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CHAPTER 974 GATHERING FEB 12



DECEMBER 2022 GATHERING AKA CHILI COOKOFF

By any measure I am aware of it looks as if the EAA Chapter 974 Chili Cookoff was a rousing success! I had a couple of folks help me with a head count. After a couple of attempts, we settled on 55. The day was warm enough that we didn't have to burn much propane. We used body heat and hot chili to stay warm!

Thanks Steve Pollack for sharing his experience with engine failure in his RV7. He gave us a thorough and detailed analysis that will benefit us all.

All Photos: ed.



CHILI COOKOFF WINNERS

Chili Cookoff attendees were given tickets by which they could vote on their favorite chili. This was no easy task considering there were 12 different chilis to sample.

In first place was master chili chef Joey Shreve

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Seen left was second place chili chef Mark Reising

Third place chili was cooked by Grace Hogan



Seen at left is a vast array of chili's to be sampled. It was a feast! Thanks to all who contributed!

CHILI COOKOFF FLY-IN PARTICIPANTS

We pilots often carry a reputation for flying for food. The weather this day cooperated and allowed us the chance to live up to our reputation. The word of our Chili Cookoff spread far and wide. We were visited by an interesting and beautiful assortment of aircraft, all home-built. Thanks to all of you for making the trip and adding color to the festivities!

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RV7, WAYNE AND KATHY NORRIS LIBERTY IN



KITFOX 6 MARK WEBB CLERMONT COUNTY



CH-601 FRANK QUITTER CLERMONT COUNTY



HUMMEL, JEFFERY JONES PETERSBURG KY



CH-601 DAVE GALLAGHER, WARREN COUNTY

New Year's Eve.... The annual "Reset" Button

Hi everyone,

It is almost 2023! This morning I looked back at December/January articles that I have written for this space over the past few years (to make sure I wasn't repeating yet another homily from the pulpit), and it is amazing the amount of change we have been through... Both as individuals and as a country.



For many, the end of a year brings personal reflection; On the last year lived, and a look to the year ahead.

I personally love the feeling of the "reset" that comes with a new year! I wish I could get the same feeling every day, or at least once a month, or even once a quarter. It is that feeling that what is behind me is truly behind me, and there is the opportunity to do things much better in the year ahead. It's a time to refocus, reprioritize, and hopefully make better choices about what we want to do with the gift of the time that we are given.

In this year's "reset" letter, I'm not going to talk about laying out better proficiency/currency schedules, breaking down our build projects into smaller task increments to "eat more of the elephant" in 2023...

No, what I'd like to ask each Chapter member to think about as you personally reflect is **how can each of us do just a little more in 2023 to make our Chapter better** as a legacy to hand over to the next generation, and maybe even more importantly, how do we expand our roster to the generation that will take it over?

A few key reminders:

The Chapter's annual Christmas party is being held on **Saturday January 7th**. We have **4 remaining tickets available**. Reach out to Roger McClure, (roger@n18hr.com) **quickly**, to snag the last remaining seats.

EAA Homebuilders Week is the week of January 23rd. See the schedule of on-line events: <https://www.eaa.org/eaaircraft-building/homebuilders-week/schedule>

Our first **Chapter Gathering** for 2023 will be held on **Sunday February 12th at 2:00PM**. More details to follow.

Happy New Year! I can't wait to see everyone soon and to have the opportunity to come back together as a community!

Blue skies! Tom



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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

07 December 2022 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Roger McClure, Grace Hogan, Robert Dombek, Scott Balmos, Scott Hersha, Tom Martin, Billy Bie

Secretaries Report –

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

Treasurer's Report –

Income	\$ 1,799.00
Expenses	\$ 454.16
Balance: Checking	\$ 5,344.68
I-Bond	\$ 5,000.00
Savings	<u>\$ 14,001.00</u>
Total	\$ 25,690.52

Young Eagles –

- The next Young Eagle's event will occur in the spring of 2023.
- 64 kids flown in 2022

Old Business -

- ASOS and airport users group:
- Runway to be resurfaced in 2023 and taxiway to be resurfaced in 2024
- PAPI to be repaired
- Trees to be cut down sometime November/December.
- The Christmas Party will take place on JANUARY 7, 2023.
- Space for 50 people.
- 22 signed up

BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUE

- Chili Cookoff at the December Gathering. Open to members of the public.
- Open a business bank account and put some of the savings into CDs with Fidelity.
- Propane tanks filled for the winter. Bathroom light has been fixed.

