Aviation at Ohio State

By Nancy Wardwell

In 1917 the U.S War Department established Schools of Military Aeronautics at six universities, including Ohio State. An aviation lab was built for the purpose of teaching cadets the rudiments of aircraft construction and maintenance. The planes were rolled down the hill to the airstrip on the Olentangy floodplain where Ohio Stadium now stands.

In 1939 a Civilian Pilot Training Program was developed and soon the university was designated as a Naval Aviation Cadet Training Center. In 1942 land was purchased north of campus and the new airport was built. In November of 1943 the Board of Trustees named the new field in honor of Don Scott, the All-American Athlete who died in a bomber crash in England.

The School of Aviation was created and the first flight instruction was offered Spring Quarter 1945. In 1956 the School was transferred to the College of Engineering and became the Department of Aviation.

In 2011 the Department became the Center for Aviation Studies at The Ohio State University. The Center for Aviation Studies educates more than 200 students each semester in all aspects of the air transportation system, conducts active research in issues currently facing the aviation industry, and offers numerous outreach programs for youth of all ages.

Across the country there are many other university airports. There are several in the Big Ten and other Ohio state universities, but OSU has become one of the nation’s university premier facilities. It is the fourth busiest airport in Ohio and is a leading center of aviation education.

It serves as a laboratory for aviation teaching and research for several disciplines at the University, including Aeronautical Engineering, Geography, City and Regional Planning, Industrial Design, Chemistry and Civil Engineering.

Major tenants, in addition to the University, include MedFlight, the Ohio State Highway Patrol’s Aviation Section, the Ohio Department of Transportation’s Office of Aviation, and several corporations such as Cardinal Health, Worthington Industries, W.W.Williams Advanced Drainage Systems and DLZ Aircraft.

Besides the teaching and research impact, a recent Economic Impact Study highlights that the airport supports 813 jobs, has a total payroll of $35.3 million – and a total output of $157.8 million.

Aviation at Ohio State is good for the university, and very good for Ohio.
FROM: The President

Dear Colleagues and Friends in OSURA,

Life since I retired nearly 11 years ago has been much busier than I might have wished. So I found it hard to relate to a relative who called up after I’d retired and asked, “What do you do all day?” Since she’d retired, there was nothing to do. “I sit at the window all day and watch the birds.” I just can’t get those words out of my mind. Maybe it was not such a big surprise when she died a couple years later, at what I think of as a relatively young age.

My wife and I started attending OSURA functions soon after my retirement, mostly the Lunch Bunch and occasional outings sponsored by the Travel Committee. The bus trips were so easy; I’d pay the fee and everything was arranged, traveling to some places I’d always wanted to visit (e.g., Falling Water) and many others I’d never heard of but found most informative and memorable. My involvement increased greatly when I joined OSURA’s Board a year ago and especially when I became Vice President/President Elect last autumn after the tragic loss of Jed Dertinger. Attending committee meetings where the trips and tours are arranged I could see how much planning goes into each event: drawing up a budget adequate to cover expenses, determining a realistic schedule, arranging for bus and driver, reserving entrances to historic houses and museums, providing a “goodie bag” for each passenger, and sometimes booking rooms in historic old inns. The “escorts” for each event serve their fellow retirees well.

For OSURA members who are able to participate in the many events we sponsor (the annual Conference, Tertulia Breakfast, Lunch Bunch, Dinner Series, Cultural Arts, Travel, Wellness, hiking in Metro parts, Bridge and Book clubs, etc.), retirement is an opportunity to continually widen one’s interests. These are not people who sit at the window all day and watch the birds because there’s nothing to do.

Sincerely,

Gerald H. Newsom
President, OSURA Executive Board
# Welcome New Retirees

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## To Your Health

6 Reasons to Drink Water

Water is not a magic elixir but its benefits are many. Consider it a nutrient that your body needs daily. Here are six reasons to make sure you’re drinking enough water or other fluids every day.

1. **Drinking Water Helps Maintain the Balance of Body Fluids.** Your body is composed of about 60% water. The functions of these bodily fluids include digestion, absorption, circulation, creation of saliva, transportation of nutrients, and maintenance of body temperature.


3. **Water Helps Energize Muscles.** Cells that don’t maintain their balance of fluids and electrolytes shrivel, which can result in muscle fatigue.

