

# TAILWINDS



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Butler County Regional Airport  
Hamilton, Ohio



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- **SEPT 20 YOUNG EAGLE RALLY**
- **SEPT 28 SWORFI @ WINEMILLER'S**



# CHAPTER GATHERING REVIEW AUG 10 2025

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The August Gathering was another good one for chapter 974 with 46 members and visitors in attendance. Brandi Brewer brought two terrific plates of Jungle Jim sandwiches along with some great homemade deserts. No one went away hungry! Thank you so much Brandi!

## Young Eagles:

Coordinator Scott Balmos updated us on the next rally which will be 8/16. There will be a full report with pictures in this edition. Scott pointed out our new Young Eagle Banner received for flying over 1000 Young Eagles as of 7/2024.

## Projects:

Robin Kidder has her Clipper flying but recently had a problem with the control arm for the carb heat box. It's now under repair.

Brandi Brewer recognized Keilah Gill and Mark Taylor for their contributions to the Youth Center at the Vintage Hanger at Airventure

Scott Balmos talked about a couple of new kits that were on display at Airventure. One was the new RV-15. Wing kits are now available but expensive at \$20K. He saw the Spirit SE-1 single seat light sport with it's 43 HP 2 cylinder engine, fully built for \$69.5K. It has a vintage racer appearance. Scott also noted that MO-SAIC is done.

Bob Dombek thanked Kevin Gassert and Jake Jacobs for their effort in organizing, reserving and staking out the camping compounds for Chapter 974 and Warbird Squadron 18 at Airventure

Howard Pleviak invited us all to his hangar after the gathering for his hangar sale.

Kevin Gassert donated a complete tubing beading tool which will be kept in the tool crib. Thanks Kevin!

Photos: ed.





# **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS!**

*Right Greg Tilford Greg lives in Northern KY. He has a RV14 project at Cincinnati West nearly ready to fly.*



*Left Leo Krebs. Leo is building A CH750 Cruiser. He is a CFII, Has Master Pilot Award and is Tech Counselor at chapter 174*

*Right is Darrin Wargacki. He's restoring a TriPacer has 5 c-150's awaiting reassembly and runs the computer training lab here at KHAO*



*Left is Ayush Srivastava. Introduced by Roger, he is very interested in learning to fly.*

*Right is Austin Pisula. He is flying with Leonora Pallota at Hogan's . He has about 10 hours in a Cessna 152*

