

# EAA Chapter 974 Newsletter

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### The Prez Says

Elizabeth Szoke, Chapter President

Hey everybody, this is my last Prez Says, and I'm late again! Fortunately I get special dispensation from the Newsletter Editor... Anyway, I wanted to say that it's been my honor to serve as your president this year, and that I really appreciate everybody's support. It's been a big year for Brett and I as well, with the Velocity taking her maiden flight, so 2007 will always hold very special flying memories for me.

I'd like to thank Tom in particular for helping me understand the job, and Kent for always letting me know where in the agenda I should be, and to all of the folks that took the time to prepare and give a presentation - this is what we are really about, and is the reason people show up month-after-month. I'll also put in a plug for the upcoming Christmas party, which Linda is leading the arrangements for, and ask if there are folks who have input or would like to help to get in touch with her. As many of you may know, the Brainards are dealing with an illness in the family, and I know she could use (and would really appreciate the help).

Lastly, I'd like to just recap my work on getting the Tax Exempt Status (501(c)(3)) for the Chapter. As mentioned in the December meeting, we have been looking into this as a chapter for a few years, but just never worked though all of the required paper. Getting tax exempt status has many advantages for the chapter, and very few downsides, and I hope to hear from the IRS soon regarding our application. Basically having this status will make gifts to the chapter (by individuals or companies) charitable (and thus able to be taken off of your year-end tax obligation). Also,

anything we buy (like pop for RC Food Both) will be tax free, simply take a copy of Employer Identification Number (EIN) with you, and the cashier will deduct the usual taxes. I hopeful that we will only have to file a return every three years, but worse case is yearly, and I will make sure we get the proper forms are filed, write procedures, insure that John, our new treasurer, is familiar with the process, and put together a summary of the benefits and how it applies to our members for the website.

Thanks again for everything you guys do for the chapter, and let's look forward to a great year with Linda and Ed!

Happy Holiday Flying!

Elizabeth

## Board Meeting Minutes

Kent Forsythe  
Chapter Secretary

No report

## Meeting Minutes

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Chapter Secretary

Meeting was called to order on December 2, 2007. Location of the meeting was the EAA974 hanger at HAO. President Elizabeth Szoke presided over the meeting.

### Attendance

- 30 Club members (attendees found on last page)
- No Guests

### Reports

- Secretary's Report
  - o None
- Treasurer's Report
  - o Treasurer's report accepted.
  - o Sign-up for EAA Calendars. \$10 per calendar.
  - o Have name badges for people that ordered.
- Tech Counselors' Reports
  - o Ray Parker – Helped Brad install a magneto on his engine.
  - o Mark Taylor - None
- Young Eagles Report
  - o Ron Gielegthem proposes for 2008 that we have one Saturday per month (the Saturday of the club meeting weekend) be a Young Eagles day.
  - o Post it on website. We would have a certain number of slots. Once full they would need to go to next month.
  - o Got email from school in Middletown. Would like to have a Young Eagles day in January.
    - § We would like to move it to a later month.
    - § Bob Burkhardt will talk to her about moving it back.
- Hanger Master's Report
  - o None
- Web Masters Report
  - o New website has been up for a while.
  - o Let Brett know if you're having any issues.
  - o Brett will make only the first Saturday in each month available for signup on the website.
- Librarian's Report

- o None
- Chapter Historian's Report
  - o Get with Bob if you have not had your picture taken for the website.
- Presidents Report
  - o Paperwork to become non-profit organization (like we've been in the past)
    - § 501c documentation (tax exempt status) is complete and ready to be sent in.
    - § We will be setup as a charitable foundation; non-profit organization
    - § We may have to do a 990 (personal property tax) report annually.
    - § Members and companies could then donate items/cash and be able to write it off on their taxes.
    - § Membership voted to send the paperwork and check for \$300 in to file for 501c status.
- Project Reports
  - o Mark Taylor finished his workshop.
    - § Back to working on the airplane.
    - § Volunteered to have the February meeting at his new workshop.
  - o Tom Hogan is looking for people to cover wings for the Wright "B" Flyer. Taking names for assistants. The work will be done in the club hanger.
    - § Timing: January & February
  - o Jerry and Linda Brainard closed the first tank on their velocity.
  - o Bob Dombek ran the engine for his Tiger Moth
  - o John Wilemsky is taking delivery of a Superior 360 engine in January for his Cozy.

## Announcements

- 3' x 6' workbench available for free. (Jerry Brainard will take it and give it to Kevin Gassert)
- Brian Charlton is selling two headsets and an handheld radio for \$250.

## Old Business

- From Last Meeting
  - o Hanger Policy
    - § Tabled until Feb Meeting when Rolf can attend.

