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This is a story that has to be told in pictures. Most of us know how stuff accumulate in our hangars. It's made worse in a hangar that is used by many. We made that hard decision to plunge into a big cleanup.



Left, VP Joey kept us nourished and strong with great burgers.



Right, No detail was too small. Prez Tom sets the example cleaning the bathroom.



Left, Scott Hersha took on a dirty thankless job cleaning up the workshop area.



Right, much of what you see here was thrown away, auctioned, or sold. Amazing how much stuff accumulated!



Left, here is what was removed from the library. Charlie Nagle says "hard to say good-bye!"



Right, the result of a hard days work and hard decisions.



Left, we recovered lots of hangar space. The hangar looked amazing!



Right, can you believe this is the loft? There was years of accumulation.

There's work left to be done but Thanks to all who worked so hard!!

A Place for Everything... And Everything in its Place

Hi everyone,

We've all heard the phrase "A place for everything, and everything in its place". Oh, the tidy hangar owner. Yes, I know there are a number of you in the crowd. Well, as Barb will tell you, I am no where near being tidy about keeping things in perfect order (Especially my office!), but I do appreciate a tidy hangar, and I strive to be better about keeping things neat and orderly at home.



This past weekend the Chapter underwent, what I understand to be, the first "Hangar Clean Out" in its history.... WOW! Everything was cleaned from top to bottom with many items determined to have outlived their useful life and sent to the great hangar in the sky.

A huge THANK YOU, for everyone in the Chapter who came out, ready to work, and dug in for the clean-up. A special thanks to the area leaders who had the authority to "keep or pitch" in their area.

At home, I am continuously trying to be better about "sorting things once" and placing items in the "file bin" or "pitch bin", but inevitably I get distracted and start a pile of "to sort"... Which just ends up causing me more rework later down the line.

One of the other things I am guilty of, is the "I'll use that later" mentality that ends up with me accumulating stuff, that if I was honest with myself means, I'll end up purchasing new, and never actually touch all the stuff I've saved for years.

An observation that I had while we were cleaning our Chapter home, was that a number of batteries (airplane, tractor, car, etc.) and other items that are difficult to dispose of, had made their way to the Chapter hangar. I am kindly requesting that going forward... ANYTHING that you feel should be donated to the Chapter and left in the hangar be marked with your name, date donated, and the desired purpose. Donations are a VERY important part of our ability to raise funds for the Chapter through resell, but please consider the broader Chapter purpose before leaving the item within the Chapter hangar.

THE PREZ SEZ, CONTINUED

What's next? Well, while much progress was made, there is still more to do. We actually found things we didn't even know we had (An English Wheel in the loft, for example, that will be added to the tool crib inventory for use) and we still need to continue to clean and tidy up the hangar. Let's all help by grabbing a broom and mop when you pop into the hangar. Donate an organizing bin, or volunteer to label a bin, or claim a section of the hangar as you own and commit to keeping it in order.

At the end of the day, it takes a village to "have a place for everything, and everything in its place". Going forward, we'll make this "Spring Cleaning" an annual event to make sure our Chapter home stays in tip top shape, but if we all do our part throughout the year, the event will become a sweep and mop, and just a GREAT grill out, by VP Joey.

I'll be missing the June gathering due to another commitment, but can't wait to see everyone in July!

Blue skies! Tom



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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

11 May 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

6:02 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

Attendees: Thomas Martin, Roger McClure, Brandi Brewer, Joey Shreve, Robert Dombek, Ray Parker, Scott Balmos, Scott Hersha, Bob Burkhardt

Secretaries Report –

Motion made to wave reading minutes- posted in chapter newsletter.

Treasurer's Report –

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| Income | \$ 1,128.00 |
| Expenses | \$ 75.25 |
| Balance: Checking | \$ 3,426.29 |
| <u>Savings</u> | <u>\$ 20,000.20</u> |
| Total | \$ 23,426.49 |

Young Eagles –

- YE event on April 23rd had 16 participants flown. This Saturday, May 14th at 9:00 will complete the remaining children. Any participants are asked to contact Scott Balmos.
- The International Young Eagles event will occur on June 11th, which is Young Eagles Day. Details to follow. We tentatively have 27+ participants.

