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MAY 2023 GATHERING WRAP UP

Our May Gathering was another great one. We had nearly a full house and lots to eat courtesy of VP Joey Shreve's Taco Pasta, followed by Brandi and Stephen Brewer's chocolate and apples sheet cakes. Thanks Joey, Brandi and Stephen!

Young Eagle Report:

Young Eagle Coordinator Scott Balmos reported a very successful rally on May 20. Our March and April rallies were cancelled due to weather so we really earned this one. 33 Young Eagles were flown by 9 pilots. Scott encouraged pilots to confirm or cancel via email or personal message to Scott. He thanked all pilots and volunteers.



Ray Scholarship Report:

Our Ray Scholarship candidate Keilah Gill gave us a report on her flight training progress. She is nearly ready for solo. She and her mother Cheyenne spoke to parents of Young Eagles at the rally about how Keilah progressed from being a Young Eagle to being a student pilot. They have been active on Facebook to inform others about aviation opportunities.



Oshkosh Camping

Kevin Gassert is working on a campsite for chapter members which will be near but separate from the Warbird compound. Kevin needs 6 committed campers to pay in advance. He has 4 so far. Campgrounds to be set up June 10-11.

New windsock is up!

Roscoe's ELT battery packs

Roscoe showed us some ELT battery packs that he has made and will make available to chapter members.

Photos Joey Shreve, ed.



Project Reports:

- Brian and Josh have been restoring a Champ over the past several years. Brian reports that it is complete from firewall aft. Engine mounting and firewall forward work to be finished.
- Robin Kidder reported on her Piper Clipper. The engine overhaul is complete and ready to be mounted. See pictures later in this edition.
- Bob Burkhart's RV9A that was severely damaged by Florida hurricane last year is being restored by Bill Duffy. Bob described how he negotiated with insurance company to use proceeds to purchase salvage.
- Steve Pollack talked about continuing saga installing Dynon static ports for airspeed accuracy. He also cited difficulty installing RV7 wheel pants.
- Roscoe reported on problems insuring a restored Grumman Tiger due to company's reluctance to insure for true value.

Flight Advisor Scott Hersha:

Scott talked about his role as chapter Flight Advisor. His job is to help builders prepare for first flight and provide guidance through phase 1 flight testing. He does not do flight testing but can advise us if we are the ones to test.

Scott went on further to talk about Task Based Flight testing during phase 1. The idea is to put the 40 hour flight test period to good use by keeping track of data. Task Based flight testing is more detailed than just flying off your 40 hours. He encouraged us to use the EAA Manual and Flight Test Cards. Task Based Flight Testing allows you to develop a real Aircraft Operators Handbook—AOH.

Thanks Scott for your great presentation!

Great Flights:

- Mark Taylor flew to MWO on 5/20 to discover a free pancake breakfast that is sponsored by the city of Middletown.
- Scott Hersha flew with his wife to Southaven, Michigan where they stayed in a nice bed and breakfast. The airport set up an inexpensive car rental via a nearby rental company.
- Tom Martin reviewed his great flight to the Bahamas with his family which he reported in his last Prez Sez.

NEW MEMBER: Welcome Leonora Pallotta shown right. Leonora has been providing flight instruction at Hogan's Flying Service since February.

Welcome Leonora!

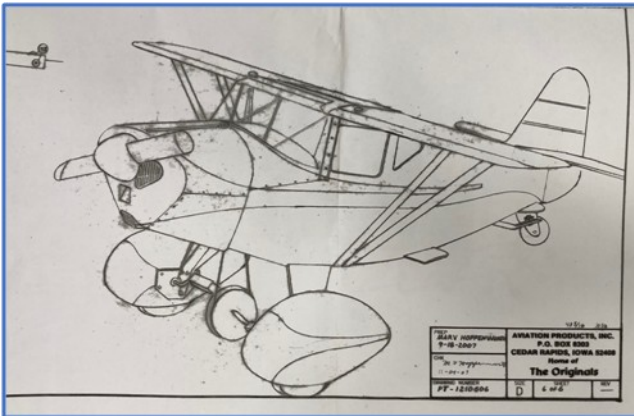
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“The Build” ... Dedication & Discipline.

Hi everyone,

Although I do own a Merlin kit that was a partially built project when I purchased it, and I also own a completed Merlin, I have never actually completed my own build. How I actually came into the Merlin kit is a story for another day, but the end of the story is that the kit chose me, I didn't really choose it.



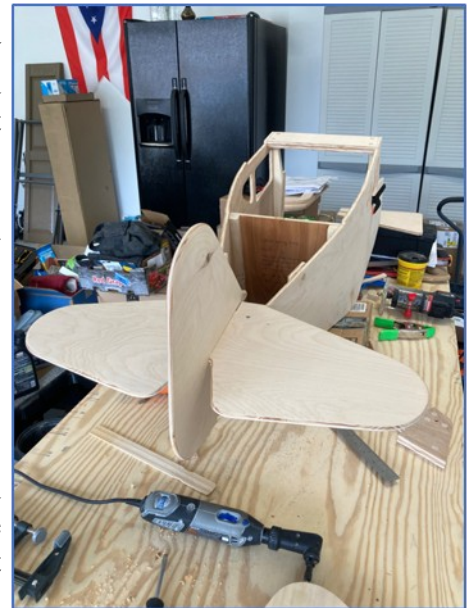
After the kids crazy schedules calmed down and we weren't running to band practice, dance competitions, and soccer games all the time, I decided it was finally time to start “The Build”. I quickly realized the amount of time and commitment it would take to see the project to completion. I was suddenly thinking to myself... *“I've never even flown a Merlin! What if I don't like the way it fly's after all this time and effort?”*. So what did I do? I went onto Barn Stormer's and purchased a used but damaged Merlin. (Maybe Barb is right, and I am crazy!) I got the purchased Merlin flying, and enjoy it, but probably not enough to build the other kit I own.

