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MAY 2017 MEETING WRAP UP AND PHOTOS



The may 2017 chapter meeting was well attended and included short presentations by President Al Kenkel and Vice President Scott Balmos on their projects. Each had pictures as illustrations. Above, left, Al shows us the interior of the Ercoupe he is helping to restore. You can see the interior of the tailcone that he has to bodily crawl into as he cleans corrosion and preps for priming. Note the “becoming” headgear required to keep debris and crud from his hair. Looks like a nasty job, Al!

Below, right, Scott shows us the interior of his RV-9A as he completes wiring and control connections. Scott reported that he has finished the last of the metal work on his RV and has begun working on fitting the canopy to its frame. He is hoping for a first engine start in 1-2 months.

Below, right shows the good crowd squeezed among other member projects in progress. President Al asks that other members think about presenting visual reports on their project in future meetings. Nice job Al and Scott!
Photos: ed.



I've heard discussions among some of our members regarding how receptive general practitioners may or may not be in completing the Basic Med form. My doc completed the form with me today (5/10) without any hesitation. Granted, I've been with him for @20 years and during that time, he has completed many physicals for me. So, even though he had no knowledge of the FAA issuance and had never seen the specific form, he felt pretty comfortable with the process and even commented how simplistic it was for him to complete it. In my favor, I combined it with my annual physical at no cost since my health policy gives me a free yearly exam anyway. Finally, a break! My doctor is retiring in June so you won't be able to use him but I think that the Basic Med issue for doctors isn't that big a deal, especially if they have had a history of service with you. As you know, one of our long time chapter members has recently completed his Basic Med also and stated that his doc had no issues completing the form as well. Maybe we can all relax a little bit as expectations seem to be positive.



It is amazing how quickly things get done within the chapter. Seems like someone makes a motion during one of our chapter meetings to purchase an item or to install something that increases the comfort for our members such as chairs, bathroom improvements or even to install locks to further secure our items in the hangar. I would like to offer a special thanks to Barry Fear for installation of our new toilet. With it's elongated bowl there is no reason for any of us barefoot pilots to get our feet wet! It is very impressive how members continue to step up in giving their time and effort for all of us. And the results are always professionally done. I suggest that if you have not attended one of our meetings this year, that you do attend a few and feel the camaraderie that we experience within the chapter.

June is providing us the opportunity to have a chapter cookout and it is scheduled for June 3. All are welcome to come by, pull up a chair and have a little chapter fun. Feel free to bring something to compliment our burgers, wieners and brats –but not corn as Mark is providing that. Donations are accepted during the lunch which commences at 12:00. Hope to see a large turnout on the 3rd.

Lastly, the June 4 chapter meeting will be "business as usual" so I'm hoping for a member or two to make a 3 minute visual presentation regarding a current or past project. If interested, contact Scott to download pertinent pics.

That's it,

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SECRETARY'S REPORT, MAY 2107 MEETING MINUTES

Date: May 7, 2017

Location: Chapter Hangar KHAO

Refreshments: , cheese slices, mini muffins and at Mike Wood's hangar, brats, mets, hot dogs, brownies and vanilla milk shake

2:04 pm Meeting called to order by President Al Kenkel

2:05 pm Pledge of Allegiance

2:09 pm Guest Intro: Greg Schmidt

2:10 pm Tech Counselor Report: (Ray Parker) Inspected a RV10 from a non-member in Cincinnati.

2:13 Young Eagles

Bob Burkhart reports that there are 10 Young Eagles to be flown on Saturday May 12. Three people were able to volunteer to offer flights.

2:18 pm Hangar Report: Main Door code will be changed. Paid members will receive new hangar door code when it is changed in June. If you need the combo to the tool room contact Roger Rose. The new toilet has been installed in the bathroom and it has a flush button instead of a handle. Dual instruction was to be provided to those who needed it.

2: 20 pm Treasurer's Report: (Roger Rose) Chapter has \$6892 in treasury. Income last month \$420 and expenses were 702. Part of the income was from the auction \$175 (approximately).

2:30 Project Presentation

Al Kenkel made a presentation on the cleaning and restoration work he has been doing on Kevin Gassert's Ercoupe. Scott Balmos presented slides and discussion on his Van's RV project sheet metal assembly of forward cockpit.

2:40 pm Old Business

Chapter cookout scheduled for Saturday June 3.

Motion made to read meeting minutes at each meeting. Passed 14-7.

Overhead door automatic opener has yet to be installed. The chapter is to get two bids from professional installers.

The auction items left unsold include aircraft instruments and flight instruction and Van's assembly videos. The videos will be put in the chapter library.

2:45 pm New Business

Motion made to buy new benches for side of hangar. Passed. Authorized amount not to exceed \$500.

News that member Robin Shaw was killed in an airplane accident April 29 in Amarillo, TX.



MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

News that Bill Morris' mother passed away a week prior.

2:55 pm Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Morris,
Chapter Secretary

AN ADDITIONAL WORD FROM PREZ, AL

Lots of "thanks" to many of our members who ensured that our meeting would be successful one this month to:

Members who set up and tore down the chairs and tables so that the rest of our members would have a place to relax

Barry and Brian for updating our bathroom facility making that area more accommodating to our needs

Scott for downloading pics for his and my presentation

Mike for providing additional "eats" composing of brats and wieners along with home made SOFT SERVE ice cream!

Don't forget, the chapter will have a cookout this June 3. As usual, lunch will start @ 12:00. Donations are \$5 and we certainly will gladly accept any additional foods to compliment our burgers, brats and other meats for the event. Corn is already covered by Mark, so anyone interested should consider indulging us with something else.

That's it,

Al

FUNDAY SUNDAY 2017

Funday Sunday is held annually on the first Sunday of May by EAA Chapter 48 based at Moraine Airpark. The day was near perfect with a moderate NW crosswind which didn't seem to scare anyone off judging by the great attendance. Chapter 48 is always a great host serving a terrific breakfast and lunch. Our chapter 974 was well represented and it looks like everyone had a great time! Chapter 974 says a big thanks to Chapter 48!



OVERHEAD VIEW OF 173 AROUND 1:30



USUAL SUSPECTS FROM 974 HIT BREAKFAST



NANCY & JOHN PRINCE, BRIAN CHARLTON



FUNDAY SUNDAY 2017 CONTINUED

Your editor spent a good hour up on the levee which successfully held back the swollen Great Miami River. The levee puts the sun behind you and gives a great view of the action. Below are some action shots of EAA Chapter 974 doing what they do best—Fly!! All photos pages 6 & 7: ed.



PARTIAL FLIGHTLINE VIEW FROM LEVEE



LESTER & BRUCE FIRING UP, HEADING HOME



LESTER ROBERTSON HEADING HOME



SCOTT HERSHA'S RV4 CLIMBING OUT



MARK WYSS' RV4 CLIMBING OUT



RAY PARKER'S DRAGONFLY TAKES OFF

I thought it would be good to interview a few of our chapter pioneers who have applied for the new FAA BasicMed certification. Al Kenkel described his experience in his Prez Sez column. I then had a chance to interview Ken Jones about his experience.

Ken told me he first went to the AOPA website where the application form can be filled out online or printed and filled out by hand. Ken filled his out on the website down to the doctor's checklist. He then took the form to his primary care provider ie his regular MD that he has been seeing for 30 years. Ken related that when he first called for his appointment, there were some concerns about whether his MD would do this. He took the form, which included some frequently asked questions that MD's would be concerned about such as "Am I allowed to do this?" and "How do I determine my patient's fitness to fly?" to the office. The office staff saw it was straight forward, which alleviated their concerns. Ken said that it helped that his primary care doc knew him and his medical history well. He thought it might have been a little more difficult going in cold to someone who didn't know him.

The exam went smoothly with his MD having no difficulty answering the questions on the form. He got a good physical out the experience. Basically, what is required is that you have no physical impairments that would prevent an applicant from holding a valid driver's license. Ken went to his MD on Thursday 4/27. He then went on line again and took the FAA's course on self determination of fitness to fly on line, passed the quiz, and on Monday 5/1, the certification became effective according to law. His course certificate and application are now tucked away with his log book, and he is good to go.

Ken highlighted that much of determination of fitness to fly is knowledge of medications you take and how they affect you. This was a big part of the course and quiz. Overall, he expressed satisfaction with the process. The process was smooth and easy, and he now has the peace of mind knowing that his flying future is secure, especially now that he has his Glassair to look forward to.

Thanks, Ken, for sharing your experience with the chapter !

YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

On May 13 we held our first Young Eagles Rally of the year. The kids were from a local Cub Scout Den and there were 8 participants. In addition we completed a couple of Eagle Flights as 2 of the parents didn't want to miss the fun. It was a perfect day for the rally with light winds and smooth air. Judging from the smiles, it looks like everyone had a great time. Pilots were Ken Jones, Sonex, Ray Parker, Dragonfly, Bob Burkhardt, Navion, and Bob Dombek, Rans S7.

A big thanks goes to Young Eagles Coordinator, Bob Burkhardt, for setting up and organizing the Rally. Thanks Bob!! Photos: ed.





Shown above and left is Brian Charlton's Waix being converted from conventional to tricycle gear. It required removal of both wings, a new engine mount, and teamwork of several chapter members. Brian says it should improve the ground handling, especially in crosswinds.

Below left and right Dan Reagan was caught getting ready to fire up his motor glider. What a beautiful machine! Your editor is sorry he missed this event. Thanks to Al Kenkel for all photos on this page.