New Business –

Christmas party: Door prizes, Bring a gift for the white elephant worth \$20

- Schedule created for next year
- Tool Crib Committee- donations to chapter
- Chapter Survey

UPCOMING 2023 MEETINGS

DECEMBER 11th

JANUARY 7- CHRISTMAS PARTY

FEBRUARY 12TH

MARCH 12TH

APRIL 16th

MAY 21ST

JUNE 11TH

JULY 9TH

AUGUST 13th

SEPTEMBER 10TH

OCTOBER 8TH

NOVEMBER 12TH

DECEMBER 10TH

6:41 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin
Respectfully Submitted by Grace Hogan, Chapter 974 Secretary

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 23

An online opportunity to learn about all aspects of building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

EAA will be hosting our third annual Homebuilders Week online learning event for aircraft builders: (www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will start on Monday, January 23, 2023, and run until Friday, January 27, 2023. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 11:30 a.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate – it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc.

Visit EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

EAA HOMEBUILDERS WEEK SCHEDULE

Homebuilders Week Schedule

January 23 - 27, 2023

All Time Central

www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

CST	Monday 1/23/2023	Tuesday 1/24/2023	Wednesday 1/25/2023	Thursday 1/26/2023	Friday 1/27/2023
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know- Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics- Mark Forss	Top Five Project Killers- Lisa Turner	EAA's Homebuilt Movement: Past Accomplishments and Future Opportunities -Jack Pelton & Charlie Becker	Amatuer Built Aircraft Certification Process-Joe Norris
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Buying a Used Homebuilt- Vic Syracuse	Flight Testing Basics-Gary Baker	Lycoming Engine Installation - Dave Prizio	Working with Wood 101- John Egan
2:30-3:45	TIG Welding-Charlie Becker & Earl Luce	The REAL Culprit in HB Accidents- Ron Wanttaja	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans- Sebastien Heintz	Panel Planning-Stein Bruch	Advocacy Update: MOSAIC, Fuels & More - Tom Charpentier & Rob Hackman
4:00-5:15	Sonex Aircraft & AeroConversions Products- Mark Schaible	Fabric Covering Basics - Mark Forss	Advanced Flight Systems- Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions- Brad Brensing	Plans Built Aircraft: The Affordable Option-Tim Hoversten
5:30-6:45	Sheet Metal Basics - Mark Forss	Dynon Avionics-Michael Schofield	Gas Welding -Budd Davisson	Choosing Wheels & Brakes- George Happ	Van's New High-Wing RV-15-Greg Hughes
7:00-8:15	Kit Selection - Paul Dye	Van's RV Aircraft Kits-Greg Hughes	Finding an Engine for Your Homebuilt-Mike Busch	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert?-Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Maintenance Horror Stories - Vic Syracuse

To sign up, visit:

www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

Pictured bellow is Scott Hersha's RV6 in the paint shop at Lebanon Warren County Airport. Here is Scott describing his experience:

"I took my RV6 to Warren County on Tuesday for the paint job, and then yesterday I drove up there and took everything apart. They typically do this, but I told them I wanted to help - so I ended up doing everything myself, no one even around. It took me 3 1/2 hours. I'm sure it will take more than twice that much time to put it all back together again. I'll take pictures in stages. The next picture will be after body work and prime, then after base coat is painted, and then the final finished product."



Scott will be sending more progress pictures so stay tuned! Thanks Scott!

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