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- **NOV 9 CHAPTER GATHERING, ELECTIONS**
- **DEC 12 CHAPTER GATHERING WITH CHILI COOKOFF**
- **JAN 10 CHAPTER CHRISTMAS PARTY**



OCTOBER 2025 GATHERING REVIEW

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Chapter 974 you did it again with another fantastic gathering. My best count this time was 46, a good turnout. It didn't hurt that we had fantastic weather and good treats courtesy of Joey Shreve and Brandi Brewer. Joey served up a delicious veggie pizza which we could stuff ourselves without too much guilt. Brandi's applesauce cake was wonderful. Thank you both!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Joey reviewed the Christmas Gathering which will be on Saturday January 10 at the Best Western Hannaford. As before, we can accommodate 50 guests at \$30 per person. Start time will be 5 PM and dinner will be served at 6. As always there will be a white elephant gift exchange.

Brandi Brewer reminded us that elections will take place at the November gathering.. We have a number of potential candidates for a ballot which she will print. Also Brandi reminded us of the chili cook-off which will take place at the December gathering.. Be sure to notify Brandi in advance if you plan to enter a chili for the cook-off.

Young Eagles Coordinator Scott Balmos reviewed the chapter's Young Eagle Program. Our next and last rally for the year will be October 18 with 7 pilots and 17 kids signed up so far. Next year we will continue rallies on the 3rd Saturday of each month unless it conflicts with a holiday. Watch your emails, and be sure to check your Youth Protection Effective date.

Jason Pratt brought up continued progress on the course for homebuilt inspection authorization. He is also working on a heat pump AC/heat system for the chapter hangar. This will be presented to the membership for a vote once finalized.

PROJECTS

Joe Seibert will have recently acquired RV3 to show us during hangar crawl. His RV9 is delayed due to engine concerns.

Robin Kidder's clipper "Honey Badger" is now flying without Burning or losing oil! YAY!



Appreciating the past... Looking to the future.

Hi everyone,

Little did I know when Scott Balmos asked me to run for the position of Vice President in January of 2018 that a run of having the honor of leading the Chapter would progress through a series of 8 years! This was us after the meeting, newly installed as board members with Scott at the helm as President.



Our annual meeting is coming up next Sunday, November 9th. During that meeting we have several members that are offering to take the Chapter into the next generation of leadership. A special thank you to Bob Dombek and Roger McClure for leading the nomination committee efforts.

As I've mentioned, with Barb and me spending more of the year in South Carolina, it is time for me to step aside. I am super excited to see the new ideas that these leaders bring, and the new ways we will grow as an aviation family!

Much has changed, and many things have remained the same, but I can't thank everyone enough for all that we have accomplished together. Our Chapter is a strong one with continued growth in membership, the ever-expanding Young Eagles program, our VMC chapter, the Young Eagles Build and Fly program, completion of our first Ray Aviation scholar, all the great food cooked by Joey, and the wonderful friendships that have been made.

THE PREZ SEZ

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I look forward to being able to continue to serve the Chapter where I can and being a part of this great organization. It takes all of us to keep the Chapter thriving, let's continue to bring our energy and ideas – We have an amazing future ahead!

Key reminder this month:

- Our next Chapter Gathering, which is the annual meeting, will be on Sunday November 9 th at 2:00pm.

It truly has been an honor!



*Blue skies - Tom
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CHAPTER BOARD BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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6:03 p.m. - Meeting called to order by Tom Martin

Attendees: Grace Hogan, Roger McClure, Tom Martin, Bob Dombek, Mark Reising, Scott Balmos,

Secretaries Report –

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

Treasurer's Report –

Income	\$ 471.33
Expenses	\$ 1,030.92
Balance: Checking	\$ 3,982.62
CDs	\$ 16,814.38
Savings	<u>\$ 1,004.44</u>
Total	\$ 21,801.50

Young Eagles –

- Next date:
- October 18th
- 6 pilots, 12 flyers

Old Business –

- Ray Scholarship- Applied and APPROVED for 2025. Applicants working on their applications.
- Windsock getting replaced
- Possible purchases for hanger: speakers for back of hanger during meetings and heat pump
- Fly-in on October 10, 2026 11-4. Brandi going to coordinate
- Billy and Scott H. to attend the Airport Users Group.
- Layout 5 year plan for Chapter
- Mosaic Course through Rainbow Aviation
- Christmas Party at the same place
- Reach out to Bob or Roger if interested in running for a Board position

New Business -

- Dues for 2026
- Chapter Recognition for 2025. We're going for Gold.
- Scheduled 2026 Chapter Gathering and Young Eagles dates
- New member information packet
- Migrating the website to the new system
- Menu: Veggie Pizza

UPCOMING 2025 MEETINGS

October 12th- Hanger Crawl

November 9th- Elections

BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES, CONTINUED

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December 14th- Chili Cook Off

2026 January 10th- Christmas Party

February 8th

March 8th

April 12th

May 17th

June 14th

July 12th

August 9th

September 13th

October 11th- Hanger Crawl

November 8th

December 13th

2026 Young Eagles: April 11th, May 16th, June 20th, July 11th, August 15th, September 19th, October 17th

6:48 p.m. - Meeting adjourned by Tom Martin

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THE GREAT 2025 HANGAR CRAWL, JOE SEIBERTS RV3

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Joe Seibert acquired this RV3 recently from another builder in Atlanta. It actually passed through the hands of other builders before Joe captured it. The RV3 is single place. This one is especially unique in that it was built with tricycle landing gear. It came to Joe without an engine.

Pictured right are the wing panels for Joe's RV3. The aircraft is essentially fully painted.



Other chapter members examining Joe's RV3. Joe and a partner have also acquired a RV9 which will eventually live in the hangar with the RV3.

Scott Balmos couldn't resist trying it on for size. It's a slightly snug fit but not too bad once you are settled into the cockpit.



HANGAR CRAWL 2025, JAKE JACOB'S LUSCOMBE

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Here's a side view with a good view of the engine. It's a O-200 which gives it lots of performance.

The next scheduled visit was to see Jake Jacob's recently acquired Luscombe. It came from Arizona and it's a beauty. Jake has begun flying it, but it needs a few tweaks and Jake says he needs more time to feel comfortable.



The red white and blue really sets it off, and the panel is an excellent match. It's a nice place to be and spend time. I can see Jake spending lots of time flying this beauty!

The red and blue trim over white really sets it off. It's a beauty Jake! Thanks for sharing it with us!



MORE CRAWL AROUND THE FIELD

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While not actually part of the scheduled Hangar crawl there were some good stops Around the field such as Robin Kidder's Clipper. Good to see it flying, Robin!



Above, several members check out Scott Hersha's Nice RV6 and great hangar. Below, we had a chance to see Mike Wood's beautiful Ercoupe, Helleleanor.



Above is Kevin Gassert's latest Ercoupe Restoration done in Navy livery. Below, Stephen, Shane and Fred see Shanes Chief.



Below, Jake Jacob's helps with sale of fellow Austin Healy Club member's Sprite It's Owner had sadly passed away.



LAST YOUNG EAGLE RALLY FOR THE YEAR OCTOBER 18

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