4. **Water Helps Keep Skin Looking Good.** Your skin contains plenty of water, and functions as a protective barrier to prevent excess fluid loss.

5. **Water Helps Your Kidneys.** Body fluids transport waste products in and out of cells.

6. **Water Helps Maintain Normal Bowel Function.** Adequate hydration keeps things flowing along your gastrointestinal tract.

### 5 TIPS TO HELP YOU DRINK MORE!

If you think you need to be drinking more, here are some tips to increase your fluid intake and reap the benefits of water:

1. Have a beverage with every snack and meal.
2. Choose beverages you enjoy; you’re likely to drink more liquids if you like the way they taste.
3. Eat more fruits and vegetables. Their high water content will add to your hydration. About 20% of our fluid intake comes from foods.
4. Keep a bottle of water with you in your car, at your desk, or in your bag.
5. Choose beverages that meet your individual needs. If you’re watching calories, go for non-caloric beverages or water.

Calendar of Events

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August 4 (Tuesday)  
Benefits Committee  
Time/Place: 9 a.m., HR, 300 Gateway Building C, 1590 N. High Street

August 6 (Thursday)  
Travel Committee  
Time/Place: 10:15 a.m., Upper Arlington Library, Room A

August 11 (Tuesday)  
Board Meeting  
Time/Place: 9 a.m., Northwood-High Building, 2231 N. High Street

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

August 24 (Monday)  
Litter Picking Team  
Challenge Level 3-4  
You’ll be walking about 1 hour, or 1 to 2 miles.  
Please join us. Long sleeves and long pants are part of the ODOT recommendations. We suggest wearing sturdy shoes and bringing work gloves. All other supplies furnished.  
Meet by: 8:30 a.m. at the Microcenter parking lot off of Bethel Road, and depart to our assigned roadway.  
Arranger: Ellen Leppert (Litter Pickers SIG)

August 25 (Tuesday)  
Tertulia Breakfast  
Come join OSURA members and friends for breakfast and conversation.  
Time/Place: 8 a.m., OSU Faculty Club  
Cost: on your own  
Arranger: Sally Morgan (Tertulia Breakfast SIG)

August 26 (Wednesday)  
Bridge Group  
Join us; new members always welcomed. There is no membership fee and it costs only 25 cents for prizes the day you play. Come enjoy the fellowship, and have fun playing a good game of bridge at the same time.  
Time/Place: 1 p.m., Friendship Village of Dublin, North CR  
Arranger: Sherry Detillian (Bridge Group SIG)

August, September  
Lunch Bunch  
No event until Thursday, October 15 when we start another year of lunch, good fellowship, and informative presentations.  
Arranger: Elenore R. Zeller (Social Committee)

August  Photo Society  
No meeting until Thursday, September 10.  
Arranger: Lawrence Kennedy (Photographic Society SIG)

August  Walking/Hiking Group  
Hope your summer walks have avoided the rain, but at times it is also fun to splash in puddles along the trails. See you in September.  
Arranger: Hallan Noltimier (Walking/Hiking SIG)

August  Book Club  
Note: We will meet one week earlier next month, due to the Fall Conference/Annual Meeting. On September 9, we will discuss Fierce Patriot: The Tangled Lives of William Tecumseh Sherman by Robert L. O’Connell. A fascinating look at one of Ohio’s own.  
Arranger: Lee Hill (Book Club SIG)

August Dinner Series  
No event until we reconvene on September 24 for another year of great programs.  
Arranger: Howard Gauthier (Dinner Series SIG)

SPECIAL EVENTS

August 12 (Wednesday)  
A “New Side” of the Amish Country  
(Holmes County)  
Challenge Level 1  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
A guided tour of the Amish & Mennonite Heritage Center; shop downtown Berlin with lunch on your own; tour of Heini’s wine and cheese; tour David Warther Carvings Museum ending with a formal dinner catered by an Amish Family.  
Meet by: 8:30 a.m., back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road  
Return: 7:30 p.m.  
Cost: $73.50; includes motor coach transportation, tour tickets, dinner, snacks and tips  
Registration/Refund Deadline: August 7  
Arrangers: Jessica Pritchard and Alabelle Zghoul (Travel Committee)

