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The Prez Says

**Ron Forsythe, Chapter
President**

First, let's all give Mark Taylor an "attaboy" for pulling together the Chapter's roll in the Flying Circus. We made some good dollars (don't have the count yet) from the pancakes and got some good publicity from static display and fly around. Also a nice job at the "mike" Mark. Lots of guys helped out and it was a good team effort.

The only downside to the weekend was John Stats mishap. John has some stitches in the forehead and a broken finger. Thankfully John wasn't hurt more seriously.

I've started rewiring some of the wiring in my plane, and it's all Dave Raney's fault. His presentation at the last meeting made me realize that I used a few inadvisable techniques. Thanks Dave, I hope others got the value out of the session that I did.

You'll read them again in the minutes of the last meeting but a few reminders. The September meeting is moved to the 11th at 2:00p.m. in the Chapter Hanger. The hanger work day is scheduled for Sept. 10th at 9:30 a.m. The major effort is on the door insulation. By the way, Barry did some major cleanup and organization of our supplies on Sunday after the Flying Circus. It's obvious that the new domestic training he's getting at home is paying off. Let's all help out and try to keep the hanger clean and organized.

See ya on the 11th.

Ron Forsythe

August 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

Brian Schermerhorn,
Chapter Secretary

Not reported

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Chapter President Ron Forsythe called the meeting to order at 2:05pm. The August meeting was held at the chapter hanger on August 7, 2005.

Minutes of the Meeting:

New Members/Visitors: Visitors included Doug Hurd, Bill Schweinberg, Jim Bearden and Carroll Baker

Secretary's Report: There was no business meeting in July due to the picnic and therefore no report.

Treasurer's Report (Mark Taylor):

- ? Hanger rent of \$900 was paid for the end of the calendar year.
- ? Scales were purchased for the chapter: \$359.00
- ? Proceeds and expenses for Wings weekend were noted netting \$274.00
- ? Current account balance is **\$3259.00**

Proceeds from Wings weekend food sales were down this year due to reduced FAA marketing of the event.

Technical Advisor Reports:

- ? Ray Parker reported that Bob Sandor's first-flight in his RV-6A took place that morning.
- ? Mark Taylor reported inspecting the empennage of Kent Forsythe's RV-10.

Young Eagles Report: No report

Hangar Master Report (Barry Fear):

There will be a work day at the hanger September 10, 2005. All volunteers are welcome to show up at 9:30 AM. Projects include hanger door insulation, general hanger cleanup, shelving upstairs and additional storage construction.

Old Business:

GCRCC Flying Circus

The GCRCC Flying Circus and Chapter pancake breakfast is scheduled for August 13th and 14th. Mark Taylor is organizing setup and preparation Friday evening and a sign-up sheet was distributed for volunteer for Saturday and Sunday morning. Pancake breakfast volunteers will start at 6:30 am and breakfast will be served from 7:30 – 10:30 am.

Chapter 974 will be coordinating static and flying aircraft displays. The airfield will be closed for the radio-control airshow (11:00 am to 4:00 pm) but some fly-by's will be organized during the RC break at 1:00pm. Fly-by participants should include a T28, and

RV formation and classics / homebuilts from the chapter. Fly-by participants must submit an information form and participate in the pilot briefing. If you are interested in flying please contact Mark Taylor on the day of the event.

Volunteers are needed to be "air-boss" and to serve as the ground coordinator at the runway threshold. If you are interested in volunteering for one of these roles please contact Mark Taylor.

New Business:

Bob Dombek presented Frank Hogan with a plaque acknowledging his service in the Gulf.

A motion carried to allow Brett Ferrell to prepare contact information in members-only section of the chapter website. Brett will publish an email announcement to all members allowing members "opt-out" of this publication. Brett will provide a summary of feedback at the next meeting. If more than 25% of members opt-out then the web-directory is likely not worthwhile.

The Chapter 974 banner is missing since it's use at Oshkosh last summer. John Statt volunteered to bring proposals and price estimates for a new banner to the next meeting.

Floor mounted fan: Mark Taylor inquired about a floor fan that used to be in the chapter hanger. It is believed to have been lent out but never returned. If anybody knows the whereabouts of the fan we'd like to have it returned.

The meeting adjourned to Dave Raney's presentation on aircraft wiring and techniques.

Next meeting: 2:00 pm, September 11, 2005 at the Chapter hanger. George Theobald will be offering a presentation on GPS techniques.

