

EAA Chapter 974 Newsletter

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Tom Graumlich, Chapter President

Based on reports of last month's meeting, it must have a good one. It is always very satisfying to have new members join the Chapter and to have visitors from other Chapters attend our meeting. (Yes, I did catch a fish on the trip that kept me away from the meeting. No, I'm not going to tell you how large it was....)

Kudos to our Young Eagles coordinator and our members helping with the program. Last Saturday was a great day to weather-wise and it was made better by the smiles of the group young aviators after their first flights. My thanks to all members who have donated their time and skills to make this program successful.

Next month's program will be on composite construction by Ken Jones. Based on his performance gains with his KR2, it will be interesting to see what magic he is mixing with his epoxy

See ya then. Bring a friend.

[Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Kent Forsythe
Chapter Secretary

No report.

[Meeting Minutes](#)

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Chapter Secretary

Meeting was called to order on May 7, 2006. Location of the meeting was the EAA974 hanger at HAO. President Tom Graumlich was not in attendance. The meeting was conducted by Vice-President Elizabeth

Szoke.

Attendance

- 28 club members (attendees found on last page)
- 3 visitors
 - o Kathie Doyle (Chapter 174 member)
 - o Lee Jewell (Chapter 174 member)
 - o Mark Webb and his Kitfox (Chapter 174 member)
- 3 new applicants for membership
 - o Bob Burkhardt
 - o Christopher Broughton
 - o Don Schamhorst

Announcements

- Wings weekend this year has been postponed. No word on if/when it will take place.
- Rolf has some extra club t-shirts for sale. They are \$16 if you are interested.
- We still have some members that have not paid dues. Please do so as soon as possible.
- Clermont County Airport is having a Young Eagles program on June 10th and could use any available pilots to assist in flying.
- Dan Reagan successfully completed his instrument check ride. Congratulations.

Reports

- Treasurers Report
 - o Treasurer's reported accepted by the members
- Tech Counselors Reports
 - o Ray Parker looked at a Zenair CH701 this month.
- Web Masters Report
 - o No report, however there was a suggestion from a club member that we add a "hit counter" to the website to get an idea how often people are using the site.
- Young Eagles Report
 - o April 29th date for scouts group.
- Hanger Master's Report
 - o The nozzle for the compressor is missing. If anyone has it, please return it.

Old Business

- Club T-Shirts
 - o Rolf has some extra club t-shirts for sale. They are \$16 if you are interested.

New Business

- Discussions were held regarding the addition of a pop machine inside or outside the club hanger as a money making vehicle. Elizabeth Szoke will be investigating issues regarding the feasibility of this idea. Items to consider were:
 - o Cost/benefit analysis on whether this would be worth it to the club.
 - o What is our liability if the machine gets damaged?
 - o What would the increase in electric costs be.
- There has been interest shown by members to try and organize available space in vehicles going up to Oshkosh this year to assist those with limited space.
- We are looking for a money making idea to replace Wings weekend this year. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Program

- This month's program was on radio antenna installation by Dave Raney.

Member Attendees

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| 1) Adams, Randy | 11) Hetico, Rolf | 21) Simpkin, Dick |
| 2) Charlton, Brian | 12) Hogan, Daccus | 22) Szoke, Elizabeth |
| 3) Conn, William | 13) Hogan, Tom | 23) Taylor, John |
| 4) Dombek, Bob | 14) Jones, Ken | 24) Theobald, George |

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| 5) Dornette, Mark | 15) Linfert, Tom | 25) Wilemski, John |
| 6) Fear, Barry | 16) McNamee, Tim | 26) Wise, John |
| 7) Forsythe, Kent | 17) Parker, Ray | 27) Wise, Tom |
| 8) Forsythe, Ron | 18) Raney, Dave | 28) |
| 9) Gassert, Kevin | 19) Seiter, Gene | 29) |
| 10) Gielegthem, Ron | 20) Shaw, Robin | 30) |

Chapter Newsletter Usage

We've taken some steps in the last few months to try and improve your chapter newsletter, both in form and in content. Although I think we've made some strides in this area, newsletter readership is at a low level (when we poll folks, about half indicate they've read the newsletter).

