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Hamilton, Ohio



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AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING SUMMARY AND PHOTOS

Here we are again, nicely socially distanced thanks to Tim opening his hangar space. This meant once again having to move two airplanes out onto the ramp. Thanks again Tim! Everyone was great about wearing masks which gave us another layer of protection. This virus is nothing to fool around with. Most of you know by now that I spent the last two weeks of July with Covid and was released from isolation by the Hamilton County Health Dept just 2 days before the chapter meeting. Thanks to all of you for masking and taking responsibility for each other's safety! Photos: ed.



Announcements and reports

Dan Roysdon has acquired an RV-12 built high school kids in an Eagles Nest Project.

Outside movie night planned for 9/12

Holiday Banquet planned for 12/13 provided we can nail down a location.

Donated Projects: No chapter takers but will work out bidding for tools and accessories. Projects themselves will be posted for sale.

Young Eagles: Scott Balmos reported two possible Butler Tech Classes interested in rides. May mean 2 rallies of 20-24 students this fall if details can be worked out in time.

Scott Hersha reported on his new Sensenich Ground adjustable prop for his RV4. Due 20 lb lighter weight and other possible affects on performance, he was required to re-enter phase 1 flight testing. Scott reported increased climb performance and nearly same level flight speeds at much reduced engine RPM. Very satisfied with new prop. Congratulations Scott!

Gone West member Dave Raney's Champ and a Spezio Two Holer, both owned by Steve Statkus, at Clermont County Airport, are up for sale.

Lower picture: we adjourned to the chapter hangar to watch Space X return on new TV!



AUGUST CHAPTER MEETING TREATS AND VISITORS

Joey's Walking Taco Casserole

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 pounds ground Beef*
- 1/3 large onion, chopped*
- 1 can green chilies, small can*
- 1 can Enchilada Sauce*
- 2 ounces Cream Cheese*
- 1 bag fritos or corn chips*
- 1 bag shredded cheese*
- 3/4 cup lettuce, shredded*
- 1/2 cup tomato, dices*
- 16 ounces Salsa*
- 8 ounces sour cream*

Directions:

- Brown ground beef with onion. - Drain*
- Add green chilies, enchilada sauce and cream cheese*
- In a 9x13 pan, repeat layers as follows: chips, meat mixture, shredded cheese*
- Bake at 350 for 15-20 minutes or until cheese is bubbly.*

Top with lettuce, tomatoes, salsa, sour cream as desired.

Desert was lemon cured sugar cookies. Not pictured

Thanks Joey! Wonderful! You have spoiled us again!

Meet visitor and new chapter member John Krehbiel. It's good to have you with us! Welcome to chapter 974!

Photos: ed



THE PREZ SEZ

The Prez Sez —August 26, 2020, Myrtle Beach, SC

A New Chapter...

Hi everyone,



From the title of this month's letter, you'd think I was talking about a new EAA chapter.... Nope, I'm talking about a new chapter in my own life.

After nine plus years together, Barb and I decided to get married on August 7th, to a very surprised group of family and friends that were attending our annual garden party. We snuck away and changed while they ate dinner, and suddenly a wedding broke out before desert was served!

I think in this year where so much is being canceled, and the uncertainty of life is being amplified, the joy of a wedding and seeing two people very much in love bring their lives together was a welcomed event to share in, and I hope me sharing the news with you brightens your day too.

I'm a very blessed man to be able to call Barb my wife, but even more fortunate in that she LOVES to fly!

We are an aviation family. My oldest stepson Michael is an A&P who works at AirMod at I69 in Claremont, and our middle child Alex got his PPL through the Flying Neutrons and is in the Commercial Aviation Program at UC. He takes his FAA Instrument check ride on September 1st and he is anxious to move into the second phase of his multi-engine commercial next. Cara our youngest has no desire to be behind the controls, but like her mom loves to fly anywhere GA can take her.

We have expanded my EAA membership to be a family one, and happy to report that Barb is now officially an EAA member. I don't know that we'll see her at many gatherings, but definitely at next year's AirVenture (Although she is adamant about me finding nicer accommodations... I slept under the fuselage of a C182 in 2019!)

