

EAA CHAPTER 974 NEWSLETTER APRIL 2004

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THE PREZ SEZ

Hi everyone. The meeting day vote did not go as expected. Not one person wanted to change it. I am glad we all agree on something so strongly. The hangers have been very busy this winter. I was amazed at how many projects are on their way to being completed this year. From recent experience a thought came to mind. If you don't have your N-number and you want to fly by fall, start the paper work now. The FAA aircraft registry in Oklahoma city is slow. It takes 30-45 days to process your N-number then you have to send back the registration form they send and wait another 30-45 days to get your certificate of registration. That is as long as you got your papers straight. Mine were not so it took longer. A good book to follow is "How to License a Homebuilt Aircraft".

Then there is the state registration. You can get their form online. You fill it out, make check for \$100 to them and send it in. Then they give you

a little bitty sticker to put on your plane. I am not sure what it's made of but it must be some new space aged material and difficult to make to be that expensive. There are some groups trying to fight this cost. I will try to get some links to George for the website.

The EAA is awarding credits to pilots who flew young eagles last year. You get 1 credit for each young eagle flown, and they are for the 2004 EAA Youth academy at Oshkosh. I will get with John Taylor and see what we can do to help send a kid to Aircamp this summer (www.eaa.org/education/airacademy/html).

At the March meeting Dave Raney put on an great tech program on weight and balance which should be very helpful for those finishing up projects, and also to those flying.



Dave Raney instructs on weight and balnce



Dave proudly displays his alma mater

At the April 4 meeting we are looking forward to a visit from Gary Collins (174-EAA) and a tech program on Corvaire engine conversions (and hopefully more of them brownies Ron brought in).

Hope to see you there

Tom Linfert

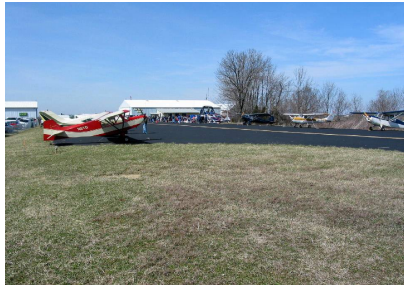
YOUNG EAGLES AT GENE SNYDER AIRPORT

by John Taylor - Young Eagles Coordinator

Photos by Bob Dombek

Wait until you hear – Saturday, the thirteenth of March was the high water mark of the year for the Young Eagles program. Well, come to think of it, that wasn't too hard, since it was the first half-decent VFR day since the beginning of the year.

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A beautiful day to fly

Dave, Bill and Sam are ready to fly

Ron and John keep it

straight

But it was a stellar occasion. We were invited to be a part of a Young Eagles program with EAA chapters from Lexington and Louisville, along with Chapter 174 from Clermont County Airport. It looked like we might be the poor sister to those larger, more experienced chapters. As it turned out, we were the Cinderella. The others didn't show up! Five pilots from Chapter 974 worked their fannies off giving rides to over fifty high school kids from the Junior ROTC program at the Pendleton County High School at the Falmouth Airport. Bill Conn had his Aeronca. Charlie Corder brought his beautifully restored Cessna 140. Bob Dombek buzzed in with his Rans (It was the only homebuilt in the squadron). Sam Smiley came down from Lunken where he keeps his Piper Tomahawk (We had to have at least ONE tricycle landing gear). And Steve Statkus put-put-putted in from Clermont County with his Aeronca. A splendid ground crew, which included Ron Gielegem, Tom Nelson, Ray Parker, David Raney and John Taylor, supported the pilots.



Bill Conns Champ



Charlie Corders Cessna 140



Bob Dombeks Courier



Sam Smileys Tomahawk





Steve Statkus' Chief



Turbine powered RC jet
(Very tiny Young Eagles flew in this)

I tried to give the ground school component of the Young Eagles experience, but found myself situated right on the path to the bathrooms. There was a steady stream of interruptions while the otherwise attentive group parted to let first one and then another obviously distressed person get to his/her proper relief.

We didn't get started with the flights until after one o'clock. And did those pilots hustle! There were over fifty kids in the JROTC program, and it seemed that they all had their parents' permission. Toward the end of the day, realizing that there were going to be some disappointed kids, two EAA members with planes at the Falmouth airport volunteered to join in the project. Ed Lair pulled out his Cessna 150 and Randy Wolfe opened his hangar revealing a beautiful Piper Cherokee Six.