I'd like the newsletter to be a valuable resource to the chapter, and ideally one that you look forward to receiving and reading each month. As you may realize, it takes some time and effort to publish a newsletter each month, and that effort is only worthwhile if the chapter utilizes it. Otherwise we could simply publish the meeting minutes to satisfy our requirement to National and the bylaws. To put this in perspective, last month's newsletter was only opened 48 times. Even if those folks were unique chapter members (no duplicates) and read it cover to cover (possible, but probably not likely) the one time they opened it, it would only represent about 60% of the paid membership.

If you have any comments about the newsletter, positive or critical, please return them to me so we can make this a useful tool to the membership. webmaster@eaa974.com

Antenna Program

Dave Raney gave us a wonderful program on Antennas at the April meeting, where he did a compatibility test on the antennas on Ray's Dragonfly. Ray has recently bought a "new" radio (new as in, post-war vintage) and was looking to find out which of his antennas best matched this radio. He expected the white fiberglass job to be superior to the copper tape homemade antenna, but this proved not to be the case.

Dave is a great resource to the chapter with his knowledge of antennas, some very specialized equipment, and a great willingness to help out. I know that I learn something new every time he does one of these programs, and I look forward to getting him to help me test my antennas later in the summer.

Lycoming AD

CONNECTING ROD ISSUE PROMPTS 'AD' FOR 100 LYCOMINGS

The FAA has issued a new [airworthiness directive](#) (AD) for certain Lycoming 360 and 540 series reciprocating engines with ECi connecting rods (part number AEL11750) installed. The AD which becomes effective June 22, 2006, requires replacing certain lot and serial numbered connecting rods that have forging part number AEL11488. This AD also prohibits installing ECi AEL11750 connecting rods into any Lycoming 360 or 540 series reciprocating engines.

FAA says it issued the AD to "prevent fatigue failure of the connecting rod and a possible uncommanded shutdown of the engine." ECi produced the suspect connecting rods with lot numbers 1 thru 54 between January 2002 and January 2004. To examine the AD docket on the Internet, visit <http://dms.dot.gov> and search docket No. 21331.

Ride to Oshkosh?

Need a Ride to Oshkosh? Check out EAA's RideShare[NL]In early 2005, EAA launched RideShare, a new service that sought to pair those wanting to attend the annual EAA AirVenture Oshkosh flyin with those who had a spare seat available, airborne or ground-bound. Hundreds of people took advantage of listing their names and contact information, no doubt allowing scores to attend who otherwise would have stayed at home. The 2006 version of EAA's AirVenture's RideShare is now available on the EAA AirVenture 2006 website, <http://www.airventure.org> ([read more](#))

Upcoming Fly-ins

UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS:

Camp Springs, Maryland. The Joint Service Open House takes place May 20 and 21 at Andrews Air Force Base (ADW). Free to the public, this is the largest military display and airshow in the United States. Performers include the U.S. Navy Blue Angels, U.S. Army Golden Knights, Sean Tucker, Nancy Lynn, Red Bull MiG-17, Lima Lima Flight Team, and many more. Flybys by F-117 Night Hawk, B-1, B-52, AV-8B Harrier, F-22, and more. For more information, see the [Web site](#).

Lumberton, North Carolina. The Mid-Atlantic Sport Aviation Convention and Fly-in takes place May 18 through 21 at Lumberton Municipal (LBT). The third largest fly-in in the country, with a pilot-first attitude. Contact Steve Parker, 910/257-8452, or visit the [Web site](#).

Tallahassee, Florida. AirFest 2006 takes place May 20 and 21 at Tallahassee Regional (TLH). GA fly-in and aviation expo, sponsored by EAA Chapter 445. Warbirds, military, vintage, and new aircraft on display. Contact Ed Copes, 850/558-0606, or visit the [Web site](#).

