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CHAPTER GATHERING REVIEW

Chapter 974 continues turn out good numbers for it's Gatherings. My best count was 45+ which meant nearly all the chairs were filled. It doesn't hurt that Che' Joey keeps up with creative and delicious lunches. Today it was Cowboy Stir Fry and a wonderful assortment of deserts. Thank you Joey!



Young Eagles Report

Young Eagles Coordinator Scott Balmos reported on our first rally of the year, not that we didn't have 4 scheduled before this one on July 12. The weather gods had their way with us this year. 7 pilots and 10 ground crew flew 19 kids. Scott thanked all who participated..According to EAA HQ, Chapter 974 has over a 1000 YE's flown on record and will receive a new banner. Also, Scott is working with airport manager Jerry on possibly using the FBO as a staging point next year. Former YE Coordinator Bob Burkhardt offered special praise for the Job Scott has been doing.



Oshkosh Camp Scholler Compound Update

Kevin Gassert gave us an update on Chapter 974 and Warbird Squadron 18's compounds. Kevin and Jake Jacobs traveled to Oshkosh to stake out and secure our camping areas. We were exactly where we were last year at Plum and Stits. Thanks guys!!

Manu Ramesh: In working with kids, she finds that they like maps. She encouraged us to save old sectional charts for her group.

Project Reports

David Winter reported on his Savannah project. See pictures in this edition.



John Wilemski is in final stages of finishing his Cozy 4 project. He hopes to move it to his hangar by the end of July.

Robin Kidder was excited to report that she has her Piper Clipper flying regularly without losing oil. She still wants a little more dual instruction to sharpen tailwheel skills.

Here's a chance to see crazy projects fly, or at least try. Scott Balmos reminded us of the return of Redbull Flugtag on August 9. It can be watched from the Serpentine Wall on the Ohio River.

RESPECT, COURTESY, PATIENCE, SAFETY

Chapter member and flight instructor Leonora Pallota offered some excellent reminders about operation in the pattern, especially when sharing the pattern with a student. Leonora teaches many hours a week for Hogan's Flying Service, much of which is in the Cub. There is a big mix of performance of aircraft at KHAO, and the Cub is about the slowest aircraft in the pattern. More often than not there is a student aboard. She urged us to be especially patient and respectful when mixing with the Cub in the pattern. She cited instances of other aircraft cutting off the Cub on base and final, and other situations where aircraft rushed to take off in front of the Cub when it was on final. Also, students need time on touch down and roll out especially in a tailwheel aircraft like the Cub. Students need time to process what is being taught and practiced. Please use good judgment and patience sharing the pattern and especially when on final behind the Cub. Editor's note: Let's all remember we were once student pilots!

Thank you Leonora!

TORQUE WRENCH WISDOM

Chapter member Jason Pratt presented a program on the torque wrench, a tool we all encounter when we need to tighten stuff with precision. Here are a few nuggets from his talk.

1. Recalibrate annually or when dropped.
2. Torque the nut whenever possible instead of the bolt head.
3. Any additional pressure beyond specified setting should be finger pressure
4. Apply smooth, even pull when tightening
5. Be aware of difference in torque when using crows feet or other adapters. The difference in length and angle to the wrench requires recalculation. There are differences in the way click and beam type wrenches are calculated with extensions and adapters.
6. Be aware of torque needed for different sizes of hardware. AN3 nuts are the most frequently over tightened size

Thanks Jason for your excellent presentation.!

NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS

Please welcome Daryl Habit. Daryl is actually a returning member. He left Cincinnati in 2015, spending 5 years in Beaverton, Oregon and joined a chapter that had close association with Vans Aircraft. He then moved to Henderson, North Carolina. After another 5 years he returned to the Cincinnati Area and has reconnected with his old chapter, 974. Daryl is building a Zenith 601 and hopes to find a hangar eventually. Welcome to Chapter 974 Daryl!



Please welcome Mark McCormick. Mark is the treasurer of the Neutrons Flying Club. He has just started building a Zenith 650, Welcome to Chapter 974 Mark!



CHAPTER SERVICE AWARDS FOR 2024

Chapter Prez Tom Martin presented chapter service awards for 2024.

Upper right is Joey Shreve having served last year as Vice Prez. (There should also have been an award for Chef Extraordinaire!) Thanks Joey!

Next is Treasurer Roger McClure. Roger has served for several years and has been an excellent treasurer. Thanks Roger!

