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**EAA CHAPTER  
974  
NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2025**



Butler County Regional Airport  
Hamilton, Ohio



## **SPECIAL EDITION!**

- **CHILI COOK OFF PHOTOS**
- **HOMEBUILDERS WEEK SCHEDULE**
- **DECEMBER BOARD MEETING**
- **CHAPTER CONTACTS**
- **THE GREAT AFTER CHRISTMAS,  
CHRISTMAS GATHERING**

## **FUTURE EVENTS**

- **FEB 9 CHAPTER GATHERING 2 PM**





# CHILI COOKOFF 2024

Your editor missed this but I was rescued by a few photos from other chapter members. Thanks to those that helped. Chili was served in Jason Pratt's hangar after a brief gathering in the chapter hangar. Thanks Jason! It looked like a great day! Sorry to miss it! Photos: Top row: Mark Taylor Bottom row: Tom Martin. Thanks to you both!



## Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 27th

*30 online sessions to expand your knowledge of building your own aircraft*

By Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own aircraft as possible in five days. We start on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and end on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Each day, we offer six live webinars running back-to-back, starting at 11:30 am central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7pm central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

The topics cover something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA president Jack Pelton lined up on, January 30<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EAA’s Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week follows immediately after the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1953. I can’t think of a better way to recognize our organization’s founding than to spend 5 straight days learning about homebuilding.

EAA Homebuilders Week is made possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, and Van’s Aircraft.

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Time CST	Monday 1/27/25	Tuesday 1/28/25	Wednesday 1/29/25	Thursday 1/30/25	Friday 1/31/25
11:30-12:15	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know - Charlie Becker	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye	EAA Advocacy Update: Top Homebuilding Issues and the Impact of MASAIC - Sam Elliott, Rob Hackman, & Jack J. Pelton	Staying Alive: Analysis of Homebuilt Fatal Accidents - Dave Nelson
1:00-2:15	Sheet Metal Basics - Mike Dooley	THE Welding - Charlie Becker & Shaun Walker	Composite Construction - Mark Foss	Aerotek-Built Aircraft Certification Process - Joe Marks	Usability of Selling Your Homebuilt - Kathy Yodanis
2:30-3:45	Fabric-Covering Basics - Bob Hammond	Getting Your Project Finished and Flying - Vic Spaccaro	Buying a Used Homebuilt - McSpaccaro	Service Mileage Update - Mark Schible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans - Sebastian Heintz & Roger Dittbert
4:00-5:15	The Road to Speed: Kitbuilt Options - Dave Frazier	Hardware for Homebuilts - John Cox	Advanced Flight Systems - Bob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions - Paul Beringer	Weight and Balance - Joe Marks
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring - Marc Asmann	Dynon Avionics - Michael Schofield	Engine Selection Basics - Dick Koehler	Gas Welding - Todd Carlson	Working With Mind vs John Eglin
7:00-8:15	Rotax 9 Series Installation & Operation - Phil Lodewood	Designing the Perfect Paint Scheme and Its Impact on Budget - Craig Barnett	Boats - Drives: Diagnostics of Engine Issues - Mike Busch	Van's RV Aircraft Kits - Greg Hughes	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors - McSpaccaro

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# CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

**6:02 p.m.** - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

**Attendees:** Grace Hogan, Roger McClure, Bob Dombek, Scott Balmos, Mark Reising, Ray Parker, Scott Hersha

## Secretaries Report –

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

## Treasurer's Report –

Income	\$ 1,303.00		
Expenses	\$ 0.00		
Balance: Checking	\$ 4,713.48		
CDs	\$ 16,110.46		
Savings	<u>\$ 2,003.93</u>	Total	\$ 22,827.87

## Young Eagles –

- Next date: Starting Spring 2025
- April 19th, May 17th, June 14th, July 12th, August 16th, September 20th, October 18th

## Old Business -

- Ray Scholarship
- Christmas Party- Same place, January 4th- \$30. White Elephant-\$25 gift
- Chili Cook off for December Meeting
- New Airport Manager
- Conversation with the CVG Controllers at February Meeting
- Donation in the name of Grace Hogan to the Hogan Family Airport Scholarship (Hamilton Community Foundation)
- Pancake Breakfast in 2025- Possibly May and August

## New Business -

- Set dates for 2025 Gatherings and Young Eagles
- Tool Crib: forming a committee and purchase of a bead roller

