



EAA CHAPTER 974 NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2012

THE PREZ SEZ...CHAPTER PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In a break from recent tradition, Our annual party was held in December, at the Houston. Attendance was down slightly, but those that attended had a good time. The new officers were announced and are now officially in office. President: Kevin Gassert, Vice President: Mike Wood, and Secretary: Calib Schmidt. Barry Fear continues as the treasurer for 2013.

I think we had a decent year, in 2012, with several new members, and some significant changes in the look of our chapter hangar. Tables, computers, grills, scales, an old cowling, a welding rig, electric hack saw, drink dispenser, and a freezer have all disappeared. I want to thank Mark Wyss for being instrumental getting this done. Among other things, he hauled several items from the airport, and sold them for scrap.

The other major change we made was to install insulation on the north wall. This had been discussed for years and it's finally done (almost). This was a great project and involved about 16 members on at least one of three great work days in April and May. It was gratifying to see the enthusiasm and effort in working this project.

We received a donation of several used kitchen cabinets and new member, Chris Keil, Installed them. Thanks Chris. We didn't get a window in the north wall yet, but we do have the window. I also wanted to get an awning over the personnel door. Not done, but in work.

One significant disappointment was the failure to secure the EAA Ford Tri Motor. We couldn't make the dates work. However, I think we will have a good shot at it this summer, if folks want to do it. The other disappointment was not getting a replacement for Brett Ferrell as the Web Master. I had two or three "maybes" but just didn't get it done. Sorry Brett.

Last but not least, I want to thank our new Newsletter editor, Bob Dombek, for his great work, and for holding publication of the next one, long enough for me to get this done. Bob really stepped up when I asked him, and he is now the editor, historian and librarian.

I had a lot of help this year. Most of whom I did not mention. I hope you know who you are. You're the kind of people every voluntary organization just has to have, to continue to function.

Respectfully,

Brad



SECRETARY'S REPORT —MINUTES

EAA Chapter 974

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

Order of Meeting

2 Dec 2012

Meeting called to order by Pres. Ankerstar

Attendance

New Member Tony Albu interested in light sport

Reports

Secretary No report

Treasurer's Report

35.00 misc. expenses repair forklift 100.00

585 rent 3275 2555 expenses 270 additional expenses end of year 2200 approx.

december insurance will be approx. 500

Young Eagles Report kids didn't show from Royal Rangers

Tech Counselors Reports None

Party Report Brad: Huston in Mason Dec 16 5:30 9:00

Cost 20\$

Post on board and email

Gift exchange 10-15

Ray Parker no report

Young Eagles Report

Hanger Master's Report no report

Charlie Corder Double J is closing

Librarian/Newsletter Bob Dombek: anyone that wants to have their project featured in the newsletter contact Bob

Project Reports Caleb is building wing ribs

Motion to not have meeting in Jan. Motion Carried by voice vote: No Meeting in January

Nominations: Mike Wood the only nominee Pres.

Caleb Schmidt was nominated to be Secretary nomination seconded

Mike Wood and Caleb Schmidt were elected as the new officers of EAA 974

Old Business Request that minutes be changed regarding the discussion of the duties of the vice president. The amended minutes should read: " Brad Ankestar commented that the duties of the vice president should be changed so that the vice president could concentrate on chapter activities and meeting programs."

Reminder that Christmas party is at Hustons again this year. Brad reminded us to keep the gifts in the inexpensive range, \$ 15 be the tops.

New Business None

Program Bob Kelly was our guest from Scipio, Indiana. His program was a description of the activities of the Eagles Nest youth RV12 building projects. Bob started the program and is working with the Friends of RV1 and is coordinating projects in mostly high schools in several states, including Texas, Indiana and Washington. He described the genesis of the program along with anecdotes about the students in the various building locations. Bob was quite enthusiastic about the the program and its future. There were quite a few questions from the membership.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectively Submitted,

Mark Wyss, Chapter Secretary



Above: Brad Ankerstar, outgoing chapter president, and featured speaker ,Bob Kelly, of the Eagle's Nest Project

Below: During the break, chapter members question Bob Kelly about details of the Eagles Nest Project



CHRISTMAS BANQUET HOUSTON INN 12-16



THE HOUSTON INN, WARM & COZY



BOB BURKHARDT YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATOR



BARRY FEAR CHAPTER TREASURER



MARK WYSS, SECRETARY



BRAD ANKERSTAR, PRESIDENT



RAY PARKER, TECHNICAL COUNSELOR



BOB DOMBEK, NEWSLETTER EDITOR



CALEB SCHMIDT, OUR NEW SECRETARY



BRIAN CHARLTON, GRAND PRIZE WINNER!



AS ALWAYS, CHAPTER 974 IS A FINE LOOKIN' GROUP!

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

I hope everyone enjoys the Christmas Banquet shots. There will be no newsletter until after the February chapter meeting. I'm doing this issue on my old computer which is about to experience controlled flight into terrain. I'm holding my breath that I am able to finish this issue and upload it before the crash. Santa left a new computer under the tree, but I'll need a little time to learn its ways. In the meantime, I wish everyone a happy new year!

Bob Dombek,
EAA Chapter 974 Newsletter Editor