Old Business -

- Chapter By-Laws are being revised; progress is being made. Will be sent via email for review/comment and then voted on upon completion.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Inventory and value assessment need to be completed this year for all Chapter inventory.

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- In May, EAA yearly dues will increase from \$40 to \$48 per year.
- Reminders will be sent for all of our items to maintain Chapter Gold status by Tom Martin.
- Planning events to maintain Gold status for Chapter. Movie night, FlyIn & Cruise/In, Grill Out.
- Any event for our chapter will need to be insured and marked as a public event for points to count toward our Gold Status with EAA. All events need to be insured!!!!
- Stephen Brewer to update the First Aid Cabinet and fire extinguishers and proper placement .
- Bob Dombek has purchased an Elite Screens 120" collapsible screen for \$170.00 and the members will vote to purchase on April 10th.
- Michael Longsworth to rent the Chapter hanger for the next 6 months for his Mustang II project.

New Business –

- Need to sell donated items. Will set-up in hangar to offer to members to bid on.
- Mailing List – Brandi Brewer contact Local EAA members for membership donations.
- Hangar Cleanout will take place during our May 15th gathering. We will also have a grill out that day. Tom Martin has a list for all to see for leaders. Please bring cleaning supplies.
- EAA Chapter 72 is raffling off a 72 Rans for Scholarships. Each ticket will cost \$100, with a maximum of 2,500 tickets sold.
- A pre-paid hot-spot for the chapter has been discussed, and the board is looking into the cost.
- Additional chairs for the chapter were discussed and the cost for 20 chairs that match the current chairs are \$1,249 for 20 chairs, or similar chairs from Costco for \$1,339.99 for 40 chairs. Chair carts are \$40 at Harbor Freight.

CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

UPCOMING 2022 MEETINGS

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| MARCH 13 TH | AUGUST 14 TH | |
| APRIL 10 TH | SEPTEMBER 11 TH | MOVIE NIGHT |
| MAY 15 TH CLEANOUT/ GRILL OUT | OCTOBER 9 TH | HANGAR CRAWL |
| JUNE 12 TH | NOVEMBER 13 TH | |
| JULY 10 TH | DECEMBER TBD | CHRISTMAS PARTY |

6:51 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

Respectfully Submitted,
Brandi Brewer, Chapter Secretary

YOUNG EAGLE RALLY MAY 14

Our May 14 Rally was to be a make up event for the rally on April 23 when the day became too windy and bumpy for all the kids to fly. As luck would have it, there were plenty of planes and pilots, the day was picture perfect, but only one Young Eagle of the 11 registered showed up. Robbin got a chance to put her Clipper to work again. Young Eagle Coordinator Scott says we'll make up for it on International Young Eagles day June 11



PROJECT REPORT, MARK TAYLOR'S RE-ENGINEED HATZ

Here is a project report I am very happy to share. It's Mark Taylor's Hatz Classic Biplane completely refitted with a Werner Radial Engine. Mark has been working on the conversion from a traditional flat four engine to the radial for the past 18 months. It involved extensive rebuilding of the fuselage to match the shape of the radial engine. I wish I could have somehow "printed" the sound of that radial when Mark fired it up. I got the same goose bumps I get from the low notes from a pipe organ! I Made a point to watch Mark's take off. It was impressive in the air too! You've done beautiful work Mark! Thanks for flying over and sharing with the chapter!



FOR SALE, A BEAUTIFUL KOLB FIRESTAR ULTRALIGHT

This Kolb Firestar is offered for sale by Alex Cook of Columbus, Indiana. He purchased it from another owner in 2015. It passed through other hands before Alex, but has flown only 50 hours since the original builder sold it in 2002. OK, confession time. This editor was the original builder. I had logged 370 hours flight time by the time I sold it in 2002, so figure 420 hours total time. From the pictures, it looks as though it has been well cared for.. Alex took it to Kolb and added a new ballistic chute and a new strobe system. Power is a Rotax 377. Sale includes the trailer. The wings fold easily. I know because I shared a hangar for a year with a Cessna 182. Note the full canopy which enables year round flying. You will get a sweet flying ultralight with airplane-like performance and great flying qualities.

Alex is asking \$8000

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