Red Wing, Minnesota. A Wings of Freedom Airshow takes place May 26 through 28 at Red Wing Regional (RGK). Featuring World War II aircraft, military flybys, and aerobatics by Julie Clark and John Klatt. Contact Wings of Freedom Air Show, 651/455-6942 or 612/280-6614, or visit the [Web site](#).

Roswell, New Mexico. A Mountain Flying Clinic takes place May 26 through 28 at Roswell International Air Center (ROW). Includes a three-hour seminar on Friday evening, and three hours of flying in the mountains with a CFI on Saturday or Sunday. Qualifies for the FAA Wings program, sponsored by the New Mexico Pilots Association. Contact Dick Samuels, 505/336 2194, or visit the [Web site](#).

Llano, California. The 12th Annual World's Smallest Airshow takes place May 27 and 28 at Brian Ranch (CL13). This is a USUA signature event. There will be ultralight demonstrations and competitions, skydivers, radio-controlled airplanes, and more. Contact Felice Apodaca, 661/261-3216, or visit the [Web site](#).



★ UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS IN THE EASTERN REGION:

Batavia, Ohio. The Sporty's Fly-in/Open House takes place May 20 at Clermont County (I69) from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Sponsored by Sporty's and its FBO affiliate, Eastern Cincinnati Aviation. See exhibitors, aircraft, and serving free hotdogs. Contact Mark Wiesenbahn, 513/735-9100, ext. 338, or visit the [Web site](#).

Butler, Pennsylvania. A Cirrus Design Open House takes place May 20 at Norwood Memorial (OWD). Representatives from Cirrus will be on hand at Airquest Aviation to present the SR22.

Demonstration flights are available. Contact Regis de Ramel, 571/214-1022.

Reading, Pennsylvania. The Heading for Reading Fly-in takes place May 20 at Reading Regional/Carl A. Spaatz Field (RDG). Featuring FAA/Wings safety program from 10 a.m. until noon, free hotdogs and hamburgers from 12 to 1 p.m., and free shuttle buses to outlet shopping. Contact 610/372-4666, or visit the [Web site](#).

Davis, West Virginia. A Spring Fly-in/Drive-in takes place May 20 at Windwood Fly-In Resort (WV62). Live music on deck, car show and other activities. Contact Joe Beam, 304/755-9433, or visit the [Web site](#).

Lock Haven, Pennsylvania. A Pancake Breakfast Fly-in takes place May 21 at William T. Piper Memorial (LHV) from 8 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit Sentimental Journey Fly-In. The Piper Aviation Museum will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Contact Rusty or Carmen, 570/893-4200, or visit the [Web site](#).

Zelienople, Pennsylvania. An EAA Chapter 857 Fly-in Breakfast takes place May 21 at Zelienople Municipal (8G7) from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Also featuring Young Eagle flights, and aircraft displays. Contact Bob Santolla, 724/865-1165.

Osterburg, Pennsylvania. The Memorial Day Weekend Fly-in takes place May 26 through 29 at Ickes (1PS0). Ultralights, homebuilts, powered parachutes, trikes, and airplanes welcome. Free parking, admission, and camping. Contact Freedom Flyers, 814/276-3353, or visit the [Web site](#).

Zanesville, Ohio. An EAA Chapter 425 Pancake Breakfast takes place May 27 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. All you can eat pancakes and sausage, lunch items served after 11 a.m. Contact Chuck Bruckelmeyer, 740/454-7487.

New Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. A Pancake Breakfast and Aviation Awareness Day takes place May 28 at Harry Clever Field (PHD). Hosted by EAA Chapter 1077. Contact Alan Sickinger, 330/339-7213, or visit the [Web site](#).

