

EAA Chapter 974 Newsletter

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Tom Graumlich, Chapter President

Thanks to Steve Statkus for stepping in on short notice and providing the Technical Session of Safety Wiring at our December meeting. Also thanks to Elizabeth for the chili and to all the other folks who brought in goodies for the meeting. We certainly were well provisioned for the last meeting of the year.

Is it really December? Am I really writing my final Prez Sez for the year and my term as Chapter President? Wow! It really went by quickly. It has been very gratifying to see our membership continued growth to over 90 members.

I hoped at the start of year that we would provide some meaningful sharing of our members' technical experience, continue to introduce aviation to young people through the Young Eagles and provide an enjoyable experience to our members. I believe we accomplished that via your participation in our Chapter. Let me offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to all who helped in this year's programs and activities. It would not have been possible without you joining in and sharing your time, technical questions and experience and willing participation.

I look forward to this next year and believe we will continue to grow and prosper as a Chapter.

For our January Banquet, Elizabeth has been working hard on giving us a super banquet site and speaker. This looks to be a great experience for all so please come and join us on Saturday, January 20th at Dave & Busters.

Come and enjoy.

Best Regards,
Tom Graumlich

[Board Meeting Minutes](#)

Kent Forsythe
Chapter Secretary

No report.

Meeting was called to order on December 3, 2006. Location of the meeting was the EAA974 hanger at HAO. President Tom Graumllich presided over the meeting.

Attendance

- 34 club members (attendees found on last page, 2 are new members from last meeting)
- 1 Guests (Paul Payne)

Reports

- Secretaries Report
 - o Secretaries report accepted by the members
- Treasurers Report
 - o Approval from membership to pay deposit for January Christmas party.
 - o Treasurer’s report accepted by the members
- Tech Counselors Reports
 - o Ray Parker looked at an RV (owner and location unknown).
- Web Masters Report
 - o No report
- Hanger Master’s Report
 - o Swasey Lock tool available for sign-out.
 - o The Cook brothers currently have the chapter scales.
- Young Eagles Report
 - o Note to members. If you fly a young eagles flight on your own, you ARE covered by our insurance.
- Presidents Report
 - o The holiday party will take place on Saturday Jan. 20th at Dave and Busters. Detailed information will be send to all members.
- Project Reports
 - o None

Old Business

- Barry Fear has a Team Minimax project for sale in his hanger. The price is \$2800.
- Ed Miller (a friend of Bob Dombek) is moving to Cincinnati and is looking for some shop space.

New Business

- None
 - o The amendment passed.

Program

This month’s program was a talk on safety wiring by Steve Statkus and Ray Parker.

Member Attendees

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| 1) Adams, Randy | 11) Duffy, Bill | 21) Hogan, Tom |
| 2) Ankerstar, Brad | 12) Fear, Barry | 22) Jones, Ken |
| 3) Brainard, Jerry | 13) Ferrell, Brett | 23) McClary, Terry |
| 4) Brainard, Linda | 14) Forsythe, Kent | 24) Moore, David |
| 5) Burkhardt, Bob | 15) Forsythe, Ron | 25) Parker, Ray |
| 6) Combs, Josh | 16) Gassert, Kevin | 26) Payne, Brad |
| 7) Conn, William | 17) Gielegthem, Ron | 27) Rodebush, Rex |
| 8) Corder, Charlie | 18) Graumllich, Tom | 28) Rose, Roger |
| 9) Deeb George | 19) Herzner, Fred | 29) Sandor, Bob |
| 10) Dombek, Bob | 20) Hetico, Rolf | 30) Schwinn, Ed |

31) Statkus, Steve
32) Szoke, Elizabeth

33) Wilemski, John
34) Wilson, Charles

35) Wise, Tom

Christmas Party / Awards Presentation

Please join us for our annual **EAA974 Annual Banquet**, at Dave and Buster's in Tri-County on January 20th. Our featured speaker will be USAF Col. John Kusnierek ASC/YFP, the Production Manager for the F-22 Raptor. Cost for 974 members and spouses is \$20, with children's tickets costing \$10. Non-members can also join us for \$30, so tell a buddy and bring a friend.



