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Butler County Regional Airport  
Hamilton, Ohio



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# MAY 2018 MEETING NOTES

*Your Prez and newsletter editor were both missing in action for the May meeting, by coincidence, due to musical events. Scott was playing his tenor sax at a concert of the Southwestern Ohio Symphonic Band, and I was at my granddaughter's piano recital. A heartfelt thanks goes to our capable VP, Tom Martin, for running the meeting for Scott and for providing the following notes that summarize the meeting. Also, check out Tom's Crockpot Jumbalaya Recipe on the next page. There have been requests for this. THANKS TOM! By the way, you should also check out Scott's band at [www.sosband.org](http://www.sosband.org) Very cool!*

## Reminders -

**Lebanon Warren Airport (I68)** Runway will be closed for 90 Days starting June 1st for construction to widen the airstrip. The Flying Neutron club will be relocating their planes to Butler County Regional for the duration of the construction.

**Butler County Regional (KHAO)** Planned taxiways repairs - **@Tim do you have the specifics?**

## News -

**Darren Wargacki** - Boy Scout [Troop 947](#) is planning to do a *Aviation Merit Badge* workshop, and as part of the event they would like to get the boys up in the air! *(He stated they were planning on late July or early August, but hadn't locked it in yet... The membership advised him that the end of July is Oshkosh, so Darren is going to push for early August with the Troop)* Tom Martin added that with the Flying Neutrons on field during that time that there would be extra planes/pilots to assist *(Tom Martin to follow-up with Neutrons)* - More to follow, but we will be asking for volunteers to take up participating Boy Scouts.

**Tom Hogan** - Announced a reminder that the Randolph County Fly-in is being held on June 9th - *The Fly-In Breakfast will be on June 9, 2018 from 6 am to 12 pm. Tickets for airplane rides will cost \$20 a person with children under 2 riding for free. Fuel will be sold at cost to anyone flying in for breakfast from 6 am until noon.*

**Moraine Funday Sunday** - Those who attended had a good time! They ran out of eggs for breakfast, but there was plenty of lunch to go around.

**VMC Club Chapter** - Inaugural meeting was held directly after the Chapter meeting on May 6th. Great introductory dialogue between members which included topics ranging from electronic flight bags (EFB) like Fore-Flight, to the best home flight simulator options to keep skills fresh. Still want to get involved? Contact Al Fullerton (**email address?**) to sign-up.

## Round of Applause!

**Scott Balmos**: FINALLY taxied his RV on 4/29! Now progressing through the paper-mill with Stan. Unfortunately, he's still tracking down why he is still not getting tach and fuel flow data to his PFD... The crowd decided he had too much electronic gear in the plane for the electrons to flow properly. :)



## **Ingredients**

- 1 pound mild andouille sausage (Kroeger & Son Meats @ Findlay Market Recommended) cut into thin slices
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 (28 oz.) can fire roasted diced tomatoes with juice (Muir Glen Organic @ Kroger Recommended)
- 3 cloves garlic, chopped
- 2 1/2 cups vegetable broth
- 1 tablespoon Tony Chachere's Creole Seasoning (or to taste)
- 1 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 2 pounds extralarge uncooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 1 3/4 cups long-grain rice

## **How to Make It**

### **Step 1 - The Night Before**

Combine sausage, onion, green pepper, celery, tomatoes, garlic, chicken broth, creole seasoning, thyme and oregano in a large (5-quart) slow cooker. Cook covered on low until morning (6 hours).

### **Step 2 - The Next Morning (2 Hours Before Serving)**

Stir in rice and continue to cook on low. Stir occasionally, and if consistency becomes too thick, add additional vegetable broth and continue to cook covered.

### **Step 3 - 1 Hour Before Serving**

Fold in shrimp. Continue to cook covered for approximately 1 hour, and turn cooker to warm until ready to serve.



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

*As usual in Ohio, we go from dreary and miserably cold in one day, to sunny and getting-pretty-warm the next. Rejoice! Before you know it, we'll be miserably humid! Flying season is in full swing now. Hope you're taking advantage of it any way you can. A reminder, though - Ohio's state weed, the dreaded Orange Barrel, has popped up on the HAO ramp and Warren County's runway for the summer.*



*Anyone have contact info for Darren from Troop 947? I'll combine it with my contact info for the two troops at my church, St. Anne (right next door to 947's church, Lord of Life). We'll coordinate a combined weekend for all 3 troops.*

*And yes, I have too many electrons buzzing around in my panel. Better than stray Neutrons I guess. :P At least my stray electrons only screw up instrument readings, and aren't radioactive*

*Keep Roscoe in your thoughts as he recovers from his crash. I'll see you around the airport.*

Scott

## **CHAPTER CONTACTS**

### *How to Contact Chapter 974*

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

# **SECRETARY'S REPORT, MAY 2018 MEETING MINUTES**

May 6, 2018 meeting

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM by vice President Tom Martin. Guests included Logan Shrieve, James Cacklin, Darin Wargacki.