Mount Pocono, Pennsylvania. An Aviation Day Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast takes place May 28 at Pocono Mountains Municipal (MPO). Sponsored by the Mt. Pocono Rotary Club. Contact Vern Moyer, 800/321-5890.

Wellsboro, Pennsylvania. A Fly-in Breakfast takes place May 28 at Wellsboro Johnston (N38) from 8 a.m. until noon. Join us at one of Pennsylvania's nicest local airports, near the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon. Contact Wes, 570/724-3746.

Batavia, Ohio. Sporty's holds a Hot Dog Fly-in every Saturday at Clermont County (I69). Free hot dogs from noon to 2 p.m. Contact Mike Lack, 513/735-9100 ext. 303.



★ UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION:

Columbia, Illinois. The AeroLeague Aviation Competition takes place May 20 at Sackman Field (H49). A full-day aviation competition with a \$250 cash prize. Open to all pilots and spectators. For contest details and entry package, contact Andrew Mueller, 314/779-7197, or see the [Web site](#).

Elkhart, Indiana. The Indiana Flight Center Aviation Expo 2006 takes place May 20 at Elkhart Municipal (EKM). Featuring speakers from the FAA, Gary Air Traffic Controllers, Cirrus Design, LifeLine pilots, as well as a large vendor presence. The FAA program will qualify for FAA Wings program credit. Contact Brandon Herzog, 765/409-2646, or see the [Web site](#).

Beloit, Wisconsin. An EAA Chapter 60 Spring Fling and Pancake Breakfast takes place May 20 at Beloit (44C) from 7 a.m. until noon. Adults, \$5/children under 11, \$3. Contact Ken Brooks, 815/985-0717.

Racine, Wisconsin. An EAA Chapter 838 Pancake Breakfast takes place May 20 and 21 at John H. Batten (RAC) from 7 a.m. until noon. Contact Bob Helland, 262/886-8577.

Waupaca, Wisconsin. Rock Your Wings takes place May 20 at Waupaca Municipal (PCZ).

Featuring live music, static displays, auto and motorcycle clubs, Young Eagle flights, and more. Contact Trevor Janz, 715/258-2800 ext, 4, or visit the [Web site](#).

Chicago/Romeoville, Illinois. An EAA Chapter 15 Fly-in Breakfast takes place May 21 from 7 a.m. until noon. Contact George Linkis, 630/243-8213.

Mount Morris, Illinois. An Fly-in Breakfast takes place May 21 at Ogle County (C55) from 7 a.m. until noon. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 682. Contact Glen Orr, 815/732-7268.

Chicago/Aurora, Illinois. A Young Eagles Rally takes place May 21 at Aurora Municipal (ARR) from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. EAA Chapter 579 will fly kids between the ages of 6 and 17. Walk up reservations are taken, and kids are flown on a first come, first served basis. Contact Richard Low, 630/330-4824.

Taylorville, Illinois. An EAA Chapter 1315 Pancake Breakfast takes place May 21 at Taylorville Municipal (TAZ) from 7 to 11 a.m. Contact Jim Stoddard, 217/226-4005, or see the [Web site](#).

Eastport, Michigan. A Dawn Patrol Breakfast takes place May 21 at Torchport (59M) from 7 to 11 a.m. Contact Duane Jorgensen, 231/599-3128.

Port Huron, Michigan. An EAA Chapter 979 Pancake Breakfast takes place May 21 at St. Clair County International (PHN) from 8 a.m. until noon. Contact Mike Woodley, 586/944-7101.

Solon Springs, Wisconsin. The Solon Airpark Grand Opening/Fly-in Barbeque takes place May 27 at Solon Springs Municipal (OLG). Grand Opening celebration for Northwestern Wisconsin's newest hangar home community. Contact Pete Aplikowski, 651/485-0055.

Lake City, Michigan. A Pancake Breakfast takes place May 28 at Home Acres Sky Ranch (Y91) from 7 to 11 a.m. Sponsored by local pilots. Rain or shine. Contact 248/524-2355 or 231/839-3307