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MARCH 2018 MEETING PROGRAM

Jason Forshey, Cincinnati Flight Standards District Office Program Director, gave wings credit to 20 chapter members on Sunday. His presentation was titled "Human Factors in Maintenance". Jason presented a real life scenario regarding the "doctoring" of maintenance records pertaining to registering a ferry permit to fly a supposedly air worthy Mooney M-20. It crashed upon take-off killing the pilot in the attempt. After describing the scenario, the chapter members discussed the leading causes of the tragedy and what should have been done in retrospect. Good maintenance steps were emphasized in this presentation. Chapter 974 thanks Mr. Forshey for his excellent presentation!

Editors note: I would like to thank Al Kenkel for filling in for me in my absence for taking notes, taking pictures and providing a summary of Jason's presentation! Thanks All!

Photos: Al Kenkel



THE PREZ SEZ.....

Spring really is coming soon, right? Being teased by these random days of warm temps and open hangar doors, only to be back to cold and windy the next day, is annoying. But before you know it, Sun 'n Fun, Mo-raine Funday Sunday, our weekend cookouts, and Osh-kosh will be here. We just have to hold on a little bit longer.



A reminder that April's meeting is moved back to Sunday April 8, since April 1 is Easter. And we'll have Stan back out to give another talk. See you then!

Scott

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CHAPTER SECRETARY REPORT, MARCH 2018 MINUTES

EAA 974 Meeting Minutes March 2018

The meeting was called to order at two minutes after 2 PM March 4, 2018 by president Scott Balmos. This was followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Visitors included Mr. Hicks, he has a Long Ez and Vari Ez. John Stat was present. John was a member of the chapter over 10 years ago.

Treasurer's Report: income \$225, expenses \$51. The bank total amounts to \$5110.

Project Reports:

Al Kenkel is installing new radios and interior in his Ercoupe.

Scott Balmos is working on his center console in his airplane and has completed the engine cowling.

Bill Duffy is almost complete with his new RV-14. It is ready for the FAA inspection.

Old Business

The State of Ohio completed its accounting for our chapter and its nonprofit status. The state determined that the chapter does not owe any money and they are returning money that was paid to them by President Scott Balmos.

A tour of the control tower at Cincinnati international airport is being discussed with the Federal Aviation Administration at CVG. This looks like a possibility for August of this summer.

Establishment of a VMC Club was discussed during the meeting. The club is comprised of VFR pilots discussing training, pilot technique and hangar flying. Our chapter has the opportunity to sponsor and start such a club. This club would be separate from EAA 974. The discussion went no further than presenting the idea.

The national EAA has an available weekend for the Ford tri-motor aircraft. This aircraft flies guest rides and can be used as a money raising tool and to enhance our public presence. The aircraft would be available during memorial day weekend. A signup sheet was passed for interested parties who would might want to volunteer over the holiday weekend.

Pearls restaurant in Fairfield closed last month. The Saturday morning group met at Frisch's.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:38 PM

Jason Forshey from the FAA presented a program about human factors in aircraft maintenance. This program chronicled an accident involving a Mooney M20 airplane that landed gear up., was repaired improperly, and crashed on a ferry flight killing the pilot. Jason discussed missed warning flags, pressures surrounding the decision-making, and other things to consider.

This concluded the program.

Respectfully Submitted: Tim Morris, Chapter Secretary



Pictured right is Scott Balmos installing the cowling on his RV9A. Scott looks happy because this is his second cowling, and the fit looks perfect. The first didn't go so well having been cut short. I think we've all been there in one way or another, and it's always a learning experience. It looks beautiful Scott! Congratulations!
Photo: ed.



Here we see Kevin Gassert working behind the panel of Al Kenkel's Ercoupe. Here's another place many of us have been—and suffered through! Many of our ships are notorious for terrible access, especially behind panels. This is true of both homebuilt and production aircraft. Al reports that Kevin is installing a new master switch. Kevin looks like he's got lots of padding to make the job a little more bearable. Kevin will also be installing a new interior in Al's Coupe. Won't be long before you're flying Al!



Photos: Al Kenkel

A TRIBUTE TO PEARL'S DINER

Here are a few shots of our beloved Pearl's Diner which closed at the end of February. Pearl's has been our Saturday lunch hang-out for as long as I can remember. They always had a row of tables reserved for us, and we typically had 20 or more chapter members there for lunch. It was always great for hangar flying, informal education, networking and just plain socializing. A sign out front says "closed for renovation". We're not sure what that means as the diner has been sold and it's future is uncertain. Chapter 974 will always be grateful to the gang at Pearl's for taking such good care of us. Photos: ed.



THE OHIO RIVER IN FLOOD

I thought I'd take a look at the Ohio River Early in February after the very hard rains we had. The Ohio was very much out of it's banks. I flew back and forth over the Ohio and Kentucky sides, near Cleves, keeping a close watch on the GPS so as not to invade the inner circle over CVG's airspace. The class B air-space ceiling at that point is 2100 ft MSL which means watching altitude as well.

Photos: ed.



The propeller is just a big fan in the front of the plane to keep the pilot cool. Want proof? Make it stop; then watch the pilot break out into a sweat!

If you're ever faced with a forced landing at night, turn on the landing lights to see the landing area. If you don't like what you see, turn 'em back off!

Everyone knows the definition of a "good" landing is one from which you can walk away. But, very few know the definition of a "great landing." It's one after which you can use the airplane another time!

There are two types of tailwheel (or retractable gear) pilot: those who have ground-looped (or landed gear up) and those that will!

You know when you've landed with the gear up when it takes full power to taxi!

Learn from the mistakes of others. You won't live long enough to make all of them yourself!

These quotes were taken from "Slipping the Surly Bonds" by Dave English.

COMING EVENTS FOR ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS

Saturday March 24 The Flying Neutrons will hold an open house to inaugurate its new facilities at Warren County Airport (I68) in Lebanon at 2460 Greentree Rd from 2p.m. to 6p.m. The public is welcome to attend and visit the club's new facilities, see club airplanes and learn more about the club's significant historic impact to the Cincinnati community over the past 66 years.

Many of the club members share their commitment to aviation in the local community by participating in the Civil Air Patrol, Angel Flights, Pilots For Christ and other charitable and civic activities where they can utilize their pilot privileges.

For more info go to: www.FlyingNeutrons.com.

Sunday April 8: EAA 974 Chapter meeting. Note that the meeting will be 1 week later than normal due to the Easter Holiday on April 1

Sunday May 6: EAA Chapter 48 Will hold it's annual Funday Sunday Fly-in at Moraine Airpark (I73)