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MARCH 2024 CHAPTER GATHERING REVIEW

Where do you go for meatball sub casserole? Chapter 974 of course! My best count was 56 of us lining up at Chef Joey's table at the March Gathering. As Joey was busy serving Scott Balmos conducted the gathering in the absence of Prez Tom Martin. We have a depth of leadership that makes this possible. Thanks Joey and Scott! Rich Packer, who we often see with Butler Tech students at Young Eagle Rallies, presented a program. There were several visitors and lots of project reports.

Young Eagles :

Coordinator Scott Balmos reminded us of the next rally scheduled for April 20. He reminded volunteer pilots to check status of their Youth Protection Certificates, and to be sure to register as a pilot on the Young Eagle Website. He reminded us to make sure we carry personal liability of at least \$100,000 per passenger. Scott has worked out some flying routes for fast and slow airplanes with the goal of making each flight last 15-20 minutes. There should also be on line sign up options for Young Eagles to reserve their flights. This is a work in progress by EAA but should be ready soon.



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Visitors/New Members

Seen right is the Dehner family, John, Glenn, David and mom Angela. Glenn, seen second from left and below, is very interested in becoming a private pilot and a possible aviation career
Welcome Dehners!

Below is surely another future pilot, Jacob Burkhardt. Jacob is a volunteer at the Tri State War-bird Museum. Welcome Jacob!



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Balmos, seen right with instructor Billie Bie, received his instrument rating on 2/25/24 at Warren County Airport with flight examiner Brian Trapp. CONGRATULATIONS SCOTT!!

Scott Hersha and Roger McClure participate in the airport users group. They reminded us that the field will be closed for 4-6 weeks beginning June 1 for runway repaving and grooving. It is also possible that there might also be asphalt repair between the hangars. Scott and Roger will keep us up to date.

The Flying Circus, put on by the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club, will occur June 14-15 instead of the usual September during the time the field is closed for runway resurfacing.



MORE CHAPTER GATHERING REVIEW

VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

IF THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON THE PRECEEDING PAGE WERE NOT IMPORTANT ENVOUGH,
PAY ATTENTION TO THIS ONE!

Time to reserve up to 6 campsites for the week, July 22-28, at Oshkosh this year. Deadline is June 13. Cost is \$324 per site for the whole week. First come, first served. I NEED an idea of the number of campsites that may be needed, so enough area is staked out to hold everyone, even for those who do not stay all week. Hopefully, Chapter 974 will be next to Warbird Chapter 18 for good friendship and food on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday if possible. If you or YOUR FRIENDS have ANY interest in camping at Camp Scholler, please email valentine.boehm@gmail.com
Valentine 513-218-6170 cell

PROJECT REPORTS

Jason Pratt has been dealing with an oil leak around a cylinder through-bolt. He reported the leak was heavy. Correction will require engine removal, and sending the crank case out to be split. At that time upgraded through bolts will be installed which should prevent future leaks.

Steve Rumsey is building an RV9A in his garage. He is hoping for completion in May or June.....just in time for runway closure!

Mark Taylor sent his Werner Radial engine, which had developed a serious oil leak last year, back to the Czech Republic where it was manufactured. This was done to replace the crankcase with a magnesium one. Mark said he had received word that it should be returning soon.

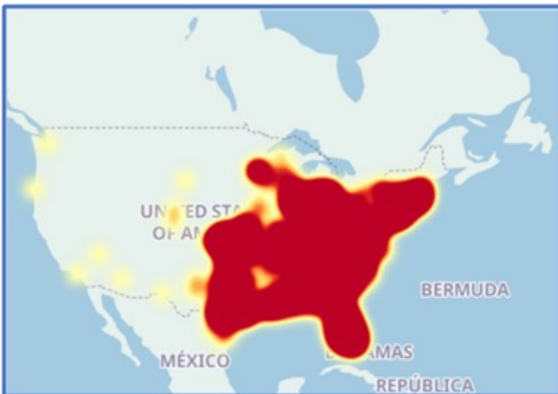
Joey Shreve reported being able to work on his Double Eagle light sport with the arrival of some warmer days. The first order of business has been to remove the broken landing gear struts. New struts will be welded on by welder son. He will also be replacing the spoked wheels with much more durable ones.

Robin Kidder reports that the engine on her Piper Clipper is running well but burns too much oil.

Happy New Year!

