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Butler County Regional Airport  
Hamilton, Ohio



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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **MAY 5 CHAPTER GATHERING**
- **MAY 5 FUNDAY SUNDAY @ MORaine**
- **MAY 11 ADDITIONAL YOUNG EAGLE RALLY FOR BUTLER TECH AND BSA**
- **MAY 18 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY**



# APRIL 2024 GATHERING REVIEW

Another great Chapter 974 gathering is history, and what a great history we are making!

My best head count was 58 plus or minus but probably plus. The chairs looked full and there were still standees. Not to take away from great programs and fellowship, the treats we enjoyed again didn't hurt. Joey served up an awesome Mediterranean Salad and strawberry cheesecake along with Brandi and Jeanne's wonderful cookies and cupcakes. Thanks to you all!!



Young Eagles: Scott reminded us of our upcoming rally on 4-20-24. He asked for as many members as possible to show up by 8:00 for set up. 30 kids have signed up with 9-10 pilots. Scott will have flight path cards printed up for fast and slow routes.



Runway Closure: Scott Hersha announced that the field closure is confirmed 6/3-7/13 for runway resurfacing, 42 days total. There will be another brief closure during August for runway grooving and repainting. The runway will become 12-30. During runway paving the aprons between hangars will be patched and seal coated. Parallel taxiways will be repaved in two years along with runway light service.



President's News: Prez Tom Martin announced that the chapter has received another Ray Scholarship Grant. He is waiting for our new Scholar's application approval. Stand by for future announcement.

Tom said that we have again received Gold Status for having met 10 of the 11 criteria for 2023. Your editor has updated the Gold Chapter Seal on the newsletter cover page.



Photos: Joey Shreve & ed.



# APRIL 2024 GATHERING REVIEW

Basic Med Update: Dr Joe Seibert, our resident physician, gave us a review of Basic Med. As long as you have a past, clean Class 3 medical certificate, even one going back several years, you can qualify for a renewed class 3 under Basic Med. Once granted, it is good for 4 years. Some have reported the process to be confusing, but both Dr Joe and Valentine say there are helpful websites, especially AOPA, that will make the process smoother. Dr Joe is available to help and answer questions as always.  
Cincinnati@basicmed@gmail.com

Oshkosh Camping: Valentine Boehm urged chapter members to see him for compound campsite reservations. He said the spots are filling fast. Kevin Gassert said the Warbird Squadron 18 compound is already filled.

Sun N Fun Report-Scott Hersha: Scott flew to Sun N Fun Tuesday 4/9, returning Saturday 4/13. He reported a huge rain storm during the week. On his return flight he experienced strong winds and the worst turbulence he can remember in his flying experience. He thought that the event might end in another two years.

## VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome new chapter 974 members Greg and Donna Jennings. I was fortunate to meet Greg and Donna at the Warren County Airport Food Truck Fly In the day before this gathering. They took me up on my invitation to visit us today. They fly a newly built Arion Lightning XS. I'm sorry I don't have a picture—it is striking and beautifully built! Welcome Greg and Donna!



Please welcome Chris Debbane. Chris is finishing high school and will enroll in the aviation program at Bowling Green State University. He is interested in commercial aviation and his goal is to fly for the airlines. Welcome Chris!



Photos: ed.

## **MORE GATHERING REVIEW**

### PROJECT REPORTS:

Jason Pratt reported on his ongoing repair for the IO 360 engine in his RV6. It has been plagued by oil leaks. The engine has been removed for teardown. The crankshaft and camshaft have been sent out for regrinding. He thinks he will have everything back together and have an airworthy airplane just in time for field closure in June. UGH!

Steve Pollack reported on progress on painting of his RV7. Paint shop is making good progress and now working on trim striping. He gave a brief report on his Sun N Fun experience where he placed an order for a Kit Fox kit. He initially hesitated due to a two year wait time. He said Sun N Fun was good except for heavy rain on Thursday.

