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# **JUNE 2023 CHAPTER GATHERING**

June's gathering was another great one. The pictures don't lie! And of course the food never hurts. Those pictures don't lie either. Thanks Stephen and Brandi Brewer for the great sandwiches and potato salad. And, thanks to VP Joey we enjoyed chocolate cake with chocolate pudding/whip cream and heath bar chips..

## Young Eagles:

Young Eagle Coordinator Scott Balmos reported on our recent rally on 6/10. We had 8 pilots flying 29 kids, 17 on their first flight. Scott thanked Billy Bie for his preflight ground school. Together with Scott's preflight briefing, we have one of the best Young Eagle programs in the area. The next Rally will be 7/15. Good participation from Greater Cincinnati Radio Control club with model displays.

## Ray Scholarship:

Our Ray Scholarship winner Keilah Gill Soloed in the PA11 Cub on 6/3. Congratulations Keilah. She will transition to the Cessna 152 for more maneuvers and cross country work.

## "Study Hall":

This started off as a way to help Keilah study for her written test but is open to all chapter members who wish to sharpen their aeronautical knowledge. This will occur at 12:30 on gathering days. Next month's topic will be weather.

## CVG Tower Tour:

Prez Tom reported CVG is open to tower tours with 20 participants maximum. No weekends available due to staff. A show of hands indicated a strong chapter interest. More to come on this.

## Radio Control Flying Circus:

To be held on 9/9-10 Movie night 9/9 at chapter hangar

## Red Bull Flugtag 8/12:

To be held on Ohio River on Aug 12.

## Oshkosh Camping Compound:

All 6 camp sites are spoken for



# **JUNE 2023 CHAPTER GATHERING**

## Future FAST Team Presentations:

To be presented by Joe Schott—Phase 1 Flight Testing and other topics. Stay tuned!

## Chapter Gold Status:

Chapter Prez Tom announced that the chapter has retained its Gold Status via a recount of chapter events and accomplishments.

## PROJECT REPORTS:

Robin Kidder reported completion of engine overhaul followed by mounting on her Piper Clipper. Test run revealed low oil pressure. Engine will have to come off for investigation. Editor noted engine back as of this writing. Standing by for further reports. Good Luck Robin!

Stephen Brewer has test flown his Aeronca Tandem Trainer. He hopes to fly to the Aeronca Gathering in Middletown.

Steve Pollack reported reinstalling wheel pants on his RV7. He is looking for a dedicated RV condition inspection checklist.

Barry Fear removed the engine from his Ercoupe for teardown and installation of new crankcase due to oil leak. He made special mention of assistance from several chapter members: Ray, Joey, Brian, and Kevin. The engine was removed swiftly in one afternoon. Barry cited this as a real example of chapter spirit and offered his heartfelt thanks!

## VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

Seen right upper is visitor and new chapter member Buddy Smith. He lives in Trenton and says he often finds himself right under the pattern at KMWO. He is training in a Champ at Red Stewart Field. Welcome Buddy!

Lower right are old friends and chapter members Joe Sabo with sons Milo and Myan. Joe says he's been involved in home projects and hasn't been able to attend but now glad to be back. Milo, left and Myan, right, are Young Eagles and builders of our chapter RC Build and Fly project on display on the south wall. Welcome back Guys! So good to see you !!





## **VMC CLUB WITH BILLY BIE**



For this VMC Club Meeting, Billy told us about his attendance at a Eurocontrol Conference that he attended with his wife in Belgium. Billy's wife flies for UPS. He explained that Eurocontrol is the Equivalent to FAA in Europe being Europe's aviation regulatory agency. Billy stated that there were FAA representatives at the conference. Topics covered were skill shortages, retention of skilled personnel, rebuilding capacity, Human Error Factors, Startle Factor, and Competency Based Training Assessment (CBTA).

Billy then showed a video story about a tragic incident in the UK that resulted in the death of a pilot and his passenger. A pilot found himself flying from VFR conditions into IMC. He found himself lost over top of an overcast. In the process of asking ATC for assistance, he accepted a clearance to descend into the clouds. He was not instrument rated, and was not prepared to fly in IFR conditions. Upon later examination of the incident, it appeared that the pilot had sufficient fuel to fly to an area where VFR conditions prevailed. He should have asked for vectors to better conditions instead of accepting a clearance to descend into clouds. Also, ATC should have been more assertive and attempted to ascertain this pilot's skill level before directing into IFR conditions.

The hazards from this story:

Poor Planning

Poor ATC help

Poor Decision Making

The lessons here:

Check weather early and often before and during flight

Have a good fuel reserve

Plan for diversions

Thank you Billy Bie for another excellent VMC Club meeting program, especially so soon after returning from your trip!



