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JULY GATHERING PHOTO REVIEW

If you could not tell from these pictures, one of the featured events at the July gathering were Joey and Brandi's wonderful goodies. Joey prepared Taco Bake with Salsa and Brandi topped that off with Magic Cookie Bars and lemon cake. Thank you Joey and Brandi!! You really spoiled us!

Prez Tom was unable to be with us this month. VP Joey was preoccupied as seen below so Young Eagle Coordinator Scott Balmos took the helm. Thank you Scott. I heard no complaints about the switching of roles, just happy chomping!!

Scott announced that our next Young Eagle Rally will take place in September. In the meantime, He encouraged YE volunteer pilots to fly YE's individually as able. Be sure to log YE flights on the EAA Website.

Scott reported on progress of bathroom remodel project. It started out to be a water heater replacement and morphed into multiple aspects of plumbing and electrical work, a new sink with cabinet and a tankless water heater. A huge thanks to those involved, Tim, Bill, and Brian. Who else? See next page. Photos: ed



JULY CHAPTER GATHERING CONTINUED

Project Reports:

- Scott Hersha is building an RV6. See page 6. It is well along
- Joey Shreve continues to work on his Double Eagle. Empennage is covered and painted. He is now working wing training edge repair.
- Mark Taylor has his new radial engine mounted on his Hatz and finished recovering . Paint is finished through Polyspray (silver).
- Scott Hersha has applied for a position on the Homebuilder's Council and recounted a recent VFR flight into near IFR conditions.
- Bob Dombek reported receiving his Airworthiness Certificate for his Tiger Moth. He further reported that the Young Eagle RC Build and Fly project is nearly ready to cover.

LODA Discussion: A discussion was held about the need for a Letter of Deviation Authority as it relates to flight training in experimental aircraft. There has been much email traffic about this recently so I'll not elaborate further here. Stay tuned for more discussion.

Pictured right is visitor and new chapter member Mike Ruthmeyer. Mike has participated multiple times with Young Eagles and Explorer Posts with other chapters. He currently heads an Explorer Post for GE. Welcome to Chapter 974 Mike!
Photos: ed.



Pictured below are the results of the chapter bathroom remodel project. On the left is the tankless water heater. It is now covered by the new sink and cabinet. There is also a new bathroom heater. That will be welcome.



CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 07/07

6:07 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

Attendees: Thomas Martin, Roger McClure, Joey Shreve, Scott Balmos, Robert Dombek, Ray Parker, Scott Hersha, Tim Morris

Secretaries Report –

Motion was made to wave the reading of meeting minutes as they were posted in the chapter newsletter.

Treasurer's Report -

- Income \$443.00 (\$120.00 from Rent)
- Balance \$22,636.95

Young Eagles –

- Scott Balmos would like to schedule mid to late Sept not to fall on same dates as the Triple Tree Fly-in.

Old Business -

- Chapter By-Laws being revised. Will be sent via email for review/comment and then voted upon. The need for an Operational Policy was brought up and discussed. Scott Hersha recommended we consider offering to other Chapters Prop Balancing for \$100 - Consider a spring workshop out to other chapters as fundraiser. Will need to investigate parameters around EAA Insurance as an event. THIS IS ON HOLD DUE TO COVID.
- Inventory and value assessment need to be completed this year for all Chapter inventory.
- Insulation in Hanger needs to be rehung by the back door – A leak was discovered in the roof that needs to be repaired before the insulation can be rehung. For this to be repaired, roofing tar and adhesive needs to be purchased.

Bathroom update - Tim Morris said we had all the required items to put the new sink and hot water heater in. Prep work has been done and the plan is to perform the work on a yet to be determined weekday so it impacts less members.

- Electrical work for the new heater (heater has been purchased) to be done at a later date.
- It has been discussed that the Chapter photograph needs to be updated, as we have so many new members. A Chapter Meeting will be scheduled for this event.
- The question was brought up about the possibility for an investment committee to explore possible investments for the Chapter with a portion of the recent income.

New Business –

- Tim Morris suggested the chapter purchase a vinyl plotter to make N numbers or custom decals for the members. Most units are \$500 - \$800 for a real nice one and it comes with the software to make the cut outs. It would be up to each member to provide their own vinyl. At the Chapter meeting, this was overwhelmingly approved.
- Tom Martin mentioned that this is the 30th year for the chapter and would like to have a special get together before the end of the year.
- Scott Hersha purchased a new RV-6 that is partially built and plans to fly it on Tuesday, after he fixes all the issues and puts an engine at the front.

6:37 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

Recorded by Vice President Joey Shreve; Submitted by Chapter Secretary Brandi Brewer



As you will see on the next two pages, Chapter 974 never sleeps. Immediately left I caught treasurer Roger McClure installing new wing tips and strobe lights. To be perfectly correct, many of us are no longer using strobes but LED anti collision lights. Roger is installing AeroLeds' to replace his traditional Xenon strobes. I believe he said his new wing tips are the Horner type (correct me if I'm wrong) which increase cruise and lower stall speeds. Roger, you look happy and your wing tips look great!

Below left and right we see Scott Hersha tackling a new RV. This time it's an RV6 with a sliding canopy. Scott says he hopes to encourage his wife fly with him more since his new bird will have side by side seating as opposed to the tandem arrangement on his recent RV's. He reports the canopy has been a challenge to fit correctly. It looks to be fitting OK now but he says the Plexiglas installation will probably throw everything off. We know you will fix it Scott. You are doing your usual superb work!



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AROUND THE FIELD AGAIN

Below, left and right is Brad Throckmorton with his beautiful CH 650 LS. Standing to the right of Brad is Brian Pennington who is serving as his CFI and A&P. Brad is a new chapter member and recent arrival on the field. It's hard to believe this is a light sport aircraft but so it is. What a beauty. Brad says he purchased it from it's previous owner in Georgia. Be sure to welcome Brad to the chapter and the field when you see him. Welcome Brad! Photos: ed.



Below Ray Parker and I paid a visit to chapter member Kevin Waterford working on his RV7A in hangar T7G. When I asked Kevin how long he had been working on his project, he didn't want to say. He did reveal that it had been with him through several moves over the years. Life gets in the way sometimes. I reassured him that after 17 years building my Tiger Moth, I fully understood. Kevin has mounted a YO 360 engine. On the right, Ray is giving him some pointers on installing baffling. It's beautiful Kevin. Keep up the good work! Photos: ed.





I caught a couple of interesting visitors. On left is an Air Tractor is taxiing out for take off. Looks like Dusty came to visit. On the right a Blackhawk dropped in to meet friends for lunch. The pilot told me he logged it as a training flight. Sure, why not! Photos: ed.

CHAPTER CONTACTS—HOW TO CONTACT EAA CHAPTER 974

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COMING EVENTS

EAA OSHKOSH AIRVENTURE JULY 26-AUGUST 1

EAA CHAPTER 974 GATHERING AUGUST 8

EAA CHAPTER 974 GATHERING SEPTEMBER 12

GREATER CINCINNATI RC CLUB FLYING CIRCUS, KHAO SEPTEMBER 11-12