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EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 429

# Jefferson City Bluebirds

## President's Message

### September Meeting Minutes

[by Chet Hartley, edited by Bill Elliott]

The Sept 10th 429 Chapter meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the attending members. Everyone introduced themselves, and we had one guest. Present were President Bill Elliott , Secretary Chet Hartley, Art Langston, Blake Lewis, Lanny Crawford, Bob Stewart, Big Harmon, Mike L. Sullivan, Jack Kennedy, John Koonce, Michael McGaha, Dave and Bev Dungan, Bob and Jackie Lynch, Robbie Barnhart (guest), Don Williams, Dale Carlson, Ted Forester and Ed Werner.

Bob Lynch gave a overview of the electronic scales the chapter is looking to purchase, so we can do proper weight and balance programs for completed aircraft. The current asking price of the scales is \$900.00.

Bob Stewart announced there will be a open house and Young Eagle flight in Camdenton (H21) on the 20th of Oct.

Mike McGaha is also hosting a flying B-B-Q and Young Eagle event on the 13th of Oct. He is in need of ground crews plus aircraft and pilot to support this event.

Our President announced that at this time we are still short a Young Eagle coordinator. With some discussion Blake Lewis said he would try and fill this position, as he planned to attend both events. So it is time for all of us to help Blake as much as we can ([blake.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:blake.lewis@gmail.com)).

Blake also announced he had completed his private pilot check ride just the week before, so our hat is off to Blake and welcome to the world of private pilot.

#### Project updates:

Dr. Koonce has flown off all of his flight hour restrictions. Dale Carlson is in the final stages with weight & balance and taxi testing. Art Langston is doing the Polyfiber/Polytone recovering process of his Ercoupe wings. Chet Hartley is doing high speed taxi testing, and final Model A carburetor adjustments. Lanny Crawford is just plain enjoying flying his Cessna 170 A airplane. Bob Stewart is flying his Piper Tomahawk and working. Bill Harmon has moved his Zenith 701 to the Eldon airport and is waiting on the FAA to

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complete their paper work. Jack Kennedy reported that the rear half of the Sonex fuselage is complete and they are now working on the front half. Mike MaGaha has not been working on his RV due to a broken shoulder and his plans to be married at the end of the month. Dave Dungan is in the process of making and installing baffles for his RV-7A. Bob Lynch is mentoring Larry Balboom with his Zenith 601XL that has the Jaburu 3300 engine. Larry is not a pilot but has always wanted to build his own airplane. Bob is also working on a Tundra, and he has one wing completed. He thinks the Tundra will take about one year to complete while the 601 should be out of the shop in two months. Jackie Lynch claims to have driven over 100,000 rivets now and is still going strong.

**Old Business:**

All members and builders please bring in digital photos of your projects on disc or thumb drives. We will then take them and make a presentation program that can be used to help others, in the building of their aircraft. Bill, Ron and Robbie (AV Committee) have been looking at multimedia projectors for the club. Robbie had looked at a Dell projection system that would be in the area of \$750 to \$800.00. Bill and Ron had found similar prices for good Optoma, Toshiba and Epson projectors. Lanny donated a nice slide screen that looks good. Thanks Lanny!

There was a motion to approve Bill's budget request for \$840.00 for a projector and a multi-card reader by Bob Lynch with a second by Dave Dungan. This passed with a unanimous vote. The second item was to purchase the scales, which was brought to motion by Bill Harmon and seconded by Lanny Crawford, at the price of \$900.00. This also passed.

**New Business:**

Bill said that EAA has a new Speaker's Bureau, and they are asking members to sign up and volunteer to give programs at other EAA chapters. None in our club offered to sign up, but Bill thinks we can develop our own programs. If members will bring their digital photos, Bill can help you put them into Powerpoint presentations, and these can be saved and used again. Maybe we could offer them to EAA to

## Upcoming Events

8 October Chapter429 Meeting 7:00 pm	Jefferson City Airport
13 October in Sedalia (KDMO) Young Eagles event and B-B-Q	Sedalia Airport 09:00 until ?
20 October in Camdenton (KH21) Young Eagles and open house & food	Camdenton Airport 09:00 until ?

share, and other chapters could contribute too.

Bill's program was a VHS tape on the old TV of part of a Dogfights TV show about Robin Olds, triple ace who fought in three wars. The story began with him flying an F4 Phantom in Viet Nam, then flashed back to an amazing battle in 1944 when he shot down three Messerschmidt 109s with his P-38. Olds was in glide mode because he forgot to switch tanks when he dropped his drop tanks, but he shot the first enemy down anyway. Then he went into "compressibility mode" when he dove too fast and nearly went supersonic, losing control. But as the air thickened at low altitude, he regained control, pulled out above a wheat field and nailed a German who zoomed past him.

We had no Jokers Are Wild drawing because the President did not know where the cards and tickets were. He is glad, and embarrassed, to report that he finally found them in his house!

## President's Radio Call

Well heck, here I've been wondering where those darn Jokers Are Wild cards and tickets were, and I was the culprit all along! I found them under something in the basement, in that old Avia shoebox where they live! Jeff gave me that and I should have remembered...

I am very pleased with the way Chap. 429 is shaping up this fall! We are getting high-tech now with electronic scales, and soon a new multimedia projector. Our AV Committee has been checking things out. I'm pleased to report that the Jefferson City **Best Buy** store is going to give us a **discount** because we are a nonprofit organization that works with youth! On Sept. 17 I talked to Andy McCarthy, salesman, and store manager **Corey Ketchum**. I was looking at the Optoma EP749, which has lots of neat stuff including a very sharp DLP imaging chip. Their ad had dropped the price from \$899.99 to \$799.99. I asked Corey if they ever gave a discount to a nonprofit organization, and he said yes, what do you do? I told him all about EAA, that we build planes and we teach youth about aviation, the Young Eagles Program. He asked how much we wanted to spend and I said we hoped \$750. He immediately offered the Optoma EP749 for \$749, plus a 10% discount on accessories! They had only one in the store, so I called Ron Dallmeyer and he agreed it sounded like a good deal. We hope to go to Best Buy soon and get the projector, a 12-in-one card reader, 6-outlet surge protector, and a big cord all for about \$810, I think.

Corey also expressed interest in flying and how much it costs to build a plane. He even said he would like to get a ride with a Chapter member sometime. His number is 573-893-8410 at the store. Would some of you pilots like to take Corey up? He is a very nice young man.

Personal Note: I talked with Board Member and former Treasurer Bob Gumm and he said he had major eye surgery recently. He is healing at home. You might call Bob and say hello at 291-4415 in Holts Summit. Bill will be gone for the October meeting, but he'll hand off the Jokers Are Wild cards and tickets to Ron Dallmeyer. Lanny Crawford will preside on Oct. 8, 7:00 PM, Jefferson City Airport. We still need a Vice President—anyone interested?