Third down is Newsletter Editor Bob Dombek. Bob has been plugging away at the chapter newsletter since 2012. He says he still enjoys it. (Is he Nuts?)

Lower right is Chapter Technical Counselor Ray Parker. With so many projects going on, we'd be lost without you! Thanks Ray!

Below, left is Young Eagles Coordinator Scott Balmos. We have enjoyed a very successful Young Eagles program under Scott's leadership. Thanks Scott!

Gee! What happened to the award for Prez?
Thanks Tom Martin, for your service as chapter president!



CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

6:05 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Mark Reising

Attendees: Grace Hogan, Roger McClure, Scott Balmos, Mark Reising, Billy Bie, Bob Dombek

Secretaries Report –

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

Treasurer's Report –

Income		\$ 282.45
Expenses		\$ 0.00
Balance:	Checking	\$ 4,291.23
	CDs	\$ 16,384.62
	Savings	<u>\$ 1,004.31</u>
	Total	\$ 21,680.16

Young Eagles –

Next date:

July 12th, August 16th, September 20th, October 18th

Possible Young Eagles Rally for Butler Tech new students in August

July 12th: Limited to first time fliers, 18 kids and 7 pilots

Over 1000 kids flown banner to come

Old Business -

Ray Scholarship- Applied and APPROVED for 2025. Applicants working in their applications.

Tool Crib Committee: What tools should be purchased and demos on how they should be used and user fees.

Laptop purchased for Treasurer

Creating a Google Drive for Chapter Documents

New Business -

Oshkosh this month

Windsock getting replaced

Possible purchases for hanger: Fan and speakers for back of hanger during meetings.

Pancake breakfast in August possibly

Menu: Cowboy Stirfry

BUSINESS MEETING, CONTINUED

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UPCOMING 2025 MEETINGS

July 13th

August 10th

September 14th

October 12th- Hanger Crawl

November 9th- Elections

December 14th- Chili Cook Off

6:53 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Mark Reising

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president@eaa974.org — will reach chapter president (Tom Martin)

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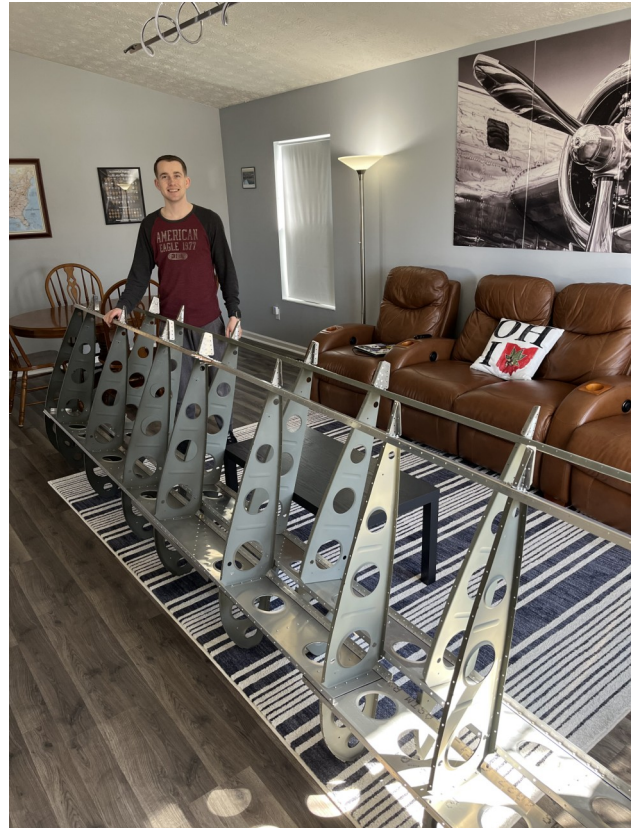
youngeagles@eaa974.org — will reach Young Eagles Coordinator (Scott Balmos)

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

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

Chapter member David Winter sent these great pictures of his Savannah project. The Savannah is similar to the high wing Zenith models. You have to love seeing project report pictures like these! It looks beautiful David! Thanks for sharing these with us and keep up the good work!

He has set an example for the rest of us. Send your project pictures to the editor!



YOUNG EAGLE RALLY JULY 12 2025

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The weather gods have not been kind to us this year, but we finally pulled one off! 10 ground crew and 7 pilots got 19 kids into the air on a sticky, bumpy but otherwise flyable Saturday morning. A heartfelt thanks goes to all.

Editor's note: If you can, for future rallies, try to get pics of your kids inside after boarding.





EAA 974 AT OSHKOSH

