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Hamilton, Ohio



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NOVEMBER 2020 GATHERING

The November 2020 Chapter gathering was combined with the annual Hangar Crawl which will be featured elsewhere in this edition. It was designated as an event open to the public. As you can see, the chapter hangar was packed. Most members and visitors were good about wearing masks. I made 3 attempts to do a head count. There were at least 67, but probably more. Joey and Brandi provided pastitsio and desert. Wow! Was that ever good. Your editor apologizes for not including the usual visitor credits and project reports. I just couldn't keep up. My priority was pictures. For everyone who is able to see the newsletter, thank you for attending and making the November Gathering and Hangar Crawl a big success!

Photos: ed.



What an experience!

Hi everyone,



For those who may not know (I didn't) the TWA terminal at JFK was revitalized and turned into a hotel this past year. And for us aviation buffs, it is like turning back the clock to 1962 and candy store of airplane stimulus!

Barb and I had the opportunity to stay at the hotel this past weekend. Yup, we flew to JFK, took the "Plane Train" from terminal 8 to terminal 5, walked across the street and stayed inside the hotel all weekend.

From inside the room overlooking runway 04L/22R, we could see planes taking off and landing on both 04/22 runways along with 31L. Forgot to bring my handheld, but fired up

www.LiveATC.net and ForeFlight on the iPad and watched the aerial dance as the controllers worked traffic coming and going all over the world.

They have one of TWA's Constellation's "Connie" parked just outside the hotel where in non-Covid times it serves as a cocktail lounge. On top of the Howard Hughes wing of the hotel they have a rooftop pool that is heated to 95 degrees this time of year and was super fun to both see and hear the jets taking off while lounging at the water's edge.

If still trying to come up with something for your personal Christmas list, this is one bucket list experience to definitely add! With all of the amenities, even the non-aviation enthusiast will have a wonderful time too.

As a reminder we will soon be sending out a proposed set of modified Chapter by-laws via email for review and comment. After a review period, we will be asking the membership to vote on their adoption.

November 21st Update - The board met in a special meeting this past week to discuss the 2020 Christmas Dinner Celebration. Out of the sake of caution, it is with unfortunate news that I tell you that we have decided to postpone it for now (who knows... Christmas in the spring?). With that, there will be no chapter gathering for December. We are working on an gathering event, virtual or otherwise, for January... More to come, keep watching your email!



All for now... Hoping everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving! Stay safe! Want to see more TWA hotel pictures? Go to bit.ly/TWA-Hotel



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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING SEPTEMBER 30

6:05PM - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

Secretaries Report -

- Vice President Joey Shreve read the minutes. Corrections were noted and will be finalized for acceptance.

Treasurer's Report -

- Income \$498 - Hanger rent 120, 86 donations 126 movie night Misc.
- Expenses \$102 - Supplies
- Balance \$3,647.84

Young Eagles -

- Scott Balmos talked about the success of our Young Eagles Rally on September 26th. In planning for the second Saturday event with 24 youth signed up, some additional suggestions were made to ensure we could fit them all into the allotted time:
 - Use KMWO as the alternate in case needed
 - Break KHAO into 4 quadrants NE/NW/SE/SW to ensure maxim separation
 - Keep flights to 15-20 minutes maximum

Old Business -

- Donated Project Kits - Brandi Brewer and her husband are traveling to Atlanta to visit another EAA Chapter. During the trip, she is going to try to sell the donated kits. Motion voted on and passed to establish floor pricing for the kits as outlined below; she will try to negotiate maximum price for our Chapter:
 - CH200 Kit Target - \$2K / O320 Engine \$3-5K
 - CH601HD Kit Target - \$12K / Jabiru Engine \$20K / Prop \$1K
 - Both Kits - \$15K Bottom / Try for \$20-25K
- Insulation in Hanger needs to be rehung by the back door - Request Bill Morris & Brian Charlton to complete.
- Chapter By-Laws being revised. Will be sent via email for review/comment and then voted upon.

