

# TAILWINDS



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## **JUNE 2019 MEETING PHOTO REVIEW**

Here we go again, another great gathering on a nearly perfect day! Several members spoke about progress on their projects and the meeting was capped off with a video hosted by EAA Chapters Director Charlie Becker and fantastic refreshments thanks to VP Joey Shreve



Pictured at right is Howard Plevyak with Willow Lang, a student at Sycamore High School. Willow is very interested in aviation. Willow flew with Howard as a Young Eagle before the meeting. She visited my hangar after the meeting to see my Rans S7 and Tiger Moth projects. Welcome Willow!



As you can see below, we were once again well fed by Vice President and master chef Joey Shreve. Photos: ed.



## **JUNE 2019 MEETING SUMMARY**

Vice president Joey Shreve led a review of the Food Truck Fly-In Scheduled July 13, 2019. The fly-in will be held in conjunction with the dedication of the Hogan Family Historical Marker. While fly-ins are weather dependent, Justin Hogan stated that the dedication will be held rain or shine. The food truck will be Italian fare . Joey reiterated the need for volunteers from the chapter

Bob Burkhardt announced a series of events to be held at Lunken Airport. There will be a War Bird Fly-in/drive in breakfast June 8, The B-29 arrives on July 10 and the B-17 will be there over Labor Day weekend. These events will be hosted by Cincinnati Warbird Squadron 18.

There was a brief discussion of a possible EAA Ford Trimotor visit during August or September. No decision was made pending further verification of available dates by president Tom Martin. Heavy chapter volunteer participation is required.

Hangar Master Sharon Burke has resigned her position after 12 years. Tom announced a call for volunteers to replace her. Thank you Sharon for your years of service to the chapter!

Scott Balmos discussed his progress with phase 1 flight testing of his RV9A. As of meeting day he has 17 hours. He reported good progress toward full engine break-in which requires flying at full throttle. On going are some issues with trim, a heavy left wing and Oil temperature and pressure readings. He will also begin stall exploration.

Kevin Gassert announced first flight of his Ercoupe restoration project which has been

underway for more than 3 years. Pictures to be found elsewhere in this edition courtesy of Al Kenkel. Transponder needs to be tested then he plans to sell it.

Tom Martin informed us of a feature on Foreflight that may not be well known. It's called The Glide Advisor.

Bob Burkhardt talked about another Young Eagle Rally and reminded us to be sure that our Youth Protection Certificate is current.

Meeting concluded with an EAA Chapter Video hosted by Charlie Becker, EAA Chapters Director. It covered Flying Start, Young Eagles Software Webinar, 2019 Airventure Preview, Airventure Chapter Camping, Rehab of the Binder House for chapter volunteers, expansion of homebuilt aircraft parking, the Dyke Delta prototype museum donation, and a video review of past Oshkosh Airventure years. He reminded us that 2019 is the 50th anniversary of Airventure at Whitman Field.

And finally, our new windsock waves proudly over the chapter hanger. Special thanks go to Brian Charlton who braved standing on the fork lift, and Bob Burkhardt, driver. Thanks Brian and Bob. Looks great!!



# **AROUND THE FIELD, KEVIN'S NEW 'COUPE FLIES!**

Kevin Gassert's new Ercoupe N23343 took to the air Saturday June 1 after a long restoration. Tailwinds has been following Kevin's restoration project since it arrived on the field. Congratulations Kevin!  
Photos: Al Kenkel



**INSTALLING A WING TAKES A VILLAGE....**



**...OR AT LEAST HALF A CHAPTER....**



**..BUT THAT'S WHAT CHAPTERS DO!**



**THE MOMENT OF TRUTH ARRIVES**



**FIRING UP.....**



**.....AND TAXING OUT**



**LIFT OFF! SORRY, FUZZY DUE TO**



**MAX BLOW-UP & CROP OF CELL PIC**

# **SQUADRON 18 WARBIIRD FLY-IN, JUNE 8, LUNKEN**

Chapter 974 members participated in the Warbird Fly-in at Lunken on June 8. Weather wasn't perfect but it looks like there was a good turn out for food and a few ships flew in.

Photos:  
Al kenkel



# **EVENTS CALENDAR**

**THE NEXT TWO MONTHS ARE JAM PACKED. HERE'S A CALENDAR TO HELP KEEP IT ALL STRAIGHT. A COUPLE OF EVENTS ARE NOT CONFIRMED OR FINALIZED. KEEP AN EYE ON THE CHAPTER EMAIL FOR FURTHER UPDATES.**

**JULY 3, EAA CHAPTER 974 BOARD MEETING**

**JULY 7, EAA CHAPTER 974 MEETING, 2 PM KHAO, HANGAR T5J**

**JULY 10-14 B-24 AND B-29 ARRIVE FOR LUNKEN CAF AIR POWER HISTORY TOUR**

**JULY 13 FOOD TRUCK FLY-IN AND HOGAN MARKER DEDICATION**

**JULY 22-28 OSHKOSH AIRVENTURE**

**AUGUST 4 EAA CHAPTER 974 CHAPTER MEETING**

**AUGUST 3-4, RADIO CONTROL FLYING CIRCUS**

**AUGUST 10 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY (TBD)**

**AUGUST 17-18 MERFI, GRIMES FIELD, URBANA, OHIO**

**AUGUST 24 KEVIN GASSERT'S HANGAR PICNIC**

**AUG 31-SEPT 2 B-17 AND VJ DAY AT LUNKEN DAYS, LUNKEN FIELD**

**SEPT 1 TAILDRAGGER FLY-IN AT RED STEWART FIELD**

*Some people just know how to have fun anywhere, anytime. Pictured right is Tim Morris trying out Bill Morris' new electric scooter. Report is that he found it at Walmart. Range is 12-14 miles with a top speed of 12 MPH. Looks small enough to take on a cross country flight. Pretty neat!*



*Tim continues to ham it up with an instant cookie duster. I don't know the story on this. You'll have to ask Tim or Brian*



*Photos: Brian Charlton*

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