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JUNE 2017 MEETING SPECIAL EVENT

Jim Kurtz, son of founding member Paul Kurtz, came to the meeting to tell of us his father's status and to tell of us of the intended sale of his father's beautifully crafted Lancair Super ES. I am including this partly to inform interested parties of the sale, but more importantly as a tribute to Paul. He has turned 96 and is now living in an assisted living facility in Florida. Jim told me that his dad purchased the kit at Oshkosh 1996 and worked on it steadily for the past 20+ years until recently when he became unable to continue. It is painted metallic blue. To be completed: firewall forward (needs an engine), instruments, and interior. Many of us remember work sessions at his home where we helped close the wings. Truly a work of art, it is now located in hangar T3C. Jim says he will continue to rent the hangar until his dad's plane finds a new owner. Those who wish to see it may call Jim at 513-519-1497. Photos: ed.



JIM KURTZ WITH DAD'S LANCAIR SUPER ES



WIPE DUST TO SEE BEAUTIFUL MET. BLUE



CONTROLS, FUEL LINES COMPLETE



COWLING AND INTERIOR PANELS READY



A BEAUTIFUL MACHINE ON IT'S GEAR!



READY FOR AN ENGINE

JUNE CHAPTER PICNIC...PIGS AND STORY, AL KENKEL

The chapter was very active over the weekend. First, we hosted our cookout and there was an estimated group of between 50 and 60 friends. We had a visitor from New Jersey who attended. He is the president of chapter 282 and was here as a guest of Rosco Roche. Really, I think he was here to sample Mike's renowned soft serve ice cream! The flavor of the month was strawberry—I went back for 3rd's. I am very thankful to all those who became involved in the set up/tear down and overall caring to see to it that the cookout went well. Hopefully, I won't miss anyone but I really want to thank the following guys (plus Sharon) for giving special support to the gathering:

Mike and Kevin for cooking and providing the meats, Mark for providing and cooking corn, Sharon and Roger for providing the drinks and ice, Scott for providing various condiments and beers along with potato salad to compliment the meal, and certainly anyone who chose to provide deserts, chips etc. Thanks to Bob for cleaning out the hangar floor and for covering the tables to make the area more inviting for everyone, and also thanks to Bill for helping to set up the chairs and tables. Hopefully, you will forgive me if I missed your efforts to support the day. My thanks to all! , Al

Photos: Al Kenkel



THE RESULT OF BOB'S HARD WORK



OUR MASTER CHEFS KEVIN AND MIKE!



A GREAT CROWD ENJOYING THE DAY!



FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD HARD TO BEAT!

THE PREZ SEZ.....

No wonder our chapter has a great reputation for being both friendly and active. The chapter cook-out was heavily attended and was obviously a big hit as everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Lots of smiling and laughter went on for about two hours and some more leisure time was spent by members who decided to stick around for a little longer. I'm never surprised at the willingness of many members to spontaneously step up to help prepare for not just this even but any time a little extra involvement would be appreciated. Thanks everyone for adding to the fun.



The hangar facilities are continuing to get upgrades thanks to our members who are willing to give selflessly of their time for the benefit of all. I'll let the minutes key you in to some of our current decisions.

That's it!

Al

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SECRETARY'S REPORT JUNE 2017 MEETING MINUTES

June 2017 EAA 974 Meeting Minutes This month's minutes provided by notes from Al Kenkel

Date: June 4, 2017

Location: Chapter Hangar KHAO

Refreshments: , cheese slices, peperoni coffee

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

2:05 pm Pledge of Allegiance

2:10 pm Tech Counselor Report: (Ray Parker)

2:15 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.

New hangar benches have been delivered by Mark. Scott has volunteered to construct them so that they can be used in the near future. I'm sure he would accept help so, if you are free, give him a call to get things coordinated. Mark is arranging to get the area for those benches ready. Also, we have accepted a bid from Mr. Jim Kelley to install the garage mechanisms for our hangar door. I have tentatively set up a completion date for the last week of June. Our hangar should be pretty secure when that is completed.

2:40 pm Old Business

Cinti West (I67) is hosting a cookout this coming Saturday (6/10). As always, they are offering reduced fuel and also a chance to win FREE fuel. The airport manager, Will Beninger, is a real nice guy and will certainly make anyone who visits feel welcomed.

Chapter cookout was held Saturday June 3 and well attended. Mike Wood provided cooking on the grill, hotdog machine and frozen drinks. Thanks to Kevin and Sharon and Roger for their extra help.

