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JUNE 9 2024 CHAPTER GATHERING REVIEW

Here we are again with another great 974 gathering! Joey served up awesome Greek Chicken Salad while Brandi added some wonderful deserts and goodies. Thanks so much Joey and Brandi and thanks to Keilah and others who helped. Joey's best head count was 45.



Announcements:

Young Eagle Coordinator Scott Balmos started things off by announcing our next rally will be 7/13 provided the runway is open. June 8 was International Young Eagles Day. Obviously we missed it due to our runway resurfacing project, but Cynthiana reportedly flew 300 Young Eagles, an incredible feat!



President Tom Martin reminded us of our chapter movie night on 6/22. The feature will be the original "Top Gun". Pizza will be served.

Oshkosh Camping: Valentine announced that all 974 campsites are taken and paid for

Oshkosh Vintage: Brandi told us about the new building in Vintage which will be for kids education and activities. Brandi and Stephen will be heavily involved in the Vintage area.



Projects and Flights:

Scott Balmos told us about his flight to Daytona International in late May. Landing at Daytona was hot, bumpy and busy with many Embry Riddle student pilots in the pattern. On the plus side he got to use his new instrument rating with lots of IMC going down and coming home.

Brian and Josh are making good progress on Josh's Champ. The fuselage is on it's gear and sitting in Brian's hangar. I've looked at it several times. It's beautiful!

PJ Hille, Tom Martin's Cincinnati West hangar neighbor has a Lancair 320 on which he is doing a complete panel replacement with several upgrades including auto pilot, transponder and other electronics. He says all of this may require weight and balance recalibration.

Photos: ed.

CHAPTER GATHERING REVIEW

Russ Pfeiffer reported on his experience replacing oil lines on his Rotax 912 engine. Russ believed the lines were the originals from before he acquired his plane and engine. The lines were 20 years old. He thought they looked good but decided to dive into replacement which was very difficult.

Bob Burkhardt talked about the USO Show and Warbird Dance at Moonlight Gardens at Coney Island. He said it was a terrific event. He reminded us about 2 Warbird events that will be taking place at Lunken Airport over the July 4th and Labor Day Weekends.

Tom Martin brought the current Chapters Video Magazine from EAA Headquarters, narrated by Charlie Becker, Chapters Director. Charlie gave an Airventure report. He urged all of us to volunteer at Airventure and reminded us to visit the Blue Barn, the Chapters HQ at Airventure. This year will be the 70th anniversary of Chapters. There will be a mass group photo at the Brown Arch. Air Show special events include CAF's 2 B-29's Doc and Fifi. The Canadian Snowbirds will be on hand for performances during the latter part of the week. Thanks Tom for downloading and presenting the video!

PROJECT REPORT, JOSH'S AERONCA

It's been a while since reporting on Josh Combs. Champ. Here are a few shots of Josh's Aeronca 7AC on its gear in Brian Charlton's hangar. Brian has been faithfully helping Josh move his Champ along at a steady pace. The panel is in and the engine is mounted. The seats are nicely finished. The wings are covered and painted, waiting in Josh's hangar to be mounted. Brian was making fairings for the windshield when I last looked. This will be one nice Champ guys! Can't wait to see it fly!

Photos: ed.



VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS

Drew and Chase Geiser

Chase is interested in the Young Eagle program. He has been on a discovery flight and likes to fly RC. Welcome Drew and Chase!



Monique Hamilton was introduced to the chapter By her friend Keilah Gill. Monique is flying with CFI Leonora Pollita and just had her first solo flight in June. Welcome Monique!



Here is Caden Brashear, a Butler Tech student, Also flying with Leonora. Welcome Caden!



Introducing Mike Dillon. Mike found us and Osh-Kosh on YouTube. He is interested in learning More about EAA and aviation. Welcome Mike!



Appreciating what we have... Fighting to Keep It!

Hi everyone,

On August 29, 2012 large “Xs” were painted on the ends of the 6/24 runway at Blue Ash (KISZ). It was a sad day, and still is to me. The Blue Ash airport is where I learned to fly. It is where I landed back home after both my PPL and IFR check rides. Its PAPI lights were a welcome home sight after many long cross-country flights. It was also home to the Flying Neutrons flying club, of which I’m still a member.

It wasn’t long after the runway closure that the buildings came down too. The photo below was taken shortly after they bulldozed the Clubroom of the Flying Neutrons on September 11, 2012. My wife Barb stopped by that afternoon and salvaged a brick for me that I still have today as a reminder.



So often we don’t appreciate what we have until it is taken away. They say that absence makes the heart grow fonder.... It is my hope that the runway closure over the past month has made each of our hearts grow fonder of the special place we call home. What we have in General Aviation, our EAA Chapter, and at our home airport of Butler County is very special!

