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**EAA CHAPTER
974
NEWSLETTER
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Butler County Regional Airport
Hamilton, Ohio



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- **SEPT 9-10 RC FLYING CIRCUS**
- **SEPT 10 CHAPTER GATHERING**



JULY 2023 GATHERING

Happy July Chapter 974! We had a great turnout for the July gathering. I think I saw Prez Tom rolling our another cart of chairs just before meeting start. That's a good sign and an indicator of a healthy chapter. It was really a chapter picnic as the grill was fired up and ably manned by Scott, Joey and Brandi. Thanks to all of you for a great feed! There was no VMC program, but we made up for it with great fellowship and hangar flying!



YOUNG EAGLES REPORT:

Scott Balmos reported that we were nearly full at 25 registrations and possibly more coming from Butler Tech. Of course by the time you read this it will be old news that the July 15 rally was cancelled due to heavy rain and thunderstorms. The scheduled Aug 19 Rally will also be cancelled due two other events occurring at the field.



PROJECT REPORTS:

Dave Glasmeyer talked about issues with his carburetor on the engine he is installing in his Kitfox project.

Steve Pollack ran into compression test problems while doing his RV7 condition inspection. Possible exhaust valve leak

Bob Burkhardt continues to work on his RV9A restoration with help from Bill Duffy.

Bob Dombek reported installing his Tiger Moth engine with generous help from Ray Parker after engine was rebuilt by Total Performance Racing.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Hogan talked about our first "Study Hall" As she, Keilah and others prep for their PPL written exam. Topic was weather and briefings. Next month will be navigation. 12:30 before gathering.

Prez Tom announced Joe Schott from FSDO will be speaking to us next month about airworthiness and flight testing.



JULY 2023 GATHERING

Keilah Gill, our Ray Scholarship recipient, seen right, talked about her recent solo in the Cub. She has now transitioned to a Cessna 152 as her training advances to cross country work. She has approximately 30 hours to date . Way to go Keilah! We of chapter 974 are so proud of you!



Prez Tom announced that we have tentative dates for CVG tower tours: October 5,11,17. They can handle groups of 20 visitors. More to come on this soon.

Tom went on to review the results of chapter survey. He will publish the results on line soon.

Jurian Missawayee announced that he has a job with Freight Runners Express . He will be training to fly right seat in an Embraer 120. Congratulations Jurian!!

Bob Dombek, librarian, noted that there is a gradual accumulation of donated manuals, books and other items. He thanked those who donated. He asked chapter members to take a look at them to see if there is any interest. Some items have questionable relevance or value and will eventually be recycled.

John Labarre noted that the Butler County Commissioners, who own the airport, have rejected excessively high bids for runway and taxiway resurfacing and have re-opened for bids. He also said that is a plan to hire an airport manager.

NEW MEMBERS:

Steve Rumsey, seen below left, is a Flying Neutrons member. Welcome Steve!

Adam Lorenz and Melissa Cruz are seen below, right. Adam has a Mooney in hangar row T2 and is starting to build a RV10 Welcome Adam and Melissa!



CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendees: Roger McClure, Grace Hogan, Scott Balmos, Tom Martin, Scott Hersha, Billie Bie

Secretaries Report –

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

Treasurer's Report –

Income	\$ 125.00
Expenses	\$ 97.11
Balance: Checking	\$ 10,804.15
I-Bond	\$ 5,296.00
CDs	\$10,023.52
Savings	<u>\$ 2,002.51</u>
Total	\$ 28,215.67

Young Eagles –

- Next date: July 15th
- 25 Sign ups possibly more
- 9 pilots
- No Young Eagles in August

Old Business -

- Ray Foundation Scholarship application: Kaeilah soloed in the 152.
- Tower tour at CVG: Max 20 people per tour. Has to be weekdays during business hours. Survey to determine interest. Tentatively October 5th, 11th, 17th.
- Survey Results
- Red Bull Flugtag August 12th
- Study group before chapter meetings 12:30
- Public Event Ideas: Movie night (September 9th), hanger trick or treat, hanger crawl.

New Business –

- Camping in compound for Oskosh is sold out..
- Grill grates needs to be cleaned after every use.
- Hanger needs a new sink and cabinets to go above the sink.

CHAPTER BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED

UPCOMING 2023 MEETINGS

JULY 9TH

AUGUST 13th

SEPTEMBER 10TH

OCTOBER 8TH

NOVEMBER 12TH

DECEMBER 10TH

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

CHAPTER CONTACTS

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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

This page represents a couple of triumphant returns. One is a return to service and another a hopeful return.

Right we see Robin Kidder having returned from a check flight with Billy Bie to knock off some rust and regain some muscle memory. Robin's Piper Clipper has been down for a long time due to an engine rebuild. Robin and her Clipper are good to fly together again. Robin is one happy pilot! I'll bet Honey Badger is happy too! Congratulations Robin and go Honey Badger!



Below, left and right is Technical Counselor Ray Parker helping Bob Dombek remount his repaired engine on his Tiger Moth. The engine was partially rebuilt by Total Performance Racing, just around the corner. Both scenes, above and below, are examples of the value of chapter support in the area of flight instruction and mechanical support. Chapter 974 thanks Billy and Ray for their contributions.



SPAGHETTI SUNDAY AT THE COMPOUND, AIRVENTURE 2023 Page 7

Pictures are worth a thousand words for the next 5 pages. Needless to say we ate well thanks to the efforts of Mike Wood, Kevin Gassert and others. On this page it was our traditional Spaghetti Sunday at the Warbirds compound.



TACO TUESDAY AT THE COMPOUND, AIRVENTURE 2023 Page 8

Not to be outdone by Spaghetti Sunday was Taco Tuesday, again at the Warbirds Compound. This was followed by Steak and Chop Thursday. This year reduced overcrowding by having separate compounds for Warbirds and Chapter 974. The compounds were adjacent to each other so that we could easily wander back and forth for good social mixing. Special thanks to Kevin Gassert and Valentine Boehm for working together to pull this off.





CHAPTER 974

**WARBIRDS
SQUADRON 18**



**CHAPTER 974 AND OVER-
VIEW LOOKING NORTH**

**WARBIRDS SQUADRON 18
AND OVERVIEW LOOKING
SOUTH**



AIRVENTURE'S SMALLEST CAMPSITE AND LET'M EAT CAKE!



**TIM MORRIS
GETS PRIZE
FOR SMALL-
EST CAM-
SITE EVER
WITH HIS
HAMMOCK
TENT**



**BELOW,
2023
COMPOUND
CAKE**



**ANNUAL EAA CHAPTER 974 AND WARBIRD SQUADRON 18
GROUP PHOTO
AIRVENTURE 2023
THIS BUNCH GETS BETTER LOOKING EVERY YEAR!**

