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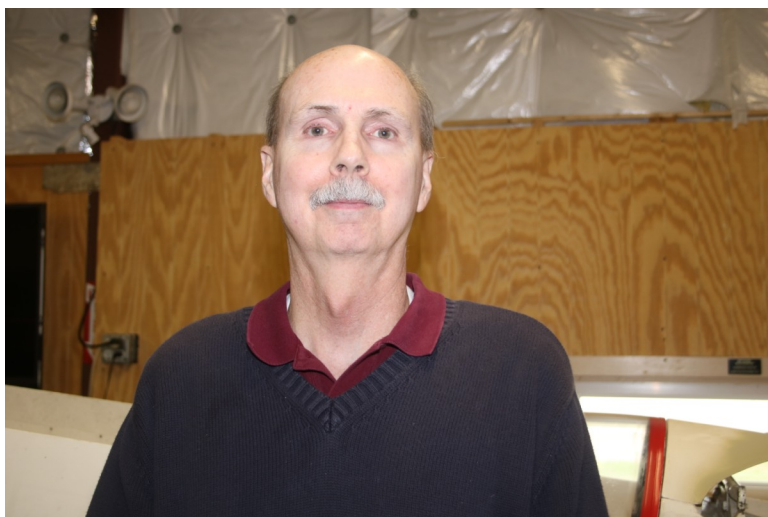
**PHILLIPSBURG FLY-IN DRIVE-IN**

# NOVEMBER 2018 MEETING PHOTO REVIEW

*Pictured at right: The November seating was rearranged due to another project entering the hangar. It's out of view here, but Al Fullerton acquired a vintage Schleicher Ka-10 sailplane. It will be featured in the Hangar Crawl. There was a good turn out for a chilly November day.*



*Pictured at right is visitor and potential new member Bruce Zimmerman. Bruce is a member of EAA Chapter 1522 based at Cynthiana-Harrison County Airport, Cynthiana, Ky. He is building an RV-8. His project is currently under construction at home. Editor's note: How great is building at home this time of year!*



*Pictured below left and right are two friendly biplanes that flew in for the meeting. Left is Mark Taylor's Hatz and right is Lester Robertson's Skybolt. It wasn't a bad day for flying open cockpit, but the temps were dropping and day was turning ugly by the time they left.*

*Photos: ed.*

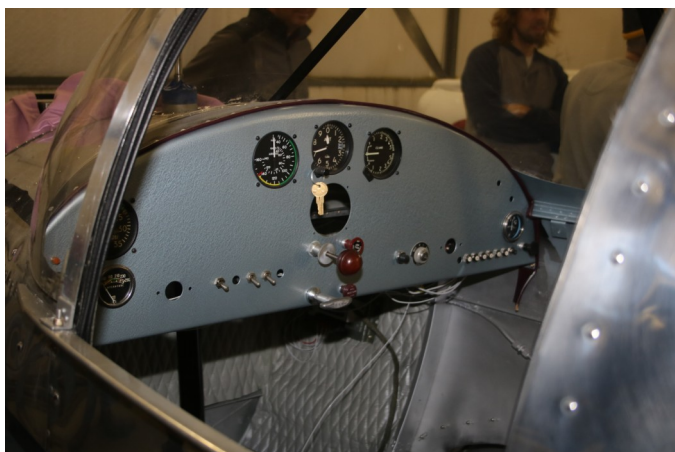


# THE GREAT 2018 HANGAR CRAWL PAGE 1

Chapter 974 held its traditional November Hangar Crawl in conjunction with the November chapter meeting. Chapter members travel to various hangars to view projects on the field. We started at Kevin Gassert's hangar to see his "Ercoupe Factory". In the left column we see his 415 C model under-

going its restoration. Kevin has installed a new panel and the skin is beautifully polished courtesy of fellow Ercoupe guy, Al Kenkel. In the right column is another Ercoupe Kevin recently acquired. Its status is uncertain due to corrosion found in the wing center section. Kevin has another Ercoupe in another hangar, the one he is currently flying known as "White Lightning". If one Ercoupe is good, 3 is great, right Kevin? Kevin is the chapter Ercoupe guru and the go-to guy on the field for the Ercoupe Air Force!

