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NOVEMBER 5 2017 MEETING PHOTOS

Pictured below are new members, old members returning and visitors. From left to right: Mark Schababerle, Chris Uhl, Jack Brandenburg, Barry Hansel. Chapter 974 extends a big welcome. Thanks for joining us at our meeting! Good to have you with us!



Pictured below: Here we are, as always, gathered around John Prince's Glasair project on a warm November afternoon.



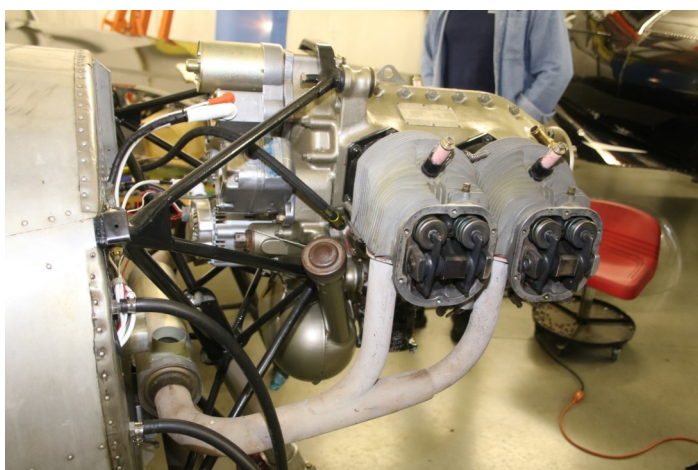
THE GREAT 2017 HANGAR CRAWL, SCOTT HERSHA'S RV-8

By tradition, EAA Chapter 974 holds its annual hangar crawl following the November chapter meeting. The first stop this year was to see Scott Hersha's RV-8 in hangar T6-E. Scott's RV is a quick-build version which he started on 4/1/17. After owning 3 other RV's, one built by him and 2 others pre-owned, Scott said the quick-build was the way to go for him. Scott estimates he will have about 1200 hrs total build time, with about 800 done so far and hopefully 400 to go. John Thocker made up the cockpit wiring harness for him in exchange for some fiberglass work Scott did for John. Power will come from a Superior IO-360 pictured lower right. Great job Scott! It looks beautiful!



2017 HANGAR CRAWL CONTINUED

Our next stop was to see Kevin Gassert's Ercoupe 415 C restoration project in hangar T6-G. Kevin acquired this Ercoupe from Curt's Ercoupe "restoration factory" at Middletown Hook Field in July of 2016. The interior corrosion was laboriously cleaned by Al Kenkel in exchange for work done on Al's Ercoupe by Kevin. What a chapter! It will be powered by a Continental C-85 which is seen in the middle left picture. Kevin reports that he is close to a first start of the engine. Kevin is our on-field Ercoupe guru, and he gives great support to the other members of the "Ercoupe Air Force" on the field. Great work, Kevin!



MORE 2017 HANGAR CRAWL

Our next stop on the crawl was Scott Balmos' RV9A in hangar T4-B. Scott reports starting construction in January of 2012 at home, and he continued at home until it was on the gear and time to move to the hangar. He estimates approximately 1900-2000 hrs of construction time to date. Power comes from an IO 320 EIB of 160 hp which came from a 1972 Citabria. It is equipped with electronic ignition and fuel injection. Propeller is a Catto 3 blade. I've observed Scott's diligent work, weekend after weekend, as his hangar is directly across from mine. I admire his perseverance and discipline which it takes when the project moves from home to hangar. Beautiful work Scott!



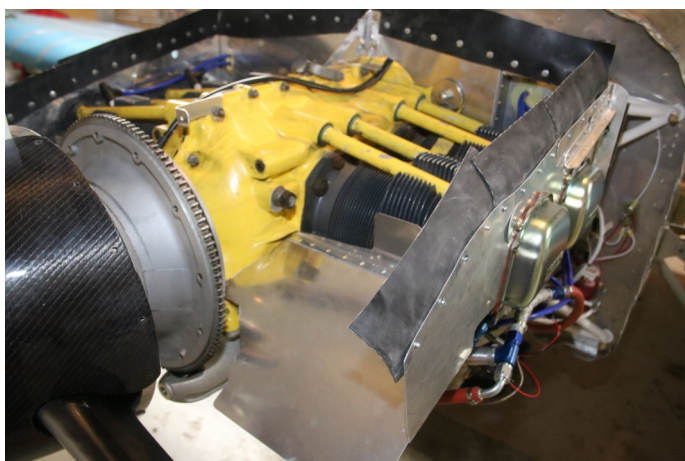
ANOTHER SCOTT WEARING THE RV GRIN!



