



# **EAA CHAPTER 974 NEWSLETTER**

## **NOVEMBER 2012**

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

The Christmas party is set up for December 16<sup>th</sup> at the Houston. That will mark the end of my reign as your fearless leader. Kevin Gasset will ascend to the presidency and we will swear in a new vice president and secretary. The December meeting's primary purpose will be to nominate, and elect, members to fill these two positions. Mike Wood and Roger Rose have been nominated for vice president. Additional nominees are welcome and we also must have nominees for secretary. I hope we can have a good turnout on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Mark Wyss' suggestion, to establish a program to train interested young "builders", was very well received. He has been in contact with an RV guy in Indiana, whose group has some experience with this, and we voted to invite him to our next meeting. If that can be arranged, we will probably have him speak to us before our regular meeting, so he can get an early start for home.

Our next scheduled meeting, after 2 December, will be the first Sunday in February 2013, unless you hear otherwise.

*Brad*

## **EAA Chapter 974**

**Pres. Col. Brad Ankerstar**  
**VP Kevin Gassert**  
**Treas. Barry Fear**  
**Secy Mark Wyss**

### Order of Meeting

**4 Nov 2012**

Meeting called to order by Pres. Ankerstar

#### Attendance

New Member Thomas Thad Snow

#### Reports

Secretary No minutes for October: Picnic No business meeting

President Brad Ankerstar acknowledged Gary Mullins for doing a great job on last month's picnic

Treasurer's Report No Treasurer's Report Barry away on business Gary Mullins presented receipts from the picnic \$ 152.00

Tech Counselors Reports

Ray Parker no report

Young Eagles Report Bob Burkhardt has a group of 8 or 9 Royal Rangers (like cub scouts) for Sat. Nov. 17 at 9:00 AM Experimentals are okay

Hanger Master's Report no report

Librarian/Newsletter Bob Dombek urged everyone that he can use pictures of projects or flyins for the newsletter. He will take them on disk, on jump drives or via email.

#### Project Reports

Mark Wyss gave a report about his first flight. He had a successful first flight and is currently working out some of the minor squawks.

Bob Dombek Brought a tail panel from his project

Charlie Corder reported that he flew his Cessna 140 to the West coast and back in 52 hours

#### Old Business

Mark Wyss reported on a phone conversation with Bob Kelly who directs the Eagles Nest group that has at least six Student RV 12 projects going on in various parts of the country. Scott Balmos chimed in that he had just flown with Bob Kelly and described some of the projects that Kelly was involved with. There was considerable support for continuing to look into a youth building project. A motion was made to invite Bob Kelly to speak at the Dec. meeting and pay for his fuel should he fly in. Motion passed by a majority of the membership.

Brad Ankerstar said that there were still several unfinished hanger projects: Install Window  
Install Counter Top and finish a small area in the rear of the hanger with insulation

### New Business

There was a discussion of the Christmas Party. Bob Burkhardt asked that we might have the event in December. He volunteered to talk to the owner of the restaurant where we have been the last two years to see if we could get a date in December. Gary Mullins volunteered to head up a committee that would be responsible for food related events. Others volunteered:

The event committee will consist of: Gary Mullins, Bob Burkhardt, Ray Parker and the club vice president.

The issue was brought up concerning the duties of the Vice President, specifically that he has traditionally been responsible for food and beverage at meetings. This has not sat well with the current administration. Brad Ankerstar said that a new position should be created to handle the food issue so that the vice president could be available to do next to nothing. No one volunteered.

Program None

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted, Mark Wyss, Secretary

## ***FLY-IN ATTENDEES AT THE NOVEMBER 2012 MEETING.....***



A nice group flew or taxied in for the meeting.



