

# EAA Chapter 974 Newsletter

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### The Prez Says

Elizabeth Szoke, Chapter President

I know most of you consider "flying season" to be over but remember how wonderfully the wings fly in cold, dry air. And let's not forget how cool the Christmas lights look from the air at night. Just a thought.

Brett continues to add functionality to the website so take a gander.

I want to congratulate and THANK the new officers and appointees for their upcoming service. May it be as rewarding as it has been for me.

Vice President: Ed Schwinn  
Treasurer: John Wilemski  
Hanger Master: John Statt  
Publicity Officer: Elizabeth Szoke  
Event Coordinator: Tom Hogan  
Program Coordinator: Tom Graumlich

Happy Thanksgiving and may you have many blessings for which to be thankful.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth

### Board Meeting Minutes

Kent Forsythe  
Chapter Secretary

No report

## Meeting Minutes

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Chapter Secretary

Meeting was called to order on November 4, 2007. Location of the meeting was the EAA974 hanger at HAO. President Elizabeth Szoke presided over the meeting.

### Attendance

- 27 Club members (attendees found on last page)
- 2 Guests
  - o Bill Simpson
  - o Walt Hoye

### Reports

- Secretary's Report
  - o None
- Treasurer's Report
  - o Treasurers report accepted.
- Tech Counselors' Reports
  - o Ray – Help Greg get his plane into LSA
- Young Eagles Report
  - o Had program last week
    - § Flew 17 college teaching students.
    - § Flew 8 scouts and 4 parents
  - o Have another group (Royal Rangers)
    - § Can fly experimental
    - § Will have up to 16 kids.
    - § Next Saturday (11/10 9:00 am)
    - § Bad weather day (11/17)
    - § May need to have replacement for Bob on this event.
  - o Mark (FAA inspector) would like to have his grandkids fly under our young eagles program.
- Hanger Master's Report
  - o No water came in like before. Looks like the fix is working.
- Web Masters Report
  - o New website is up.
  - o Looking for more ideas and feedback.
  - o Logging in gives a lot more capability. Members can add events on their own.
  - o New capability to show member project pictures. Send those pictures to Brett and he'll get those on the website.
- Librarian's Report
  - o None
- Chapter Historian's Report
  - o None
- Presidents Report
  - o None
- Project Reports
  - o None

### Announcements

- Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> through the 27<sup>th</sup> of 2008 at Moraine Airpark they will be hosting the Cessna Vintage Association. Arrivals begin on Wednesday evening and event begins on Thursday. Banquet is on Saturday evening.
- A group of guys in Middletown organizing an airshow for next year. They're having a meeting on 11/5 to go over information. Tim Ganner is one of the guys organizing. Planning to have the show in September of 2008. We may be interested it running a "food" event at the show.
- Bob Burkhardt soloed.

### Old Business

- Funday Sunday trophy still at Chapter 174.

We got the sign out front of the airport (on the sign post) for \$25 instead of \$35.

## New Business

- o Elizabeth was asked a question about the hanger policy. The hanger policy has a hole in it though.
  - o There is not a time limit on how long a plane can use the club hanger.
  - o There are 2 people currently on waiting list. Only one may be for the main area.
  - o Kevin Gassert suggested a year time limit if there is someone on the list. Tom Graumlich agrees with the year.
  - o Rolf spoke about what went into the original policy. He's not aware of any of these issues being considered when the policy was put into place.
  - o Currently the hanger policy states that projects get priority over planes not being worked on.
  - o This discussion will be tabled until December meeting. We'd like to have a committee to investigate the issue. This committee will consist of the following members. They will come to the membership with a recommendation regarding the policy.
    - § Tom Graumlich
    - § Kevin Gassert
    - § Steve Stakus
    - § Ray Parker
    - § Rolf Hético
    - § John Statt

## Elections

- o Elections were held at the November meeting. The following positions were filled:
  - § Vice President
    - Candidates
      - o Ed Schwinn
    - Winner
      - o **Ed Schwinn**
  - § Treasurer
    - Candidates
      - o John Wilemski
    - Winner
      - o **John Wilemski**
  - § Hanger Master
    - Candidates
      - o Jerry Brainard
      - o John Statt
      - o Roger Rose
      - o Dave Raney
      - o Kevin Gassert
      - o Brian Charlton
    - Winner
      - o **John Statt**
  - § Publicity Officer
    - Candidates
      - o Elizabeth Szoke
      - o Brett Ferrell
    - Winner
      - o **Elizabeth Szoke**
  - § Event Coordinator
    - Candidates
      - o Bob Burkhardt
      - o Tom Hogan
      - o Charlie Corder
      - o Dave Raney
      - o Doug Hurd
      - o Ken Jones
    - Winner
      - o **Tom Hogan**
  - § Program Coordinator
    - Candidates
      - o Dave Raney

- o Ray Parker
- o Ken Jones
- o Tom Graulich
- Winner
  - o **Tom Graulich**

## Program

- Wright Flyer – Walt Hoyer (Chapter 610)
  - o If anyone needs plastics, Walt has a plastics (lexan) company.
  - o Need to get plane flying by May 1.
  - o It's a Wright "B" Flyer.