SCOTT'S RV NEARLY DONE-A LABOR OF LOVE



BETTER THAN A CHRISTMAS TREE!



BUSINESS END LOOKS LIKE IT MEANS BUSINESS!

YET MORE 2017 HANGAR CRAWL

Our final stop, just in time to beat the rain, was John Prince's Glasair restoration going on in the chapter hangar, T5-J. John's Glasair was started by another builder and had been completed to the point of taxi testing on his private strip north of Delaware, Ohio. John acquired the project in 2015. The wings needed to be removed for transporting it to our field. John reports the need to make many changes and corrections to the previous builders efforts. It is a complex, labor intensive project as it has retractable landing gear with it's associated hydraulic system. Many changes to the electrical and hydraulic systems were needed. Power comes from a normally aspirated Lycoming IO 540 of about 300 hp. John says that he hopes for his first engine start in 2 weeks. John, as your project has been located in the chapter hangar, we all know first hand what a long, detailed and complex effort this has been. Chapter 974 salutes your perseverance and hard work! She'll be a fantastic cross country screamer! Great work John!



JOHN'S SERIOUS EXPRESSION BELONGS WITH SERIOUS PROJECT!



LOOKS FAST JUST SITTING IN THE HANGAR!



LOTS OF COMPLEX WIRING AND PLUMBING



IO 540 ALMOST READY FOR START-UP

THE PREZ SEZ.....

2018 is squarely in sight now. At the 3 mark of membership in our chapter, I felt a strong need to give something back, to reciprocate more fully for all the unconditional help and advice I had been receiving from our group.

In speaking of the need to “give back” in some way, I took the advice of Doug Hurd who simply stated that contributions can take other forms than giving technical advice and loaning items (neither of which I had). A chapter officer position was/is a continual need and in serving, I could better pay back in that manner. I feel good about my decision to follow Doug’s advice. And, as unexpected benefit, it has allowed me to gain a more thorough understanding of the history of our chapter and closeness of our members.

I’m looking forward to my continual membership in 2018 (dues paid up!) and will enjoy watching Scott and ? Leading us forward during the year.

Thanks for your support, advice and friendship!

Al



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SECRETARY'S REPORT, NOVEMBER 2107 MINUTES



The meeting was called to order by President Al Kenkel at 2:01 pm.

Guests, Visitors, and Former Chapter Members Returning:

Chris Uhl, Barry Hansel, Mark Schababerle, Jack Brandenburg

Tech report. All quiet. Bob Burkhart said thanks to Ray Parker and others for help on annual.

Hangar report. Sharon donated Kerug Coffee Maker to the chapter.

Library report: library is now "dejunked." Bob Dombek removed several items that were duplicates or were no longer relevant to the library needs.

Treasurer's Report: Income \$485. Dues due 20. Expenses 122 supplies and meeting supplies. Made \$362.70 balance \$5573

Young eagles summary: low activity, no groups (YMCA only) and currently no requests.

Old business: The future airport historical marker is still being planned by an airport sponsored committee. The chapter has committed to supporting this effort with a donation of money but there are no specifics yet. Planning dates will be announced in upcoming year by that committee. There is no new information.

Christmas Party: Sunday December 3 at Houston Inn Restaurant in Mason OH. We will Order off menu. cocktails start at 6:00 pm. Bring a gift for exchange (white elephant) if you wish to participate.

Respectfully Submitted:

Tim Morris, EAA Chapter 974 Recording Secretary

CHAPTER 974 WELCOMES AVIATION EXPLORING POST 78

On Saturday, November 18, Aviation Exploring Post 78 held their twice monthly meeting at our chapter. The topic of the meeting program was an introduction to the Experimental Aircraft Association. Brett Ferrell started the meeting by giving a general introduction to the EAA. He spoke about the organization, and then gave a detailed description of the process of building a home built aircraft. Brett then turned the meeting over to chapter member Ray Parker who showed pictures of his building projects and added personal insights about what it was like to build your own airplane.

Following the general meeting, the Post members were taken on a tour of some members projects on the field. The tour included stops at hangars of Bob Dombek, Scott Balmos, Ray Parker and others. This gave the Explorer Post members a chance to see up close and personal, the experience of building an airplane.

Post 78 is a local Aviation Exploring chapter chartered to Eastern Cincinnati Aviation (ECA) and Sporty's Pilot Shop by the Learning for Life office of the Boy Scouts of America. This group of teens (14-20) with an aviation interest meets in the Sporty's building at the Clermont County Airport in Batavia, Ohio. Website: post78.org