## New Business

- Barry suggested we purchase 12 new chairs to buy new padded chairs.
  - o Maximum of \$350
  - o Voted and approved.
- Dues of \$20 are due.

## Program

- Initial flight certification process.

## Attendance

- |                    |                    |                      |
|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1) Ankerstar, Brad | 11) Gielegem, Ron  | 21) Raney, Dave      |
| 2) Burkhardt, Bob  | 12) Graumlich, Tom | 22) Schwinn, Ed      |
| 3) Conn, William   | 13) Hoffman, Matt  | 23) Simpkin, Dick    |
| 4) Corder, Charlie | 14) Hogan, Tom     | 24) Statkus, Steve   |
| 5) Dombek, Bob     | 15) Jones, Ken     | 25) Szoke, Elizabeth |
| 6) Fear, Barry     | 16) Kurtz, Paul    | 26) Taylor, Mark     |
| 7) Ferrell, Brett  | 17) McClary, Terry | 27) Wilemski, John   |
| 8) Forsythe, Ron   | 18) Parker, Ray    | 28) Wilson, Charles  |
| 9) Forsythe, Kent  | 19) Payne, Brad    | 29) Wood, Mike       |
| 10) Gassert, Kevin | 20) Payne, Paul    | 30) Wyss, Mark       |

## December Chapter Meeting

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The December meeting was dedicated to our Christmas Party preplanning, and a brief talk by Elizabeth on getting the Airworthiness Certificate issued on our Velocity.



Good Turnout for December



Most folks wanted some more of the softer (and warmer) cushy chairs

## AOPA Renews Call for UAV Rules

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Pilot attention is focused again on the issue of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) after news reports of a test by the Houston Police Department. "We keep pushing the FAA to develop regulations to ensure that UAVs are flown safely in airspace shared with general aviation," said Andy Cebula, AOPA executive vice president of government affairs. "Pilot reaction to this latest drone test should be a wake-up call that the time to act is now." Numerous public safety agencies have been experimenting with small (under 35 pounds) remotely controlled aircraft to provide aerial surveillance of crime or disaster scenes. Read more on [AOPA Online](#).



## Web Tip of the Month

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This is the first installment of a new feature, the Web Tip of the Month (WTOM). I will present topics that I hope are of interest to folks, to help you get more value out of the website, so please let me know if there are features that you would like, or if there is something that you don't understand.

This month I'll try to make sure folks know that they can create their own logins to the members-only section of the site (in case you haven't already), and why you might want to. First off, anybody can create a member login using your name, as long as you show up on the chapter roster as being a paid member. Simply click on "Login" in the upper-righthand corner, or "Members only" on the lefthand

Navigation bar, and the login screen appears.

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(BAC) - Butler County Regional Airport, Hamilton, OH 45015 [85](#) [1280](#) [97470](#) [LOGOUT](#)

Once you select to login, you see this page, where you can select the "register" link.



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## Welcome to the EAA Chapter 974 Members Website Area

You are not currently logged in.

Username:

Password:

If you have not yet created a chapter login and need to register, [click here](#).

Once you've clicked this link you'll see the "Create/Register" form below.

## Welcome to the EAA Chapter 974 Members Website Area

**PLEASE SELECT YOUR LOGIN INFORMATION BELOW REGISTER.**

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REPEAT PASSWORD:

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

ROSTER NAME \*

*Roster name must be the name of a current/valid EAA974 Chapter member on the you information is not found, please send a note to the [Webmaster](#) to have your ac*

You simply supply a Username and Password, and use it from then on to login. Once you login, you have access to the following features:

1. View the Photo Roster
2. Query the Chapter Database for phone numbers or email addresses
3. View Chapter Documents like Hangar Policy, By-Laws, etc.
4. Update your own ROSTER data, like address, phone number, email address (all of your chapter emails are sent to *this* address)
5. Add events to the Chapter online calendar (this automatically adds the event to the displayed calendar on the lower lefthand corner and the scrolling marquee)
6. Post a classified add

## [Cessna Wins Columbia Bid](#)

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[Cessna Aircraft](#) will acquire the assets of [Columbia Aircraft](#) of Bend, Ore., following a successful bid for the firm in U.S. bankruptcy court on Nov. 27. Cessna says it wants to "broaden its single-engine product portfolio." Cessna's winning bid was \$26.4 million, but the transaction will not be completed until Dec. 4. Cessna officials said Columbia will take on the Cessna name, and the dual-turbocharged 310-horsepower Columbia 400 will become the Cessna 400, while the normally aspirated 310-hp Columbia 350 will be renamed the Cessna 350. Both use the Continental 550 engine. Read more on [AOPA Online](#).

