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# CHAPTER GATHERING FEBRUARY 9 2025

On a chilly February 9 we had an excellent turnout! I'm sorry to say that I did not get a head count. At one point it looked as if all the stacked chairs and the older donated chairs were occupied, and there were still some folks standing., if that says anything. We were well fed with Joey Shreve's sloppy Joes and Luanne Rosche's chocolate, yellow and pineapple upside down cakes. Thanks to you both!

## YOUNG EAGLES

Young Eagle Coordinator Scott Balmos previewed our upcoming rally season. The first rally is scheduled for 4-19. along with most others scheduled for the 3rd Saturday of each month. Scott encouraged us to log into the EAA Young Eagles Website and to check your Youth Protection registration for currency.

## BUTLER TECH

Bill Hauck told us about his involvement with Butler Tech. He along with Randy Adams and Bob Overman are assisting students with an RV12 build. They are working on 2 vertical stab kits. They are looking for more volunteers. They are currently at a facility at Rt 4 and Millikin Rd. which will soon be replaced with a new facility being built at Hook Field. Scott Balmos further added that we have had a 3 year relationship with Butler Tech faculty member Rich Packer and the Aviation Explorer Program.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chapter President Tom Martin gave us an update on the chapter's Ray Scholarship application. We are awaiting approval from EAA HQ. Tom previewed our March gathering. LATE NOTE: AS OF 2/28 WE WERE APPROVED! We will have guest speakers, Air Traffic Controllers from CVG, who will present a program on ATC.

George Theobald announced the Annual Air Rally at Lunken Airport. It will take place on the first Saturday in June which is the 7th.



## CHAPTER GATHERING FEBRUARY 9, CONTINUED

Brandi Brewer talked about the Youth Program at Oshkosh. She has been heavily involved with this. All activities will be in the new Vintage Hangar....More to come.

Congratulations go to Logan Shreve, Joey's son. He completed an A & P program in Tennessee.

Roscoe Rosche offered his hangar T11A as a possible location for the next Christmas Gathering. It has radiant heat, bathroom and room for seating 80 members. In addition, Roscoe introduced us to a T-shirt company, Memory Stitch, that made a series of T-shirt quilts that he displayed for us. Some examples are shown below. Thanks Roscoe!



### AERONCA FLY-IN 2025

Stephen Brewer announced that the next Aeronca Fly-in will take place June 11-15 at Middletown Regional Airport Hook Field. If you remember the last one in 2023, it was quite a gathering! It's something to look forward to!

### PROJECT REPORTS

Jason Pratt reported on the extensive ongoing renovation of his RV6 located next door in hangar T5I. His aircraft has been down since last March. The engine has been rebuilt. He went with a complete automotive-type computerized electronic fuel injection and ignition system. This system will be battery dependent with a way of monitoring battery health and life. Jason says that even with alternator failure, the batteries will be nearly equivalent to fuel on board to allow reaching a safe landing point. He started the engine for the first time 2 weeks prior to this gathering. There were a few bugs and problems to work through, but he now hopes for a first flight within 2 weeks.

Congratulations Jason! Chapter 974 celebrates your hard work and perseverance!

Ray Parker spoke briefly about some engine issues which he feels he has solved on his Long EZ. These included starter problems, starter ring gear and a faulty voltage regulator. Since this initial report Ray has done much trouble shooting and replaced his starter and voltage regulator.

## **CHAPTER GATHERING—WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

*Manu Ramesh has come to us from EAA Chapter 166 in Connecticut. She is working on her private pilot certificate. She participated in a RV12 build at her former chapter and would love to help anyone here with their build. Welcome Manu!*



*Don Yohman has come to us after retiring from General Electric. Welcome Don!*



*Sean O'Grady has just started flight instruction. Welcome Sean!*



*Michael Sieve has joined the chapter. He is Luanne Rosche's brother and Roscoe's brother in law. Your editor apologizes for missing this announcement and not getting a better picture. Welcome Michael!*



## Mindful Intent... A powerful combination

Hi everyone,

One of the things I'm challenging myself to do this year (I gave up on the words New Years Resolutions), is to have Mindful Intent in everything I do.



Different from “general” intent, and I think even different from “specific” intent. So, then what is it you say? Well, let me give you an example... One of my bad habits is that when I'm on my computer at work (which is all day) and I feel “stuck” trying to solve an issue or just needing a mental break I pop open a new browser tab and type in one of on-line news sites and spend about 5-10 minutes mindlessly scrolling through the “click bait” headlines. This year I'm working to break that bad habit by saying out loud to myself that I need a quick mental break, and then mindfully deciding how I want to spend the next 5-10 minutes. This has now turned into 10-minute walks, a quick phone call to say Hi to a friend or maybe reading 3 pages of the current book I'm working on (I'm a slow reader!).

Going to the gym each morning has transitioned from “going through the motions” to mindful intent of why I am there and making the most of each exercise. In many ways it is all about being present in the moment and spending my time intentfully versus spending time with “filler” activities that really don't bring joy or meaning to my life.

I'm not trying to do this to “be more productive” but to be sure that each minute is being spent on what's important to me. What is interesting is that I've found that having this mindful intent has directed some of my time towards home projects (that just didn't seem to be getting done), and even using 15-minute increments between other actions the progress on these projects has been nothing short of amazing!