Hi everyone,

We may be well into 2024, but back in December I talked about setting Aviation Resolutions for the New Year. Well... As March comes to a close, how are they coming along for you? Whether you are a pilot or Aviation enthusiast I hope you set at least one resolution and are keeping it at the forefront of your thoughts through the year.



You may remember, at the end of February, AT&T suffered a massive cell phone system outage which impacted most of the Eastern portion of the country. Hmmmm... Felt like a “loss of comms” situation to me.

While the situation made its rounds through all the news outlets, and customers were interviewed about how it had disrupted their lives, it made me appreciate the fact that we as pilots have procedures to cover most emergency situations. It made me also think about the fact that we probably don't review and think about these procedures

enough as part of our pre-flight planning. When is the last time you have thought about the light signals that would be presented from a towered airport if you were squawking 7600 during landing? They are not something I have recently reviewed, but I do keep a printed card of them in my flight bag that could be easily accessed during flight in just such an emergency.



As most of you know, I have a strong passion for cross-country flights, and this year is no different. So, one of my resolutions has been to stay IFR **proficient** (not just current). I have also been challenging myself to learn and become better at using the electronic resources at my disposal to handle IFR situations like creating a custom hold at a fix using the Garmin GPS and creating these custom holds on the ForeFlight app on my iPad. Each of these learnings is building my confidence at being able to handle unique situations should they arise during an actual IMC flight.

It is my hope that each of you have set your Aviation Resolutions and are trying to keep them. What's yours? Let me know! (president@eaa974.org) I'd love to hear about them, and how you feel it is enhancing your Aviation journey.

A couple key announcements and reminders:

Our next **Chapter Gathering** will be on **Sunday April 14th at 2:00pm**. I will be the speaker at the next gathering with a discussion about cross-country flight planning to the Bahamas.

We have a new Flight Simulator inside the Chapter hangar. We will be talking more about it at the next gathering, but please do not try to use or change any settings on the simulator until we have rolled out instructions and training.

All for now... I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the gathering on **Sunday April 14th**!



Blue skies! Tom

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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

6:08 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

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

Secretaries Report –

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

Treasurer's Report –

Income	\$ 1203.00
Expenses	\$ 34.19
Balance: Checking	\$ 3,667.11
I-Bond	\$ 5,470.00
CDs	\$ 10,319.83
Savings	\$ 2,003.18
Total	\$ 21,460.12

Young Eagles –

- Next date: Spring 2024 (April 20th)
- Third Saturday of every month
- Flight Simulator coming to hanger soon
- Possible 2nd rally for Butler Tech students and Boy Scouts (May)
- New website for signups
- Possible purchasing iPads with credits

Old Business

- Applied for for the Ray Scholarship
- Paneling the hanger door- now on door
- Financials-
- Increase in dues in 2024: \$25
- Make sure to pay your dues
- Possible new chapter logo
- Changing the new address of the airport with the Secretary of State
- Runway repaving starting around June 1st. Will be closed for about 4 weeks and needs 30 days to cure to put grooves in the runway.

New Business –

- Chapter awarded Ray Scholarship
- Butler Tech Students will speaking at the March Meeting
- Flight Advisor Checklist for first flight

CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MINUTES, CONTINUED

UPCOMING 2024 MEETINGS

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

6:54 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

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CHAPTER CONTACTS—HOW TO CONTACT EAA CHAPTER 974

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

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

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

RICH PACKER, BUTLER TECH PRESENTATION

Welcome to Rich Packer who presented our program today. Rich is in his 5th year of teaching at Butler Tech. We've seen Rich at many of our Young Eagle Rallies. Rich works closely with Scott Balmos as the contact person with the school to help recruit his students to fly as Young Eagles. We often see his kids flooding the ramp area outside the chapter hangar. His contribution really goes a long way toward making our rallies a success.

Rich is involved with the Aviation Curriculum and AOPA High School Curriculum. This program prepares students for aviation careers through 3 pathways. There's the pilot program, the general maintenance program and the power plant program. In addition to existing buildings in the Butler Tech system, a new building is going up at Middletown Municipal Airport, the place we all know as Hook Field.

Rich has a strong family history in aviation. His father is the proprietor of Packer Field, 5E9, at Radnor, Ohio, 12 miles north of Delaware. Rich describes himself as a Stearman Guy. He has extensive Stearman flight time and has restored several.

Thank you for your program, Rich and thank you for what you do for those wishing to pursue an aviation career!



