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COMING EVENTS:

- **SAT JAN 6 CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY COCKTAILS @ 5PM FOOD SERVED 6PM**
- **SUN FEB 11 CHAPTER GATHERING**



THE GREAT 2023 CHILI COOKOFF

The Chapter 974 Chili Cookoff was magnificent! We had 6 chili varieties to try and vote on. Thanks to all of you who prepared and brought big pots of chili! Thanks Brandi Brewer for organizing the tasting and voting process. That seemed to work well. It was amazing how full I felt after just 6 small samples of chili. Of course I went back and feasted on my favorites! Great job all!!



THE GREAT 2023 CHILI COOKOFF

Pictured left to right are our winners, Joey Shreve, First place-Grace Hogan, second place, and Buddy Smith, third place. Below are Stephen and Brandi Brewer who helped organize the tasting and voting. What a great job all. All the chili contributions were fantastic! My mouth is watering as I edit this page.



All Photos this and facing page: ed.

THE PREZ SEZ

Gratitude & Resolution...

Hi everyone,

As pilots there is a very special feeling of freedom that comes over us each time the wheels leave the runway and our birds take flight. With that freedom comes great responsibility to yourself, your passengers, and every other pilot who is depends on each of us both remain safe in the air, and to help protect our individual freedom to fly as General Aviation pilots. As builders each of us share similar freedoms knowing that someday the



flying machine that we have built with our own hands will also take flight. The freedoms allowing us to create home-built aircraft also comes with great responsibility that we are doing everything we can to follow best building practices to ensure our aircraft are safe for ourselves and the passengers we carry. Both these freedoms and responsibilities are something we each should count with much gratitude as we close yet another year together as a Chapter.

With each closing year, many of us make New Year resolutions. Most of these resolutions focus on personal health, eating habits, spending more time with family and friends, etc. Unfortunately, statistics indicate that over 90% of these resolutions fail by the end of February. Research has also shown that we can greatly increase the potential that these resolutions will stick if we incorporate them into other existing habits, and also trying to incorporate an aspect of fun as we build them into our lives.

As you consider resolutions for yourself this coming year, I'd encourage each of us to include at least one resolution related to expanding our passion of flight, and one that focuses on aviation safety. Expanding our passion of flight might include discovering a new airstrip, asking someone that has never flown in a GA aircraft to join you on each flight, or joining a regional EAA workshop focused on honing the skills that are related to where you are in your build. Safety resolutions could include incorporating one additional safety exercise with each flight, like reviewing your aborted take-off procedure, practicing an engine out landing, or simulating an aborted landing go-around caused by a blocked runway. Each of these resolutions can be incorporated into existing aviation habits we have already established, can certainly be fun, and will make each of us better pilots, builders, and ambassadors of the craft.



THE PREZ SEZ, CONTINUED

A few key announcements and reminders:

- Our next Chapter Gathering will be on Sunday February 11th at 2:00pm.
- Annual Chapter Dues - If you haven't already done so, be sure to settle up your 2024 Chapter Dues with Roger McClure (Roger.McClure@outlook.com) our Chapter Treasurer. With increased expenses related to our hangar, dues have been raised to \$25.00 for the 2024 fiscal year.
- As discussed at the Chili Cookoff in December, if you are hangar tenant, automobiles can be driven to your hangar for loading and unloading, but should then be moved to a parking spot outside of the fenced area. Automobiles should not be left parked outside your hangar.

All for now... I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the annual Christmas Party on Saturday January 6th!

Blue skies! Tom



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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

6:17 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

Attendees: Grace Hogan, Scott Balmos, Tom Martin, Scott Hersha, Joey Shreve, Bob Dombek, Brandi Bruwer, Roger McClure

Secretaries Report –

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

Treasurer's Report –

Income	\$ 983.10
Expenses	\$ 897.10
Balance: Checking	\$ 3,740.51
I-Bond	\$ 5,410.00
CDs	\$ 10,255.80
Savings	\$ 2,002.85
Total	\$ 21,409.16

Young Eagles –

- Next date: Spring 2024 (April 20th)
- Third Saturday of every month
- 93 kids flown in 2023 (increase from 64 in 2022)
- Banners, table covers, and safety vests are being bought with the Young Eagles credits
- Ipad and signing app for Rallies
- Texting app for check-in
- Setting up a recurring youth program.
- Selling shirts at rallies as a fundraiser

