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AUGUST 2019 GATHERING HIGHLIGHTS

The August 2019 meeting was somewhat sparsely attended. I guess many of us were recovering from Airventure Oshkosh! Depending on your sleeping accommodations, it could have been a grueling week, especially during the weekend before the program opened. Nevertheless, those of us able to go were satisfied and already chomping at the bit for next year!

With all of us safely back from Oshkosh, several members reported on their Airventure experience in flight and on the ground. We were all affected by the weather system that hit the area early in the week.

Scott Balmos suffered rudder damage to his RV9A when a gust lock problem allowed the wind to blow his rudder hard into a sharp corner of his elevator. Rudder skin suffered a small puncture which was repaired with Gorilla Tape for the trip home. Scott has since built a new rudder. Scott also reported that the Oshkosh controllers were taking advantage of aircraft with operating ADS-B by identifying them by tail number.

Bob Burkhardt received formation training at Dubuque, IA then flew in formation to Airventure with 26 AT-6's. He and Brian Charlton made a trip to the Chicago area during the week to see the Union Pacific Big Boy steam locomotive. Unfortunately, they missed seeing it due to a schedule mix-up.

Kevin Gassert reported on a new Camp Scholler reservation procedure that we can hopefully use next year to secure a larger area for the chapter compound.

More Oshkosh news and pictures later in this edition.

Pictured on right, top to bottom:
Top: President Tom conducts August meeting

Bottom: A fantastic spread thanks to VP Joey consisting of veggie pizza and cookies, followed by terrific German Chocolate Cake courtesy of John Prince
Thanks Guys!!

Photos: ed.



AUGUST GATHERING HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

There was discussion of feedback from the Food Truck Fly-in which could be looked on as a learning experience for future events.

- 1. We could use more shade and seating*
- 2. More trash receptacles*
- 3. More restrooms?*
- 4. Plan better date to avoid conflicts with other nearby aviation events.*
- 5. On a positive note, the food truck selections were popular and apparently made money.*

ADS-B PROGRESS REPORT

Several members reported on progress in installing ADS-B in their aircraft.

Ray Parker installed a Trig TT-22 transponder and TN72 GPS receiver, now operating successfully

Scott Balmos was an early adopter with his Garmin GTX 23ES transponder out and GDL39 receiver in.

John Prince installed a Garmin GDL 82

Brian Charlton and Tim Morris have Uavionix Echo systems

The Ercoupe Air Force almost universally wants to go with the Uavionix Tail Beacon and all are waiting for final approval.

Bob Dombek has ordered a Trig TT31 Transponder and TN72 GPS receiver as an almost plug and play replacement for his KT76A transponder.

A brief discussion was held about the possible development of a hangar map to show locations of projects on the field.

Right: New chapter member Jeff Smith. Jeff has been on the field since 2012. He flies a Cessna 182 which he keeps in Clippard's hangar. Welcome Jeff! Good to have you with us!



The Prez Says – August 22, 2019
Cincinnati, OH

Aviation... What a ride!

Hello everyone,

Wow! What an amazing flying season 2019 has been!!! I'll be the first to admit that I learn more about this world of EAA every day, but it just amazes me how many Aviation events have been in or near our back yard this year, and the it just doesn't stop! Be sure to come out the [Lunken Days](#) over this coming Labor Day weekend where B-17 rides will be available.



This edition of the newsletter will do more in pictures than I can every communicate in words about what an amazing event Air Adventure is for our passion and craft!

One of the things that struck me coming in from the FISK arrival, was that we need to hold ourselves to our very best EVERY flight... Can we hold moderating speed at constant altitude? (Due to the individual at ½ mile ahead of us unable to hold 90 Kts), how are our skills to perform a short slipping turn base to final at low altitude under big pressure to spot land? (Be sure not to add inside rudder!) Just like the requirements of IFR flight, we need to be practicing precision flight, every flight.

Enjoy all the pictures that follow!

A call to urgency... The ADS-B out deadline is right around the corner... Don't be grounded 1/1/2020. Get-er'done! – Ask for help if you need it.

Safe Landings,

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CHAPTER 974 AT AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2019



The weekend before airventure was a little scary (upper left). By late Sunday we were drying out. The week turned into postcard Wisconsin weather. The compound was saluted by the Heritage Flight and Bob Burkhardt arrived in formation with a gaggle of T-6's . (upper right) . By Sunday evening the compound was humming with Spaghetti Sunday, followed by Taco Tuesday and Walleye Wednesday, all thanks to Mike Wood, our chef extraordinaire. (see lower left) . It was a great week and no one went home disappointed! Photos: ed.



MORE CHAPTER 974 AT AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2019

Our annual group compound photo is seen on right. The compound is made up of members of EAA Chapter 974, Cincinnati Warbird Squadron 18, and various and sundry other EAA'ers looking for a good meal and great fellowship! Always a great looking group!