New Business -

- Scott Hersha recommended we consider offering to other Chapters Prop Balancing for \$100 - Consider a spring workshop out to other chapters as fundraiser. Team agreed it is worth pursuing. Will need to investigate parameters around EAA Insurance as an event.
- Brandi Brewer offered to assist Bob Burkhardt with the holiday party. We will need to start collecting pre-paid dinner money at the November meeting.
- New members to date in 2020 - 16
- It was recommended that we consider hanging up the Chapter banners in the hangar

6:58pm - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

Submitted by Tom Martin

CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING OCTOBER 28

October 28, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

6:01 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

Special Guest: Rich Packer from Butler Tech brought a hand-made thank you poster from the students that participated in the Young Eagles Program flights in September.

Attendees: Thomas Martin, Roger McClure, Joey Shreve, Brandi Brewer, Tom Hogan, Bob Burkhardt, Scott Balmos, Billy Bie, Robert Dombeck, Scott Hersha, Stephen Brewer

Secretaries Report -

Brandi Brewer read the minutes; notes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report -

Income \$839

Expenses \$110 - Supplies

Balance \$3,746.08

Does not include purchase by Tom Hogan and Mark Schababerle

Young Eagles -

Received reimbursement for TV (28 total X \$5.00 per person= \$140.00)

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Old Business -

Donated Kits to be sold will be posted for members to purchase before being listed on Barnstormers:

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BOARD MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 28 CONTINUED

New Business –

Tom Hogan and Mark Schababerle offered to purchase donated items at the board meeting. The board approved \$150.00 and \$100.00 respectively for purchases of various tools and motor oil.

New members to date in 2020- 18

During October gathering, Chapter approved \$200.00 match for widow of donated gyrocopter.

It was voted upon to have the Christmas party at Thomas Martin's place of business this year and seconded by Scott Balmos. Vonderhaar catering was decided upon, as were a white elephant gift exchange, BYOB, and the purchase of various gift cards to raffle off during the party. The address for the party is: 4455 Carver Woods Drive, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45242. The board members (and others) volunteered to bring desserts, cups, beverages, trash bags, a Keurig and ice.

We will need to start collecting pre-paid dinner money at the November meeting.

The tables from the Chapter hangar were borrowed by Roscoe. He is to be contacted by the board to request the return of said tables to the Chapter hangar.

It was decided to allow Chapter members to purchase donated items. All members shall be permitted to view items and make bids to the board for desired items.

It was discussed that for the January and February meetings we include a Build & Fly aspect for approximately 4 children in Bob Dombek's heated hangar (for Milo and friends), to allow Young Eagles, etc. to get involved in RC building.

7:21 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

Submitted by Brandi Brewer

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<http://wiki.eaa974.org> — chapter wiki page

GONE WEST, JOHN WISE AND BOB FERGUSON

I'm sorry to report we lost two chapter members during October. Immediately below is John Wise who died Oct 26. He was 84. I did not know John well but seemed like a super fellow. I sure knew of his beautiful Kolb Mark 3 over in Bruce Brielmaier's hangar. I flew the single place ultralight predecessor of his Mark 3, a Firestar, for over 13 years. I felt John's kindred spirit as he was an avid RC flyer and a fellow member of the Academy of Model Aeronautics. He was also a member of the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club, the club that puts on the Flying Circus at our field every August. Chapter 974 extends condolences to John's family. Fly on West John!

Photos this page: ed.



Bob Ferguson, aka "Fergie" went West on Oct 30 thanks to Covid-19. Bob was only 72—too young! Bob and I flew together in the halcyon Ultralight days of the 1980's. Bob and his lovely wife Brenda were always together. I knew her to be a whole hearted supporter of his love for aviation. She participated in every fly-in I can remember. She was the angel that kept the old ultralight club, The Tri State Ultralight Pilot's Association, aka TUPA, together. Bob was also an avid motorcycle guy. I swear Bob could fix anything! If you took a broken motor to Bob, It was back all shiny and new. Bob's latest project was a Jabiru powered Skyranger. Sorry we never got to see it fly. Our Condolences to Brenda and Family!



THE GREAT 2020 HANGAR CRAWL

This was a big year for the annual project tour aka Hangar Crawl. Thanks Brandi for organizing! I ran myself crazy trying to catch all the open hangars., but think I pulled it off. First stop was T6G to see Kevin Gassert's Ercoupe restorations. In the works are a 1946 model 415C and also a 415D. And of course there's Kevin's White Lightning seen immediately left. Thanks to Kevin the Ercoupe Air Force Never sleeps! He keeps all the others on the field in the air!