While at Oshkosh a couple years back, I was awe struck by the pedal planes that are constructed for young children. My niece, who is also my god child, had just had a baby, my great niece Quinn, and I decided that I'd build her one of the pedal planes hoping to spark a passion for aviation at an early age.

Well, Quinn's 3rd birthday is quickly approaching in July, so I now have a *“It will fly on Tuesday”* deadline!

I've still got a ways to go, and a short time to get there, but what I've learned in building this little plane is that it is still “A Build” that requires time, dedication and discipline.

For those who are considering an actual plane build, but aren't sure if you have the dedication and discipline, I'd highly recommend one of these pedal plane builds to start. You'll certainly save a lot of money finding out if you like to build, and you'll make some child's day!



Here are some helpful links to research. It is crazy what some folks are doing with these small builds:

<https://pedalplanekits.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/PedalPlanes>

You can follow my build for Quinn. I'm using the EAA Builders Log website: <https://eaabuilderslog.org?s=QEM-Taylorcraft>

A few key announcements and reminders:

- The group may recall that I announced that we received a Silver Chapter recognition from EAA HQ for 2022, but that I requested them to re-evaluate based on our count of the required activities / points. I happy to announce that after a re-evaluation **we have again achieved GOLD recognition status for our 2022 efforts**. Thank you to everyone for all your efforts in making this possible!
- **Oshkosh Group Camping** – The deadline for submitting for Chapter group camping is June 23rd! Please connect with Kevin Gassert (kgassert@fuse.net) if interested.
- **Cincinnati CVG FAA Control Tower Tours** – We finally have a contact and are arranging dates. One item to note is that due to staffing constraints these tours will be scheduled during the week. Be on the lookout for additional email announcements soon!
- Our next **Young Eagles Rally** for 2023 will be held on **Saturday June 10th at 9:00AM**. This is also International Young Eagles Day! We'll again have a lot of young eagles to fly, so please connect with Scott Balmos (sbalmos@fastmail.fm) if you can help with ground operations or as a pilot.
- Our next **Chapter Gathering** will be on **Sunday June 11st at 2:00pm**.

All for now... I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the June Gathering on **Sunday June 11th**!

Blue skies! Tom



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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 18, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Attendees: Roger McClure, Grace Hogan, Robert Dombek, Scott Balmos, Scott Hersha, Tom Martin, Joey Shreve

Secretaries Report –

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

Treasurer's Report –

Income	\$ 376.00
Expenses	\$ 497.17
Balance: Checking	\$ 7,629.29
I-Bond	\$ 5,240.00
CDs	\$10,032.39
Savings	<u>\$ 2,002.34</u>
Total	\$ 24,904.01

Young Eagles –

- Next date: May 20th
- 39 sign-ups for May
- 10 pilots
- Possibility of flight simulator for kids
- Looking for ideas to keep the kids occupied while waiting for their flights
- International Young Eagle Day: June 10th

Old Business -

- Ray Foundation Scholarship application: Kaeilah is close to soloing
- Tower tour at CVG or Lunken
- Replacing the wind sock on the hanger. Has been placed on hanger and extended
- Silver Recognition from EAA Headquarters
- Survey Results

New Business –

- Flying Start Program
- Task-based phase 1 for experimental aircraft
- Red Bull Flugtag August 12th

UPCOMING 2023 MEETINGS

MAY 21ST

JUNE 11TH

JULY 9TH

AUGUST 13th

SEPTEMBER 10TH

OCTOBER 8TH

NOVEMBER 12TH

DECEMBER 10TH

6:52 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

CHAPTER CONTACTS

CHAPTER CONTACTS—HOW TO CONTACT EAA CHAPTER 974

officers@eaa974.org — will reach president, vice president, treasurer, secretary as a group

president@eaa974.org— will reach chapter president (Tom Martin)

newsletters@eaa974.org — will reach newsletter editor (Bob Dombek)

youngeagles@eaa974.org— will reach Young Eagles Coordinator (Bob Burkhardt)

techcounselor@eaa974.org— will reach technical counselor (Ray Parker)

general@lists.eaa974.org — group e-mail to all chapter members

YOUNG EAGLE RALLY MAY 20 2023

Our most recent Young Eagle Rally, held May 20, was a huge success. The day's weather was a little questionable at sun up, but by flight time the visibility improved and the ceiling lifted to allow us to fly 33 Young Eagles. The morning improved continuously to allow pilots and Young Eagles to enjoy thoroughly. I received reports of 9 pilots flying plus several ground volunteers. Scott Balmos, Chapter Young Eagle Coordinator, thanked all pilots and volunteers. As an added bonus, Keilah Gill and her Mother Cheyenne spoke with parents to describe her experience as a Young Eagle and how it lead to an EAA Ray Scholarship and flight training. This rally was by far one of our best! Way to go Chapter 974! The next rally is scheduled for June 10, 2023 which is also International Young Eagles Day. Photos: Roger McClure



PROJECT REPORT—ROBIN KIDDER'S CLIPPER

Robin Kidder is over the moon to have a freshly overhauled engine installed on her Piper Clipper, aka Honey Badger. Robin told me Honey Badger had been down over 7 months while waiting for overhaul. We can't wait to see Honey Badger back in the air. I know Robin can't wait either!

*Upper Photos: ed.
Lower Photo: Bill Morris*

