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SEPTEMBER 2023 CHAPTER GATHERING

Here we see another great gathering of EAA Chapter 974. We had a good crowd, terrific food, interesting visitors and Billy Bie's always great VMC Club. A fun distraction was the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club's Flying Circus going on right outside. There are lots of pictures of that later in this edition.



There were lots of goodies this time. Joey and Brandi served up Taco Bake and Blueberry Cheesecake. There was also lots of left over pizza from our movie night on Saturday evening. Great job folks and thanks so much!

Seen on right is our chapter study hall being led by Keilah Gill. This class is held at 12:30, before the start of the chapter gathering, to help those who are working toward their licenses prepare for their written exams. Keilah, our Ray Scholar, has passed her Private Pilot written test and is scheduled for her flight test on Oct 9. Yay Keilah!



Your editor couldn't resist adding Gordo! Gordo is chapter secretary's Grace Hogan's beautiful Great Dane. He's a regular attendee and his gentle spirit fits right in. Welcome to the chapter Gordo!

Photos: ed.

New Members and Visitors

Seen on right is new Member Matt Giachetto. Matt is flying at Hogan's Flying Service in their Cessna 172.

Welcome to Chapter 974 Matt!



Gary Mullins son and Grandson , below., flew up from North Carolina to see Dad. Son Gary's ride is an L-39 Albatros. How cool is that?! We were all given the opportunity to climb up and gaze into the cockpit. Thanks Gary for sharing your family with us!



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Young Eagle Report:

Young Eagle Coordinator Scott Balmo reported on our Young Eagle display at the GCRCC fFlying Circus on Saturday. Helping Scott was Keilah Gill, Ray Parker and Bob Dombek Scott also updated us on the status of our next Young Eagle Rally. (This will have happened by the time this edition is published . Further reporting later in this edition)

Instructor Updates:

We are fortunate and blessed to have two excellent instructors as members of this chapter, Leonora Pallota and Billy Bie. Both are instructors at Hogan Flying Service. Leonora just earned her CFI Instrument rating. Billy just earned the instrument ground instructor rating. Congratulations to you both!

Project Reports

Bob Dombek has his Tiger Moth flying again after extensive engine repair by Total Performance Racing, right around the corner on Symmes Rd.

Tom Martin reported on completion of his T-Craft Pedal Plane. It looked good enough to fly! Pictures to come.

MORE SEPTEMBER CHAPTER GATHERING

Oshkosh Camping Report—Valentine Boehm

Val gave us a report on the camping at Camp Scholler this year at Airventure. This year we had two compounds representing Chapter 974 and Warbirds Squadron 18. Val thanked those from each group who went up early to mark off the camping areas for each group and helped set the sites. He felt the effort was successful.

George Theobald's Flight to Bolton Field

George Theobald told us of a flight he took to Bolton Field, Columbus with a friend in a Cessna 172. He reported that the tower was very helpful in directing them to easy access parking for George to enter the FBO and restaurant. He encouraged us to ask ATC for assistance for special needs in parking.

Bob Burkhardt—Lunken Days

Bob flew his Navion to Lunken Airport for each day of the event. He said there were several great flyovers. There were several visitor aircraft that came and went throughout the event. The event was hosted by the Cincinnati Warbird Squadron 18. They were praised by the Commemorative Air Force, CAF, for the excellent job they did as hosts. Bob said that this was one of the best he had ever attended.

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This month Billy made his session somewhat brief but no less valuable. He started by emphasizing the importance of good radio communication techniques in the traffic pattern. Something that can't be over emphasized is the often heard phrase "Anyone in the pattern please advise". We often hear this from corporate jet traffic as they announce their approach from many miles away. Billy said that this is not considered a valid way to announce an approach and is frowned on by the FAA. In addition to being poor technique, it causes excessive conversation if other aircraft in the pattern try to respond. At non-towered airfields the correct communication is to announce where you are and your intentions without asking for a response.

Next Billy talked about the effects of poor aircraft tire care, especially under inflation. Billy directed us to an excellent article in the September 2023 edition of Sport Aviation by Lisa Turner.