Looking for volunteers to build different pieces. Plan is to create sub-kits of different modules and hand those out to people to build on their own. These pieces would then come together for assembly.

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|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Balph, Arthur   | 11) Forsythe, Kent | 21) Schwinn, Ed      |
| 2) Brainard, Linda | 12) Garon, Andy    | 22) Statkus, Steve   |
| 3) Broge, Chuck    | 13) Gassert, Kevin | 23) Statt, John      |
| 4) Burkhardt, Bob  | 14) Graulich, Tom  | 24) Szoke, Carolyn   |
| 5) Charlton, Brian | 15) Hetico, Rolf   | 25) Szoke, Elizabeth |
| 6) Conn, William   | 16) Hogan, Tom     | 26) Wilemski, John   |
| 7) Corder, Charlie | 17) Hurd, Doug     | 27) Wyss, Mark       |
| 8) Dombek, Bob     | 18) Parker, Ray    | 28)                  |
| 9) Ferrell, Brett  | 19) Raney, Dave    | 29)                  |
| 10) Forsythe, Ron  | 20) Reagan, Dan    | 30)                  |
| 31)                | 33)                |                      |
| 32)                |                    |                      |

## November Meeting - Elections & Wright B Flyer

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The October meeting topic was on Tube and Rag construction, and was put on by the Hogans. Fred did a really nice job of explaining how fabric and dope systems are selected, cut, stitched, and stretched onto the various portions of aircraft. Their cabin Waco project provided the perfect demonstration space, as the wings have just been covered and will begin the doping process soon, and the "sock" for the fuselage was on hand for inspection.

**Click on a picture to get a larger view.**



**The Chapter and Our Projects**



**Now Just the Planes!**



**The gang meets for the standard Saturday brunch**



**A huge crowd was in order**



**the stalwarts**



**The Wright Flyer Museum is building a replica**



**And could use some help building... this...**



**After the elections, there was much rejoicing!**



**A crisp Young Eagles morning**



**And a good crowd shows up to fly**



**A Helicycle comes to play!**



## Flight Training Exemption Expires

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### END OF AN ERA: EXEMPTION 7162 EXPIRES



Midnight on October 31, 2007, signaled the end of an era as EAA's exemption No. 7162 officially expired. That exemption allowed owners of experimental aircraft to be compensated for renting their aircraft to others who sought experimental aircraft-specific flight training and flight reviews. Its goal was to reduce the number of fatal experimental aircraft accidents, especially during the initial test flight period of an amateur-built aircraft and during the initial 10 flight hours after buying an experimental aircraft. By that measure, Exemption 7162 was an unqualified success as it contributed to a

dramatic reduction in fatal experimental aircraft accidents - from 340 in fiscal year 2000 to 49 in fiscal year 2006. [Read more](#)

## [Airmotive discontinues Float Carburetors](#)

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Precision Airmotive LLC has discontinued sales of all float carburetors and component parts as of November 1, 2007. This unfortunate situation is a result of our inability to obtain products liability insurance for the product line. Precision Airmotive LLC and its 43 employees currently manufacture and support the float carburetors used in nearly all carbureted general aviation aircraft flying today. Precision has been the manufacturer of these carburetors since 1990. These FAA-approved carburetors were designed as early as the 1930's and continue to fly over a million flight hours a year. After decades of service, the reliability of these carburetors speaks for itself.

Nonetheless, Precision has seen its liability insurance premiums rise dramatically, to the point that the premium now exceeds the total sales dollars for this entire product line. In the past, we have absorbed that cost, with the hope that the aviation industry as a whole would be able to help address this issue faced by Precision Airmotive, as well as many other small aviation companies. Our efforts have been unsuccessful.

This year, despite the decades of reliable service and despite the design approval by the FAA, Precision Airmotive has been unable to obtain products liability insurance for the carburetor product line. While we firmly believe that the product is safe, as does the FAA, and well supported by dedicated people both at Precision and at our independent product support centers, unfortunately the litigation costs for defending the carburetor in court are unsustainable for a small business such as Precision.

