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THE GATHERING—NOVEMBER 2019

The turnout for the November 2019 chapter gathering was 45 members and visitors. While not a record, it was pretty darn good. It makes me wonder if the word is spreading about VP Joey's refreshments. Thanks Joey for the great Blueberry Cobbler! The gathering just missed a run of cold weather which could have driven us to the FBO. The 50's temperature allowed us to have our annual Hangar Crawl. There were plenty of projects to see. Some will be shown on pages elsewhere in this edition.

Your editor apologizes for not getting pictures of visitors but here is a list:

- Don Roysdon—Just got his sport pilot certificate
- Dave Glasmeyer—from chapter 174
- Skip Gadd
- Greg Bushley
- Brad and Paul Payne—not really visitors, just returning after being away.
- Russ Minkenbaugh—Russ was visiting by way of repairing our fork lift. Thanks Russ!!

Announcements—Chapter President Tom Martin

- Christmas Banquet, Houston Inn, Mason, Ohio, Dec 15, 6 PM, \$10 gift exchange limit. There will be EAA World of Flight calendars for sale at the banquet.
- Purchase of Dynavibe Balancer for chapter tool crib via EAA Tool Crib Program
- Tom stated he received a certified letter from the FAA notifying him of a failed ADS-B flight on 9/25. This turned out to be the result of a faulty transponder installation by the previous owner of his aircraft.
- Tom asked chapter members to be sure to pay their chapter dues by 12/31 and reminded us that out ADS-B installations must be up and running by midnight that day.

Project Reports:

Adam Brinkman is building an RV-12 in his garage but encountered a little setback when his wife asked for half the garage back for her car as the weather starts to cool off. Happy wife, happy life, right?

Dave Glasmeyer reported on his Kitfox. He is wiring and finishing his instrument panel.

John Wilenski is building a Cozy Mk 4.

Skip Gadd is building a Pietenpohl .

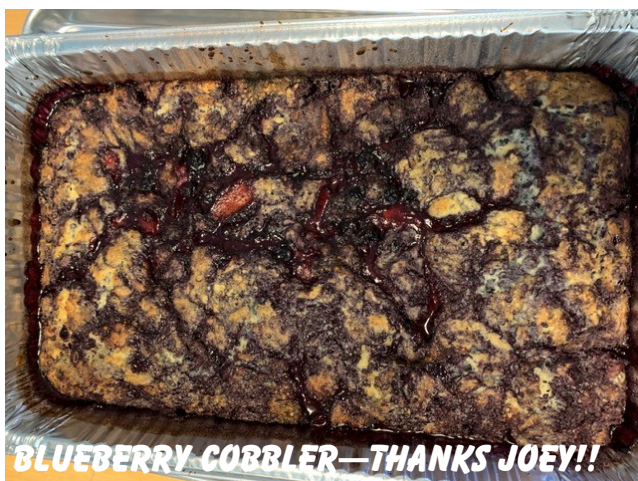
Tim Morris reported on Bill Morris' plans built Sonex.

Tom Martin reported on passing his ADS-B performance report after installing a new transponder. The original "fried" in Tom's words.

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Bob Dombek is finishing wiring and about to install instrument panel in his Fisher Tiger Moth. His other aircraft, a Rans S7 has a new Trig TT31 Transponder which has passed its ADS-B performance test.

We watched an EAA Chapter Video in which EAA's Charlie Becker discussed the Ray Scholarship Program. The video then presented a "Hints for Homebuilders" segment on working with Corrosion X for mechanical lubrication such as control hinges and preventing corrosion of electrical connectors.
Photos Joey Shreve and ed.



Changing Seasons... Shifting Focus

Hello everyone,



Forecasters are predicting a “Polarcoaster” season of weather ahead for the region, projecting periods of intense cold followed in series with milder temperatures for the region...

Yes, it is going to get cold outside but that doesn’t have to mean that we shelve our aviation passion until the warmth of spring returns. Opportunities abound outside our propane heated hangers as long as we make a mental shift in our focus during the winter months. Oh, sure, we’ll still be found milling around the airport, and hopeful for some good flying weather in the winter months, but during those blustery, snowed under

days consider focusing more on education, planning, and aviation experiences.

Education: The EAA [recently announced](#) expansion of its partnership with SOLIDWORKS making the *Education Premium* version available for **FREE** to all EAA members. This package now includes the Electrical Professional Schematic & Electrical 3D modules (<https://tinyurl.com/yx4ertlm>). Whether planning to build, building, or you need to create electrical schematics for your purchased Experimental, hop on-line, learn a new skill with the videos and tutorials, and have electrical diagrams that you’ll appreciate long into the future!

Planning: How is it that every time I hit “Submit” on an order from *Aircraft Spruce*, or any other on-line site, I think of 3 other things that I could have thrown in the basket and only paid for shipping once!?! **ABP** - Always be planning. Take some time during these cold months to plan ahead both in what you want to accomplish on your project, as well as items for purchase.

Experiences: We are truly gifted with some amazing aviation museums and experiences in the region! Take the time to check one or two off your list and be sure to bring someone along to share the passion. You never know if you’ll be the spark that launches the next Private Pilot. One that I’m going to be sure to take in is the last stop of the [Apollo 11 – Destination Moon](#) exhibit at the *Cincinnati Museum Center* running through February 17th. <https://tinyurl.com/wfgnt8r>

One last call to urgency... The ADS-B out deadline is upon us. Don’t be grounded 1/1/2020. Get-er’done! – Ask for help if you need it.

Hope to see everyone at the **Christmas dinner December 15th – Houston Inn @ 6:00PM!**

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, we have a lot to be thankful for.