Lisa is a regular monthly columnist, writing informative articles about maintenance. In this article she wrote 5 tips about tire care, the 5th being inflation. Inflation pressure is critical to handling and longevity of the tires. Under inflation is the biggest reason for flats or blowouts. Billy added that under inflation can cause shearing of the inflation valve as the tire tries to rotate on the rim. Under inflation will also cause more stress on the tube and lead to excessive heat. Also, underinflated tires tend to shimmy which is a problem for tail wheels and castoring nose wheels such as on the RV series of aircraft. Billy emphasized that checking tire pressure should be part of every pre-flight check list.

Chapter 974 thanks you Billy for another excellent VMC Club presentation.!

Editor's Disclaimer: Don't depend on my summary of Billy's VMC Club meetings. They could easily be full of errors or misinformation. There is no substitute for being there in person and you can receive Wings credit.

Encouragement ... Pass It On!

Hi everyone,

In all facets of our lives, at home, work, or hobbies, we all face challenges. Getting through those challenges is always easier when someone is cheering you on and helping you get through it. Sometimes it is knowing how to get started, and sometimes it is obtaining the needed knowledge to proceed, but many times it is just getting that extra boost from someone giving you the energy to push through and make it happen.



I love getting to be a part of our Young Eagles program both for being able to provide a young person with, what is many times, their very first experience in feeling the sensation of flight, but also for the opportunity to potentially be the spark that provides a few words of encouragement to take the next step to learn more, or taking the next step on the journey of becoming a private pilot.

In our Chapter we have members with interests and passions of flight that fit the full spectrum of what it means to be part of Aviation. From plane spotters, to builders, to pilots and everything in between.

Recently in the Chapter we printed and have available in the hangar name badges for all members who regularly attend the Monthly Gathering, and for those members who have requested one. I'd like to encourage each of us to:

- Attend an upcoming Chapter Gathering
- Wear your name badge
- Walk up and introduce yourself to someone you don't know well
- Have a conversation and ask what Aviation means to them

In that conversation you'll learn something about them, learn what puts the spark in their eyes about being part of the Aviation family, and I bet you'll also hear something that gives you the ability to encourage them and **Pass it On!**



Our youth is our future, and we must encourage them to explore the wonderful world of Aviation, but each of us also need a little personal encouragement from time to time along our journey too.

A few key announcements and reminders:

Our next **Chapter Gathering**, which is our **Annual Hangar Crawl** will be on **Sunday October 8th at 2:00pm**. I will be sending a note requesting those who have a hangar on field to be a part of the crawl.

Our next and final **Young Eagles Rally** for 2023 will be held on **Saturday, October 14 at 9:00AM**. 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.

All for now... I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the October Gathering on **Sunday October 8th**!

Blue skies! Tom



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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 9-6-23

6:06 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Joey Shreve

Attendees: Roger McClure, Grace Hogan, Bob Dombek, Joey Shreve, Scott Balmos, Ray Parker, Brandi Brewer

Secretaries Report –

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

Treasurer's Report –

Income	\$ 355.00
Expenses	\$ 2,036.99
Balance: Checking	\$ 6,105.95
I-Bond	\$ 5,352.00
CDs	\$10,167.61
Savings	\$ 2,002.69
Total	\$ 23,628.25

Young Eagles –

- Next date: September 16th
- 12 pilots confirmed; 35 Young eagles signed up
- Last Rally of the season in October

Old Business -

- 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.
- Study group before chapter meetings 12:30
- Movie Night September 9th after the Flying Circus. 8:30 start time for the movie.
- Public Event Ideas: hanger trick or treat, Chili Cook off (December)
- Hanger Crawl: If you are participating, get your information to Brandi before the October meeting.
- Name tags for meetings: 50 are done and on the board. Be sure to wear them at the meetings. Sign up if you don't have a nametag on the board.
- New member packet
- T-Shirts and Polos for the chapter

New Business –

- Elections in November
- Christmas Party: Same hotel, same delicious food, limited to 50 people.