Ok, so what you say does this have to do with our EAA Chapter and specifically the membership? Spring... It's right around the corner, and flying season comes right along with it! I would like each of us to think about the "aviation" year ahead and spend some time with mindful intent planning on how we each get the most out of it, and the activities that are most important to you. It may be attending fly-ins, flying or assisting with our Young Eagles program, planning or working on a build, or maybe it's getting back in the air and perfecting your short field landing



Spend some time laying out the flying season ahead and then enjoy every minute of it with mindful intent!

Only one key reminder this month:

Our next Chapter Gathering will be on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm. Our guest speakers are going to be 3 FAA controllers from CVG. It will be a great session you won't want to miss!

All for now... I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the gathering on Sunday March 9<sup>th</sup>!



**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, Roger McClure, Scott Hersha, Scott Balmos, Mark Reising, Billy Bie, Tom Martin, Joey Shreve

## Secretaries Report –

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

## Treasurer's Report –

Income		\$ 505.00
Expenses		\$ 1,758.62
Balance:	Checking	\$ 3,179.86
	CDs	\$ 16,315.05
	Savings	\$ 2,004.10
	Total	\$ 21,499.01

## Young Eagles –

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

## Old Business -

- Ray Scholarship- Applied for 2025.
- Conversation with the CVG Controllers at March Meeting
- Pancake Breakfast in 2025- Possibly May and August
- Tool Crib: forming a committee and purchase of a bead roller

## New Business -

- Thank you gift for use of the Christmas Party room
- RV Build Mentors needed for Butler Tech

## UPCOMING 2025 MEETINGS

February 9th  
March 9th  
April 13th  
May 18th  
June 8th  
July 13th  
August 10th  
September 14th  
October 12th- Hanger Crawl  
November 9th- Elections  
December 14th- Chili Cook Off

**7:00 p.m.** - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

# PROJECT REPORT—BILL MORRIS' FISHER KOALA

Last year, Bill Morris and Dave Slack went into partnership to purchase a Fisher Flying Products Koala. It had been started by another builder who didn't finish it. It was then picked up locally by Scott Stoinhoff of Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Scott, a prolific builder himself, decided to move on to something else. ( See the January 2025 edition of Sport Aviation for more about Scott)

Along came Bill and Dave who purchased the Koala and trailered it Hogan Field from Lawrenceburg. Initially it was stored in Dave's hangar in row T6 across from Bill. Bill then acquired the other half from Dave, moving to his hangar. Bill has begun covering the Koala. Bill's previous project was his Sonex. The Sonex is compact enough to allow both aircraft to fit in his hangar.. The Sonex is all metal, so Bill set about to learn a new skill, fabric covering. Bill, you are setting a great example for all of us at Chapter 974, learning something new. Chapter 974 salutes you and we endeavor to support your new project!



Top right, Scott and Bill

Middle right, looks like a good fit!

bottom right, loaded up and off to KHAO



Upper left, Note the geodetic construction, universal for Fisher aircraft, like a Wellington Bomber

Lower left, Bill looks happy





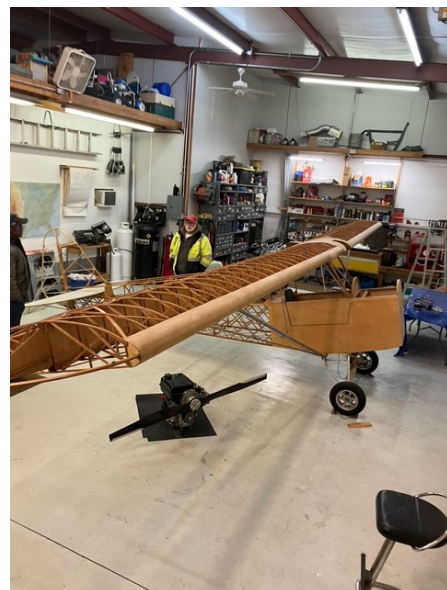
## **MORE KOALA DETAILS AND PROGRESS**



Left upper and lower shows Bill's start on covering, beginning with tail surfaces. Bill is going the full route using standard rib lacing technique. Good for you, Bill!

Upper right shows the Koala fully assembled for rigging. Lower right is a small engine Bill will test with the Koala. He hopes to keep weight and speed within ultralight rules.

Thanks for sharing your project Bill!



### **CHAPTER CONTACTS—HOW TO CONTACT EAA CHAPTER 974**

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

# GREATER CINCINNATI RADIO CONTROL CLUB JET STARS

I had the pleasure of being invited by chapter member Randy Adams to view a work session by the Jet Stars. It is a youth model airplane building program sponsored by the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club. The Jet Stars meets in currently unused office space in the Elite Aviation hangar. This is the club that puts on the spectacular Radio Control Flying Circus every year at the field. The jet Stars teaches the foundations of aviation by encouraging youngsters to actually build something the old fashioned way with balsa wood and glue.

Randy also works with Butler Tech High School in a similar model building program as part of an aviation technology program. In 2021 Chapter 974 engaged in a somewhat similar program on a smaller scale via the Young Eagles RC Build and Fly program. As a chapter we have an opportunity to continue to continue engage youth through this program to encourage aviation careers. We have the space and hopefully have the interest. There will be more about this coming soon.