PILOTS N' PAWS—GREG AND LORI MORROW

How does this look for fun and service? Greg Morrow offers his RV9 to transport dogs that are being rescued, adopted or both. Greg and his wife Lori have made as many as 12 flights as part of the Pilots N Paws program. Greg says he can handle 50-60lb animals. His plane could probably handle more, but Greg says that's about what he can lift safely into the awkward confines of the behind-the-seat space of his RV9. Greg gives credit to Ray Parker who has also flown along on some of the flights. When I asked him how the dogs handle the noise and sensation of flying, he told me that once the engine is running and the plane is at cruise, the dogs seem to calm down nicely..

What a great service! Chapter 974 salutes you Greg! Thanks so much for sharing your story!

Photos: Greg and Lori Morrow



FISHER KOALA 202, BILL MORRIS & DAVE SLACK

If you ever wonder what goes into moving a nearly complete project from one place to another ask no more. Thanks to the full story in pictures submitted by Tim Morris, ask no longer. Bill Morris and Dave Slack purchased a fully built, uncovered Fisher Koala 202 from a builder in Lawrenceburg on March 12. a 460 CC engine and a two blade Ivoprop came with it. Having built a Fisher kit myself, It looks beautifully built. Bill says they might cover with Oratex. Bill's partner, Dave, owns the C-310 seen in the two lower pictures. That's quite a range across the flying spectrum! Can't wait to see it fly! Very Nice!!

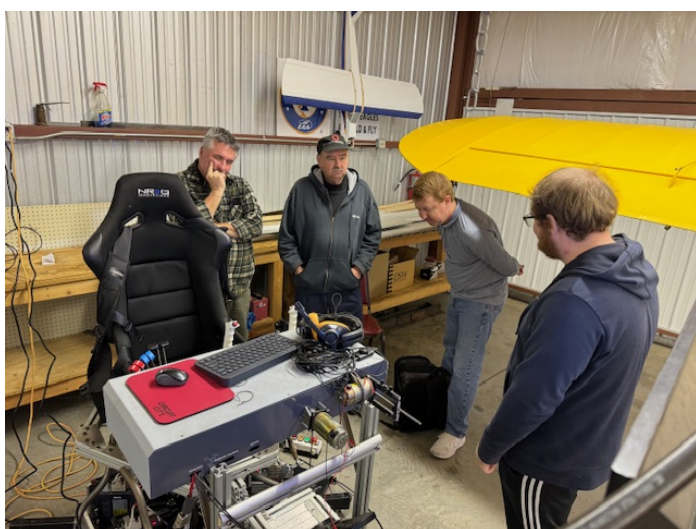
Photos: Tim Morris and ed.



FLIGHT SIMULATOR

This flight simulator was installed in the chapter hangar on a windy Saturday March 16. We have new member Greg Rolls to thank in addition to other members of the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club. This has been in the works for a while. It is a full motion simulator. There are some squeaks and squawks to work out but this should be a real blast for our Young Eagles....and maybe us too!

A little history is in order. The simulator was built by an avid radio control flyer and ham radio op Tom Para, WA8ZAH, of West Chester. Tom passed away suddenly on Oct 2 2023. He was a computer technician for Hobart. Tom's brother contacted the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club to find a home for the simulator and Tom's large collection of RC models. Chapter member and GCRCC member Randy Adams coordinated an auction for Tom's models and helped lead the search for a home for the simulator. Randy and Greg's dual memberships made the search much easier especially since both groups have strong youth advocacy programs. Pictured immediately below and left is Daniel Troup, a GCRCC member. He did an extensive rebuild of the computer and drive motors. Chapter 974 wishes to extend a heartfelt thanks to Greg, Randy, Daniel and the family of Tom Para for this outstanding addition to our Young Eagles program. Photos ed



FIRST ENGINE RUN

Valentine has had his Pulsar for a few years, but has not had the chance to run the engine. It is a Rotax 912 UL 80 HP. Val and I were able to fire it up on March 16. It started surprisingly quickly, ran well and idled fairly smoothly. We didn't run it above a fast idle due to it starting to overheat. The cooling system will need to be flushed and filled with fresh coolant. The oil system may need to be purged and will need to be filled with fresh oil. The carburetors will need to be rebalanced. These are all very manageable squawks and Valentine should have a good engine on a very sleek flying machine.

Congratulations Valentine!

