Executive Jet lands at Aviation Day in 1965

Executive Jet Airways, a precursor to NetJets, is the first jet ever to land at KOSU. The aircraft is piloted by the company president.

SAFECON lands at airport: The airport hosts the National Intercollegiate Flying Association national competition in 1960. The airport has hosted the Safety in Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) 11 times. This 1960 program cover was created by Ohio State alum and cartoonist Milton Caniff who created “Steve Canyon.”

Oops! In 1967, the crew of a TWA 707 mistakes the airport for Port Columbus International. After shuttling passengers and baggage to Port Columbus, and removing all galley equipment and seats, the plane is light enough to depart for the larger facility across town.

First restaurant opens at KOSU, named The 707 Room due to the accidental TWA 707 landing.

First time KOSU sold jet fuel.


1962: Dr. Charles Billing works on a Scott Aviation Corporation research project.

1969: Ten Beech Musketeers are added to the flight school training fleet in July, 1969.