Therefore, as of November 1, 2007, Precision Airmotive LLC has been left with no choice but to cease production and support of its float carburetor product line.

We are working with the engine manufacturers and others in the industry in an attempt to minimize the impact on general aviation and to provide future support for this product line. There is a substantial quantity of parts and carburetors stocked at our distributors which should be sufficient to support the industry for a short time.

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### [VIEW TIMELESS VOICES INTERVIEW OF GEN. PAUL TIBBETS](#)



General Paul Tibbets, who passed away [last week](#), is featured in an EAA Timeless Voices interview now available on the EAA website. This 2004 interview covers Gen. Tibbets' first experiences with aviation and how he joined the military.

See the video at [www.eaa.org/news/2007/2007-11-01\\_tibbets.asp](http://www.eaa.org/news/2007/2007-11-01_tibbets.asp). **A-2 AUTHENTIC FLIGHT JACKET**

## EAA'S 2008 SWEEPSTAKES FEATURES TWO NEW AIRCRAFT

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For the first time, there are two new aircraft that top the list of prizes in EAA's annual sweepstakes, which officially opened November 1 and ends August 3, 2008, the final day of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. This year's grand prize is a new Cirrus SR20, valued at \$220,000, which is fully IFR-certified with a multi-function flat-panel display and the Cirrus Airframe

Parachute System (CAPS). Also being awarded this year is a RotorWay A600 Talon helicopter kit, valued at \$90,000, along with a \$20,000 RotorWay educational credit at RotorWay's new flight training facility. [Read more](#)

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### UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS:

**Monroe, NC.** A Veterans Day Celebration takes place Nov. 10 and 11 at Monroe Regional (EQY). Contact Bob Russell, 704/491-6127.

**Las Vegas, NV.** A Nellis Air Force Base Annual Airshow takes place Nov. 10 and 11 at Nellis Air Force Base (LSV). Contact Bob Jones, 702/652-5541, or visit the [Web site](#).

**Palm Springs, CA.** An Eleventh Anniversary of Palm Springs Air Museum and Veteran's Day Celebration take place Nov. 10 at Palm Springs Air Museum. Contact Sheilah Reed, 760/778-6262 ext. 235.

**Lakeland, FL.** The Florida Air Museum at Sun 'n Fun presents "Aviation Adventures: Past, Present and Future Charlie Brown" on Nov. 16. Reception is at 6 p.m. and the lecture is at 7 p.m. Contact Gail Taylor, 863/644-2431, or visit the [Web site](#).

**San Diego, CA.** "International Flying: Have Fun and Fly Safe in Mexico," a seminar presented by Stephen Blythe takes place Nov. 15 at Montgomery Field (MYF). Contact Janet Lapp, 619/672-2417.



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

**Batavia, OH.** A Sporty's Hot Dog Fly-In takes place every Saturday at Clermont County (I69). Free hot dogs every Saturday from noon until 2 p.m. Contact Jason Pruitt, 513/735-9500.

**Lancaster, PA.** A Fly Here, Stay Here, Play Here Promotion takes place Oct. 28 through Nov. 11 at Lancaster (LNS). Contact Joyce Opp, 717/569-1221. For more information visit their [web site](#).



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

**Batavia, OH.** A Sporty's Hot Dog Fly-In takes place every Saturday at Clermont County (I69). Free hot dogs every Saturday from noon until 2 p.m. Contact Jason Pruitt, 513/735-9500.

**Stevens Point, WI.** A free safety seminar covering Class B airspace takes place Nov. 10 at Stevens Point Municipal (STE). Contact Wanda Zuege, 715/252-3326.

To [submit an event](#) to the calendar or to [search all events](#) visit AOPA Online. For airport details, including FBO fuel prices, see [AOPA's Airport Directory Online](#).

### FLIGHT INSTRUCTOR REFRESHER CLINICS

The next AOPA Air Safety Foundation Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic is scheduled in Atlanta, Nov. 17 and 18. Clinics are also scheduled in Orlando, Fla., and Austin, Texas, Dec. 8 and 9. For a complete schedule, see [AOPA Online](#). Can't make it in person? Sign up for the [CFI Refresher Online](#).

### AOPA AIR SAFETY FOUNDATION SAFETY SEMINARS

AOPA Air Safety Foundation Safety Seminars are scheduled in Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 12; Tampa, Fla., Nov. 13; West Palm Beach, Fla., Nov. 14; and Orlando, Fla., Nov. 15. The topic is "Regulations: What every pilot should know." A seminar is also scheduled in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., Nov. 10. The topic is "Say it Right! Radio Comm in Today's Airspace." For details and a complete schedule, see [AOPA](#)