2:45 pm New Business

Jim Kurtz attended the meeting. He advised that founding member Paul Kurtz at age 96 has decided to move to an assisted living facility. Paul was engaged in building a Lancair ES airplane up until the last year.

Jim is looking for anyone interested in helping to finish the airplane.

2:55 pm Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

Tim Morris, Chapter Secretary

Recorded by Al Kenkel



AROUND THE FIELD

Some jobs are just meant to drive us crazy, at least that's the story I got about Kevin Gassert's header tank. Below on the left, we see Kevin beginning to wrestle the tank into position. The ergonomics of sitting in the cockpit of his Ercoupe was a good move. The center shot shows the filler neck poking partly through but stubbornly refusing to seat into position. Finally, the right hand shot shows the tank in position. I don't know the whole story but rumor has it that this was a challenge overcome by persistence and patience. Way to go Kevin!



Pictured below is Bob Burkhardt's RV9A having just arrived after a 6 hr flight from Florida. Looks like a nice bird, Bob. Glad you got her up here safe and sound!
All Photos: Al Kenkel



AROUND THE FIELD AND INTERESTING PLACES

Pictured right is Brian Charlton with his Waix recently converted to tricycle landing gear. Brian is working out the bugs in the steering in that it is a little too stiff for comfort. When this picture was taken, Brian had not flown it but has done extensive taxi testing with the help of John Prince and others. Hang in there Brian! You'll get it!



All Photos this page: ed.

Here's a fun place to visit. It's known as Nulltown, home of the Nulltown Wingnuts. It's near the little hamlet of Nulltown, Indiana, and it's on the sectional. It's about 5 miles south and a little west of Connersville. The runway is a well tended 2600 feet nestled between two rows of trees. It's also tucked between the Whitewater River and the Whitewater Valley Scenic Railroad. The field is famous among ultralight fans for the pig roast held on the second Saturday of September. They also host a breakfast the first Sunday of the month during the summer. You pretty much have to land from south to north as the north end is somewhat obstructed by houses and trees. Visitors are always welcome.



A TRIBUTE TO CHAPTER MEMBER BILL JOHNS

Sadly, we lost one of our best this past Thursday night, Bill Johns. Today, June 26, the day I'm publishing, would have been Bill's 61st birthday. Most of us knew that Bill suffered from a chronic lung disease which eventually took him. Bill and his wife Connie had been married 25 years and had 4 kids. Bill grew up in Mt Healthy, and made his home with Connie in Goshen. I first met Bill when he joined the Tri State Ultralight Pilots Association back in 2000. He learned to fly via Bob Ferguson and was building a Sky Ranger. When he joined chapter 974, many members came to know him through his premier welding and metal working skills. Bill was extremely generous in sharing his skill with us and typically refused to be compensated for his work. Most recently he welded a fitting onto my Tiger Moth fuel tank and built a tow bar for Brian Charlton's Waix. There were many other chapter members who benefitted from his generosity. We all knew he was struggling to breathe, but none of us expected him to turn for the worse so soon. We were not prepared to lose you Bill. There will be a part of you flying in many of our aircraft, and your spirit will live on with us. Many thanks go to Brenda Ferguson and Brian Charlton for helping me write this tribute. These pictures show Bill at various Tri-State, Ultralight, Sport Pilot and EAA Chapter events.

All Photos: ed.



BILL WITH BUDDY DAN GADDIS



BILL WITH DAD GADDIS AND MARK WORKS



WALKER'S LAKE TUPA PICNIC FALL 07



BILL DOING WHAT HE LOVED & DID BEST



BILL, MAY 2017 GENEROSITY AT WORK!



CONNIE AND BILL, CHAPTER CHRISTMAS, 2015

YOUNG EAGLE/EAGLE RALLY JUNE 24

We were blessed with a beautiful Saturday after a day of torrential rain for our latest Young Eagles/Eagles Rally. We invited kids and their parents from the Clippard Family YMCA Summer Camp Program to fly with us. We flew 5 Young Eagles and 3 Eagles. Participating pilots were Bob Burkhardt, Ken Jones, Bob Dombek, Ray Parker, and Billy Bie. A special thanks go to Brian Charlton and Dick Trapp for providing ground support and keeping things organized. Of course many thanks to the all the pilots. It was a great day!



BOB BURKHARDT FLIES A YOUNG EAGLE IN HIS RV9A

Photos on right: Brian Charlton

Photo below: ed.



BOB DOMBEK FLYING AN EAGLE IN HIS RANS S7



EAGLE AUTUMN BRADY'S FIRST FLIGHT EVER



KEN JONES HAS A YOUNG EAGLE IN HIS SONEX