Lined up and ready to fly

Several kids lost their permission slips between the flight line and Ron Gielegem who was making out the certificates, so we don't know exactly how many flights were given, but we do know that we had 57 permission/registration forms! What a way to start the year. It is safe to say that there were **OVER SIXTY** high school youth given a good introduction to aviation! The leader of the JROTC program said, in a follow-up call, that the program made the front page of the local newspaper. He promised to send us a copy. We'll post it for you in the EAA hangar.

The board meeting was held at Hangar T5-J, Hogan Field on March 7, 2004.

Minutes of the Meeting:

The Chapter Board discussed proposed changes to the regular Chapter Meeting date. The current meeting date is the first Sunday of the month. President Tom Linfert discussed other potential meeting dates such as second Sunday of the month, in general third Sunday of the month meeting will conflict with the Cincinnati EAA Chapter meetings. The decision was made to bring the proposed meeting date change to the membership for a vote.

Technical presentation schedule for the next several Chapter meetings were discussed. Presentations will include:

- * March - Aircraft Weight and Balance (Dave Raney)
- * April - Corvaire auto conversions for home built aircraft (Gary Collins)
- * June - Oshkosh 2003 (Bob Dombek)
- * July - Chapter Open House with project tours, food will be served, plan on inviting family and friends.

site is hosted on a Geocities server for free but has limited file storage space. The Chapter newsletters, pictures, etc. are using most of the file space at this time. To improve the web site, a move to a paid web hosting service may be required. The Board is working on potential options for web site, no decisions have been made.

The board meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m. and was followed by the March Chapter Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rolf Hetico
EAA Chapter 974 Secretary

Chapter 974 Chapter Meeting Minutes - March, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. by Chapter President Tom Linfert. The meeting was held at Hangar T5-J, Hamilton Airport on March 7, 2004.

Minutes of the Meeting:

New Members/Visitors: The following new members and visitors were recognized:

- * Gene Gaffney, new member, currently not building, interested in Chapter aviation activities.
- * John Wayne, visitor, currently not building, has built a Pitts Special and helped build a Christen Eagle.
- * Mark Dornette, new member, building a Mustang II kit, flies for Comair.

Announcements: President Tom Linfert made the following announcements to the membership.

Martha Lunken is setting up Wings Safety Seminars at every airport in the Cincinnati area. Chapter 974 has been asked to support this activity by holding the Hogan Field/Butler County seminar in our hangar. Expected attendance would be 100-150 pilots. Some general discussion among the membership followed this announcement included: support for using the Chapter Hangar as the site of the Wings Seminar; aircraft will need to be moved out of the hangar; the Chapter will need to find additional chairs; could the Chapter sell refreshments at the seminar; and it would probably be best to host the seminar during warm weather. Robin Shaw is the focal point for this activity and will report status at the April Chapter Meeting.

Anyone attending Sun n' Fun this year:

New Business:

Change in Membership Date: Discussion was held on changing the regular Chapter Meeting date. Chapter 174 holds their meeting on the third Sunday of the month. A motion was made and accepted to keep the meeting on the first Sunday of the month. The motion voted on by the membership and passed as proposed.

Member project status:

- * Elizabeth Szoke and Brett Farrell are building a Velocity. The engine should be out of the shop next month. They are currently doing wiring and looking at instruments. You can see Elizabeth and Brett's Velocity on their web site.
- * Tom Graumlich and Barry Fear are building the wing ribs and wing assembly of their RV-9.
- * Ron Gielegem has about 95% of his RV-8 engine compartment complete. He plans on a first flight in June.
- * Rolf Hetico is building an RV-8A. Empennage is complete and currently working on quick build fuselage and wings.
- * Ray Parker is working on the engine of his VariEze.
- * Gene S has about 30 hours of flying time on his Horizon II.
- * Art West is working on a Great Lakes. Art thanked Steve Statkus and Dave Raney for their help. Art hopes to fly or at least taxi test in July or August.
- * George Deeb is building a Zodiac XL and is currently drilling, fitting and deburring the rudder, flaps and ailerons. You can see George's Zodiac on his web site.

- (1) Tom Linfert circulated a sign up sheet to help attendees meet and if needed possibly travel together;
- (2) We need someone from Chapter 974 to attend the FAASport Plane and Pilot seminar and report back to the Chapter on information from the seminar. The sport plane and pilot ruling should be announced about the time of Sun n' Fun.

Treasurer's Report (Mark Taylor): Mark reported the Chapter currently has \$3251.13 in the bank account and owes hangar rent (amount not known at this time).

Vice President's Report (Ron Forsythe): All items were covered in the announcements.

