

TAILWINDS



**EAA CHAPTER
974
NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2015**



THE NEW PREZ SEZ.....

Thanks to Tim Morris for the use of his facility once again. If you missed Tim's tour, you missed seeing the fine work that Tim and Mike Wood have done on the wings for their aircraft.

I'm excited about the coming year. Some of the things we have in mind are:

- More fly-outs
- More cookouts
- More Young Eagles
- More improvements to the chapter hangar.

I've started a building fund in the form of "Split the Pot" at Pearl's Diner on Saturdays to aid in improving the hangar. Not a big hit, but it may become one yet.

I hate to end with my hand out, but we had a net loss last year. Please pay your membership dues.

See you at the March 1st meeting which will be held at Cincinnati Jet Center Main FBO center in the conference room on the 2nd floor.

Brian

Outgoing 2014 president Mike Wood, left, passes the "invisible" gavel to new 2015 president Brian Charlton, right, during Feb 2015 meeting at Moss Vale.



FEBRUARY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS



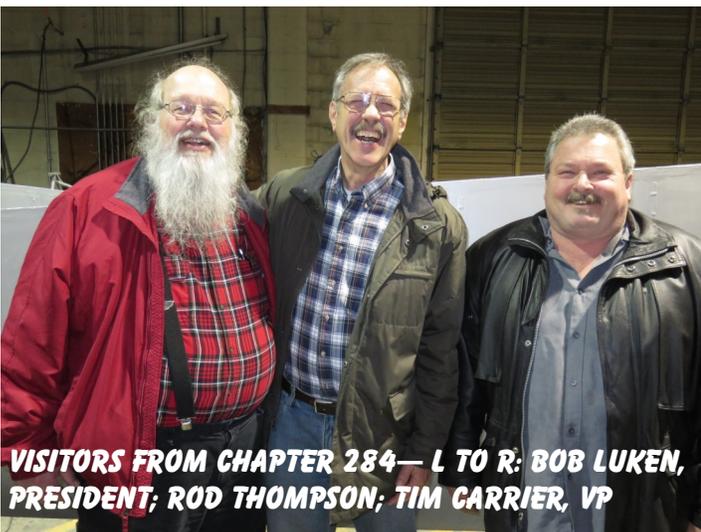
NICE TO HAVE A WARM PLACE TO MEET !



2015 CHAPTER OFFICERS L TO R: SCOTT BALMOS, SECRETARY AND WEBMASTER; MARK WYSS, VICE PRESIDENT; BRIAN CHARLTON, PRESIDENT; ROGER ROSE, TREASURER



CHAPTER 974 NEVER MISSES A CHANCE TO CELEBRATE WITH GOODIES! CONGRATULATIONS ROGER!



VISITORS FROM CHAPTER 284— L TO R: BOB LUKEN, PRESIDENT; ROD THOMPSON; TIM CARRIER, VP



TIM HAS FEROCIOUS CATS TO GUARD HIS BUSINESS!

CHAPTER SECRETARY'S REPORT, MEETING MINUTES

EAA Chapter 974 Monthly Meeting
Sunday, February 1, 2015



Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance: 2:03pm

• **New Members:** None

Guests: A number of visitors from the Waynesville EAA Chapter 284 – Bob Luken (President), Tim Carrier (VP), Rod Thompson, Ted Tracy

Secretary's Report: Approved (December festivities). Thanks, Caleb, for your service as outgoing secretary!

Treasurer's Report:

For the 3 months of November 2014 – January 2015, the chapter collected \$1266.50 in income, and incurred \$827 in expenses for a net gain of \$439.50

For the year-end 2014, the chapter collected \$4227.50 in income, and incurred \$4303.91 in expenses, for a net loss of \$76.41

The chapter currently has \$2644 in the bank

Long announcement and discussion was made by Gene Tipperman about a row of 5 new large hangars to be built soon at HAO. They are 54x50' with 22' ceilings, which are strong enough to hang a plane from if desired, and are insulated. 4 have been sold, but 1 is still open. Gene is looking into an additional 3-4 people for a partnership for this hangar. Buy-in would be ~\$30k, with \$40/month/partner in expenses for the land-lease, water, gas, electric, etc. Contact Gene if interested.

Historian/Librarian/Newsletters (Bob Dombek): Continued thanks for the contributions to the newsletter. The prop clocking article was well-enjoyed by all.