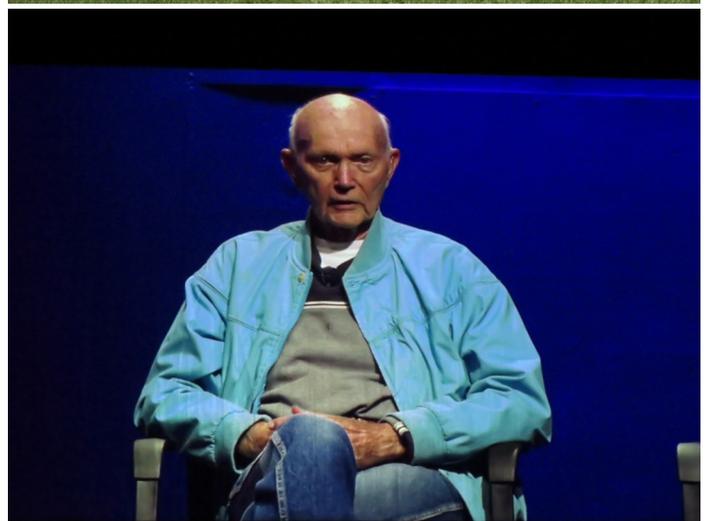
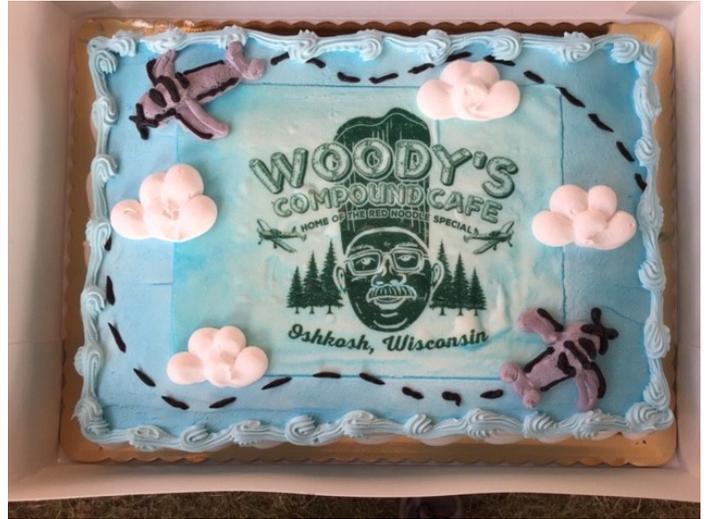
I was fortunate to be on hand for the toast to Jon Thocker at the Brown Arch, Tuesday afternoon. We viewed Jon's memorial paver and toasted his memory. Jon touched many in very special ways and will be missed!

Photos: ed.



AND YET MORE CHAPTER 974 AT OSHKOSH 2019

The week seemed to go off without a hitch after the first weekend storms. There was more to see than possible in one week. Ah, one just has to sacrifice and make choices! Ha Ha! For me, it was worth waiting to see and hear Michael Collins at Theatre in the Woods on Friday evening. (lower right) Can be found on YouTube. He was fantastic! Photos: ed.



KEVIN GASSERT'S ANNUAL HANGAR PICNIC

The picnic at Kevin Gassert's hangar is something chapter 974 has come to look forward to. On Aug 24 we were joined by several folks from Warbird Squadron 18 and just about anyone else around the field that wanted to join in. It felt like an Airventure Compound redux! The event was blessed by near perfect weather, low humidity and temps in the high 70's. Special note: watch for a future, feature store about Billy, Brenda and their Ercoupe the couple in the lower left picture. Thanks Kevin for a great day! Photos: ed. & Al Kenkel



FLEDGE REPORT: MICK BEEDE'S RV4

Here's a nice project and first flight report from Mick Beede for his RV4 which fledged (first flight) on June 27, 2019. The first flight took place in Great Falls Montana, where his RV4, serial number 1579, began it's life in the late 1970's. It was one of the first plans built RV4's. Mick says the original builder was a high school shop teacher by the name of Sam Kline in Nashua, Montana. For reasons unknown, he sold the project after 90% completion and bought a Harley Davidson Motorcycle. The next owner did not complete the project as it gathered dust for a time. Mick became aware of the project now up for sale. He was familiar with Montana having grown up there. He found a hangar

to store it but found it difficult to make time to commit to completion. (Don't we all know that story?) Last September Mick says he got serious by making it a priority to finish it. He found a builder assist program in Great Falls. By June, it was ready to fly. Mick says it flies like an angel and when he sent me this report his angel had 26 hrs. He is planning a USMC warbird paint scheme. She looks beautiful, Mick! Congratulations! Hope to meet her in person some day.

Editors Note: I haven't received too many of these project reports lately. Come on Chapter 974! You know what to do!

Photos: Mick Beede



GREATER CINCINNATI RC CLUB ANNUAL FLYING CIRCUS Pg 10

The GCRCC's Flying Circus is one of the few regular public events taking place at KHAO. This club spends the entire year preparing, and it's never disappointing. The weather was nearly ideal, and a good size crowd was there both days. A special highlight was Champaign Air Museum's B-25 selling rides and cockpit tours. Thanks for a great show GCRCC! Photos: ed.



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