## ***IT'S A SMALL WORLD!***

*I feel remiss if I don't say something about this exceptional young woman. Some of you probably know her by now. Her name is Leonora Pallota. She is a new instructor at Hogan's Flying Service and has recently joined EAA Chapter 974. I had the privilege of flying with Leonora on my recent Biennial Flight Review. I tend to have some serious performance anxiety for things like this. She challenged me and simultaneously put me at ease. For that I have nothing but thanks and praise!*

*In the "small world department" I just learned that she will be providing flight instruction for my son-in-law's step dad's grandson. This young man is enrolled in the flight instruction program at Auburn University, and didn't want his new skills to go cold over the summer break. I had fun taking him up a couple of summers ago. His enthusiasm was infectious. I let him do lots of flying and could tell he would be a natural. His name is Tom Barta. I could tell his grandfather is so proud of him when he told me about what was coming this summer.*

*In expanding the "small world department", it just so happened that I knew his mother when we both worked at the VA Hospital. I know that Tom will have a good experience with Leonora. I'm looking forward to hearing the stories from his proud grandpa!*



# **CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**6:10 p.m.** - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

**Attendees:** Roger McClure, Grace Hogan, Scott Balmos, Tom Martin, Ray Parker

## **Secretaries Report –**

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

## **Treasurer's Report –**

Income	\$ 273.00
Expenses	\$ 1,741.04
Balance: Checking	\$ 7,753.
I-Bond	\$ 5,268.00
CDs	\$10,023.52
Savings	<u>\$ 2,002.43</u>
Total	\$ 25,047.89

## **Young Eagles –**

- Next date: June 10th
- 25 sign-ups for May
- 8 pilots
- 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 soloed!
- Tower tour at CVG: Max 20 people per tour. Has to be weekdays during business hours. Survey to determine interest.
- Survey Results

Red Bull Flugtag August 12th

## **New Business –**

- Study group before chapter meetings
- Gold Recognition
- Public Event Ideas: Movie night (September 9th), hanger trick or treat, hanger crawl.

## **UPCOMING 2023 MEETINGS**

JUNE 11TH

JULY 9TH

AUGUST 13th

SEPTEMBER 10TH

OCTOBER 8TH

NOVEMBER 12TH

DECEMBER 10TH

6:55 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

## **CHAPTER CONTACTS**

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[officers@eaa974.org](mailto:officers@eaa974.org) — will reach president, vice president, treasurer, secretary as a group

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[newsletters@eaa974.org](mailto:newsletters@eaa974.org) — will reach newsletter editor (Bob Dombek)

[youngeagles@eaa974.org](mailto:youngeagles@eaa974.org)— will reach Young Eagles Coordinator (Bob Burkhardt)

[techcounselor@eaa974.org](mailto:techcounselor@eaa974.org)— will reach technical counselor (Ray Parker)

[general@lists.eaa974.org](mailto:general@lists.eaa974.org) — group e-mail to all chapter members



# YOUNG EAGLE RALLY JUNE 10

I think we did ourselves proud once again with our great Young Eagle Rally in June. Eight volunteer pilots flew 29 Young Eagles. Thanks to Scott Balmos and Billy Bie, the flights were preceded by preflight briefing and ground school. Grace Hogan and Keilah Gill did a great job of registration and making sure all our Young Eagles got their certificates and log books signed. Several chapter members provided safety escort to the planes. The weather was near perfect for introducing young people to the wonder of flight. A special thanks goes to the Greater Cincinnati RC Club for displaying some beautiful model airplanes.





# ALL THINGS AERONCA!



Pictured right and left: Stephen Brewer and his Aeronca Tandem Trainer Stephen has it flying now. Congratulations Stephen! Looks great!  
Photos : ed.



Photos left and all those below are from the Aeronca Convention June 17-18 at Middletown. How could we ask for a better ambassador than Camden Koedel who flew up with dad Greg. Looks like he was enjoying himself! What a great day to celebrate the Father's Day Weekend!

Thanks Greg for the photos! I am so sorry to have missed it! I don't have any stats on numbers of aircraft but I remember seeing what looked like at least a couple of dozen on the ground on Thursday when I was shooting landings in the grass. ( I was too busy to count!)

Photos: Greg Koedel





# 21ST NATIONAL AERONCA ASSOCIATION CONVENTION

Here are pictures forwarded to me by Stephen Brewer. There were over 40 Aeronca's show up, mostly Champs & Post war Chiefs, we also had 2 C-3's. 1 L-3, 3 Tandems, 1 '39 Chief, 2 L-16's & a previous Oshkosh Grand Champion. The banquet on Saturday night had a really good turnout with around 100 attendees. One of the guest speakers was a former Aeronca employee & WW2 vet. He worked at Aeronca in the early 40's before he enlisted. Fred Hogan won best Pre-war Chief & my 65-TL won Best Pre-war Tandem. Thanks for great pics Stephen! Photo credit: Ray Johnson, Stephen Brewer