There is a correction to last months minutes as the ramp at Hamilton airport will be closed for two months due to construction. Prior minutes had the wrong amount of time.

Treasurer's Report: income \$310 expenses \$495. The bank balance stands at \$5177.

Hangar Report: a push lawnmower showed up at the chapter hanger. The new hoist is has arrived. Billy Bie has offered to donate some copper pipe for the hot water pipes in the bathroom.

Tech Report: there is a new airplane at Hamilton airport. It is a Vari Eze owned by Jamie Hicks.

Young Eagles: No Report

Book review from Tom Martin: "Flight of Passage" by Rinker Buck is a true story about two teenage boys flying their fathers piper cub from the East Coast to California. It is a very interesting true story about flying a smaller plane across the country.

Project Report: Scott Balmos recently performed taxi test for his new airplane.

Bill Conn is missing his cable tensiometer. It was loaned out and has not been returned. If you can help with its whereabouts please contact Bill.

Old Business: transponder checks were done on Saturday, May 6.

Several members attended "Funday Sunday" at Moraine Airport. The airport was full of airplanes, it was a beautiful day and breakfast and lunch were served.

New Business: the VMC Club held its inaugural meeting after the conclusion of the EAA Chapter meeting.

The chapter aircraft scales were recently repaired, upgraded and modified for a cost of approximately \$500. A motion to authorize the secretary treasurer to pay for this work passed. Ray Parker initially paid for all of this work and will be reimbursed by the chapter treasurer.

The local Eagle Scouts will be holding a meeting for aviation merit badges this summer. Darrin Wargacki will be coordinating this event and made inquiries as to the possibility of a young eagle event to give aircraft rides to some of the Eagle Scouts. (Darin operates the Laser Grade facility near the Airport Entrance gate). He will meet with our young eagles coordinator Bob Burkhart and present further details at future meetings.

Randolph County Indiana will be hosting a fly-in June 9. They will be offering fuel at cost and free breakfast for the first 50 pilots to arrive.

Respectfully Submitted  
Tim Morris, Chapter Secretary



# **FUNDAY SUNDAY PHOTO WRAP-UP**

Funday Sunday, hosted by EAA Chapter 48 at Moraine Airpark, was about as good as it gets this year. The wind was light out of the southwest which allowed for that fun approach over I75 and the river. I don't know the plane count, but when they started parking planes on the east end, you knew it was busy. Chapter 48 cooked up a good breakfast and lunch for the crowd, but ran out of eggs, another sign of good attendance! Chapter 974 extends a big thanks to Chapter 48 for a terrific day! Photos: ed.



**CHAPTER 48 WHIPS UP GREAT GRUB!**



**A GOOD CROWD FROM 974**





# MEMPHIS BELLE, EAA RECEPTION, AND HUFFMAN PRAIRIE

Some of us got to visit the new Memphis Belle Exhibit at the National Museum of the US Air Force. How great is it to have a first class aviation museum so close to us? Al Kenkel, Kevin Gassert and Bob Burkhart were there Thursday for the unveiling. I made the trip on Sunday which gave me a chance to meet Jack Pelton at an EAA Reception in the Aviation Hall of Fame. The museum was packed and I was parked way out in the grass in front of the museum. The Memphis Belle restoration was exquisite. Hard to believe it sat out for over 50 years as a campsite for the homeless and covered with graffiti. I made a side trip to the Huffman Prairie Flying Field before leaving. Photos: upper right Al Kenkel, all others ed.



**YOUR EDITOR MEETS EAA'S JACK PELTON!**

**WRIGHT BROTHERS HUFFMAN PRAIRIE**



# SOME EVENTS TO REMEMBER

*June 2, Cincinnati Silent Flyers Radio Control Club Open House, Silent Flyers Field near corner of Springdale and Mill Rds. Try your hand at flying a radio control model with an instructor, and see the latest in electric radio control flight including fixed wing, helicopters and drones.*

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Info: 513-520-6398  
Saturday - June 2, 2018  
9:00am - 1:00pm

*June 3, 2018 EAA Chapter 974 Meeting, Hangar T5J, KHAO , 2 PM*

*June 9, 2018 Randolph County Airport Fly-In, I22, Winchester, IN, 6 AM-12 PM*



*June 9, 2018 Pope Vintage Airport Fly-In, KGFD, Greenfield, IN, 62nm from KHAO, Turf Runway*

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