The next stop was Scott Hersha in T4B. Scott has a beautiful RV4 acquired last year. He has since completely redone the panel from analog to glass. His RV also sports a new prop. Scott showed us an RV8 tail kit donated by member Charles Nagle. It included a Brown Tool Kit which has everything needed for RV metal working. Scott finished riveting the kit and it's for sale, with chapter members getting first chance at a good price.



MORE 2020 HANGAR CRAWL

I traveled next to T5C to see Bill Morris' fantastic plans built Sonex. This was a serious multi year labor of love. It's VW powered. Bill flies frequently, and who wouldn't fly a ship like this. Bill also has a neat, well organized, well equipped shop in his hangar. Not to be missed is that it is well insulated and a comfortable winter work place. Way to go Bill!



I visited Bob Burkhardt's Navion in hangar T4E. You will notice Bob is dressed for a warmer day. That's because in my scramble to cover everyone, I missed Bob. I was bound and determined to make up for it. Bob was on the tour map. I caught Bob on a warmer day after the Crawl. His beautiful vintage Navion is always worth seeing. Bob is a frequent flyer and often shares his extra seats with other chapter members. Thanks Bob!



AND YET MORE HANGAR CRAWL.....

It was on to T4H to see Mark Schababerle's hangar. Mark has a Vari Eze that he is working on, but that was not the purpose of the stop. Mark has been storing much of what was donated to the chapter when we acquired the two kits and accessories. Mark had several tables set up with items for sale that were acquired along with the two Zenith kits. The proceeds will benefit the chapter. Thanks Mark for displaying all of this and allowing us to view the goodies!



Across the ramp in hangar T3F was Greg Koebel and son with his beautiful 7AC Aeronca Champ.. Greg acquired the Champ in 8/20 from Bill Duffy who had meticulously restored it. It's powered by a C-90. I see the Champ coming and going frequently. What a great acquisition and way to go Greg! She's a beauty!



HOW ABOUT TWO MORE HANGARS TO CRAWL

Next stop was hangar T1A to see Stephen and Brandi Brewer's 1940 Aeronca Tandem Trainer. You have to love this classic little Aeronca! Along with the Trainer they have other Aeronca's in various stages of restoration. We'll have an Aeronca Museum on the field before you know it! Thanks Stephen and Brandi!



Down the row in T1C I found Lloyd and Donna Brumfield's beautiful Rotax 914 powered Just Aircraft Highlander. Somehow I missed Lloyd but Donna was available to show her hubby's beautiful ship. Lloyd and his Highlander are new arrivals on the field. I've seen the Highlander in the pattern (what a climber!) and was anxious to see it up close. Welcome to Chapter 974 and KHAO Lloyd and Donna!



MORE HANGAR CRAWL?.....

Tucked away in T11 is Josh Comb's 1946 7AC Aeronca Champ restoration in progress. Josh has been ably assisted by Brian Charlton. Most days I see Brian's truck parked next to Josh's door. Talk about chapter spirit! Way to go Brian and way to go guys! Josh's Champ's wing is from a Citabria with a fiberglass tip vs. the usual Champ bow. The pair is knee deep in covering the wings., with fuselage and empennage already covered. Keep up the good work Josh and Brian!



Below and right is Shawn Wheeler's RV4. I had heard about it but was blown away when I finally had a chance to see it. Beautiful!! It passed through 3 owners and took Shawn to take it the final mile which itself took him 8 years. It has a sliding canopy, rare for an RV4. Power is a Lycoming O-320 at 160hp which Shawn is rebuilding. Shawn says he hopes to finish Summer 2021. Picture with Shawn is daughter Cierra.



HANGAR CRAWL FROM EAST TO WEST

Last but by no means least was a stop at our Technical Counselor Ray Parker's hangar T10F. Ray was demonstrating the replacement of failed Nylo-Flow brake lines with steel braided lines in his Long Eze. Ray's hangar is full with three airplanes but always neat and organized. With all he has to do to keep his ships airworthy, Ray has a big heart and is always ready to share his knowledge, skill and time, with the rest of us! Thanks, Ray!



All Hangar Crawl photos pages 8-13: ed.

**DIFFICULT SPECIAL NOTICE
CHAPTER 974 CHRISTMAS PARTY
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED
SUNDAY Dec 13
CANCELLED DUE TO COVID
CONCERNS
SORRY EVERYONE!**