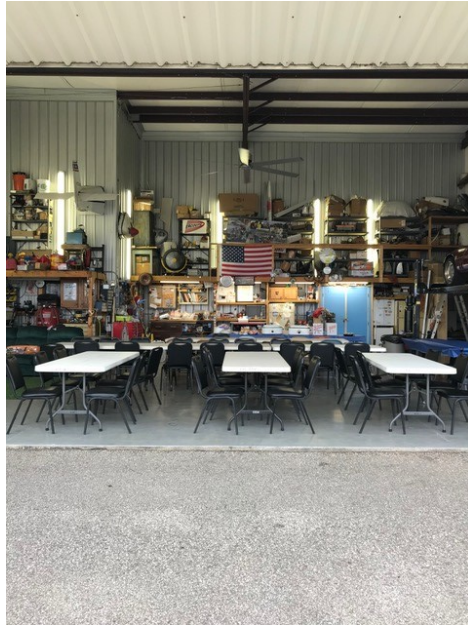
Tim Morris and Bill Duffy made the trip to the Marion, Ohio fly-in on 9-15. It looked like a great day. Note the great enroute shots and the screen shot from Tim's nav display. It looks like the Ford Trimotor was on duty flying passengers. Thanks Tim!

Photo credit: Tim Morris



KEVIN GASSERT'S HANGAR PICNIC

Here are some shots from Kevin Gassert's annual hangar picnic, always a great event celebrated by Chapter 974 and Cincinnati Warbirds Squadron 18. Photos: top row Joey Shreve, lower: ed Thanks Kevin!



ROLF HETICO'S HANGAR PICNIC

Pictured below is an outstanding hangar picnic hosted by Rolf Hetico. Word is that it was catered and the food was great. Your editor was sorry to miss this one. It looked like a great time with a big crowd. Rolf's beautiful RV-8A was on display. Thanks Rolf!

Photo credit: Joey Shreve



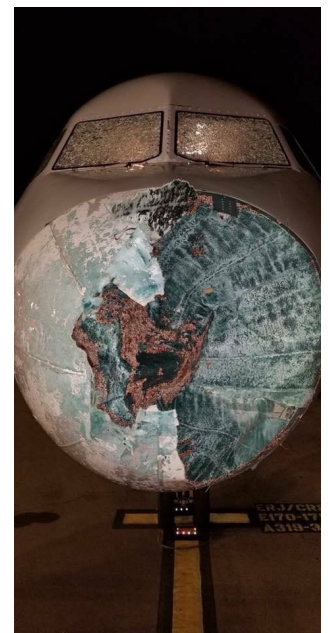


Seen here, left and right is the new addition to the Ercoupe Air Force. It's Kevin Gassert's new Coupe! I don't have any details yet but I love those wheel pants and fairings! Sharp Kevin!

Photo credit: Joey Shreve



Here's an example of why it's good not to fly through hail. I don't know the source of these shots but they were sent to me by former Navy pilot Bill Jackson, an old friend. He tells me it was an American Airlines flight coming out of El Paso, Texas, and says "I don't think this will buff out!"



Sad to say the Fly-in season is winding down, but there are still a couple of good events on the horizon. First and foremost is the Southwestern Ohio Regional Fly-in, AKA SWORFI sponsored by EAA Chapter 174 and hosted by Todd Winemiller at his well manicured turf strip near Blanchester. It's this coming Sunday September 30 at 9:00 am, but campers may want to arrive and set up on Saturday. For some reason I could not get the full event flyer to copy and paste onto this page. Sorry about that! Essential particulars are: CTAF 122.9, Runways 6/24 are active with 15/33 reserved for parking, pattern altitude 1800 ft MSL This is always a great event and well worth attending.



The other important event is a Fly-in Breakfast at Clinton County Airport on October 20. (Sorry, the flyer wouldn't stick here either. Don't shoot the editor!)
Courtesy of Scott Balmos

This is a special invitation to you for the upcoming Fly In or Drive In Breakfast, and FAA Wings Safety Seminar. It's being held at the Clinton County Airport (I66) on October 20, 2018. We will start serving breakfast at 8 am until 12 pm, prepared by McCoy Catering Service.

At 11 am, Mike Millard will be presenting a 2 hour FAA Safety Wings Seminar on Wilderness Survival Techniques. This seminar will include clothing, shelter, signaling devices, fire craft, food & water, survival kits, and more. This is a must see presentation.

I have taken the liberty of attaching a copy of the event flyer, and information about Mike Millard.

Hope to see you here,
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