

sausages and eggs with O.J. and Coffee--all you can eat . Young Eagle rides will be available. Event sponsored by EAA Chapter 5. At 1:00 P.M. there will be a Free Safety Seminar on Risk management for G.A. Aviation. Contact: Tom Cunningham 440-294-2286,

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**Tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen**

Inspired by his boyhood Sunday School Teacher who was a part of that historic group, our own Gerald J. applied a little red paint (all that gravity would allow anyway).



**Red Tail Remembrance.**

**Next Club Meeting – April 4, 2009**

Club Meetings are normally held **the first Saturday of each month** at 6PM at The Comfort Café in Mantua. Any changes to this schedule will be posted here in the Flyer. Prospective members, guests and family members are **always welcome**.

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## Club Activities

## Member News & Reports

### **Acquiring a Challenger - Part 1** (by Mark Warner)

I acquired N123JM due in part to an unfortunate mishap from a good friend Jeff. Jeff purchased this Challenger II Clipped Wing in the fall of 2008. I ferried the plane to Ashland Co Airport (3G4) from Galion Municipal Airport (KGQQ) I had previously flown N123JM to Ashland Co for the owner for a presale Condition Inspection with the understanding that I would transition him into the Challenger at a later date. Jeff's a 30 year General Aviation pilot with abundance of experience under his belt. There's a good lesson here to learn that Jeff and many other pilots experienced and lived to tell about it. As most pilots understand, every model aircraft flies differently and has different handling characteristics. Jeff came from an Alon Aircoupe, and had owned a Challenger II long wing in years past and logged maybe 6-8 hours before selling it. For the most part, impatience combined with an engine-out played into this incident more than anything that stands out. Jeff decided to fly the clipped wing for the first time that following Saturday. Unfortunately I wasn't available to transition Jeff that day. Jeff commented that the challenger was extremely touchy with rudder and roll



Not a very dignified pose

inputs. (This is biggest difference in the Challenger clipped and long wing) After a short test flight, Jeff decided to enter his downwind into 3G4, then base to final. On final Jeff pulled the power to idle and the engine quit. Being on a long extended final, realized he would not make the airport and decided on the next best course of action was an off field landing.

Jeff was able to make a farmers pasture field a half mile short of 3G4. After seeing the aircraft afterwards and Jeff describing how he made the field was remarkable. He was able to fly over 60-80 ft trees, and down under a high volt-



Broken Clipping Challenger.

age lines, and over the farmers fence for what I called a good landing. Jeff called me that evening and explained what had happened. Jeff's only injuries were his pride and a few bumps and bruises. Obviously, this could have had a much worse outcome. I don't believe a low time pilot could have squeezed and snaked his plane through this obstacle course the way Jeff did and fair so well. (Part 2, the rebuild)

Author—Mark Warner

### **Hats Now Available with the Club Logo**

We now have hats with the club's logo on them and are selling them for \$10. Stop by our meeting and see about getting yours.

### **April Activities and Beyond**

### **Sat . May 2, 2009 Drive-In Fly-In ; Kent State Franklin Hall**

**[www.barnstormingmovie.com/](http://www.barnstormingmovie.com/)**

KENT, Oh. - Come join us for the public launch of *Stories That Fly* magazine in the Kent State University School of Journalism's \$25M newly renovated converged media complex. Tour the HD broadcast television and radio studios, have your photo taken by one of our roving photojournalists.

**Saturday, May 30, 2009** — Lancaster, OH. Fairfield County Open House/Fly-in (Website). Fairfield County Airport. (LHQ) - Sectional Chart and Google Map, Fairfield

County Airport Open House and Fly-in. Helicopter Fly-in, Ultralight Fly-in, Experimental Fly-in. The Fairfield County Pilots Association will be serving breakfast. Airplane/ Helicopter rides will be available. Come visit the Historical Aircraft Squadron museum! When the lights go down, there will be a Hangar Party provided by the FBO, Fairfield Air Ventures, featuring a live band. BYOB, and be ready to have fun. Hope to see you there! Fuel will be available at a discounted rate. Contact: Matthew McCarty 740-654-7001

**SATURDAY June 7**, at Shelby Airport, Shelby, Ohio

Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast There will be overnight camping the day before if anyone would have an interest in doing so. Shelby has had new life instilled into its airport recently with the Shenandoah flying clubs new head quarters. The EAA chpt-148 and flying club are separate organizations. The 148 will be sponsoring this event.

**Saturday, June 13** Lagrange, Ohio  
Fly-in / Drive-in Pancake Breakfast 8 AM till 1 PM

**Wednesday - Saturday, Jun 17-20, 2009** — Lock Haven, PA. Sentimental Journey Fly-In

(Website). Piper Memorial Airport. (LHV) - Sectional Chart and Google Map, 24th Annual Sentimental Journey to Cub Haven Fly-In featuring the PA-11 Cub Special and the PA-38 Tomahawk. Theme From Tailwheels to T-Tails. Educational Forums, Static Displays, Food Vendors, Exhibitors, Flying Contests, Poker Run, Local Fly-Out Destinations, Camping, Live Entertainment, Movies, Airplane Rides, and lots of Antique and Classic Airplanes on Display. Piper Aviation Museum Located on the Airport. Fun for all ages! Contact: Carmen 570-893-4200

**Saturday, June 20**, Middlefield, Ohio  
Pancake Breakfast 8 AM till 1 PM.

**Saturday, June 20, 2009**, DELAWARE, OHIO  
08:00 - 10:00 Fly-In Breakfast Pancakes, Eggs and Sausage

**Saturday, June 27** -- UNIONTOWN, OHIO  
Fly-in-Drive-in BREAKFAST at Mayfield Airport 1D4

**Saturday, Jun 27, 2009** — Middlefield, OH.  
**Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle rides.** Geauga County. (7G8) 8:00 A.M.to Noon-- Breakfast of Pancakes,