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## **December 2021**

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Regular Monthly Meeting

Meeting is in chapter hangar

Second Thursday @ 7:00 PM

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## **DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING:**

Join us for the upcoming EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2021 @ 1900. The meeting will be held in the **chapter's #M1 hangar at Skypark Airport** (15G). Social hour begins after 1800.

### **December Meeting Agenda:**

1. Welcome to the December meeting
2. Officer Reports
3. January Christmas Party—Yeah or Nay?
4. Selection of the New Officers and Board Members
5. Flying into IMC by Ed Pavlovich
6. Winter Ops by Chris Oehlers
7. Safety Programs by Randy Brooks
8. Project Updates

***OUR DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING AND ELECTIONS WILL BE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 @ 1900 AND HELD IN THE CHAPTER'S #M1 HANGAR AT SKYPARK AIRPORT (1G5).***



***Do you recognize this new LSA? It's not available in a kit, but a very interesting design made in the USA with a Continental O-200. See page 6 for details.***

## AMAZON Smile Donations

By Gary Baker

While you are doing your on-line Christmas shopping on Amazon, you can help out Chapter 846! Amazon has a



charitable aspect called AmazonSmile. When you shop at Smile.Amazon.com, Amazon donates 0.5% of your eligible purchases – at no cost to you. AmazonSmile offers the same products, same low prices, and same services as the Amazon you know.

Sign in with your existing Amazon account to get started at <http://Smile.Amazon.com>. Chapter 846 has received contributions from Amazon in excess of \$100 over the past few years because chapter members have designated EAA Chapter 846 as the beneficiary of their purchases.

Thank you to the chapter members who have designated the chapter!

## Congratulations to US Air Force Airman First Class Joshua Moore

By Gary Baker



**US Air Force Airman First Class Joshua Moore** graduated from the USAF tech school November 18, 2021 and earned his Enlisted Aviation Wings to become a **1A2 Loadmaster**. He then spent the next two weeks at the Combat Survival Training Course at Fairchild Air Force Base, Washington.



New guests attending the November chapter meeting: Steve Tytko, Doug Tytko, Rob Hyde Kevin Kuebler and Daniel Kuebler.

## Tool Crib Program

By Brad Wurst



EAA Chapter 846, along with EAA National, has instituted a new Tool Crib Program for the benefit of Chapter members to build and maintain their aircraft. This document will explain how to get the most of that benefit while protecting the Chapter's interest in these valuable assets.

This program will not only include tools owned by/ donated to the Chapter but will also include tools owned by members who are gracious enough to offer their tools to be used by other chapter members.

A spreadsheet of available tools (Tool Listing) is attached to this document and is included on the Chapter website.

For more details see the attached files.

## Fly-Out to Carroll County Airport for Lunch

By Paul Lutz

On a cold, but nice Saturday in November, the chapter had a fly out to Carroll County Airport for lunch. Nine airplanes and about 20 people attended. We had a great time at the Airport Restaurant. Below is a picture of some of the attendees.



## Project Update: Rans S-20.5

By Ron Lutz

We have completed both wings and all control surfaces. We pressure checked the gas tanks and found no leaks! We have now moved the fuselage into the shop and have started on fuselage construction.



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## Baggage Mod for the C182:

By Paul Lutz

I installed the Selkirk Extended Baggage mod to the 182. It adds an additional 30 inches to the length of the baggage compartment and allows for 50# of baggage. The installation was straight forward with some trimming and relocating of components. The floor and bulkhead are made of fiberglass. This should make it easy to pack for the family trips.





## Volunteer to be Web Editor

By Mary Baker

**Web Editor.** This is not a Board position, though attendance at Board meetings would be helpful. The time commitment is about 2 hours a month, updating the website with information from the newsletter, posting photos of our events to our Google Photos page, and maintaining the calendar on Google Calendar. I would be happy to teach the new editor the software and continue to assist as necessary.

## Ideas for Homebuilding Webinars

By Gary Baker

Would any of you have ideas for webinars on homebuilding that EAA could use for Homebuilders Week in January? Charlie Becker is adding more webinars and is looking for ideas. Thanks for any suggestions.

## Chapter Polo Shirts Available

New blue chapter polo shirts have been ordered, but they are on back-order. Hopefully they will be delivered for the January meeting. The cost will be \$25. A few blue polo and gray shirts are currently available.



## 2022 Dues Are This Month!

Next year's dues can now be paid. Please complete the 2022 Membership Form (see page 8) and bring that and your \$25 with you to the December chapter meeting. Gary Baker, Treasurer, will be glad to empty your wallet. Checks should be made payable to EAA Chapter 846. Another method of payment is using PayPal thru the chapter website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea846/membership-benefits/join---renew---donate>.



Thank you for your membership in Chapter 846!



By Mike Guenther

Ray Scholarship: Abby Donofrio continues to work towards her Private Pilot practical test which is now scheduled for the end of January. She is working steadily on perfecting the maneuvers required for the test and also studying for the oral portion of the exam. Logan Cohara continues to work on the ground school self-study program while he waits on the FAA to review his medical certificate application.

