

# EAA Chapter 974 Newsletter

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**Tom Graumlich, Chapter President**

Thanks to Ray Parker for his excellent presentation hands-on demonstration of brake maintenance during our October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. He certainly provided some super tips on inspection of brake systems as well as proper maintenance procedures. Thanks to Ray for a great presentation and for sharing his experience and expertise.

The November meeting will feature Chapter elections for the offices of Chapter Vice President, Secretary and a second Chapter Advisor. Ron Forsythe and Elizabeth Szoke are working up a list of Candidates and will notify the membership once they are finalized. If you are unable to attend please return your vote by email.

Our November technical presentation will be a presentation on aircraft weight and balance. We hope all attending will gain a better understanding on how to use the scale system owned by the Chapter.

I hope to see you then. Bring a Friend.

Tom Graumlich

### [Board Meeting Minutes](#)

**Kent Forsythe  
Chapter Secretary**

No report.

### [Meeting Minutes](#)

**Kent Forsythe  
Chapter Secretary**

Meeting was called to order on October 1, 2006. Location of the meeting was the EAA974 hanger at HAO. President Tom Graumlich presided over the meeting.

#### **Attendance**

- 29 club members (attendees found on last page)
- 6 Guests (Matt Stansbury, Dave Moore, Brad Payne, Paul Payne, Rick Swanson, Matt Swanson)

## Reports

- Secretaries Report
  - o Secretaries report accepted by the members
- Treasurers Report
  - o Treasurer's report accepted by the members
- Tech Counselors Reports
  - o Ray Parker is assisting Brian Charles who is working to get his plane light sport certified.
- Web Masters Report
  - o No report
- Young Eagles Report
  - o We have a request for 5 to 10 kids from a church group to be flown.
  - o A request was made for pilots and airplanes available on October 14<sup>th</sup>.
- Presidents Report
  - o Ray Parker will be giving a seminar on brake maintenance after the meeting.
  - o Next month we will have nominations for next years Vice President, Secretary, and one board member. Ron Forsythe and Elizabeth Szoke will be in charge of the nominations.
  - o Member can expect an email with suggestions for nominations.
- Hanger Master's Report
  - o The first aid kit has been stocked with some items.
  - o We are planning to insulate the North wall of the hanger on October 14<sup>th</sup> after the young eagles program is finished. Volunteers are needed.
  - o A motion was made and approved by the membership to authorize up to \$350 for purchase of materials to insulate the North wall of the hanger.
  - o Some additional chairs have been purchased for the club meetings.
- Project Reports
  - o Brett & Elizabeth's Velocity: Should be ready for taxi testing in a week or two. Currently looking for a test pilot.
  - o Bob Dombek's Tiger Moth: Has the lower wings rigged.
  - o Kent Forsythe's RV10: Both fuel tanks almost ready for sealing and riveting.

## Old Business

- None

## New Business

- We will be planning to have the annual Christmas party the second week in January. Elizabeth Szoke was informed that she is in charge of setting this up. J

## Program

- This month's program was a talk on brake maintenance and inspection by Ray Parker. Ray demonstrated how to remove rivets holding brake pads in place and re-rivet the new pad back on. Thanks Ray.

## Member Attendees

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|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Ankerstar, Brad | 11) Garon, Andy    | 21) Morris, Bill     |
| 2) Broge, Chuck    | 12) Gielegem, Ron  | 22) Parker, Ray      |
| 3) Burkhardt, Bob  | 13) Graumlich, Tom | 23) Raney, Dave      |
| 4) Charlton, Brian | 14) Hersha, Scott  | 24) Reagan, Dan      |
| 5) Combs, Josh     | 15) Hogan, Daccus  | 25) Shaw, Robin      |
| 6) Conn, William   | 16) Hogan, Fred    | 26) Simpkin, Dick    |
| 7) Dornette, Mark  | 17) Jones, Ken     | 27) Szoke, Elizabeth |
| 8) Fear, Barry     | 18) Less, Charles  | 28) Wilson, Charles  |
| 9) Ferrell, Brett  | 19) Mason, John    | 29) Wise, John       |
| 10) Forsythe, Kent | 20) McClary, Terry | 30)                  |

## Brake Maintenance Presentation

Ray presented a nice overview of small aircraft maintenance at the October chapter meeting. I apologize for not having pictures, I thought I took some on my fancy phone/camera/PDA thingie, but apparently I didn't. Now we know why Bob's the official chapter photographer. Anyway, Ray talked about how to clean up your gently-used brakes and keep them from sticking, replacing pads, and how to properly break in your brakes, etc. This is much appreciated, as I'll be hoping to test my brakes out very soon! Thanks Ray!

