



EAA CHAPTER 974 NEWSLETTER

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THE PREZ SEZ...CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We had a nice turn-out for our “picnic” last Sunday. Major kudos to Gary Mullen. He procured all the food and drinks and ended up manning the grill. Some could say he did it all, but they would forget the vast array of side dishes brought in by various members. The sandwiches came out about right, but we could have used a lot of help on the salads, chili, and deserts. I really appreciate all the support and I think it went very well. Our only contact was the web site email alert to all paid members, so I was pleased that we had about 35 there, considering that several of the “regulars” were out of town.

Ken Jones, Josh Combs, and Tom Nelson joined me at the KR Gathering in Mt Vernon, IL last weekend. Tom’s N51TU won best interior, again.

Scott Balmos has set up a facebook page to help us communicate with the membership. Cut and paste, or click this link <http://www.facebook.com/groups/eaachapter974/?ref=ts&fref=ts> ,to access the page, and then you have to submit a friend request to be included in the group. I think. That will give you easy access to the page to read any information posted there. Currently 3 folks there: Scott, Ken Jones, and me.

Mark Wyss and I will complete our two year tours in January. Kevin Gassert will move up to president, so we have to nominate a new vice president and secretary for election in December. I urge anyone, with the slightest interest, to consider serving. The basic duties (subject to change) are: Vice president: Arrange for programs and refreshments at monthly meetings and set up the January “Christmas” party. Secretary: Publish and maintain minutes of our meetings and deal with correspondence, as necessary.

Regards,

Brad

IN THE NEST.....



Featured this month “In the Nest” is Howard Plevyak’s Glastar. Howard tells me he started construction in June of 1998 while living in Georgia and has over 2000 hours of construction time behind him. It will be powered by an O-320 with dual electronic ignition, which he has carefully “pickled” during the long building process. He is currently working on the firewall-forward and panel wiring. His panel is something to behold and is intended for serious cross country IFR work.....a serious travelin’ machine! I found the picture of Howard and his wife, Linda, riveting from 2006 project tour file. It should be titled, “The family that rivets together, stays together!” I personally know of Howard’s patience and perseverance in pursuing his project; his hangar is directly across from mine. Howard, your Glastar is a marvel of workmanship. Thanks for sharing it with us!

“We of EAA Chapter 974 urge you to avoid impatience and short cuts that will impair the integrity of your project, and give you total support in building a strong, safe, good flying aircraft”.

RECENT FLY-INS.....

Fall brings on some of the best flying weather in the Midwest. The summer-time instability that generates thunderstorms is behind us. The fast moving fronts of winter are a couple of months away. The sun angle is lower so the mid-day turbulence is softened. The air becomes a vast millpond that begs to be sailed. Is it any wonder there is a rush of fly-ins at this time of year?

LEE BOTTOM



Hey! Where's all the airplanes? Something is wrong with this picture! Anyone who has flown to the September gathering at Lee Bottom knows the field should be jam-packed with planes. I think the \$100 hamburger donation request to fix tornado damage to the buildings killed the attendance this year. I took a peanut butter sandwich along and gave them \$30 including the purchase of a T-shirt. The day was made a little more exciting by the mass arrival of 10 Cessna 195's and a B-17 which flew over twice while I was there. When I arrived at 11:30 AM there was a grand total of 6 airplanes on the ground. When I left at 2 PM there were 30. Not your typical Lee Bottom!

SOUTH WESTERN OHIO REGIONAL FLY-IN AKA SWORFI



I'll let the pictures speak for themselves. SWORFI was held as always at Tod Winemiller's farm and airstrip in eastern Clermont County. We could not have asked for a more perfect day. As best I can tell, SWORFI seems to have evolved from Chapter 174's annual fall fly-in and picnic. Chapter 974 offers its heartfelt thanks to Tod and his crew for their hospitality and a great day!

KR GATHERING, MT. VERNON ILLINOIS

Pictured below are two shots from the KR Gathering in Mt Vernon Illinois submitted by Brad Ankerstar. Brad along with Tom Nelson, Ken Jones, and Josh Combs were there. I didn't get many details on the event, but word has it that Tom Nelson's N51TU won the award for best interior. Congratulations Tom!!



CHAPTER PICNIC.....



.....and another one of those moments when a few pictures are worth thousands of words!
See the "Prez Sez" for details. It was a great day! Thanks to all that came and participated!

FLEDGE REPORT

MARK WYSS' RV-4



Mark Wyss' RV-4 has fledged! I don't have any details on the first flight, but here is a link to more still shots and video:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/p9jbe5bz5kc0beq/e1xHpylPOQ/Mark%20Wyss%201st%20Flight>

Remember, fledging means the bird has left the nest but still needs parental support. I'm sure Mark's RV will get plenty of that! Nice job on a stunning RV-4 Mark. Congratulations!