Cocktails and appetizers will be at 5:00 (cash bar), and dinner will be served at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be buffet, with the following choices: Italian rosemary chicken, House or Caesar salad, Linguini Alfredo and cavatappi pasta with marinara, Four Cheese pizza bites with basil pesto, garden vegetable medley, fresh baked rolls with butter. Desert will be served after dinner, and there will be door prizes from Sporty's, Pearl's and more.

In addition to our speaker, there will be an awards presentation, our annual gift exchange (participation optional, details below), and Bob Dombek will be preparing a brief slideshow of the Chapter's Year-in-Review.

If you would like to purchase a game card, they will be available \$24 (for 150 game credits) each on the day of the event. This is a 10% discount from the normal pricing, and the cards are good for a year. These are great for the kids, and there are plenty of games for adults as well. Not only are their video games, but billiards and shuffleboard as well. You can check out the games by click [D&B Games](#).

The gift exchange is optional, if you want to participate please bring a wrapped gift (~ \$10 in value or a white elephant) to exchange, labeled as appropriate (for male, female, child, or any). Each member gets to choose 1 gift, and there will be the usual "gift swapping" period.

Directions

[Dave & Busters](#)

[F-22 Website](#)



Safety Wiring Presentation

Ray Parker and Steve Statkus presented a nice overview of safety wiring practices at the December chapter meeting. They recommended getting a copy of the FAA's AC43.13, "Acceptable Methods, Techniques, and Practices". You can find a copy online, for free, [here](#).

They covered how to use safety wire pliers, and proper technique, including how position the wire to pass through multiple bolts, such as on the propeller - and that it is generally preferable to only do two at a time, rather than trying to string 3 or more bolts together. The most important point, though, was to make absolutely sure that the wire tension tends to TIGHTEN the bolt. Please check out the AC43.13 above or talk to one of our technical counselors if you need to do some safety wiring and have any questions.



Standing Room Only for a cold day!



Tom surveys the room before beginning his Presidential Finale



Tom determines the Brainards are hogging the torpedo heater



Members practice proper technique



Steve displays disdain for the middle bolt



Oops.... Did anybody catch that?



Nice that's nice workmanship



Technical sessions allow for personalized instruction



The newly organized Library - Thanks Andy!



Andy Garon at the thankless task of filing the library's assets

WHAT'S THE FAA'S USER FEE PROPOSAL?

"The new [FAA] funding system does not have to entail broad user fees," FAA Administrator Marion Blakey said at AOPA Expo in early November. But she doesn't know yet what the new funding system will look like. What the FAA would like to send to Congress would be, "the most radical shift in funding government programs since the Sixteenth Amendment and the implementation of the permanent income tax in 1913," said AOPA President Phil Boyer. Blakey may not support "broad user fees," but there are plenty of narrow ones in the FAA proposal that has been leaked to numerous sources. User fees for the airlines to access most airports and the en route air traffic control system. User fees for general aviation to use the larger hub airports. Increased user fees to issue a pilot certificate, a medical certificate, and to register an aircraft. A huge increase in the general aviation gasoline tax. It's pretty ugly, but it is just a proposal. As Boyer explained during AOPA Expo, the FAA funding proposal (technically known as FAA reauthorization) first is vetted, edited, massaged, and changed by the Department of Transportation, which has different priorities than the FAA. That's going on right now. Then the White House Office of Management and Budget (OMB) tears into it, bringing a different set of priorities and political concerns. White House senior staff (including, perhaps, the most senior of the seniors) will tweak or change the proposal yet again to reflect their agendas. After that, the administration's proposed FAA reauthorization bill will be sent to Congress. Congress could accept it, change it, or write one of their own. All of this is supposed to happen before September 30, when the current reauthorization bill expires. See [AOPA Online](#).

Photo Roster Update

Thanks to Bob Dombek, I continue to update the [Chapter Photo Roster](#). If you have not gotten your picture taken, please take a moment at the next meeting you can attend to do this. It makes it so much easier for folks to put faces to names, and builds esprit-de-corps. Note that to see the online photo roster, you will need to have registered for a login. You can do this online by simply clicking on the photo roster link, and select "register" to self-register.