In addition to appreciating what we have, it also means that each of us have a part to play in fighting to keep it. That means helping others in the community understand the economic value of having an airport in their local community, and it means talking with others to introduce them to General Aviation. It also means being active on the field, being a good neighbor, and doing everything we can to be safe on the ground and in the skies.

Be safe as we bring all of our birds back to home roost at KHAO, and for those who have had your bird in the nest for the last 30+ days, be sure to give it a good check tip to tail before launching for the skies.

A couple key announcements and reminders:

Our next **Young Eagles** event will be held on **Saturday July 13th** – Check with Scott Balmos (sbalmos@fastmail.fm) for details

Our next **Chapter Gathering** will be on **Sunday July 14th at 2:00pm.**

Movie Night will be rescheduled to later this fall, date to be selected and announced.



All for now... I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at the gathering on **Sunday July 14th!**

Blue skies! Tom

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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

6:04 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

Attendees: Grace Hogan, Tom Martin, Roger McClure, Scott Balmos, Scott Hersha, Ray Parker, Bob Dombek

Secretaries Report –

- Motion made to wave reading minutes- posted in chapter newsletter.

Treasurer's Report –

Income	\$ 454.36
Expenses	\$ 417.88
Balance: Checking	\$ 3,053.40
I-Bond	\$ 5,520.00
CDs	\$ 10,576.21
Savings	<u>\$ 2,003.43</u>
Total	\$ 21,153.07

Young Eagles –

- Next date: July 13th
- Third Saturday of every month (except July)
- New yard signs for directions on airport

Old Business -

- Runway repaving started around June 3rd. Will be closed for about 42 days and needs 30 days to cure to put grooves in the runway.
- Chapter has been awarded the Gold Status
- **Movie night** on June 22nd at 8PM Top Gun Maverick- Bring your own chairs
- Ray Scholarship: New applicant waiting for approval.
- New Member Welcome Sheet

New Business –

- Possible table at RC show (June 15th and 16th)

UPCOMING 2024 MEETINGS

June 9th (Movie Night June 22nd)

July 14th

August 11th

September 8th

October 13th- Hanger Crawl

November 10th- Elections

December 8th- Chili Cook-off

6:39 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin
Respectfully Submitted: Grace Hogan, Chapter Secretary

CHAPTER CONTACTS

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techcounselor@eaa974.org — will reach technical counselor (Ray Parker)

general@lists.eaa974.org — group e-mail to all chapter members

GREATER CINCINNATI RADIO CONTROL CLUB FLYING CIRCUS

The annual Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club Flying Circus was held early this year on June 15-16 along with the airport closure for runway resurfacing. The pavers were not working over this weekend which left the field completely open. As always, the show was terrific! The proceeds from this event always go toward selected charities. This year the primary beneficiary was the Spina Bifida Coalition of Cincinnati. There was a great crowd and a wonderful variety of flying model aircraft. I always thoroughly enjoy this show. I'll let the following pictures speak for themselves.

Photos: ed.

www.RCFlyingCircus.com
\$5 ADMISSION, PARKING AND KIDS UNDER 7 FREE



YOUNG EAGLE RADIO CONTROLLED MINI RALLIES

Unable to resist the possibility of flying an RC model on our airport, I got the OK from manager Josh Clayton to use the taxiway near Charlie on a quiet (hot!) morning of June 22. Young Eagles Nate Gill, Adam Loutsen, and Parker Selves are seen on left with their parents. Thanks to the donation of another transmitter from our liason, and my home club, the Cincinnati Silent Flyers, we were able to set up a wireless trainer link between the two transmitters, definitely the way to teach RC!



On Friday June 28 we were able to follow up with another RC rally, This time at the flying field operated by the Hamilton Area Wireless Kontrol Society aka HAWKS Young Eagles Noah and Nate Gill, Ryan Michlig, and Adam Loutsen together logged in some great flying, especially as the wind calmed and the air cooled. Seen below center is a happy instructor after a solo flight of his own before packing up and heading home. Thanks Rob Gill for photos!



NEW RUNWAY PROGRESS

Beginning on Monday June 3, the runway repaving at KHAO began on schedule. It has been quite a process! Airport manager Josh Clayton has sent out regular reports via email along with pictures. Latest report says airport will open on schedule July 13. Thank you Josh!! Here is a description of various stages of the project.

1. Old asphalt being stripped and hauled away
2. Warning markers, as if we needed reminding
3. View looking east from Tuley Rd. All asphalt stripped. Note the big LED "No Landing" X
4. Ground level view of runway stripped all the way down and ready for new coat.
5. First fresh coat of new asphalt laid. Looking good already!

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