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OCTOBER MEETING PROGRAM

We were treated to an excellent program on the Champaign Aviation Museum by Terry Senger. Terry is a museum volunteer and is one of the museum's B-25, Champaign Gal, volunteer Pilots. The museum is located on the north end of Grimes Field, Urbana, Ohio. The museum's name comes from the fact that it's located in Champaign County. Terry says that he began volunteering at the museum working on their B-17, Champaign Lady, restoration project several years ago. He has extensive flying experience with several ratings which led to him eventually flying their B-25. He is one of a half dozen volunteer pilots for that aircraft. Terry encouraged us to consider volunteering at the museum even if you can donate a just few hours as your time allows. It's a tremendous learning experience, and you have the pride of knowing you are contributing to preserving valuable pieces of aviation history. Terry also discussed the fund raising campaign for expanding the museum. Thank you Terry for an excellent and informative presentation!



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With a little luck, I hope that no one tried to attend a non-existent chapter meeting today. Even though the chapter meeting was held last Sunday, it was an abbreviated one out of respect to the guest speaker which Scott provided for us.

As a result, one of the more important and necessary procedures was omitted—that of securing 2 officer position nominations for next year. Typically, we would have offered nominations in October and then, in November, vote to elect for both positions that are soon to be vacated by me and our treasurer, Roger. So, it is important that at least 2 of our many members step up to fill the two officer positions for next year namely, VP and Treasurer.



I'm asking that our membership send me nominations for each position—or better still—nominate yourself. Upon receiving candidates, I can proceed with the formal election process at the 11/5 meeting. As I look back at the accomplishments of the year, it becomes readily apparent that our membership has quickly stepped up for the betterment of the chapter. Chapter members just seem to take a little personal time to help for the common good whether it be installing a new commode, buying and delivering carts and new chairs for member comfort, building benches, digging a foundation to lay concrete to support those benches, installing new locks for the chapter hangar, running electric for a new garage opener, fixing our tow motor, creating a better chapter web site and even gluing down the threshold for our garage door in an effort to keep the floor dry and safer for all of us. The most impressive thing that I observed however, was that no one was coerced or even prodded to do those tasks. Members just quickly stepped up to provide for chapter improvement. Thanks goes to Barry, Roger and Sharon, Scott, Ray, Mark, Bill Brian and Kevin, John Chappel and our other John.

We now need to fill these two important positions for 2018. Scott needs a right hand man to help with coordinating chapter functions and Roger has given 4 years of very accurate financial data reporting so that the chapter could continue to operate in a financially sound way. While I'm at it, I want to assure you that the next VP will find Scott to be very easy to work with and, as you are aware by now, Scott runs a good program and adjusts very quickly to any surprises that crop up—I can think of one very recent surprise!!!!!!

That's it

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I GOT THIS OVER HEAD SHOT THANKS TO CALEB SCHMIDT'S STEADY HAND ON THE STICK AS WE CIRCLED THE FIELD



GREAT SHOT COURTESY OF GARY REED FROM HIS AIR-CAM



MARK TAYLOR'S HATZ TOUCHES DOWN



DAVE GALLAGHER DIRECTS TRAFFIC

MORE SWORFI 2017

Thanks to host Todd Winemiller and the Talespinner crew from EAA Chapter 174, we enjoyed a SWORFI Fly-in on Oct 1 that will go down in history as one of the best. I counted 50 airplanes but could have missed a few. The promise of great food and perfect weather did not hurt the turnout. All photography was courtesy of your editor except for the best overhead shot from Gary Reed taken from his Air-Cam.



KEVIN GSSERT, KELLY HARDWICK, CALEB-SCHMIDT



CHARLIE CORDER WITH BUDDY MIKE WOOD



BRIAN AND PAT FLAHERTY, NANCY AND JOHN PRINCE



THE GLASTAR CREW, MARK NUEBAUER, LINDA PLEVYAK, DICK KING



CALEB SCHMIDT, YOUR OVERHEAD PHOTO CO-PILOT AND ME, HEADED HOME

STILL MORE SWORFI!

There were too many beautiful airplanes and some extra space this month not to add another page of pictures. Eye candy!

Photos: ed.



HOST TODD WINEMILLER'S T-6 ON DISPLAY



GARY REED'S AIR-CAM



CONNIE AND TIM O'CONNOR WITH THEIR SKY BOY

Sometimes it takes a village—or a chapter, to solve a nagging problem. (Good reason to join!) When Scott Balmos attempted to crank his engine on his nearly finished RV9A, the apron in front of his hangar got an oil bath. The problem was a poor seal on an engine accessory. Scott was ably assisted by Ray Parker and Scott Hersha, good guys to have around. My contribution was loan of a hammer and a pair of “roach clips”. Problem solved. Scott reports that he has since started his engine. It appears to run well. Congratulations Scott!!

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