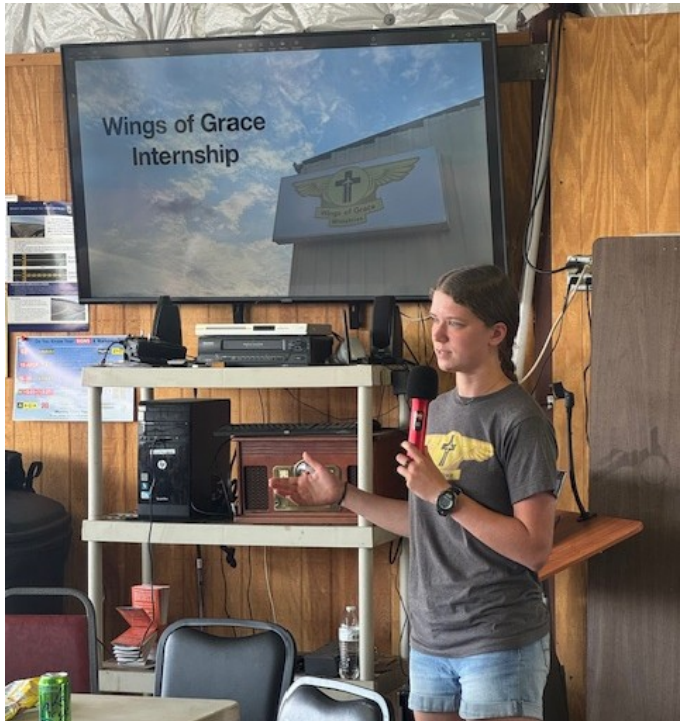


*Photos: ed.*



## KEILAH GILL'S WINGS OF GRACE INTERNSHIP

Ray Scholarship graduate and chapter member Keilah Gill gave a talk to the chapter about her experience this summer with Wings of Grace. Wings of Grace is an aviation ministry which provides support to underserved people through global missions. Keilah knew early in her flight training that she wanted to use her aviation skills in Christian Ministry. She was accepted by Wings of Grace as an intern, making many flights to the Bahama Islands to serve those in need. She also worked in a youth ministry to introduce kids into aviation through her mission flights. Keilah plans to return to Wings of Grace for further training as she continues to volunteer. In addition to additional flight training, she plans to work toward airframe and power plant ratings to assist with mission aircraft maintenance. Keilah, chapter 974 could not be more proud of you and will continue to support your aviation missionary goals! Photos: ed. , Tom Martin