Young Eagles Report (Brian Charlton for Bob Burkhardt): No news

Hangar Master Report: The hangar still hasn't up and moved. Currently the hangar is full with all available spaces taken by projects.

Tech Counselor Report (Ray Parker):

The annual canard/Velocity fly-in hosted by Brett & Elizabeth Ferrell at Lebanon will be at HAO this year on the weekend of May 16, tentatively at Chuck's & Ray's hangars. More details to follow.

John Prince might sell his Tri-Pacer

Project Reports:

Mark Wyss: The airport is a ghost town. Working on his Starduster's baffling, a new exhaust, and installing a new Slick mag and P-Mag. Working towards engine start soon.

Bob Dombek: Working on cockpit doors, interplane struts, and his panel at home for the Tiger Moth
Tim Morris & Mike Wood: Busily fabric covering and spraying in Tim's shop. Everyone went out in the shop later for show-and-tell

Scott Balmos: A short setback while new longerons were fashioned for his RV-9A. Passed around brake pedals he has covered with Ray Allen rubberized wing walk material.

Ray Parker: Possibly looking into buying a VariEze project in Kentucky close to completion, includes an O-200 engine. It's near the stage of canopy fitting, wiring, etc. If interested, let Ray know.

Kevin Gassert: Has a car lift in his hangar now, if anyone needs it for anything.

MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

Old Business:

Roger would *love* to take your 2015 dues

Kevin may be selling the A-frame camper that has so faithfully made the trip to Oshkosh for so many years.

New Business:

Upcoming FAASteam FAA Safety Seminars, including one on Personal Minimums held at HAO on February 24 @ 7:00pm

Mark Wyss is looking to coordinate multiple Saturday cookouts this year. Possibly \$5 donations to offset food costs.

Discussion on the chapter offering scholarships or other educational sponsorships. A motion was made by Ken Jones to initially allocate \$150, seconded by Ray Parker, and passed.

Plans are underway to refurbish the south wall of the chapter hangar into more of a usable project workspace. Currently it's a bit of a graveyard of old, unused large tools.

Adjourned: 2:54pm

Show-and-tell of Tim's & Mike's fabric handiwork was afterward in Tim's shop.

Special Note: Tim Morris would like to note that an unofficial poker party will be held at his shop, Moss-Vale, on Saturday March 7 at 6pm. \$25 buy-in. Net proceeds will go towards chapter educational scholarship ventures.

Submitted,
Scott Balmos – Secretary

WEBMASTER'S NOTE

Along with the well-known 974.eeachapter.org website address, the eaa974.com and eaa974.org addresses have been held in trust by Brett Ferrell and Marty Hammersmith respectively for the chapter's benefit.

Both addresses are soon coming up for renewal. I am taking the opportunity to review whether transferring ownership of those addresses to the chapter is useful, and will do so if it is desired. Regardless, I would like to publicly thank these two members for holding these addresses.

Thanks guys!

