

EAA CHAPTER 974 NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ

We had another warm Feb. meeting. Thank you Tim Morris & Moss-Vale for opening your doors to us. We gathered around the fire (Bill Conn's simple and inexpensive pre-heater), and gorged ourselves on cake & coffee (thanks Ron Forsythe). I decided it would be a good time to open up a can of worms that we have been saving since last fall. That is to find out when everyone thought would be the best day to hold the meetings (the first Sunday or the second Sunday of the month). When we say the first Sunday it usually gets bumped to the second Sunday 3 to 4 times in the summer and this could confuse people. So we should say meetings "As scheduled" & post them (like on the hanger door). Or we could move the meetings to the second Sunday and there would be less bumping due to events and holidays (except for this year). Confused yet? We want everyone to vote on this at the March meeting. If you cant make it please leave an absentee ballot. Everyone's opinion is important here.

We will be holding the March 7th (first Sunday) meeting at the hanger, now that the ice has melted off the floor. With a little luck we will have some warmer weather (I don't believe that groundhog anyway - he hangs with weathermen, and how often are they right?), and see some homebuilts flying around again.

See You There,
Tom Linfert

P.S.

Bob Dombeck told us about the EAA over at Clermont Co. losing their home last month. I found it ironic when I got to the last page of the Sporty's cat. There was an add for house/hanger lots at Sporty's Farm & Sandies Hanger (94 Tees to be built & 7 houses with hangers). Showing a picture of the west side of the field. 2+2=?

Chapter 974 Board Meeting Minutes -
February 2004

NO BOARD MEETING THIS MONTH

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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chapter President Tom Linfert. The Chapter meeting was held February 2, 2004 at Moss-Vale, 160-B Donald Drive, Fairfield, Ohio.

Minutes of the Meeting:

New Members/Visitors: No new members or visitors were recognized.

Business Announcements: President Tom Linfert made the following announcements:

- The Chapter hangar passed the yearly fire inspection. A copy of the certificate was delivered to Tom Graumlich. The following information from the inspection was passed on: torches/gas bottles on carts need to have a 2A20BC fire extinguisher on the cart; No multicube type adapters on electrical outlets; unplug all extension cords when leaving hangar for any amount of time; safety cans are o.k. for storage of flammable liquids; 10 gallons of open flammable liquids (paints, etc.) are allowed in the hangar.
- Officers and Committee Members for 2004:
 - President - Tom Linfert
 - Vice President - Ron Forsythe
 - Secretary - Rolf Hetico
 - Treasurer - Mark Taylor
 - News and Web Editor - George Deeb
 - Trustee - open
 - Librarian - John Taylor and Steve Statkus
 - Telephone Tree - Paul Kurtz
 - Tech Advisors - Steve Statkus, Tim Morris and Ray Parker
 - Young Eagles - John Taylor and

Committee Reports:

News & Web Editor Report (George Deeb):

George noted that our Chapter web site is reaching its storage capacity. George is planning to download old newsletters to a CD and store them in the Chapter library. A motion was made and accepted by the membership to no longer mail copies of the newsletter, members wanting paper copies of the Chapter 974 newsletter can pick them up monthly at the hangar. Ron Forsythe will print the newsletters and place copies in the hangar.

Technical Advisors (Steve Statkus, Tim Morris and Ray Parker): Mark Taylor will be applying for Technical Advisor status with the EAA.

Young Eagles (John Taylor and Ron Gielegem): Tom Linfert announced that this will be John Taylor's last year leading the Young Eagles, Tom asks that anyone interested in leading the Young Eagles program please contact him.

Hangar Master (Barry Fear): Please contact Barry with any issues or plans to use the hangar. Mark Webb has a copy of Chapter Hangar rules and will bring next meeting. There was general discussion on Cincinnati Chapter 174 losing their hangar at Clermont County Airport (Sporty's).

Treasurer's Report (Mark Taylor): The Chapter books have been passed to Mark Taylor. 2004 dues can be paid to Mark (\$25.00).

Secretary's Report (Rolf Hetico): Copies of the January meeting minutes were circulated and accepted as written by the membership.

New Business:

Four meetings this year will need to be moved due to conflicts with Sun n' Fun, Oshkosh and holidays. Proposed changes to the Chapter 974 meeting schedule will brought to the March meeting and put to a vote.

There was general discussion on what the Chapter might spend extra funds on this year. The following ideas were presented: pay for

Ron Gielegem

- Hanger Master - Barry Fear
- Flight Advisor - Mark Taylor
- Membership - Jim Key and Ron Gielegem
- Fly Outs - Ray Parker
- Recruiter - Bill Conn
- Programs - Dave Raney
- Chapter has received 2004 insurance certificate. Tom reminded the membership that we need to notify EAA 30 days prior to any event for insurance to be activated.
- There is still room on the meeting calendar for more programs. One thought is to hold an open house and summer project tour.
- Five Chapter 974 members were listed in this months "Sport Aviation" for flying 10 Young Eagles in 2003. Congratulations to Bill Conn, Bob Dombek, Barry Fear, John Taylor and George Theobald.

Young Eagle flight fuel or aircraft rental; build a porch in front of the hangar; insulate the hangar; pre-pay hangar expenses; put windows in the hangar. Further discussion at the March meeting.

Jim Key announced this will be his last Chapter 974 meeting, he is moving to Sarasota, Florida.

Bob Dombek presented EAA Certificates of Appreciation to the following Chapter members for their service in 2003:

- Dave Raney - Program Coordinator
- Jim Key - Hospitality Coordinator
- Bill Conn - Membership Coordinator
- George Theobald - Treasurer

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Technical Program:

The February technical program was "Aircraft Pre-heating" presented by Bill Conn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rolf Hetico

EAA Chapter 974 Secretary

FOOTNOTES

The January Chapter meeting was held at the new Moss Vale location, thanks to Tim Morris. It was comfortable and warm, which is one of the issues we discussed. Check out the meeting minutes for a list of potential action items which included insulating the chapter hangar.



February 2004 Chapter Meeting

A sad note of the meeting was that Jim Key was leaving the chapter, and moving to Florida. Well maybe not sad for him, but a loss for us. Jim will of course be thinking about us (while he is sunbathing in his swim trunks). He didn't know if there was an EAA chapter there, but if not he can start a new one. I pointed out to him that he can access our website to keep up with happenings here. For some reason he didn't want to tell us exactly where he was going, which I couldn't understand since I quickly offered to come down and be his houseguest. Good Luck at your new home Jim.



Jim Key leaving for Florida, with his Hospitality Coordinator award

After the meeting we went to the manufacturing area. Bill Conn had brought in his home-made pre-heater, and it was simple and ingenious. Bill used a small electric cube floor heater that he bought on sale for fifteen dollars. He attached some pieces of round ducting that you can find at any home improvement store. Viola! - for about \$25 he had a pre-heater. He says a twenty minute warm-up with his unit makes a big difference on a cold day.



Bill Conn's homemade pre-heater

See you at the next meeting
George Deeb
Editor

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