[Oshkosh 2005](#)

Airventure was a blast again this year, and we had another good turnout (as you can see from the group photo below). By my unofficial count we had at least 30 of us there at one point or another, with many camping in our unofficial campsite. For those that couldn't make it, there were some great highlights, including the fly-in of Space Ship One and the White Knight, the arrival of the Global Flyer, the first appearance for Glacier Girl at Oshkosh, as well as Sport Planes everywhere. Special thanks to the Brainards, Bob Dombek, Ray Parker, Doug Hurd and the folks who staked out the Camp Cincy area early in the week, to Bob again for taking the 'official' pictures, to Doug again and I think John Statt for making the group spaghetti dinner, and the whole group for making this so much fun. I hope to see everyone again next year, as well as some new faces.

We have a short video of Spaceship One and the campsite that will be available on the web. If it will play on the chapter set we will try it there as well. Art had some cool new digs this year that he got reasonably and looked great. Ed had a great idea in that he rented a nice trailer and had it delivered to Camp Scholler. Kent and Ron had twice as many beds as they had people. We met Fred and Joe's family (Fred has the most adorable granddaughter... go figure). Ray brought a beautiful and wonderfully functional fire-pit that kept us warm, warded of pests (only the flying critter types I am afraid!), and roasted marshmallows. Doug and Bob were gracious enough again to pack the main meeting shelter (Art's I believe) and tables (how this all comes together every year

is beyond me). If you have never made the pilgrimage, it is well worth it. Yes it is about the planes, and yes Art tries to buy a new one every year, but it is so much more than the sum of its parts. The camaraderie is heartwarming. People you call your friends all year become your kindred spirits. Even strangers remark on how easy conversations is and how the atmosphere is that of a 700,000-member family. There is no place like it on earth.



Camp Cincy, from Doolittle looking towards the 'Trash Truck Parking' area



And remember folks, what happens at the campfire, stays at the campfire...

GCRCC Flying Circus 2005

I'll admit that I didn't make it to the flying circus this year for a variety of reasons, but thanks to Bob Dombek for getting gorgeous pictures I wish I had. It looks like they put on a fabulous show again this year, and judging by the number of cars - a pretty good attendance. Thanks to everybody that helped with the pancake breakfast, it sounds like we made some money there, as well as fly in the intermission fly-bys or had your plane on display.



A view of the 'Circus' - does that make this crop circle the main ring?



Tom Burdin did a great job announcing the scale airplanes



'Run Forrest... I mean, Forsythe, Run!' - Seriously, can this guy even *see* Ron over that engine??



Aircraft in the land of Giants.... FYI, don't make the mistake of referring full-scale aircrafts as 'real airplanes'....



In this picture a B-29 landed unexpectedly on the temporarily closed runway 11... it was nip and tuck there for a minute, but turns out there was plenty of pavement



Yes, Virginia, that is a *jet*... apparently dreams do come true... the Predator flies off of the Nimitz



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Ah... Ron... we did get the optional bomb damage coverage, didn't we??

Airplane Records

Sometime ago, there was a listing of the phone number at the FAA to get a Disk of the complete history of your airplane. Bill Conn has provided us with this update, you can get your records online at <http://162.58.35.241/e.gov/ND/AirRecordsND.asp>

FSS MODERNIZATION ON TRACK FOR OCTOBER CHANGEOVER

The modernization of the antiquated flight service station system is moving forward. The next big step comes on October 1 when Lockheed-Martin takes over operations under the supervision of the FAA. AOPA supported the outsourcing of FSS services because, "After more than five years of study, including our own detailed investigations into the FSS system, we are convinced that this is the right thing at the right time for the benefit of GA pilots," said AOPA President Phil Boyer.

AOPA concluded that the FAA was unable to effectively modernize the current system, and that caused mounting inefficiencies and escalating costs. But with any change this big, there may be some service glitches during the "ramp up" phase as FAA employees transfer to Lockheed-Martin and the contractor upgrades equipment. "Pilots should report any difficulties with FSS services to AOPA," said Andy Cebula, AOPA senior vice president of government and technical affairs. "We'll make sure the problem is reported and rectified." E-mail your comments to aopa_president@aopa.org. For more, see AOPA Online.

Upcoming Fly-ins

Alliance, Ohio. The Seventh Annual Ohio Aeronca Aviators Fly-in takes place August 19 through 21 at Barber (2D1). Breakfast served both days from 7 to 11 a.m., camping on field. Contact Brian Matz, 216/337-5643, or visit the [Web site](#).

Newark, Ohio. An EAA Chapter 402 Fly-in Breakfast takes place August 20 at Newark-Heath (VTA) from 8 a.m. until noon. Also features a static display of cars, tractors, and aircraft. Contact Tom McFadden, 740/587-2312.

Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The Flood City Corvette Club Fly-in/Cruise-in takes place August 21 at John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County (JST). Join us for a day of family fun with fantastic car and aircraft displays. Contact Becky, 814/495-4782, or visit the [Web site](#).