

# TAILWINDS



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# RECENT FLY-INS

The late local fly-in season gets book-ended by a couple of great events, MERFI and Tail Dragger. As is often the case, one or both get weathered out. Not this year! We were treated to perfect flying weather for both events. In fact, looking back to spring, even Funday Sunday was held on a perfect day. How many years does this happen? I'm guessing not too many. The Tail Dragger, held by Waynesville's Chapter 284 was most at risk. A big storm moved through the area Saturday evening, but stayed just far enough to the southwest to allow the chapter to hold their traditional pre-fly-in Saturday airshow and camp-out. Chapter members reported to me that they could see the weather on the SW horizon, but in never came close enough to spoil the event. So, without further adieu, here are MERFI and Tail Dragger in all their glory!

## MERFI



# TAIL DRAGGER AT RED STEWART AIRFIELD



# THE PREZ SEZ.....



## THE PREZ SAYS

We had a wonderful cook-out Sat. I never did a head count but I think there were about 25 people there. Mike Wood performed as Chef and did a marvelous job. Mark, who organized the affair prepared corn on the cob, which was delicious, plus a lot of desserts. Thanks to everyone that participated in bringing it together.

We are making progress on the hangar clean-up and I would like to finish installing the insulation on the east side of the hangar. Volunteers?

All for now, see you at the next meeting. Nominations for new officers will be on the agenda.

Blue Skies

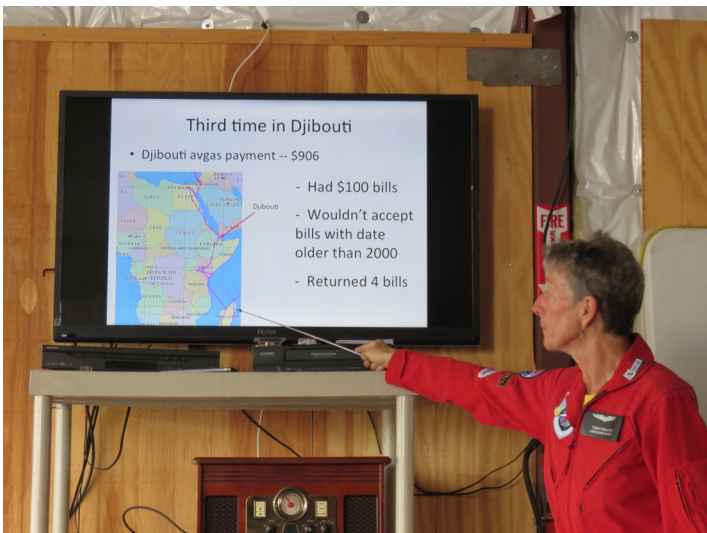
Brian

## COOK OUT SHOTS.....PHOTO CREDIT BRIAN CHARLTON



# SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING PICTURES AND STORY

We were treated to something really special for our September meeting program. CarolAnn Garratt, an Earth-Rounder Flyer, flew her Mooney, N220FC, from Gainesville, Fla to Hogan Field to tell us about her 3 global circumnavigations. She flew all of these in her Mooney in 2003, 2008, and 2011, partly for the adventure, but more importantly, to generate awareness of the disease known as Lou Gehrig's Disease or Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). She wrote 3 books about these flights called "Upon Silver Wings" 1, 2 and 3 respectively. She brought several copies of her books to sell, as well as DVD's, with all proceeds going to research to find a cure for ALS. CarolAnn later e-mailed me to thank the chapter members for their generous donations which amounted to \$345. I bought all three books and the DVD. I have already finished book 1 and it's a page turner! I can't wait to start book 2. What a story! I highly recommend them, so if you haven't started your books, you're in for a treat! My greatest regret about her visit was that I did not go out to see her plane while it was parked on the apron. I think I was a little brain dead after getting up early to go to Waynesville and spending the morning in the sun. Featured below are some shots of CarolAnn during her presentation. Thanks CarolAnn for a terrific program!



# SEPTEMBER 2015 MEETING MINUTES



## EAA Chapter 974 Monthly Meeting Sunday, September 6, 2015

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**Call To Order & Pledge of Allegiance:** 1:58pm

### **Guests:**

Don Bolsing & wife – invited by CarolAnn. Met up in Canada on the way to Alaska. Live in Greensburg, IN.