Additional scholarship opportunity for 2022: As the new year approaches, Chapter members will be asked to decide if we want to support another Ray Scholar for 2022 and if so, if we want to apply for a full scholarship or another matching scholarship for next year? As always if you know of anyone who you think would be a good fit for the scholarship program, please let me know so that we can begin narrowing down our search for the next candidates.

## Volunteer for Newsletter Editor

by Mike Baker

This is not a Board position, though attendance at Board meetings is very helpful. The time commitment is about 8 hours a month, organizing the newsletter from members articles, notes and photos. I would be happy to teach the new editor the software and continue to assist as necessary. The primary apps are MS Publisher, MS Word, MS Excel and Constant Contact.

## VFR Chart Review

by Steve Steel

As I'm sure you all are aware, the newest charts came out 11/4. I'd like to call attention to a local change. 3G4 (Ashland) will now have a **Right Hand traffic pattern when arriving for RWY 1**. This was accomplished to accommodate the parachute operations that are occurring there now. Good thing is we have all winter to get used to it.



## Flight Testing Continues

by Jeremy Cowgar



We now have 32 hours on our Zenith Cruiser! Hoping to be through the 40 hour test phase before Christmas.

## Project Update: Vans RV-14A

by Barry Wawrin

Snorkel &  
Cowl  
Works...

Slower  
process  
than I'd  
sometimes  
like, but the  
fun  
continues...



## Project Update: Vans RV-8

by Mike Guenther

Slow progress has been made on the horizontal stabilizer of the RV-8 this past month as I waited on a few new tools that I needed to torque the bolts onto the elevator hinge bracket. I went ahead and ordered the slow build wing kit as the lead times for delivery are running roughly 10 months right now just for a standard kit, so with any luck my wing kit will show up towards the end of next summer...Ugh! I did manage to complete my tailwheel training this past month in a Citabria 7GCBC as part of the process to eventually move into the world of conventional geared airplanes. I had a blast mastering both wheel and 3 point landings and it was some of the best training I've ever received.







## EAA Chapter 846—Calendar of Events

Thursday, December 9, 2021	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Meeting	December chapter meeting will be held in the Chapter's #M1 Skypark Hangar	7:00 PM
Thursday, January 13, 2022	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Meeting	January chapter meeting will be held in the Skypark FBO meeting room	7:00 PM
Thursday, February 10, 2022	EAA Chapter 846 Monthly Meeting	February chapter meeting will be held in the Skypark FBO meeting room	7:00 PM

### Current Member Projects:

- ◆ Ron & Paul Lutz, Rans S20.5—Finished both wings and all control surfaces, pressure checked fuel tanks. Started fuselage construction in the shop.
- ◆ Joe Walker, RV-7 - Working on the instrument panel & wiring, canopy, hang engine
- ◆ Mike Baker, Sonex - Fitting cowling
- ◆ Rob Trout, RV-14 - Working on the tail cone, riveting skins
- ◆ Paul Hanchek, Skybolt, fuselage on rotisserie, adding sub structure, active again
- ◆ Jeff Hartzler & Steve Zaleski,
- ◆ Barry & Valerie Wawrin, RV-14A, Installing the cowling
- ◆ Dale & Nancy Housley, Volmer VJ-22 - Purchased a project and a new set of plans
- ◆ Bernie May, Zenith CH750,
- ◆ Curt Speck, Zenith CH750 Super Duty,
- ◆ Mike Guenther, RV-8, working on horizontal stabilizer
- ◆ Randy Brooks, Rans S21 kit, Riveting fuselage, ordered instrument panel.
- ◆ Matt Tomscheck, Highlander, instruments are in, hopes to have engine back soon
- ◆ Brad Wurst, Preceptor Super Pup—Working on trailing edge, interior lights done.
- ◆ Jerry Wang completed new engine installation

**Answer** The **Vashon Ranger R7** is an **American light-sport aircraft**, designed and produced by **Vashon Aircraft of Woodinville, Washington**. It was formally introduced at the **AirVenture** airshow in **Oshkosh, Wisconsin** in July 2018. The aircraft is supplied complete ready-to-fly aircraft. The development of the Ranger R7 started in about 2013. By February 2018 two prototypes were flying and four production aircraft were under construction, for April 2018 delivery. The aircraft is an all-metal **monocoque** design and features a **cantilever high-wing**, a two-seats-in-side configuration enclosed cabin, accessed by doors, fixed **tricycle landing gear**, with a castoring nosewheel and a single engine in **tractor configuration**. The aircraft is made from pre-painted sheet **6061-T6 aluminum** to save construction time. The seats fold flat to allow sleeping in the cabin when camping.

**Source:** [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vashon\\_Ranger\\_R7](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Vashon_Ranger_R7) ; <https://vashonaircraft.com/ranger.php>



# **EAA CHAPTER 846**

## **Chapter Meeting**

### **Minutes of the**

#### **November 11, 2021**

**The meeting was called to order by President Paul Lutz at 19:00**

Paul began the meeting by thanking all the veterans present for their service.

