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COMING EVENTS

- JULY 12 YOUNG EAGLES RALLY
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- AUG 16-17 MERFI, URBANA-GRIMES



CHAPTER GATHERING REVIEW JUNE 8 2025

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Our June gathering was another chairs filled and standing room only event. Joey's Mexican Street Corn Pasta and Brandi's Lemon Curd and Oreo Chocolate cakes added interest and good eating. Wonderful and worth the price of admission! Thank your both!

Young Eagles Update

YE Coordinator Scott Balmos announced the next rally for 6/14. We know now Mother nature had other plans. Scott told us of plans for a YE display at the RC Flying Circus. Pictures will follow. Thanks for all you hard work Scott!

Flight Advisor Review

Chapter Flight Advisor Scott Hersha reviewed the Flight Advisor program with us. The goal is to improve safety especially in the first few hours of flight testing a newly build aircraft. Scott said the Flight Advisor does not give flight instruction but gives general advice and will help you determine your readiness to begin testing your new aircraft. For specific advice about unfamiliar aircraft, Scott will guide you and help you find someone familiar with your specific aircraft. Scott emphasized that the final decision to fly is the pilot's only, but after an interview, he might suggest not flying until better prepared. Thanks Scott for your excellent review!

VMC Club Billy Bie

Billy started off by reviewing how we should brief our passengers. A passenger can be useful and even vital for looking for other traffic. It is mandatory that we brief our passengers on how to open the door and evacuate after an emergency landing. He encouraged us to think about expectations during takeoff roll and initial climb out..This should include expected engine performance abort options and possible emergency landing areas. Billy also addressed issues with inaccurate weather reports especially as they come from inaccurate ASOS systems. Finally, we reviewed hazards with regards to non-towered airports, especially as it relates to radios and local frequencies. Even as we use our radios to announce pattern entry and position, the bottom line is constant visual alertness for awareness of other aircraft. Thank you Billy for an excellent and informative VMC session!



VISITORS, NEW MEMBERS AT JUNE 8 GATHERING

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Seen left, please welcome Kip Shaffer. Kip is an active pilot flying a 172 at Hogan's flying Service . Welcome Kip!

On the right please welcome Jerry Brownwell. Jerry has his Private Pilot Certificate . He is training at Hogan's with Billy Bie to earn his tailwheel endorsement. Welcome Jerry!



Please welcome Chloe Metcalf. Chloe is applying to The EAA for a Ray Scholarship. Good Luck Chloe and welcome to the chapter!

Please welcome David and Lia Caruso. David is training with Billy Bie at Hogan's Flying Service. I'll bet Lia is looking forward to flying with her dad! Welcome David and Lia!





The two aircraft above are owned by another gathering visitor, Eric Geiselman. Your editor apologizes to Eric and his flying partner for missing their pictures. I believe Eric was flying the Boredom Fighter on the left, while his friend flew his J-3. Both flew over from Warren County. Welcome to you both!

CHAPTER PROJECTS

Dave Glasmeyer gave is an update on his Kitfox project. He is getting ready to start covering and his removed the engine. In the meantime, The original engine intended for his Kitfox, a Corvair, is up for sale.

Bob Dombek reported on his Fisher Tiger Moth. He reports the engine is running well. The greatest challenge now is ironing out the landing technique due to poor visibility over the nose on final approach.

Robbin Kidder s getting some regular time in her Piper Clipper after sorting out oil problems in the engine. She is getting some extra tailwheel training from Billy Bie and wants some extra practice before flying Young Eagles again.

Mark Taylor is getting closer to flying his Legal Eagle. He has been taxing without wings and reports good ground handling.

Brandi Brewer is hopes to recruit some volunteers to work in the Youth Aviation Center in the Vintage Hangar at Airventure. She excitedly reminded us that Airventure Oshkosh is just 41 days away.

Brandi and Stephen reminded us of the Aeronca National Fly In at Middletown June 13-14.

Scott Balmos talked about Garmin Pilot and its data driven Garmin Smart Charts.

PACKER FIELD, FROM SCOTT HERSHA

I received this from Scott Hersha:

"Here are pics of our visit to Packer Airport in May. Rich Packer, the Butler Tech Aviation Administrator/teacher, invites his students to come to his family farm airport and gives rides every year, I think. Bill Hauck, who has been helping build the school's RV12, was invited to come, and Bill invited me. I flew up in my RV6 and landed on their beautiful 3500 foot smooth grass runway. There three Stearmans giving rides, and Bill and I each got to go. The in-flight picture is of Bill in his Stearman that took in formation from Rich's Stearman. Rich's wife, his Mom, who taught rich how to fly, and many friends organized and ran this event. Bob Overman also flew in with one of the Victory airplanes. It was a beautiful day on a beautiful farm airstrip."

Thanks Scott!



