



# **EAA CHAPTER 974 NEWSLETTER**

## **SEPTEMBER 2012**

### **THE PREZ SEZ...CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Last week I received a very nice letter to chapter presidents from Paul Poberezney. The occasion was his 91st birthday (14 September). Reminiscing that he started EAA on his garage some 60 years ago. Over the years it has had a profound effect on the aviation community; even beyond the home-built arena. Some 1000 chapters have become "aviation churches" in the field and have grown in influence in the aviation world. He expressed his thanks for all the dedicated disciples who have promoted our form of aviation for all these years. He is still serving as an EAA volunteer and is obviously extremely proud of our organization.

I will find a space on the bulletin board in the hangar to post this letter. It came to my mailbox, but it was obviously meant for all to see.

Picnic October 7th in the hangar. Anyone wishing to help out, contact VP Kevin Gassert,(513 941-1488), I'm sure he would appreciate some help.

Brad Ankerstar

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### **FROM YOUR EDITOR**

Back in the hey-day of the Tri-State Ultralight Pilots Association (now the Tri-State Sport Pilots Association) we had an annual awards night. One of the awards was an "In the Nest Award", given to a member who had an aircraft under construction. I'd like to keep that tradition alive in 974's newsletter with an "In the Nest Report". This will be done monthly if members will make their projects available for interview and photos. Another report that you will see from time to time is the "Fledge Report". Fledging is the act of leaving the nest but still needing parental support. It sounds to me like a first flight and phase 1 flight testing. If you want to be featured, please let me know of a first flight in your project.

Happy Landings! Bob

# **SECRETARY'S REPORT —MINUTES**

## EAA Chapter 974 Order of Meeting

9 SEPT 2012

Meeting called to order by Pres. Ankerstar

### **Attendance**

Guests

Barry Russ  
Dan Scherrer  
Pete Nichlas

### **Reports**

**Secretary** Aug. Minutes were read and accepted

**Treasurer's Report** Prev. Bal. 2793.92 Income 325 Expense 18.75 New Bal. 3108.44

### **Tech Counselors' Reports**

Ray Parker no report

**Young Eagles Report** no report

**Hanger Master's Report** no report

**Librarian/Newsletter** Bob Dombek Still working to get newsletter so all can see it

### **Project Reports**

Mark Taylor Flew his beautiful newly finished Hatz to the meeting

Bob Dombek All four wing panels are painted

Gary Mullens continues work on the Gyro

Pete Nichlas bought an ultra light but it scared him "to death" so he sold it and bought a C 150

### **Old Business**

Aviation book series donated by Doug Hurd—Thanks Doug! (ed.)

Also need volunteer to cut hole for window

### **New Business**

**Flyins:** Marion, Ind.

Sunday Sept 30th Winemillers southwest of Double J

**Brad Ankestar** brought up the need to cover the North wall (new insulation) of the hanger with some type of wood covering so that bulletin boards and such could be attached

Discussion followed as to the type of covering.

**Mark Taylor** suggested that to make it sturdy simply stud it out with 2 by 4s It was also suggested that we could match the existing paneling that is already used elsewhere in the hanger.

**Motion to authorize \$150** to purchase wood and paneling (white) to cover the insulation on the first 16 ft. from the hanger door back. Motion was seconded and passed by the membership.

**Other New Business:**

Brad brought up the possibility of a chili night and of a movie night

Brad also brought up concerns about the clubs 501 c3 Non Profit filings with the State of Ohio Mark Wyss volunteered to look into the issue and get info to Brad

**Program: None**

**Meeting Adjourned**



# IN THE NEST.....



Featured this month for the first of (hopefully!) many “In the Nest” reports is Barry Fear and Tom Graumlich working on their RV9A. The Fear-Graumlich team started their project in 2003. Building the RV series in partnership frequently works out well, because most of the riveting is a two person operation. For those building alone, a spouse is usually pressed into service, sometimes putting the relationship to the test. Barry and Tom’s RV9A is under construction in Barry’s hangar, T5-G. The empennage and ailerons are complete. They are currently working on the wings for aileron and flap control linkage alignment. The upper skins will be riveted in place once these linkages are complete. As shown in the pictures, they have made the effort to prime and corrosion-proof the internal structure. Their workmanship is top quality! Nice work guys!

# **FLEDGE REPORT.....**

## **MARK TAYLOR'S HATZ CLASSIC**



Those of us that know Mark Taylor, also know that he has been working on his Hatz Classic Biplane for a long time, 14 years and 4000+ hrs. to be exact, reports Mark. Obviously it has been worth it. Mark's beauty with its classic lines is grassroots aviation at it's best. Mark reports that Stan Faske issued the airworthiness certificate on Wednesday 8/29. The first flight occurred the next day on Thursday 8/30 and it flew hands off. Mark said he was a little surprised that something the he built "by eyeball" flew so well right off the board. (Calibrated eyeballs I'd say!) It's powered by a 150 hp O-320. The above photos were taken at our last chapter meeting with about 3 hrs of flight testing done. As of the SWORFI Fly-in there were about 9 hrs on the meter. Mark says that he has needed to tweak the engine baffling and exhaust system. Otherwise, phase I flight testing is going well. Congratulations, Mark, on a beautiful job and thanks for sharing it with us!