Guests present: Kevin Kuebler, Daniel Kuebler, son; Steve Tytco, Doug Tytco, son; and Rob Hyde.

Chapter name badges were presented to: Steve Lehuta, Rich Humes, and Adam Hile.

**Officer's Reports:**

**President Report:** Paul welcomed everyone to the meeting. He announced anyone wishing to take books from the boxes in the hangar should do so tonight as they are going to be gone after tonight. He also reported the Board has decided to donate the old heavy tables to the American Association for University Women (AAUW) for use at their annual book fair. He thanked Chapter member Steve Greer for his business sponsorship for the pancake breakfast and his work with State Farm in obtaining a donation to the Chapter. Paul also thanked Chapter member Esther Lin for her personal sponsorship donation to the pancake breakfast.

**Treasurer report:** Gary reported there were sufficient funds in the treasury for Chapter business. He also had reports available from the Chapter Leadership Camp he attended at Oshkosh as well as a copy of the EAA Chapter Handbook if anyone was interested in reading them.

**Secretary Report:** The minutes of the October 14, 2021 monthly meeting and the November 1, 2021 Board meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, a motion was made by Randy Brooks and seconded by Karl Aber to accept both minutes as written. The motion passed.

**Hydraulic Rivet Squeezer Purchase-** Paul Lutz

Paul reported a member had suggested the Chapter consider purchasing a hydraulic rivet squeezer for the Chapter Tool Crib. Cost of the squeezer is \$823. EAA would contribute \$246.90 with a donation of \$100 coming from a chapter member. This would leave a final cost to the Chapter of \$476.10. After discussion by Chapter members, the suggestion was tabled due to lack of a motion.

The Chapter Tool Crib Policy document and the Tool Crib Spreadsheet listing the tools available were in the March 2020 Chapter Newsletter.

**Ray Scholar Update:** Paul Lutz

Abby Donofrio reported she will be finishing her requirements soon and plans on taking her check ride by the end of December. Paul has copies of AviNation magazine with Abby's

interview article for those chapter members who would like to read it.

Logan Cohara will be starting his training as soon as he gets his medical clearance. Logan is the Chapter's newest Ray Scholar. EAA is now accepting applications for the Ray Scholarship program for 2022. There was discussion about sponsoring another Ray Scholar this year. It was noted we do not have to decide on applying for the full scholarship or doing the 50/50 match at this time. Jeff Paden made a motion, and was seconded by Greg Cantrell, to apply for the Ray Scholarship program and sponsor a Ray Scholar this year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Celebration of Life for Pete Klapp and Bob Taylor**  
Chapter members were reminded of the Celebration of Life pancake breakfast to remember and honor Pete and Bob. The event is Saturday November 13, 2021 at 8:30 in the Chapter hangar.

Paul discussed the recent Chapter Board meeting. The Chapter will start having a ten minute Safety Program each meeting. Randy Brooks has started a list of topics he found in the FAA Wings Program and the AOPA Safety Program. He also discussed the reasoning for starting the program.

**Officer and Board Member elections:** Paul Lutz

Paul reminded the chapter of the upcoming elections at the December meeting for Officer and Board member positions. He reported we still need a candidate or candidates for the President position.

**Program:** Planning a VFR Cross Country Flight. Randy Brooks

Randy presented a very interesting and interactive program about planning a VFR cross country flight from Van Wert to Findlay to Toledo Suburban to Lorain County to Youngstown. He asked various questions regarding the sectional chart during the discussion.

The next meeting will be December 9, 2021 at the Skypark meeting room. The program topic will be about reading plans and will be presented by Dave Gerdeman.

With no other business to be brought before the membership, a motion to adjourn was made by Matt Tomscheck and seconded by Brian Burke. The motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 20:35.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Greg Cantrell, Secretary EAA Chapter 846**



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**2022 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

New Member Dues Calculator			
Jan	\$25	July	\$19
Feb	\$25	Aug	\$17
Mar	\$25	Sept	\$15
Apr	\$25	Oct	\$25
May	\$23	Nov	\$25
June	\$21	Dec	\$25

Annual Dues: \$25.00 by February 1. Please complete and mail To: Gary Baker, Treasurer, 770 Victoria Circle, Medina, OH 44256. Checks should be made out to: EAA Chapter 846. New members dues will be prorated after April 30th at \$2.00 per month. See schedule above. Various Chapter 846 memberships are available: *Lifetime Membership \$375.00, Family Memberships \$30.00 and Student Memberships for \$10.00*

PLEASE CIRCLE: RENEWAL (YEAR JOINED \_\_\_\_\_) OR NEW MEMBER

Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (for receiving chapter newsletter)

EAA National Member Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*You must be a current EAA National Member to be a voting EAA chapter member.*

Optional information:

Project: \_\_\_\_\_ % completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Pilot Certificate and Ratings: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Company name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please indicate any aviation skills or resources that you have and would be willing to share with other members.*

\_\_\_\_\_

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Does EAA Chapter 846 have your permission to publish this optional information in our chapter roster? Yes No

*Thank you for your membership in EAA Chapter 846!*

**EAA Chapter 846 Wadsworth OH**

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