- COPAMA President Gene Sprang called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
 Gene welcomed all new members and guests. 25 attendees enjoyed roast beef, mashed potato's, and corn dinner sponsored by Aero Battery.
- Gene gave a wrap-up of the Ohio Aviation Maintenance Symposium. He thanked Ralph & Shirley Graves, Lowell Dowler, Joe Lippert, Paul Tursic, and Irv Schumacher for manning the COPAMA/PAMA table at the event. During dinner, a slide show of pictures of the symposium, taken by CSCC Alumni Ian Frias, was shown.
- Gene also congratulated CSCC Student Chuck Jenkins, who was present, for winning one of the COPAMA Tuition Scholarships.
- A wrap up of the COPAMA Sponsored Award at the Central District Science. Thanks to those who helped judge, Jeff Gruber, Paul Tursic, Lowell Dowler, Earl Redmond, Joe Lippert, and Cliff Kelling
- Other Announcements please check the COPAMA website www.copama.org for more details:

April 16-19th Doolittle Raiders at Grimes Field in Urbana - http://www.champaignaviationmuseum.org/

May 1st Lunken Airport Days – Lunken Aiport – <u>www.oats1.net</u>

May 15th YAA Event - OSU Airport - www.youthaviationadventure.org

August 28th 2nd Annual YAA Hangar Bash at Spirit Avionics - www.youthaviationadventure.org

September 8th 8th Annual Central Ohio Aviation Golf Outing – <u>www.copama.org</u>

- After dinner, meeting sponsors (and COPAMA Member) Gary McCauley from Aero Battery (www.aerobattery.com) spoke on the maintenance and servicing of aircraft batteries. Gary showed a quick movie that detailed the wet-down procedures of a flooded lead-acid battery. Gary then talked about the importance of routine maintenance of lead-acid and ni-cad batteries by keeping them clean and free of corrosion. Gary stressed the importance of developing and sticking to a battery maintenance program to preserve the life of the battery and ensuring it is there when you need it.
- The evening ended with the raffle prizes donated by Aero Battery, Hawker/Beechcraft, ASCO, CRS Jet Spares, PAMA, Lane, Aviall, Rapco, and Lycoming.

A very special Thanks to Lane Aviation for allowing us to use their facility.

The meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

Next Meeting May 11th – Sponsored by **Ray Crist** from **Lycoming**

 Reminder to all members to keep me updated on changes in email address and to sign-in at each meeting and to check the website for updates and upcoming events www.copama.org.

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