UPCOMING 2023 MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 10Th

OCTOBER 8Th

NOVEMBER 12Th

DECEMBER 10Th

6:53 PM —meeting Adjourned by Joey Shreve

LUNKEN DAYS

Lunken Days Weekend extravaganza is a feast for warbird enthusiasts. It was sponsored the Commemorative Airforce and hosted locally by Squadron 18 of the Cincinnati Warbirds. I know that several chapter 974 members were there each day, especially Bob Burkhardt and Brian Charlton. The B-29 Doc was on hand as well as Squadron 18's B-25 Yankee Doodle. Thanks to Bob and Brian, I have a great collection of photos to share on this page!

Photo Credits:
Bob Burkhardt
Brian Charlton



TAIL DRAGGER FLY-IN, RED STEWART AIRFIELD

The Tail Dragger Fly-in, hosted by EAA chapter 284 is always a fun, homespun gathering occurring annually over the Labor Day weekend at Red Stewart Field, Waynesville, Ohio. Attendance looked a little low this year, but it faced stiff competition from at least two other aviation gatherings. Thanks for your hospitality and great pancakes Chapter 284!

Photos:
Ed.



GCRCC FLYING CIRCUS SEPTEMBER 9-10

The Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club puts on a show that never disappoints. They have been doing this since the early 1960's. It grew from their earliest flying field at the St Francis Seminary in Mt Healthy to our field where the largest scale models and fastest jets can fly in safety and full view. It is one of the few public events that occurs at our home field. For the past few years Chapter 974 has been invited to set up a display to inform the public about EAA's Young Eagles. Our Young Eagle Coordinator Scott Balmos has been our contact person for the model club and spearheaded the display assisted by Keilah Gill, Ray Parker, Mark Reising and Bob Dombek. Other than a tricky northerly cross-wind that challenged some of the models, the weather was near perfect. What a great show! Thanks GCRCC!

Photos: ed.



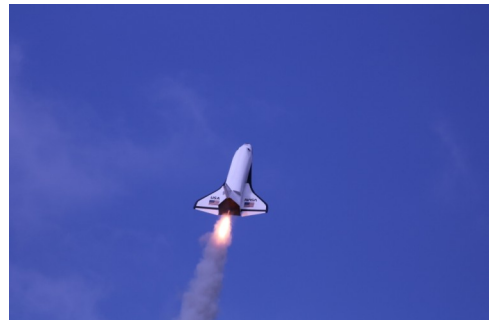
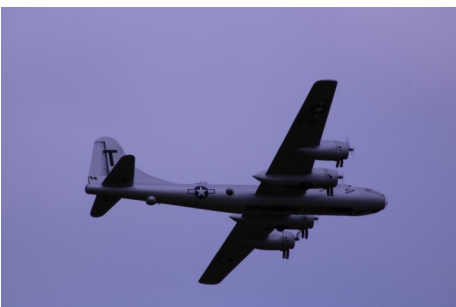
SCOTT & KEILAH AT TABLE



CAMDEN AND GREG KOEDEL



CAMDEN KOEDEL FLIES ZERO



MOVIE NIGHT

Saturday evening September 9 gave us a chance to try out our new movie screen and enjoy "Planes" and pizza. Thanks to Joey Shreve we had great picture and sound! Thanks Brandi and Steve for ordering the food. What a fun night! We should do this more often. Thanks to all who came!



Photos: Ed.

YOUNG EAGLE RALLY SEPTEMBER 16

Our September Young Eagle Rally was a big one. 13 pilots flew 31 kids on a near perfect day. Launching and recovering 13 aircraft almost at the same time was a challenge. Thanks to our Young Eagle Coordinator Scott Balmos, we pulled it off. Scott has done a terrific job with our Young Eagle program. Thanks also goes to the folks at Butler Tech who helped us recruit so many kids. Thanks Leonora Pallota for photo help!



SOUTH WEST OHIO REGIONAL FLY IN AKA SWORFI

SWORFI evolved from Chapter 174's fall picnic and fly-in that was once held annually on George Elbel's farm. For the past 16 years it has been hosted by Todd Winemiller at his beautiful farm airstrip near Blanchester. This is a great fall wrap-up to the flying season. (Not to say that it's over!) A reported 51 aircraft attended. There were several overnight campers. No headcount reported but Todd's hangar looked full at lunchtime! Thanks Todd Winemiller for hosting and EAA Chapter 174 for their support. Great Day! Photos: ed.