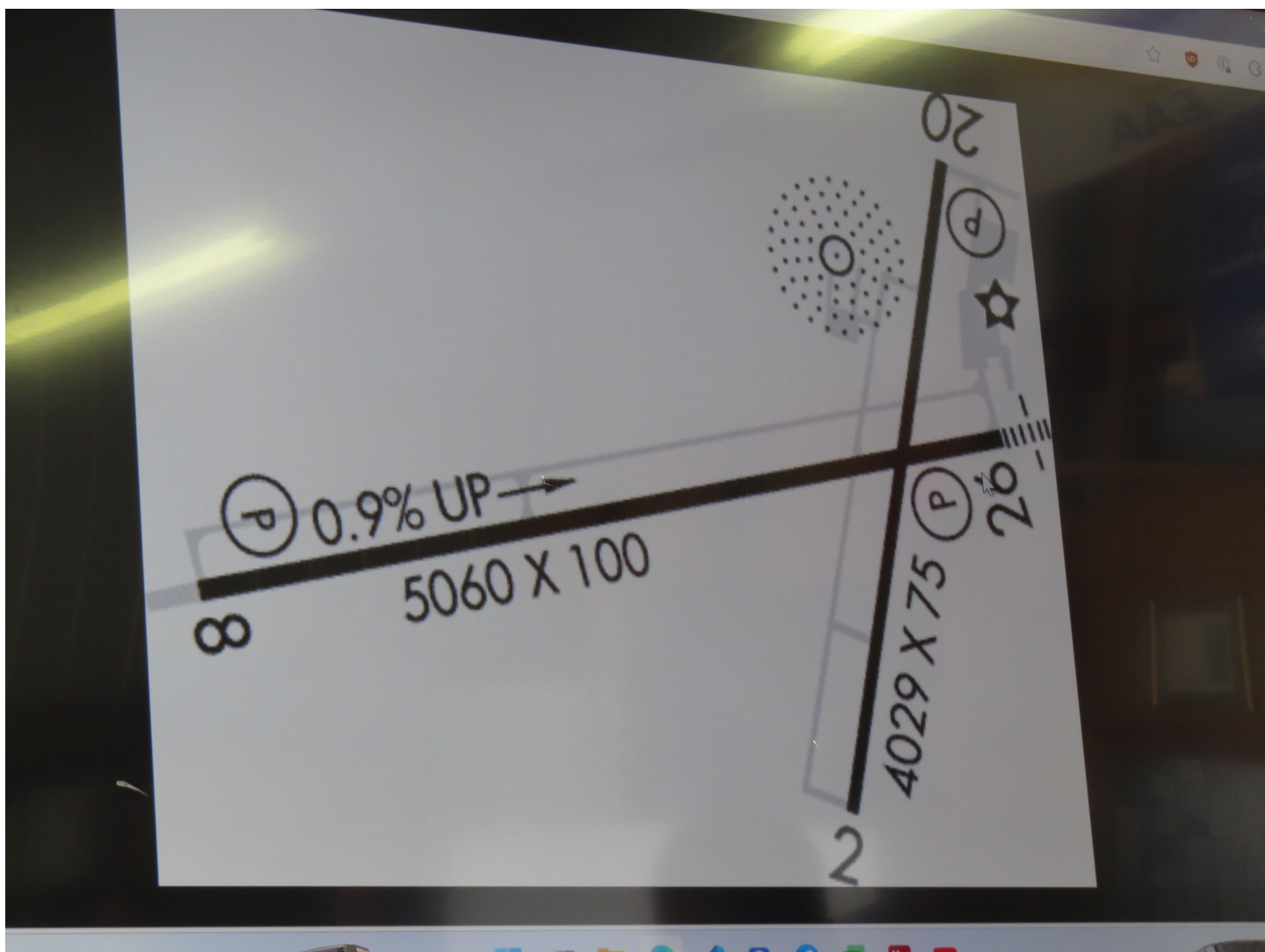


## NON-TOWERED FIELD HAZARDS, SCOTT BALMOS

Chapter member Scott Balmos Flew his RV9A to Aventure Oshkosh as he has for the past several years. On his way this year, he decided to land at Dodge County , KUNU, near Juneau, Wisconsin, for fuel and stretch his legs. He felt this would be a good stop to prepare for the Fisk arrival, especially if there were any delays approaching Oshkosh. Dodge County has two intersecting runways and uncontrolled ie non towered. As Scott Announced his departure, another aircraft decided to use the intersecting runway . Scott very clearly announced his takeoff and departure intentions and began his takeoff. As he reached rotation speed, the other aircraft crossed right in front of him, apparently on his way to the FBO, without a radio call to announce his position or intention. Scott aborted his take off. He felt it was obvious the other pilot was not listening to his radio or paying attention to what was going on around him. The result was an active runway incursion and potential disaster. Scott urged us all to practice good situational awareness and use effective communication. Thank you Scott for sharing your experience with us!

Pictured below is a diagram of the runways at Dodge County and the potential hazard presented.

Photo: ed. From slide by Scott Balmos





# **CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

**6:05 p.m.** - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

**Attendees:** Grace Hogan, Roger McClure, Scott Balmos, Tom Martin, Brandi Bruwer

## **Secretaries Report –**

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

## **Treasurer's Report –**

Income		\$ 585.35
Expenses		\$ 1,000.52
Balance:	Checking	\$ 3,917.85
	CDs	\$ 16,458.58
	Savings	<u>\$ 1,004.36</u>
	Total	\$ 21,380.79

## **Young Eagles –**

Next date:

August 16th, September 20th, October 18th

Possible Young Eagles Rally for Butler Tech new students in August

August 16th: 7 pilots, 18 flyers

Over 1000 Young Eagles Flown Banner hung in hanger

## **Old Business -**

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

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

Windsock getting replaced

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

## **New Business -**

Fly-in/Cruise-in in October. Brandi going to coordinate

New 10x10 pop up tent in tool crib

Menu: Sandwiches and cake

## **UPCOMING 2025 MEETINGS**

Sept 14

October 12—Hangar Crawl

November 9—Elections

December 14—Chili Cook Off

**6:50 p.m.** - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin



# **YOUNG EAGLE RALLY AUGUST 16**

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**YOUNG EAGLES BIRDS ARE READY!**



**THANKS PILOTS AND ESCORTS!**



**JEANNE MACCLURE KEPT US GOING**



**SCOTT BALMOS BRIEFS PAENTS ,**



**BILLY BIE'S GREAT GROUND SCHOOL!**



**GREAT JOB KEILAH AND ROBIN!**



**BOB'S YOUNG EAGLE LOOKS READY!**

Photos: ed  
Keilah Gill  
Scott Hersha



**SCOTT'S YOUNG EAGLE IS READY!**



# KEVIN GASSERT'S HANGAR PICNIC AUGUST 16

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**COOK AND HOST, MIKE AND KEVIN!**