*Scott Balmos,
Webmaster, EAA Chapter 974*

PROJECTS ON DISPLAY AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING

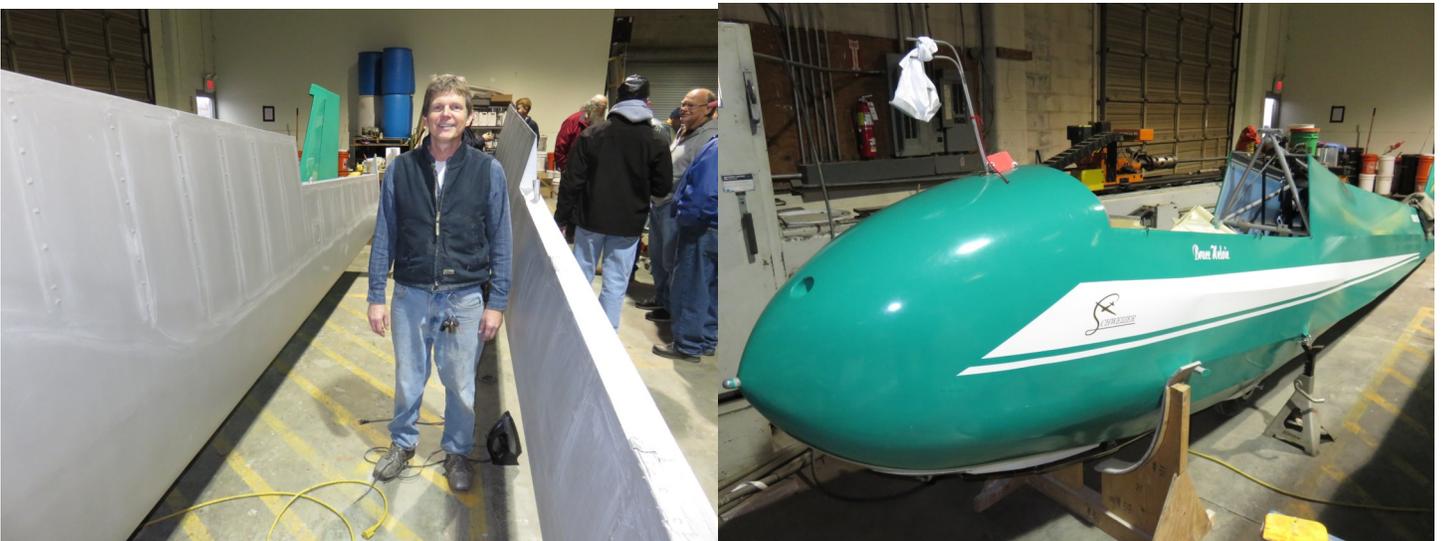
Pictured below is Mike Wood with Eleanor's wings, freshly covered and painted through the poly-spray stage. For those of you who don't know Eleanor, she is Mike's Ercoupe. Her demeanor is usually refined, demure, and well mannered. Mike made the mistake of telling her that she was going to the 75th Ercoupe Anniversary celebration at Oshkosh this year, and she absolutely lost it, demanding to have a new outfit for the occasion. Being the generous, good hearted fellow that he is, Mike has spent this past fall and winter fashioning Eleanor's new "coverings". Being the light weight version that she is, Mike had to dive into the Polyfiber book and enlist the help of his trusted allies to learn a new technique, fabric covering. What a guy! I hope she appreciates what you've done for her! It looks beautiful!



Below, left, Tim Morris, our host for the February meeting, is seen with his current projects. On the left are the wings from his elegant Miller Sport Motor Glider. Tim completely recovered the wings which are complete through Polyspray. For those of you that don't know the history, Tim's Miller Sport was purchased last year from our late chapter member Dave Raney. Tim initially refurbished it to an airworthy stage, but now has taken a step toward full restoration. There's lots of rib stitching in that long wing. Nice Job Tim!!

Below, right is a Schweizer 2-22 two place glider from the Ceasar's Creek Soaring Club. The basic fuselage frame is chromoly steel tube. A hard landing pushed the landing wheel up into the fuselage. Tim's welding expertise and shop skills made things right again.

Our thanks, once again to you, Tim, for hosting the meeting, and having lots of good stuff for us to see.



IN THE NEST.....ALMOST READY TO FLEDGE!

Featured this month is an update report on Howard Plevyak's beautiful Glastar. Howard started construction in 1998. It's been long haul with many work related interruptions along the way. February 7 of this year marked the first engine start, a landmark occasion for any project. It was a beautiful thing to see and hear as I am sure Howard will tell you. Congratulations Howard!! As technical counselor Ray Parker said, the next big step is lots of paper work toward the airworthiness application. Better call Stan!

Below left: Engine start up. Running nicely!

Below right: Howards Lycoming 360 and a glimpse the avionics suite



Below, left: Side view of Howard's Glastar. Really Great to see it nearly complete and outside the Hangar. Looks ready to fly!

Below, right: Howard and Linda, A real team!



NEWS FROM AROUND HOGAN FIELD AND EAA 974

On February 4, a particularly nice day to fly, your editor bumped into the most recent member of the Ercoupe invasion, Al Kenkel with 64 Hotel. I was out to fly myself, and fortunately had my camera with me. Al had just fueled up and was getting ready for his first solo in her which I did not realize at the time. Sorry Al, I would have delayed my takeoff and photographed yours had I known what was happening! Still, I felt lucky to have caught you when I did. Congratulations Al!!



Below is a shot of a busy chapter hangar, full of projects, on a cold February day. On left is Ken Jones' Glassair And right is John Prince's Tri-Pacer restoration. Foreground is the tail of Brad Ankerstar's KR. Out of sight to the right, you would see Scott Balmos' RV wings. (sorry Scott, couldn't get it all in!) From the picture below (no, we don't get too hung up on neatness!) and the previous pages, no one can say that 974 is not an active chapter!

