

# TAILWINDS



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***EDITOR'S NOTE: THE NEWSLETTER IS A LITTLE SHORTER THIS MONTH. WE'RE ALL SCRAMBLING TO GET READY FOR AIRVENTURE! SEE YOU AT THE COMPOUND!***

# ***FIFI COMES TO TOWN***

*FIFI arrived at Lunken Airport for the CAF History Tour. The Cincinnati Warbirds Squadron 18 hosted the event from 7/12 to 7/16. In addition, many EAA Chapter 974 members volunteered their time to make this a successful week. Welcome to Cincinnati, FIFI!*



*Thanks to Chapter 974 President Al Kenkel for this notification and pictures!*

## ***THE PREZ SEZ.....***

*Well, the big week is quickly approaching. Plans are being made for the Compound to accommodate our members and guests. I'm excited to attend the dinner on 7/26 as I've not experienced the fun at Oshkosh that I've heard about in prior years. If you wish to attend the dinner, text or call Kevin for a number in your party that will be attending.*



*During our July 2 chapter meeting, 2 former chapter members attended and rejoined the chapter membership. Additionally, 2 brand new members were added to our group, both stating that they were impressed with our chapter members' knowledge and skill and also with the fact that our chapter is very active. Soon they will experience our friendliness as well.*

*We had pretty good attendance at our chapter meeting on 7/2 considering it was scheduled close to the 4th of July holiday. For those of you who were not able to attend, our hangar has taken on a real nice look. Thank You goes to many individuals who gave their time to upgrade our living space. Ray prepared the area for our two new benches and the poured concrete that really looks professionally done. Bill Morris, Tim Morris and Brian Charlton, set up an electrical outlet in preparation for the new garage door opener to the hangar. As a result, the opener was installed on 7/7, and what an improvement that is for all of us. New garbage cans were purchased and delivered by Roger and Sharon. And finally, Mike Wood is in the process of choosing and getting a pop machine for our use. Thanks to everyone who continued to make a positive difference for the chapter.*

*Don't forget to make reservations with Kevin,*

*I'm already looking forward to our next chapter meeting to hear reports about your experiences at Airventure Oshkosh.*

*That's it!*

*AI*

# CHAPTER SECRETARY'S REPORT...MEETING MINUTES

EAA Chapter 974 Monthly Meeting  
Sunday, July 2, 2017

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

• **New Members:** None

**Guests:**

- Dick Knapp – Returning from a long time off
- Mark Dornety – Working on a Mustang 2
- Mike Meinke – Working on the empennage of an RV-7
- Doug Atlantis

**Secretary's Report:** Tim was not present today

**Treasurer's Report:**

+\$479 in income, -\$753 in expenses (benches, the cookout, etc) = -\$284 for the month of June  
\$6,107 in the bank. About \$1,000 in expenses will be coming due in July

**Historian/Librarian/Newsletters (Bob Dombek):** Bob was not present today

**Young Eagles Report (Bob Burkhardt):** Bob was not present today

**Hangar Master Report:**

BIG THANK YOU to Bill Morris for doing the electrical run to the rear door for the door opener. The door opener will be installed on Friday the 7<sup>th</sup>.

The recent cookout revealed a lack of long tables for spreading out our large amounts of food and goodies. A motion was placed to purchase 3 additional tables, at \$30/table, from Menards.

Thank you to Ray for pouring the concrete pads for the new benches

New garbage cans were purchased recently

Bill Conn donated a lawn mower to mow the grass out front of the benches in the future

**Tech Counselor Report (Ray Parker):** Nothing too new to report. Ray finally has the registration to his Long-EZ.

**Project Reports:** Nothing of major note

**Old Business:**

Arrangements are being made to purchase and deliver the pop machine, discussed in the previous month's meeting. The pop machine will NOT take dollars. Bring your coins!

**New Business:**

In the box next to the KR is a 5000lb electric hoist. Discussion was started around whether to mount it permanently or not, where, etc. Tabled for future meetings.

**Adjourned:** 2:36pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Scott Balmos for Tim Morris



## **FLEDGE REPORT**

You could say this is a re-fledge report. Brian Charlton's Waixex has left the nest—again! Brian recently converted his Waixex from conventional to tricycle landing gear, a big job! After dealing with some ground handling problems due to stiff steering, Brian says she handles fine with no further issues. Below are some before, during and after shots. Congratulations Brian! She looks great!



**AS SHE LOOKED AS A TAILDRAGGER**



**"THE STRAW THAT BROKE THE CAMEL'S BACK"**



**FIRST, A NEW ENGINE MOUNT WAS NEEDED**

Photos:  
Brian  
Charlton



**NEW NOSEWHEEL STRUT INSTALLED**



**LOOKING SMART WITH HER NEW NOSEWHEEL!**

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<http://wiki.eaa974.org> — chapter wiki page

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## PLEASANT SURPRISES!

*Right: Several chapter members were on hand to witness the first surprise: the B-25 from the Tri-State Warbird Museum making a series of full stop landings at Hogan Field. We had a great view from the new benches at the north end of the chapter hangar. This was one of those days I left my camera at home, having only my phone to shoot pictures.  
Photo: ed.*



*Left: Prez Al Kenkel sent me shots of a C-130 making a surprise visit to Lunken during the CAF History Tour. Al says there was some sort of medical exercise taking place. Great Shot! Thanks Al!*

*Photo: Al Kenkel*