August 27-31  
(Thursday-Monday)  
Stratford Festival  
(Ontario, Canada)  
REGISTRATION CLOSED  
Meet by: 7:45 a.m., Thursday, August 27, back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Road  
Return: approximately 4 p.m. Monday, August 31  
Arrangers: Odette Blum and Alan Woods (Cultural Arts Committee)
September 10 (Thursday)
Tour of National Museum of the Great Lakes
(Toledo, OH)

Challenge Level 2
REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Experience the history of the Great Lakes by touring this new museum with a docent. See 40 interactive exhibits, 300 artifacts, informative videos and board a freighter restored from 1911 (www.inlandseas.org). Lunch is at Tony Packo’s, made famous by Corporal Klinger on the M*A*S*H TV show.

Meet by: 7 a.m., back parking lot at Kohl’s, 3360 Olentangy River Rd.
Return: 6:45 p.m.
Cost: $69; includes motor coach transportation, lunch, admissions, snacks and tips
Registration/Refund Deadline: August 5
Arrangers: Bill Studer and Rai Goerler (Cultural Arts Committee)

September 16 (Wednesday)
2015 Annual Fall Conference
(Fawcett Center)

REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Registration material is being mailed to members.

Time/Place: 8 a.m. – 3:45 p.m., Fawcett Event Center, 2400 Olentangy River Road
Cost: $25 members, $30 non-members; includes continental breakfast and lunch
Registration Deadline: September 1
Arranger: Rachael Turner (Benefits Committee)

OSURA CONFERENCE | SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

🎉 OFF TO A GREAT START WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER

As we move through retirement, we face the challenges of aging such as health, financial, and self-awareness. Our keynote speaker, Tim Kight, founder and President of Focus 3, will talk about facing challenges and successfully meeting the challenges. To quote Tim, “Life is a constant flow of events. However, success is not determined by the events you experience. Success is determined by how you choose to manage the response.”

A dynamic speaker with contagious energy, Tim combines a unique background of research and practical experience to bring compelling insights to the real world challenges we face. He attended OSU, received an undergraduate degree from UCLA and a graduate degree from Princeton.

The positive power of his presentation will provide education, motivation and application. This was evident in the inspiring work he did with the OSU football team this past season.

🎉 REGISTER

The excellent full program and a Registration Form have arrived in your home by U.S. mail – and for your convenience, we are including in this Newsletter an extra copy of the Registration Form. Register by Tuesday September 1, 2015.

🎉 LIMITED GRANTS

There are a limited number of Conference Grants available on a first come – first served basis.

If you are interested, contact Diana Lantz at 292-2916.
The OSURA Book Club: **No Buts About It!**

**I want to belong but...**

I’ve gone back to work, volunteering, babysitting, am ill, have no transportation, am traveling, am out-of-state part of the year, can only come sometimes.... It’s OK to belong anyway. By joining, you get on the e-mail list. This gives you access to this year’s reading list, enables you to have input into future lists (the synopsis and library-availability of books,) reminders, and information not in the newsletter monthly “blurb,” etc. We don’t take attendance. Some members I’ve seldom seen, haven’t seen in years, or have never seen—but the relationship remains ongoing.

**But I don’t have e-mail...**

It doesn’t matter! Just let me know. I was raised by Ma Bell (my father, an electrical engineer, worked for AT&T) and I still use U.S. Mail. Leave a message on my recorder at 614-459-4743 with your name and phone number or drop me a note for contact.

**But I only read...**

We alternate fiction and nonfiction books in an attempt to stir and broaden our reading habits. Most of us have our favorite genres and tend to read only books that fall within them. Without the impetus our Book Club choices provide, I personally wouldn’t read nonfiction, other members wouldn’t read fiction. I must confess I’ve enjoyed and learned a lot by being gently forced into the realm of nonfiction. For example, as a result of our reading *Packing for Mars*, by Mary Roach, I find our current uncomfortable air travel is heavenly by comparison!

**But I don’t want to lead discussions or give a report...**

It’s never going to happen. That’s sooooo other book clubs! We promise no revivals of nightmares from your school days. We have no leader and we don’t dissect a book down to its skeleton. You can be a participant or a listener in the discussion, enjoy coffee and treats, and the social and intellectual stimulation of the occasion. You’ll be amazed at where a book can lead us.