## **PROGRAM-FLYING TO THE BAHAMAS, TOM MARTIN**



Tom Martin gave us an excellent talk about flying to the Bahama Islands. In effect you are essentially leaving the United States and crossing a significant stretch of ocean. Tom said that serious preparation is required starting several months before your anticipated departure. He said his first experience was somewhat overwhelming and anxiety provoking both in preparation and execution. Now, having done this 6 times, it is far less stressful, but he said it still requires advanced preparation and planning. There are several aircraft, passenger, equipment, documentation, and pilot requirements that must be met. It is absolutely essential and required by law to carry flotation devices for all crew and passengers. A radio station license is required as is ADSB out. Tom said that you will find yourself dealing with multiple agencies such as military, air traffic control and customs.

Tom, the knowledge and skill you've developed in flying internationally is something to be proud of. Thank you for sharing your experience with us and thanks for a great program!

Photo: ed.

# **CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**6:15 p.m.** - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

**Attendees:** Grace Hogan, Tom Martin, Bob Dombek, Roger McClure

## **Secretaries Report –**

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

## **Treasurer's Report –**

Income	\$ 466.00
Expenses	\$ 763.00
Balance: Checking	\$ 3,684.45
I-Bond	\$ 5,486.00
CDs	\$ 10,320.29
Savings	<u>\$ 2,003.27</u>
Total	\$ 21,494.01

## **Young Eagles –**

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

## **Old Business -**

- Chapter awarded Ray Scholarship
- 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 3rd. Will be closed for about 42 days and needs 30 days to cure to put grooves in the runway.

## **New Business –**

- Chapter has been awarded the Gold Status
- Movie night in June
- Tool Crib Request for a safety wire gun

# **CHAPTER BOARD MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED**

## **UPCOMING 2024 MEETINGS**

April 14th

May 5th

June 9th

July 14th

August 11th

September 8th

October 13th- Hanger Crawl

November 10th- Elections

December 8th- Chili Cook-off

**6:46 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Chapter Secretary Grace Hogan**

## **CHAPTER CONTACTS**

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[president@eaa974.org](mailto:president@eaa974.org) — will reach chapter president (Tom Martin)

[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 (Scott Balmos)

[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 APRIL 20 2024

Too many pictures and not enough space! 9 chapter members flew 21 Young Eagles on a clear but windy and bumpy day. Still, I heard no complaints. Everyone came away smiling and happy. Thanks pilots and ground crew for your dedication. Most of all, a huge thanks to our Young Eagle Coordinator Scott Balmos for putting a successful Rally together!



Upper photos and lower left: ed.



Left right and above, Bob and Keilah bring the smiles! What a great day! Photos Keilah, Cheyenne Gill



# THE GREAT 2024 SOLAR ECLIPSE

Wayne and Kathy Norris invited me to their strip to see the April 8 total solar eclipse. When I asked them what we could bring, the answer was "Bring Friends!" I tried to get the word out. Charlie Corder, Brian Charlton and their wives took me up on it. A few flew in which added to the adventure. Wayne and Kathy were very accommodating. Wayne's strip is beautiful and made for a great eclipse party. I took pictures with a sample in the middle row below. I regret overexposing the sun's corona, otherwise you would see more solar prominences. Oh well, it was still an awesome, once in a lifetime experience.

Thanks Wayne and Kathy Norris!



Photo above left C. Corder

All other photos: ed.





# **THE WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA AIR MUSEUM**

*On our way home from our annual March trip to Hilton Head Island, we made a short stop at the Hendersonville, North Carolina Airport where we visited the Western North Carolina Air Museum. We stopped there last year almost at closing, but this year we had a good hour to browse. I could have easily spent half a day...or more! This little museum is a real gem and is jam packed with beautifully built replicas and beautifully restored classics. The local aviation community keeps it running through volunteer effort. They are happy to accept 501c3 donations. I highly recommend a stop if you ever find yourself nearby.*