## UPCOMING 2025 MEETINGS

December 8th- Chili Cook-off  
January 4th- Christmas Party

February 9th

March 9th

April 13th

May 18th

June 8th

July 13th



## ***MEETING MINUTES CONTINUED***

August 10th

September 14th

October 12th- Hanger Crawl

November 9th- Elections

December 14th- Chili Cookoff

**7:03 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin**

## ***CHAPTER CONTACTS***

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[officers@eaa974.org](mailto:officers@eaa974.org) — will reach president, vice president, treasurer, secretary as a group

[president@eaa974.org](mailto:president@eaa974.org)— will reach chapter president (Tom Martin)

[newsletters@eaa974.org](mailto:newsletters@eaa974.org) — will reach newsletter editor (Bob Dombek)

[youngeagles@eaa974.org](mailto:youngeagles@eaa974.org)— will reach Young Eagles Coordinator (Scott Balmos)

[techcounselor@eaa974.org](mailto:techcounselor@eaa974.org)— will reach technical counselor (Ray Parker)

[general@lists.eaa974.org](mailto:general@lists.eaa974.org) — group e-mail to all chapter members

As Scrooge said to the boy on the street, "What day is this my fine fellow?" "Why, It's the EAA Chapter 974 Christmas Gathering said the boy!" (What a remarkable boy! ) Let the following pages tell the story. Our After Christmas Celebration was indeed remarkable! Thanks to all who joined us! Those unable, we missed you!

All photos succeeding pages: ed.







**BLAIR AND SCOTT HERSHA**



**LOGAN SHREVE OUR BARTENDER!**



**DEBBIE AND PAUL O'CONNOR**



**STEPHEN, BRANDI AND SHANE**



**GRACE HOGAN**



**LINDA AND JOHN LABARRE**

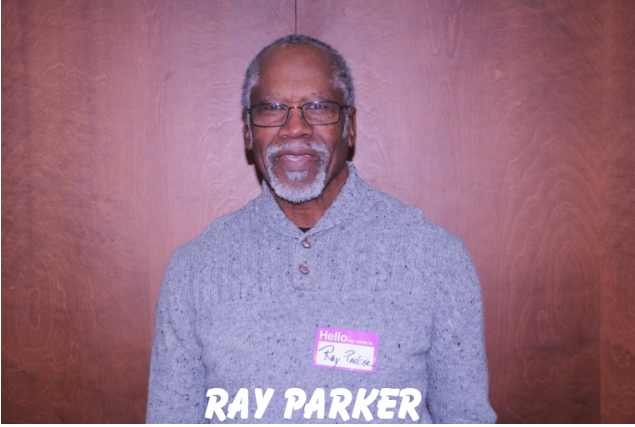


**BETH AND JASON PRATT**



**DICK AND MARIE GRIFFITH**





**RAY PARKER**



**TOM BESL**



**CHARLIE AND MARY LOU CORDER**



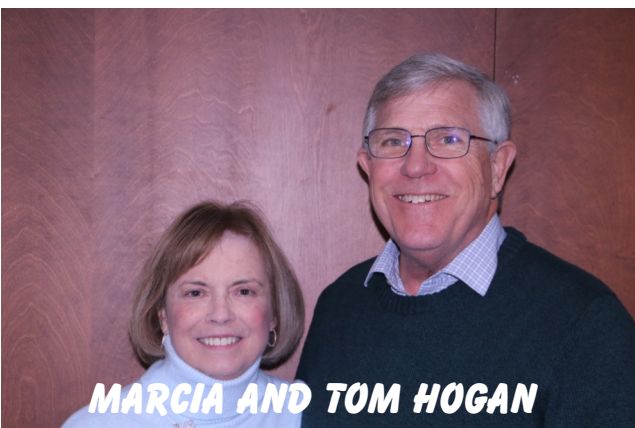
**JOE AND TARA SEIBERT**



**BRIAN AND KATHY CHARLTON**



**GEORGE THEOBALD**



**MARCIA AND TOM HOGAN**



**ERIC NEBERGALL**



*A 974 CHRISTMAS GATHERING EXTRAORDINAIRE 10*



**CINDY AND MARK TAYLOR**



**ROBIN KIDDER**



**FRED HOGAN**



**GARY BOEHM**



**LUANN & ROSCOE ROSCHE, MICHAEL SIEVE**



**LOGAN AND KIM SHREVE**



**ROBIN TOM AND MARK**



**BRANDI AND BETH**



# A GREAT MAGGIANO'S CHRISTMAS BANQUET





**KIM DOES GREAT JOB AWARDING DOOR PRIZES. THEN WE TEAR INTO THE WHITE ELEPHANT GIFT STASH. BEFORE LONG BEFORE WE CAN'T RESIST STEALING EACHOTHERS TREASURES. BOOZE WAS IRRESISTABLE!**