**I want to come, but I haven’t read and/or finished the book...**

So what? Come anyway. You’ll always find some company! You’ll enjoy the discussion, maybe inject an opinion, have read something similar, or have had a pertinent life experience. The discussion may nudge you to finish the book, read the book, or decide to give it a pass. To help relieve any angst you may feel, I suggest you read How to Talk about Books You Haven’t Read by Pierre Bayard.

**But I don’t want to hold a meeting in my home...**

But, you won’t have to! We always meet in the party house at my condominium with its ample unrestricted parking spaces and wheelchair ramp available if needed. Unless holidays or travel interfere, we meet at 1:30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month (except for December, June, July, and August.)

**But... Are there any other buts for me to rebut?!**

Overcome your lethargy and procrastination. Call Lee Hill at 614-459-4743 or e-mail me at hill.30@osu.edu to sign up today.
MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Robert Kaplan

Robert Kaplan retired in 1987 as Chairman of Health Division in Physical Education, which is currently in the College of Education. Since that time he and his wife have moved to a senior living home in Lake Barrington, Illinois, to be near his oldest son and his grandchildren. He doesn’t mind his current living conditions, but he would prefer to be living in his own home. He does enjoy being close to his family and spending time with them. His only contact with OSURA has been through the Newsletter which he greatly appreciates since it keeps him in touch with OSU. He misses Ohio State and living in Worthington.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Richard (Dick) Martin

Richard (Dick) Martin really likes to talk – and that’s great because he has such an interesting tale to tell. He took advantage of a “buy-out” offered by Ohio State in 1995 and has led an active life since. He is definitely retired and enjoying it immensely.

He and his wife, Colette, have traveled throughout the United States and internationally. At the time of this interview, they had just returned from a ten-day trip visiting family in Wisconsin and Michigan. Soon after their retirement they spent eight weeks where they visited Colette’s relatives in Norway and friends in Sweden and were tourists in Denmark and Finland. They have also been to Italy, Greece, and Amsterdam. Wretched weather put the damper on a riverboat trip to Brussels. Closer to home they enjoy cultural events, particularly the ballet and Jazz Arts and have participated in some that were sponsored by OSURA. (Their son is a professional musician in Grand Rapids.)

Some of those fascinating activities have been curtailed a bit by Colette’s health, and Dick is doing a lot of things he didn’t do before, like grocery shopping and planning dinner.

Dick served in the English Department at Ohio State for 31 years. Prior to working at Ohio State he taught English in public high schools in Chicago. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Illinois and after being in the military service during the Korean War he returned there for his Masters and Ph.D. degrees.

Colette taught pediatric nursing at Columbus State Community College as well as Riverside and Children’s Hospital. She holds a Masters degree from Ohio State: her diploma was presented by one of Dick’s former students at OSU who was assistant dean at the time.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Jim and Linda Jones

Jim and Linda Jones have been busy playing golf, consulting, chasing their grandchildren, and spending winters in Florida since retiring. Jim started at OSU as a student going for his Ph.D. and working for Coach Woody Hayes. He then went into Athletic Administration and became Athletic Administrator. He is a past president of the National Athletic Association and Division 1 Athletic Association. His wife Linda started the organ procurement program “LOOP” at Ohio State over 30 years ago and still does site visits for the national organization. They have 2 granddaughters. The younger one is a sophomore at Dublin Coffman High School, the older one will be a sophomore at Elon University in North Carolina.

They are still members of the Faculty Club. They are lifetime members of OSURA which they feel is an impressive organization.
VOLUNTEERS OPPORTUNITY

Research Project Seeking Volunteers!

The Ohio State University Medical Center Department of Radiology is recruiting individuals to participate in a clinical trial using a special kind of MRI called Magnetic Resonance Elastography (MRE). MRE measures the stiffness of tissue in the body.

You can contribute to the future of medicine!

We are seeking volunteers to have two MRE exams of their spine. Our goal is to determine if MRE can be an effective screening method for evaluating degenerative disc disease. MRE is a low risk procedure as there is no radiation exposure and no contrast of any kind is required.

For more information, contact the Radiology Research Office 614-688-8934 or radiology.research@osumc.edu.

This study #2012H0097 is sponsored by The OSU Wexner Medical Center