Brett and Elizabeth Farrell with their sharp Velocity

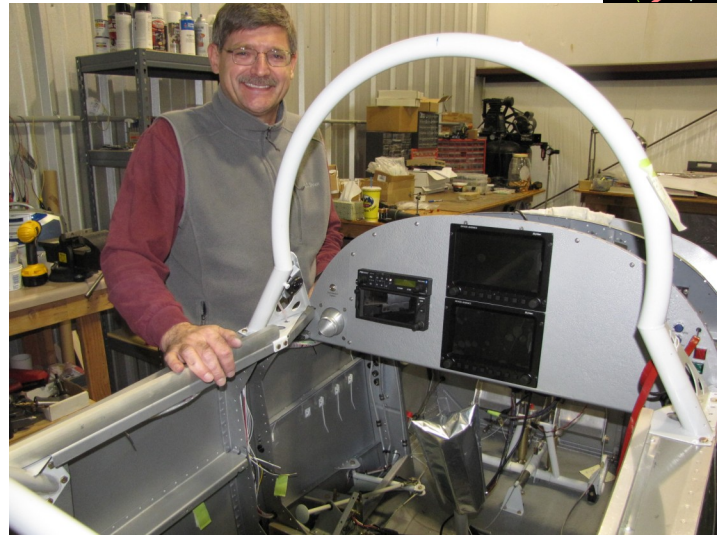
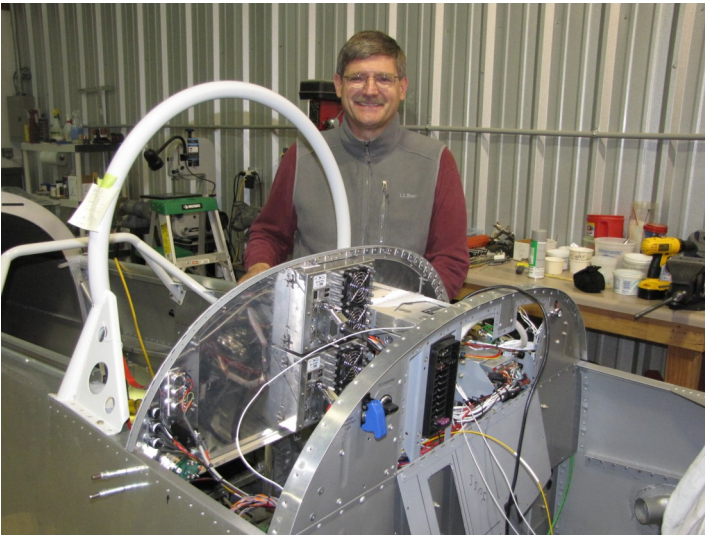


Ray Parker poses with his Vari-Eze



Lester Robertson braved the chilly air in his Skybolt

# ***IN THE NEST.....ROLF HETICO'S RV-8A***



Featured this month is Rolf Hetico's RV-8A project. Rolf started building his RV in 2001. According to his beautifully detailed construction log he has accumulated over 1000 of construction time. He is currently working on final wiring of the avionics. The panel is all-glass dual Dynon. Rolf asked me to give special credit and thanks to Fred Herzner who has provided invaluable assistance with the labor intensive panel wiring. As you can see from the photos, the wings and empennage are complete. Waiting to hang forward of the fire-wall is a Lycoming O-360, and thrust will come from a Hartzell 2 blade constant speed prop. Rolf explained that travel commitments have kept the pace of construction slower than he would like. Rolf, your workmanship is first rate. Your RV-8A will be a terrific addition to the 974 fleet!

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

# FUN STUFF.....WHAT A PAIR!!



Brian Charlton's WaieX



Ken Jones' Sonex

09/09/2012



Brian and Ken .....Havin' way too much fun!

10/13/2012

# MORE FUN STUFF.....CHASIN' ERCOUPES!

I caught up with this gaggle of fine lookin' Ercoupes near Richmond, In. piloted by Kevin Gassert, Mike Wood and Doug Hurd. They were headed to an Ercoupe luncheon at Rochester, In. This was an unplanned photo shoot by your editor. I took off behind this flight of 3. My camera just happened to be with me, and I just couldn't help myself!!