Old Business -

- Chili Cookoff at December 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
- Christmas Party Jan 6th at 5:30: Same hotel, same delicious food, limited to 50 people. \$25 per person. White elephant.
- Having topics of discussion/ speakers at each meeting for the new year
- Tower Tour during 2024

CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

New Business –

- Applying for for the Ray Scholarship in 2024
- 2024 dates for gatherings
- Paneling the hanger door approved for parts
- **Financials-**
- Hanger rent increased
- Increase in dues in 2024: \$25
- Fundraisers
- Operational in changes in 2024 to first flights and young eagles

UPCOMING 2024 MEETINGS

DECEMBER 10TH

JANUARY 6TH

February 11th

March 10th

April 14th

May 5th

June 9th

July 14th

August 11th

September 8th

October 13th- Hanger Crawl

November 10th- Elections

December 8th- Chili Cook-off

7:58 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 22

An online opportunity to learn about building your own aircraft

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 22nd, 2024, and end on Friday, January 26th, 2024. Each day, we offer six live webinars back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

The topics cover a wide variety of areas of interest to anyone curious about building their own aircraft. We try to make sure there is something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on our anniversary date, January 26th, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. We have come so far since that first EAA meeting. Back then, information on homebuilding was sparse and hard to come by. I know that if our founder, Paul Poberezny, was still with us, he would give us a big thumbs up for this effort to support the homebuilder.

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

Visit www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to sign up.

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Homebuilders Week Schedule January 22 - 26, 2024

To sign up: EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

Time CST	Monday 1/22/24	Tuesday 1/23/24	Wednesday 1/24/24	Thursday 1/25/24	Friday 1/26/24
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know Charlie Becker	Composite Construction Basics Mark Forss	Amateur-Built Certification Process Joe Norris	Lies, Darned Lies, and Homebuilt Accident Statistics Ron Wanttaja	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MOSAIC Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman
1:00-2:15	Wiring Basics Dick Koehler	The Nuts and Bolts of Nuts and Bolts Kerry Fores	Building on the Cheap Ron Wanttaja	Lycoming Engine Installation Dave Prizio	Working With Wood 101 John Egan
2:30-3:45	Welding Basics: Gas & TIG Charlie Becker & Tracy Buttles	Fabric Covering Basics Nate Hammond	Buying a Used RV Aircraft Vic Syracuse	Sonex Aircraft and AeroConversions Products Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans Sebastien Heintz & Roger Dubbert
4:00-5:15	Sheet Metal Basics Jim Scott	Factory-Built to Homebuilt: What's the Difference? Tom Charpentier	Advanced Flight Systems Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions Brad Brensing	Scratchbuilding From Plans: 90% Done and 90% to Go! Marty Feehan
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring Marc Ausman	Dynon Avionics Michael Schofield	Flight Testing 101 Paul Dye	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts Steve Boser	Latex Paint: A Low-Cost Alternative Malcolm Morrison
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation Phil Lockwood	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Engine Break-In Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors Vic Syracuse

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LANA COMES TO TOWN!

Stephen and Brandi Brewer acquired this Aeronca Super Chief this fall and named her Lana. It seemed to fit as she is 40's era vintage right from the stardom of Lana Turner.

Lana was manufactured in 1940 at the Middletown plant and sold from a dealer in Cincinnati. She has visited South Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa. She was known as the "Cat in The Hat" plane for many years before falling on hard times. She was fully restored by her previous owner, Joe Daugherty, out of Du Page Airport in Illinois. That restoration included a complete interior which has to be seen to be believed!



Lana is a 65-LB Super Chief. She sports a O145-B2 engine of 65 HP. Stephen reports she is very responsive and easy on the controls. He says she flies great with an 80 mph cruise speed. She currently resides in the chapter hangar. I caught her outside on a soggy day during the chapter chili cookoff, seen above and left

Here we see Stephen with his "Aeronca Grin" after his first chance to fly her on Dec 20. It was perfect smooth CAVU day for them to get acquainted.

Lana will be dearly loved by Stephen and Brandi Brewer and will become a member of the Aeronca Club for the rest of her life. Welcome home, Lana! Photos: ed.