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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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

Attendees: Grace Hogan, Roger McClure, Scott Balmos, Mark Reising, Tom Martin, Billy Bie, Bob Dombek, Joey Shreve

Secretaries Report –

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

Treasurer's Report –

Income		\$ 462.60
Expenses		\$ 822
Balance:	Checking	\$ 3,813.87
	CDs	\$ 16,370.16
	Savings	<u>\$ 1,004.27</u>
	Total	\$ 21,188.24

Young Eagles –Next dates: Starting Spring 2025

- June 14th, July 12th, August 16th, September 20th, October 18th
 - New system for the website
 - Possible Young Eagles Rally for Butler Tech new students in August
 - June 14th: Limited to first time fliers

Old Business -

- Ray Scholarship- Applied and APPROVED for 2025. Applicants working in their applications.
- Tool Crib Committee: What tools should be purchased
- EAA HQ has reported that we are ranked as Bronze Chapter for 2024 activities. They have missed two points which should put us at Gold; Tom Martin to follow-up with HQ
- Laptop purchased for Treasurer

New Business -

- Update on Flight Advisor Program
- Creating a Google Drive for Chapter Documents
- Meeting Menu: Mexican Street Corn Pasta Salad, Lemon Curd Cake, Something Chocolatey

UPCOMING 2025 MEETINGS

June 8, July 13, Aug 10, September 14, October 12 (Hangar Crawl), Nov 9 (Elections),
December 14 (Chili Cookoff)

6:36 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

NATIONAL AERONCA ASSOCIATION FLY IN

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On 6-14, the Saturday of the Aeronca Gathering at KMWO, I caught some photos of nice Champs, Chiefs and a couple of C-3's . Note the picture on the upper left. Brandi is proudly holding a Grand Champion Award for their "Lana". Lana won for pre-war Chief! Congratulations Stephen and Brandi!!



GREATER CINCINNATI RADIO CONTROL CLUB FLYING CIRCUS Page 8

I always enjoy the Greater Cincinnati Radio Control Club Flying Circus. Being an RC flyer myself, I identify strongly with this aspect of aviation. This event has a long tradition. I attended events and helped with parking in the early 1970's as a former member of this club. Being Fathers' Day weekend and expecting family at home, my time here was short—would have loved to stay longer and even return on Sunday. EAA Chapter 974 thanks the GCRCC for allowing us to set up a Young Eagles info shelter. YE Coordinator Scott Balmos was the main spark behind this. Well done Scott!



See the great candy drop left, right and lower right!



KEILAH GILL WITH WINGS OF GRACE MINISTRIES

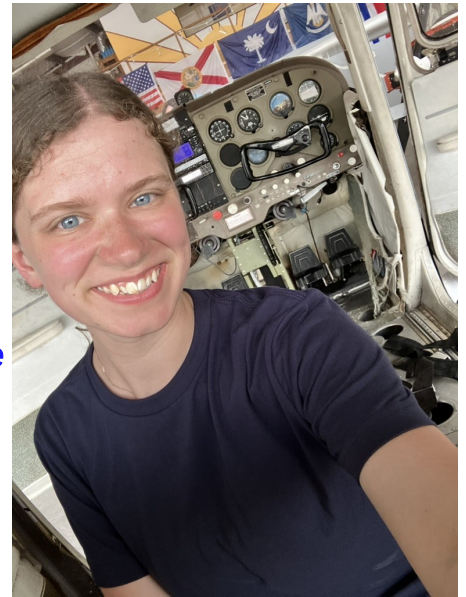
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Here's our "Swirlgirl" (email title) Keilah Gill starting her internship with Wings of Grace! Keilah was our chapter's very first Ray Scholarship recipient through which she earned her Private Pilot Certificate. Just look what she has gone on to do with it! Keilah has been very certain from the beginning about wanting to use her flying skills to support Christian Ministries. During our very last chapter gathering she was flying to the Bahamas with another pilot from the Wings of Grace She says she was excited bout her first flight into another country. Through the rest of the summer she will be helping with mission work in impoverished areas in the Bahamas, primarily working with an orphanage and senior care centers.



She goes on to say that the flight into Freeport was amazing. Our C172 was packed with cookers of food for the orphanage, our luggage, and supplies for the mission teams coming in through the summer. It was 4 hours from KBQK to X59 to re-fuel and on to MYGF. The weather was perfect and the views were beautiful! Thank you for your prayers. I'm excited to see God work through the ministry there!

Keilah says Wings of Grace trains missionary pilots and mechanics in Brunswick, Georgia. She has gotten hours in C172's, a DA-40, a Bonanza, and even an R44 helicopter. She has also has gotten some experience with maintenance and annual inspections. She hopes to see everyone in August.



Keilah, the chapter is incredibly proud of you and what you are doing! We can't wait to see you and hear more. Thank you so much for sharing with us!

Editors note: Thanks go to Tom Martin for relaying Keilah's report and pictures. I have more pictures for a future edition.