## New York Accident

### **NEW YORK CITY ACCIDENT UNDER INVESTIGATION**

Wednesday afternoon's airplane accident that claimed the life of New York Yankees pitcher Cory Lidle is an "unmistakable tragedy for everyone involved" according to EAA's president, but is not an event that should change the way people safely fly in and around our nation's major cities. "There have been calls by some politicians and media outlets for bans of general aviation in and around metropolitan areas," said EAA President Tom Poberezny. "This, however, makes no more sense than banning cars and trucks from roads after an automobile or semi-trailer accident."

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## Air Force Scraps Firefly

### **AIR FORCE SCRAPS 100 FIREFLY TRAINERS**

Why did the Air Force scrap more than 100 T3A Slingsby Firefly trainers last month that were used to screen pilot candidates from 1994 to 1997? It is hard for pilots to understand why any airplane is allowed to sit unused for nine years and then be ground up for scrap. The fleet, based at Hondo, Texas, and at the U.S. Air Force Academy, cost a total of \$57 million in acquisition costs, including \$32 million actually spent on the aircraft. The fleet was grounded following three fatal accidents at the academy, killing three cadets and three instructors. An Air Force spokesman said the aircraft sat gathering rust for five years while litigation over the fatal accidents played out. Then it was determined that refurbishment would cost \$100,000 each, but the resale price was estimated to be \$40,000 to \$50,000 each. A scrap metal company was allowed to recover the metal from the wing spars, engines, and landing gear for free, but there wasn't time to recover the carbon fiber and it was thrown away. An official of the scrap metal company said new technologies can recover useful materials from carbon fiber, but the Air Force wanted quick action on the aircraft.

## Upcoming Flying Destinations



### ★ UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS IN THE EASTERN REGION:

**Delaware, OH.** An OSU vs. Michigan State Tailwheel Party takes place October 14 at Delaware Municipal (DLZ) from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. New aircraft on display, tours of new hangars and aviation club, free food and drink. Contact Rick Briggs, 330/633-0002 or 330/352-4968.

**Allentown, PA.** A Kiwanis Fly-In Breakfast takes place October 14 at Allentown Queen City Municipal (1N9) from 8 to 11:30 a.m. Classic and Antique aircraft and cars on display. Rain date October 15. Contact Tom, 610/791-5193.



### ★ UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS IN THE GREAT LAKES REGION:

**Oshkosh, WI.** The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Banquet takes place October 14 at Witman Regional (OSH). Join us as we celebrate the induction of six Wisconsin aviators and congratulate our scholarship recipients. Social hour and silent auction at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m., ceremony begins at 7 p.m. Contact Rose Dorcey, 715/421-0055, or visit the [Web site](#).

**Poplar Grove, IL.** A Fly-In Breakfast takes place October 15 at Poplar Grove (C77) from 7 to 11 a.m. Sponsored by EAA Chapter 1414 and the Vintage Wings and Wheels Museum. The Museum will be open for tours (\$2 charge). Contact Steve Langdon, 815/670-4604.

**Taylorville, IL.** An EAA Chapter 1315 Breakfast takes place October 15 from 7 to 11 a.m. Contact Jim Stoddard, 217/226-4005, or see the [Web site](#).

**Mount Vernon, IL.** The Tenth Annual Little Egypt Fly-In and Veterans Reunion takes place October 21 at Mount Vernon (MVN). This event introduces youth to aviation and allows veterans an opportunity to share their stories. Contact Chris Collins, 618/242-7016, or visit the [Web site](#).

**Columbia, IL.** An Airport Open House takes place October 22 at Sackman Field (H49) from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Featuring antique airplanes and motorcycles. Rain date October 29. Contact Don Karr, 314/803-6923.