## [Cessna 162 Skycatcher to be Built Abroad](#)

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### **SKYCATCHER TO BE BUILT OVERSEAS**

Cessna Aircraft has signed a deal to build its light sport [Cessna 162 SkyCatcher](#) at [Shenyang Aircraft Corp.](#) in Shenyang, China. The 56-year-old commercial and military fighter aircraft company has 16,000 employees. The company, located some 500 miles northeast of Beijing, will assemble the SkyCatcher while Cessna will design it, assure it meets the light sport aircraft standards of the American Society for Testing and Materials, and provide on-site personnel to oversee manufacturing, quality assurance, and technical design. Read more on [AOPA Online](#).



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▪ Peggy V. Fossett, wife of world record-setting pilot and adventurer Steve Fossett, has petitioned the Cook County Circuit Court to declare him legally deceased after exhaustive searches of the rugged Sierra Nevada mountains proved unsuccessful following his disappearance in early September. Fossett, a longtime EAA member who set several unique aviation records over the past 15 years, vanished Labor Day (September 3) while on a pleasure flight in a Super Decathlon. His flight departed that morning from Baron Hilton's Flying M Ranch in Nevada. [Read more](#)

## [MidField Crosswind \(from AOPA ePilot\)](#)

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The Nov. 16, 2007, [Training Tips](#) took up some of the hot topics pilots debate about how to fly traffic patterns at nontowered airports. For many, the most daunting task is how to enter a traffic pattern when

arriving from the side of the airport opposite to that on which the pattern is flown.

The most common method is to fly beyond the airport, descend to traffic pattern altitude (TPA) when safely clear—approximately two miles out—then make a 45-degree entry to the downwind leg. When inbound traffic flows or other considerations merit, there is another way. "An alternate method is to enter on a midfield crosswind at pattern altitude, then turn downwind. Give way to aircraft on the preferred 45-degree entry and to aircraft already established on downwind," explains the AOPA Air Safety Foundation's Safety Advisor, [Operations at Nontowered Airports](#). See Figure 10 in the Safety Advisor for an illustration of the midfield crosswind entry.

Any time you are in a nontowered airport traffic pattern, good communications, using the aircraft's landing light, and being established at the correct speed when you join the flow all enhance safety. Improvised procedures and nonstandard arrivals spell trouble, as the August 2003 AOPA *Flight Training* "[Accident Analysis](#)" column makes clear. Stay alert and situationally aware. This is no time to get sloppy about altitude—especially on the low side. Consider that an aircraft taking off from that same runway and climbing 1,000 feet per minute could reach TPA before clearing the departure end—especially if its groundspeed [see the Dec. 12, 2003, Training Tips article "[Grasping Groundspeed](#)"] is low because of a strong headwind. Know the wind and never take vertical separation for granted.



The more you study traffic pattern procedures at nontowered airports, the more you realize that with freedom to make choices comes responsibility to choose well and fly your best.

#### **CINCINNATI-BLUE ASH AIRPORT'S FUTURE STILL PROMISING**

Cincinnati-Blue Ash Airport is on the cusp of turning over a new leaf. For five years the southwestern Ohio airport faced threats without any protection—federal grants that ensured the airport would remain open and operating had lapsed. Thanks to AOPA's intervention and an active AOPA Airport Support Network volunteer, city officials in Cincinnati and Blue Ash have teamed to protect the airport. In a meeting this week with AOPA Eastern Regional Representative Erin Wright and AOPA Vice President of Airports Bill Dunn, Cincinnati's airport manager said he plans to apply for federal Airport Improvement Program funding. Accepting federal funding would force the airport to remain open for at least 20 years. Read more on [AOPA Online](#).

## [YouTube Video on Spinner Production](#)

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YouTube Video on how metal spinners are made, courtesy of Kevin Gassert. Check it out.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gwrk0SwDJhI&feature=related>

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### **UPCOMING FLYING DESTINATIONS:**

**Van Nuys, CA.** A Sawy Owner Seminar takes place Dec. 1 and 2 at Van Nuys (VNY). Contact Mike Busch, 702/395-8109, or visit the [Web site](#).

**Ashburn, VA.** The George Washington Aviation Institute offers a Aviation Safety and Security Certificate Program from Dec. 3 through 13. Contact Maryline Rassi, 703/726-8334, or visit the [Web site](#).

**Somerset, TX.** A Mediterranean Assault World War 2 Reenactment takes place Dec. 7 and 8 at Cannon Field (53TX). Contact Ryan Short, 210/646-9628, or visit the [Web site](#).



### **★ 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.



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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](#).