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## EAA Partners with FAA, Dynon for STC Breakthrough to Upgrade Safety, Reduce Costs for Aircraft Owners

EAA, in partnership with Dynon Avionics and the FAA, has been awarded a Supplemental Type Certificate (STC) to install Dynon's EFIS-D10A in certain standard category aircraft. This breakthrough STC enables the inexpensive, but very capable, avionics that have served the experimental and light-sport worlds for decades to finally have a pathway into the type-certificated market. The Dynon system is a direct replacement for a vacuum-driven attitude indicator, and the STC currently applies to the Cessna 150, 152, and 172 series and the Piper PA-28 and PA-38 series. More aircraft are expected to be added soon.

EAA worked extensively with the FAA and Dynon to show compliance with regulations and develop a new certification pathway for safety-enhancing equipment. The long track record of the D10A product line and its conformity to a variety of industry standards helped it become the first device accepted by the FAA in this pioneering effort. In addition to Dynon's proven reliability, the unit delivers a wealth of information to the pilot and even has an integrated angle of attack feature (with the installation of an optional probe). EAA installed the D10A in its 1976 Cessna 172M and submitted to a series of flight tests with an FAA test pilot, which went flawlessly.

EAA intends to begin selling the STC as soon as possible, hopefully later this spring, at a nominal price point in line with its existing autofuel STC. In addition to the D10A, more products are actively being explored as EAA is willing to work with other manufacturers to bring down costs and reduce barriers to recreational flying. Stay tuned for more details!

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*Quite a weather change from windy March/April. There have been some very nice late afternoon evening flying opportunities at KHAO. Some of the days that were forecasted for late afternoon thunderstorms have turned very nice. Bob Dombek and I flew last Thursday evening with calm winds and had the pattern virtually all to ourselves (except for the straight in Citation). Hopefully, we will have good weather for our first Saturday Cookout on May 21.*

*Although Dr. Berks who had been doing Aviation Medical Exams at Sporty's for years has retired, physicals are still available at Sporty's. Dr. John Held, an internist and cardiologist, has stepped in and even has Saturday hours at Sporty's. I saw Dr. Berks for years at Sporty's and was disappointed to learn that he had retired. From a pilots point of view, Dr. Held is one of the good guys. My 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Medical was up so it was short flight to Sporty's last week. Scheduling was easy, his assistant, Maureen, was quite helpful, and Dr. Held was thorough and caring. I recommend him.*

*Best Regards,  
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## **MEETING MINUTES, MAY 2016**

**Visitors/guests** . Bill Maracco secretary, Chapter 174. Phil Schmidt.

**Treasurers report.** April income 213. Hanger income 60, income dues 121 misc 33 expenses 638, hanger fee 585, meeting supplies and hanger maintance, -425 total. We have 2882.51 in bank.

**Tech counselors.** Ken's engine has been hung for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time on his Glasair project.

**Project reports.** Mark and Caleb have been working on the Zenith 750. They have been using pre koat instead of Aldine process for corrosion protection. Shawn Wheeler has been polishing his RV-4. He also did a repair job on his Sonex for the spar rivets.

**Newsletter / librarian/ Historian:** Bob Dombek reported the library has been cleared of most clutter from the shelves. There are still many duplicate years of Sport Aviation. More to come on this.

Bob announced that this year is the chapter's 25 anniversary, having been founded in 1991.

**Young Eagles** No report as Bob Burkhardt is not back yet.

**Old business:** John Chappel is still working on the grarage door opener. Still figuring out a day for the wall panel addition.

**New business:** May 21<sup>st</sup> cookout will be combined with the velocity fly-in.

Minutes recorded by Caleb Schmidt for Secretary Scott Balmos

### **CHAPTER MEETING VISITORS**

Chapter 974 welcomes visitors to the May Meeting.

Left, Bill Miracco, Secretary EAA Chapter 174 who came to announce their chapter's sponsorship of the Ford Trimotor Tour, at Lunken Airport May 19-22

Right, Phil Schmidt, former owner of Schmidt Aviation at Blue Ash Airport. Phil continues active flying in his Cessna 182



# CHAPTER COOKOUT PHOTOS

*It looks like the chapter cookout was a big success, and your editor missed a good one! The day was chilly and sloppy but chapter fellowship kept everyone warm. Chapter 974 knows how to do a cookout! My heartfelt thanks goes to Roger McClure for a great collection of photos. Thanks Roger!!*



# MORE CHAPTER COOKOUT PHOTOS