**MIKE MADE SURE NO ONE STARVED!**



**A GOOD CROWD ON HAND**



**A GOOD FAMILY, PUBLIC EVENT**



**SOME HANGAR FLYING GOIN ON**



**KEVIN'S PROJECTS ON DISPLAY**



**VINTAGE CAR SHOW AT THE PICNIC**

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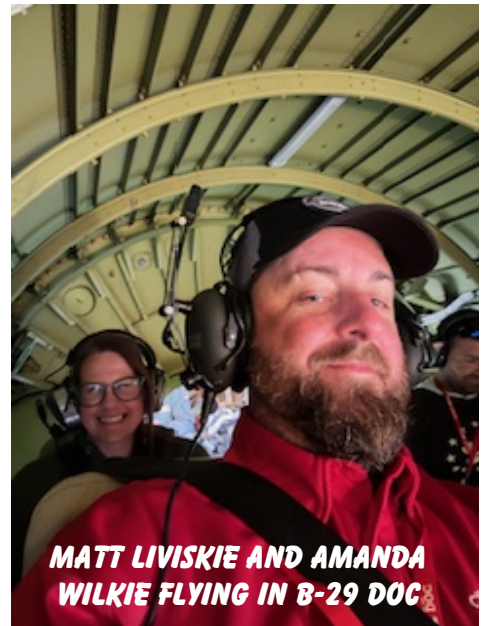
The Labor Day Weekend allowed perfect weather for a number of aviation gatherings in the area. Top group on this page are a few shots from the airshow and Taildragger Fly in at Red Stewart Airport near Waynesville, Oh. There was quite a crowd for the Saturday airshow. Shown below are Mark Taylor, Bob Dombek and Shane Alexander with their planes.



Left, Chapter member Randy Adams participated in another type of fly-In at Chaptman Memorial Field, C6M, just north-east of Columbus. Randy participated in a radio control scale model contest August 30 & 31. He won first place with his beautiful 1/3 scale Neupert. This event was held by the Central Ohio Radio Kontrol Society aka CORKS. The CORKS was my first RC club years ago. Congratulations Randy!!



On this page are some scenes from the Warbird Event at Cincinnati Lunken Airport that took place over the entire weekend. The top two came from Kevin Gassert. The rest were sent by Matt Liviskie. It looked like a great event! Thanks Kevin and Matt!

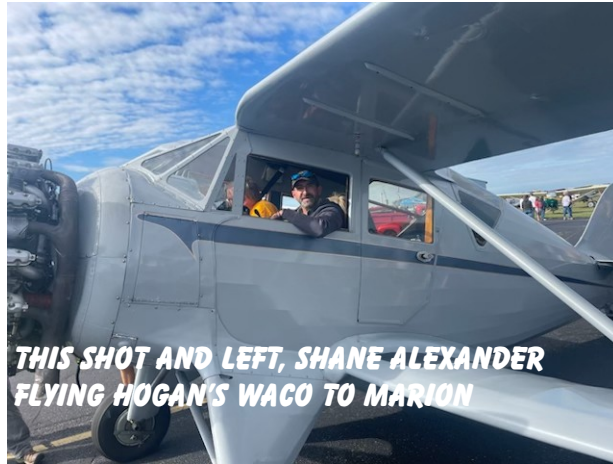




Here was another big one in Marion, Indiana, The Fly in/Cruise in. Thanks Brandi Brewer and Scott Hersha for some great shots. There were also vintage cars and tractors to see as well as lots of airplanes. It looks like the attendance was terrific judging by all the folks in the hangar below.



**SHANE IN CONTROL**



**THIS SHOT AND LEFT, SHANE ALEXANDER  
FLYING HOGAN'S WACO TO MARION**



**BRANDI BREWER WITH  
HOBAN'S WACO**



**FRED HOGAN FLYING HIS CHIEF TO MARION**



**SCOTT HERHA'S RV6 ON THE LINE AT MARION**



**GREAT CROWD AT MARION**



**BEAUTIFUL F8F BEARCAT AT MARION**