Kurt Hofson – Back after a 12yr absence

**New Members:** None

**Presentation by CarolAnn Garrett – Flying around the world 3 times, fundraising for ALS research**

**(Chapter normal business meeting began 3:20pm)**

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for August were approved

### **Treasurer's Report:**

\$133.27 in income (\$60 hangar rent, \$20 dues, \$53.27 split the pot/misc), -\$233.20 in expenses (\$41.51 in supplies, \$191.96 in grill repair) = -\$99.93 for the month  
\$2921.34 in the bank

### **Historian/Librarian/Newsletters (Bob Dombek):**

Recommendation of David McCullough's new book on the Wright Brothers  
Oshkosh video is on the way!

**Young Eagles Report (Bob Burkhardt):** Nothing to report

**Hangar Master Report:** The hangar is still standing

**Tech Counselor Report (Ray Parker):** Nothing to note. There is an ad on the chapter hangar bulletin board about an available Zenith 601 project

### **Project Reports:**

- Bill Schweinberg: Left and right leading edges riveted on his RV-14. Moving on to fuel tanks next
- Mark: Nothing to report on his project, but shared a story about Cory (last month's visitor), initially fired up about building an AcroSport, then an RV-8, and finally ended up buying a Starduster project (wing is in the chapter hangar). Caleb was helping with the 750 STOL project, but has been ceremoniously “fired” until Caleb finishes his license!
- Scott: Canopy cut and finished on his RV-9A. Prop, interior, and exhaust get delivered in the next week or two. Avionics coming very soon (hear that loud sucking sound coming from nearby PNC Bank?)
- Ken: Possibly has a prop ready to be picked up from the local FedEx center.

## **MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED**

**Old Business:** Still a lot of people who haven't paid their chapter dues for this year. Don't make us shame you into paying up!

**New Business:**

Cookout next Saturday, September 12, noon

Hangar is continuing to go through a general cleanup and conversion of more workspace

Pamphlets available detailing Ford-EAA partner benefits

Bill got Ohio airspace charts and spiral-bound airport directory books on a recent trip to Columbus, available for free for anyone who wants them

Reminder of the Labor Day weekend fuel discounts available from the FBO

**Adjourned:** 3:49pm

Next month, Tim Morris will give a presentation on certified vs experimental planes and what maintenance can be done on them, what an A&P can/is needed for, and when an IA is needed. John Prince will also show off his Stratux ADSB receiver project.

Submitted,  
Scott Balmos – Secretary

## **EVENTS CALENDAR**

***Saturday, Sept 19—Cookout, Cincinnati West Airport, I67, Beginning at 11:30 AM. Lunch donation Requested to offset costs. Reduced fuel price, drawing for 1 hr flight instruction.***

***Saturday, Sept 19—Lee Bottom Airfield, 64I, “Cubs vs. Champs”, \$20 fee or T-shirt purchase. Rain Date Sunday Sept 20***

***Sunday, Oct 4—Chapter 974 meeting, 2pm, hangar T5J, Special program presented by Tim Morris on maintenance for experimental and certified aircraft.***

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# SOME FUN STUFF FROM MERFI



**TIM'S ON OXYGEN AND FLYIN HIGH!**



**DICK KNOWS HOW TO DO A FLY-IN!**



**BRIAN SAYS SOME DAYS JUST DON'T GO RIGHT!**



**JOHN AND BOB ENJOYING FLIGHT HOME!**



**OVER WRIGHT PAT AFB AT 5200 FT**

*"The airplane stays up because it doesn't have the time to fall"*  
—Orville Wright

*"If you don't get in that plane you'll regret it. Maybe not today, maybe not tomorrow, but soon and for the rest of your life"* —Rick Blaine, from "Casablanca"

*"If you want to grow old as a pilot, you've got to know when to push it, and when to back off"*  
—General Charles "Chuck" Yeager

*"If you are looking for perfect safety, you will do well to sit on a fence and watch the birds; but if you really wish to learn, you must mount a machine and become acquainted with its tricks by actual trial"*  
—Wilbur Wright, 1901