A couple of quick announcements... Be sure to watch your email, we will be sending out a survey to the membership to help us pick a movie for our Fly-In movie event on September 12th. Also, as a reminder, if looking for an aviation event to attend, it appears that SWOFI is still on 9/26-9/27. (Please advise if anyone knows otherwise.)

Thanks for letting me share the recent celebration in my life! Can't wait to see everyone at the September Chapter Gathering.

Safe landings and stay well!



Photos: Tom Martin



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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES 7-20

6:00PM - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

Secretaries Report -

- President Tom Martin presented the meeting minutes. Minutes were accepted.

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Treasurer's Report -

- Total Income \$370.20 - Space Rental / Beverages / Donations
- Total Expenses \$799.00 - Spring on back door / Hanger Maintenance Fee
- Balance \$3,441.25

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Young Eagles -

- Scott Balmos has spoken with one of the educational coordinators at Butler Tech. They have two groups, Juniors & Seniors respectively that they would like to get up in the air as Young Eagles. Some are working on Commercial Drone or their written PPL tests. Entire class is about 20 individuals. Will need Parent/Guardian approvals. Planning on masks for pilots & students. Will need ~5 pilots over two weekends, 10 students per session.
- To utilize the 2019 Young Eagles credits, the purchase of a larger screen TV, and a portable printer was previously approved by the membership. The TV has been purchased and installed. Receipt received from Scott Balmos. An official write-up for EAA HQ reimbursement to be completed next.

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Old Business -

- Donated Project Kits - A showing of the kit projects to the membership was completed at the July gathering. No members have come forward with interest in purchasing either of the projects. A motion was made by Tom Martin and seconded by Roger McClure that all donated tools be retained, the projects be posted on various sale sites, and miscellaneous parts be offered for an auction to the membership. Motion voted on and passed.
- Movie Survey to be sent to membership to select the movie to be shown at the "Fly-In" movie night to be shown on Saturday, September 12th.
- The Chapter Holiday party has been set to be targeted for Sunday, December 13th. Multiple venues being discussed/considered. More to follow.

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New Business -

- Insulation in Hanger needs to be rehung by the back door.

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6:48pm - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin



BUCKER JUNGMAN PHOTOS: ED.



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CLASSIFIED AD

Golf Cart for Sale

2000 Yamaha G16 Gas Golf Car. Purchased in 2001 and never used on a golf course. Very low hours, probably less than 50 . Options include Aluminum rear seat, headlights, aluminum wheels and windshield.

\$4500

Dick King
Hangar 10A at KHAO

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FLYING ADVENTURES WITH TOM AND ALEX



Chapter president shared pictures and story of flying with his stepson Alex in Tom's Merlin. Tom reports that the Merlin is running better all the time. It looks like Tom and Alex must have hit Sporty's for the hot dogs! I learned later that they also visited the Tri-State Warbird Museum. Looks like you guys had quite a day!

Alex recently gained his tail wheel endorsement in Hogan's Cub, and he's getting lots of stick time in dad's Merlin.



Congratulations Alex! It's hard to beat flying for a great father-son activity!

All photos: Tom Martin



GONE WEST, JOHN STATT

Some of you may not have known John Statt. He was active in the chapter in the early 2000's and in my view, a master builder. John recently attended a few chapter meetings and it was always good to see him. He was positive, had a great sense of humor and incredibly generous. An example of his generosity is the sign mounted on the north end of the chapter hangar. John cut, built, painted and mounted it while still active in the chapter in the early 2000's, a lasting tribute to his presence. John was known for his gyro and Ultra-piet projects. The Ultra Piet became known at the "Ultra Pie" after the type writer he used to write about it lost it's "T". He good naturedly accepted endless teasing about that! John is showing the Ultra Pie to Paul Poberzny when Paul visited the chapter during Wings Weekend 2003. That's also when I took the picture of John with Neil Armstrong. Also seen below is John and Joann at a Halloween Party that Nancy and I hosted. Also take note of John seated in his Buhl Pup Gyro Copter. At his visitation, Joann and his brother Mark, shared with me that John collapsed and died suddenly at a birthday party on August 16. He did not appear to suffer. She said the EMT's were unable to revive him. Chapter 974 sends its heartfelt condolences to Joann and the family. Photos: ed.



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*Pictures from visit to the Tri-state Warbird Museum. See Page 8
Sent by Tom Martin*