Young Eagles Report (John Taylor): Chapter members who flew Young Eagles flights last year have earned 13 credits for Young Eagles Camp. The credits can be used to cover up to one half the cost of Young Eagles Camp attendance at Oshkosh. If anyone has received credits from EAA, please get them to John Taylor. John will get to students who may be attending camp.

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

Hangar Master Report (Barry Fear): Chapter has \$58 in petty cash collected to cover necessities for the hangar (toilet paper, etc.). Bill Conn reported that he collected \$35 for the petty cash account through recycling of aluminum cans the Chapter collected.

Web Master Report (George Deeb): The Chapter web site is running out of file space (~90% capacity at this time). George is exploring possibility of a paid hosting service at a cost of ~\$15 per month. George will gather specifics and present to the membership at the April meeting.

* Howard Plevyak is building a GlaStar. The aileron, flap and rudder cables are installed and Howard is currently working on the fuel tanks.

* Tom Boehmer is building a Zodiac. The empennage and wings are complete. Tom is currently working on the cockpit.

* Steve Statkus is finishing the cooling baffles on his Sonerai.

* Bob Dombek has ordered a Fisher Flying Products Tiger Moth. Bob wanted to build a wood biplane replica. The Fisher is an 80% scale of the original Tiger Moth. Bob plans to use a 1.3L Geo/Suzuki engine with a redrive (90-92 HP).

* Jerry Brainard is building a Velocity.

* John Wilemski is building a Cozy Mark IV, he is currently filling and finishing. John is building from plans.

* Scott Hersha finished his RV6 and first flight was 7/5/03. The 40 hour fly off was completed by the end of the year. The RV was painted in January.

* Mark Taylor has completed one of his Hatz wings and is getting ready to cover it. Target for first flight is June, 2005. Mark Taylor has sent in his paperwork to become an EAA Technical Counselor.

George Deeb would like the Chapter to have a logo. Please bring your ideas and sketches to the April meeting.

Mark Taylor showed the Chapter membership two large, aviation themed bronze plaques made by one of his customers. Mark will mount and display the plaques in the hangar.

Any members who would like EAA name badges - see Bob Dombek to order (cost = \$6.25).

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m. and was followed by the March technical program: Aircraft Weight and Balance presented by Dave Raney.

Respectfully submitted,
Rolf Hetico
EAA Chapter 974 Secretary

FOOTNOTES

I recieved a couple of emails from the EAA this week, with information you may find interesting. I've reprinted them below:

Dear EAA Chapter Newsletter Editor,

As you may have read, the Young Eagles program is pleased to announce our new Chairman Mr. Harrison Ford. I am hoping you can find space in your next newsletter to feature this information.

Mr. Ford has been an EAA member since 1996, an active pilot and a Young Eagles Flight Leader with over 90 Young Eagles to his credit and that of EAA Chapter 1049. He has a passion for aviation and sharing it with others, especially young people. We are looking forward to working with him as Young Eagles continues to launch the dreams of young people worldwide.

An interview with Mr. Ford will also appear in the May issue of *Sport Aviation* magazine.

In addition, we are also pleased to let you know that Gen. Chuck Yeager will assume the new post of Chairman Emeritus. We are grateful to the General for his support, leadership and guidance through the years as we strived to reach our initial goal of flying 1 million Young Eagles. The General will continue to be actively involved in the program, especially through his activities at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

If you would like to obtain a complete text of the news release and photos please visit the Young Eagles web site at <http://www.youngeagles.org/>. Please use the text and/or photos in your next newsletter.

Thanks again for your support of the EAA Young Eagles program,

Steve Buss
Executive Director
EAA Young Eagles

Hey Chapter Leaders!

Come join us for some fun, interactive Chapter related forums at Sun N Fun, Lakeland, FL..

"Keeping your Chapter Members Satisfied" on Friday April 16th, at 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., in Forum Tent #2

"Making your Chapter Great!" (Part 1 and Part 2) on Saturday April 17th from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, in Forum Tent#2

These forums will be a fun and interactive presentations that will allow you to take away some ideas on how to make your Chapter more effective and more satisfying for your members!

Please come armed with your best ideas on Membership Participation, Membership Recruitment, Chapter Activities, and anything else you think will be of value.

We look forward to a fresh exchange of ideas and information.
No registration necessary.

P.S. Chapter Newsletter Editors; please add this notice to your next Chapter Newsletter if possible - thanks!

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See you at the next meeting
George Deeb
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