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Seen on right, Tom on his way to work in Seattle while writing his Prez Sez column. This guy can really multitask!

Photos this page Tom Maring



The Annual Hangar Crawl started years ago as a project tour as a way to have members show progress on their projects. It is also to educate members who are considering projects or are currently building. Immediately below, left and right, we see Dave Gallagher's Jabaru powered Zenith 601 He flew in today from Lebanon Warren County. Nice Dave!



Next visit was to see Paul and Brand Payne's Zenith 701 project. It has been inspected, has its airworthiness certificate, and was ready to fly at the time I took these pictures. See the "Fledge Report" elsewhere in this edition. It is powered by a Viking 90 engine., which appears to be a beautiful, compact installation. Outstanding Paul and Brad! Congratulations!



Photos, Ed.



Above is Scott Hersha's "new" RV4 which he flew back from a previous owner in Pennsylvania. The picture on the right is from the day Scott brought it home. Scott says he plans on replacing the panel and has been doing some paint touch up. Looks great Scott!

Middle row is Bill Morris' beautiful, VW powered, plans-built Sonex. Bill is to be congratulated on this very labor intensive project. Many of us "spoiled" kit builders probably have no concept into the work required to build an aircraft from scratch, especially an all metal one. She's a beauty, Bill!

Photos this page: ed.



Shown at left is Al Kenkel with a set of Ercoupe wings he recently acquired. These are fabric covered and fabric was attached with Stewart Systems Ekobond fabric cement. Al says he plans to go ahead with the Stewarts Water-bourne coatings to maintain compatibility with the cement. Having done my latest project in Stewarts, I can vouch for its ease of application. Nothing like a spare set of wings! Great, Al!!

AROUND THE FIELD

Fledge Report! This is something I always look forward to reporting! On Saturday, November 9, 2019 Brad and Paul Payne's Zenith 701 left the nest as a new fledge and took to the skies. It was test flown by Tim Morris. I was able to listen to Tim's radio transmissions, which were loud and clear, and the Viking 90 engine temps and pressures sounded like they were on the money. Congratulations Brad and Paul on a successful first flight. We're looking forward to seeing the two of you flying a lot together soon! The chapter wishes you a safe and successful Phase 1!

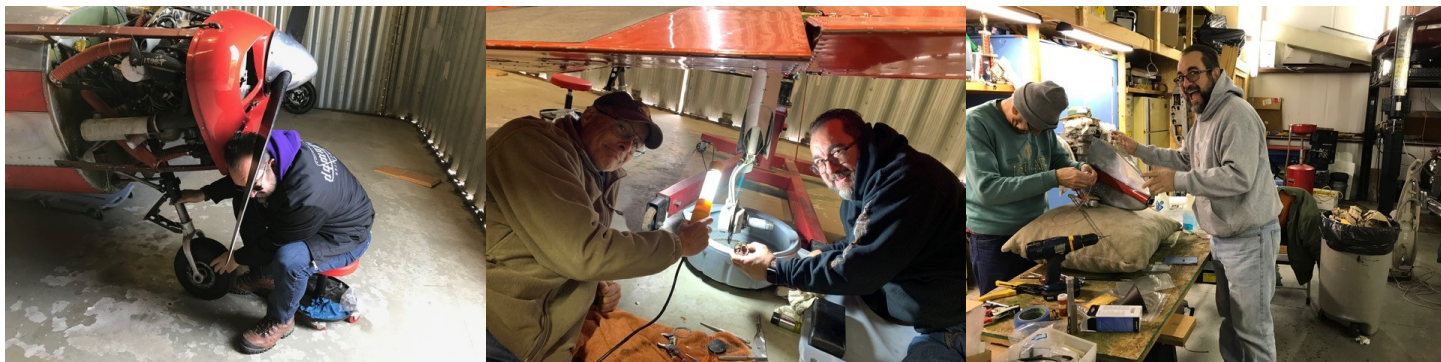


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Seen below, The Ercoupe Air Force Never sleeps! Left is VP Joey Shreve installing his newly overhauled nose wheel strut on his Ercoupe. Center, Joey and Al doing a brake job. Right we see Ercoupe Guru Kevin Gassert helping Joey install his Uavionix Tail Beacon for ADS-B compliance. This picture is another illustration of chapter spirit. Kevin freely offers his talents, skills and expertise to other Ercoupe owners. This was a busy day for the Ercoupe Air Force as Al Kenkel and others had their Tail Beacons installed and achieved ADS-B compliance.

Photos: Al Kenkel



AL AND NANCY KENKEL VISIT NORMANDY

This year marked the 75th anniversary of the D-Day Normandy Invasion and the real beginning of the Allied Army's rescue of the European Continent. Chapter member Al Kenkel and his wife Nancy, visited the beach at Normandy in late October of this year and shared these pictures and impressions:

"You can read about the landings and strategies all you want, but the experience of standing on the beach promotes a feeling of awe and indebtedness to the young boys that faced fear and dedicated themselves to the cause. The cemetery—row after row of crosses—brings sorrow and pride at the same time. By the way, a German cemetery has also been erected, but our tour guide refuses to take groups there. Members of the SS are buried there, and this brings negativity to many French people including him. When entering in the pill boxes and looking over the ocean, you get a real sense of the drama facing the Germans as they tried to defend the beach. If I travel to France again, I'd plan to revisit the beach."

All Photos: Al Kenkel Thanks All!



SO YOU DON'T FORGET.....



A FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM LAST YEAR

EAA CHAPTER 974 CHRISTMAS BANQUET

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

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