Thanks for showing your projects Kevin! Looking good!  
Photos: ed.



## THE GREAT 2018 HANGAR CRAWL PAGE 2

The projects on this page were not originally scheduled as part of the hangar crawl, at least as I understood it. I added them because I felt they were worthy of sharing with the chapter.

The two upper right shots are of Al Fullerton's vintage Schleicher K-10 glider. Al says it was originally registered in Austria as OE-0710 and still carries that registration number. It was built in 1964 and first flew in 1965. It amassed a total of 2112 hours before being shipped to Fairfield, Pa. Al says he obtained it for the price of transporting it to KHAO. It will need restoration as it has its original cotton covering and will need a complete recover along with complete restoration. It will need US registration which Al says could be a challenge. I love its lines, and it will be a worthy project. I will include a more complete story on this glider in the January newsletter. Beautiful Al! Thanks for sharing it with us!



Lower right is Chris Reiff with his recently acquired Temco Swift. I caught Chris a few weeks ago polishing it. It's a beautiful example of the Swift. Thanks Chris!

Photos: ed.



... and with that, another year comes to a close. We now disappear into the (relative) warmth of our hangars, plugging away on our projects, preparing for that most anticipated First Fly-In of the 2019 season.

It has been an honor and privilege to be your benevolent overlord for the past year, and serving on the board for the past four years overall. I look forward to being back on the other side of the table at meetings.



Be nice to Tom next year, and he might still feed us. :) Until then, have a productive winter. I'll see you all at lunch, and maybe in the air.

Scott Balmos

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# **CHAPTER SECRETARY'S REPORT NOVEMBER MINUTES**

*Call to order by President Scott Balmos at 2:00 pm Sunday November 4.*

*Guest: Bruce Zimmerman, Cynthiana, Ky , EAA Chapter 1522*

*Treasurer's report: missing*

*Hangar Report: door seal on garage door is leaking and needs to be replaced. No offers on the old heater.*

*Tech Counselor's Report: no new activity.*

*There is a new aircraft in the Chapter Hangar. It is a German made K-10 glider project owned by Al Fullerton. It is a wood and fabric craft that Al will recover with new fabric.*

*Old Business: the historical marker for the hangar is almost complete. The chapter pledged up to \$500 donation to support the erection at the terminal. This marker will recognize the Hogan Brothers for founding Hamilton Airport.*

*New Business: The chapter Christmas Party will be on Sunday December 2 at the Heuston Inn in Mason, Ohio.*

*Chapter elections were held. Joey Shrieve was elected as the new Vice President, and Al Fullerton was elected as chapter secretary. Joey, Tom and Al will be installed at the December meeting/ Christmas Banquet.*

*The meeting adjourned.*

*The annual hangar crawl was held and members viewed various aircraft projects located in the Hangars at Butler County Airport.*

*There was no VMC meeting.*

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*Tim Morris, Chapter Secretary*

# **JOEY'S FLY-IN ADVENTURES, FRENCH LICK FISH FRY**

*It seems no newsletter is complete without Joey Shreve's Fly-in adventures. Here are some shots from the French Lick Fish Fry Fly-In on Sat. Sept 29.*

*Pirate Joey says "Arrrrrr, I fly for food!" Don't we all? Looked like they put on a good spread on a great day to fly. Great shots! Thanks Joey!*

*Photos: Joey Shreve*



# **MORE FROM JOEY, PHILLIPSBURG FLY-IN DRIVE-IN**

On Saturday, Nov 3, Joey Shreve, Tim Morris, and Fred Hogan with Piper headed to Phillipsburg for their Fly-In Drive-In event. The day started cold but it looked to be well attended. There were lots of cool cars, trucks and hot rods to see.

Photos: Joey Shreve

