



THE *TAILDRAGGER*

JANUARY 2023

Presidents Message:

By Grif Leary

Happy New Year 972!!

As Chapter 972 starts another New Year I look forward to working with our members and officers in 2023. 2022 turned out to be a very successful year for 972. As you all know the chapter was recognized by HQ as a Silver chapter. That is an honor for a chapter our size. Of course, that was only possible with the effort, and support of all the members. Thank you to everyone for your participation and help you provided for our YE Events and fund raisers thru out the year. We start 2023 with several new officers that we all look forward to working with.

The 2022 Christmas dinner/party was fun for everyone and we had a very good turnout.

January 12th will be the first meeting of 2023. A couple of things that need to be taken care of on the 12th will be, new membership forms and dues for 23. We really need to ensure we get the membership forms completed by all. They provide important info for the chapter as well as Oshkosh HQ, especially an accurate membership roster. It will also be good time to discuss activities for the year. New ideas and suggestions are appreciated.

We do have a guest scheduled for the 12th , he is Brolin Mckay with Ifly and wants to talk and demonstrate some of IFly's products.

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Thanks ' Again



Eagle's Nest



YE report given by Gayla Leary:

Happy 2023

Well, 2022 lasted a minute.

First, and most of all, I want to thank each, and every one of you for the vote for the Tom Southern award. I simply couldn't do it without you all. "It takes a village," but in this case it takes a chapter. Thanks so much for all your work and support.

Second, Bo and I want to thank you all so much for the banner and the gift certificate. After the Christmas party we opened the gift certificate, and we were blown away. Our anniversary is coming up in March, and we plan on using it then. We will celebrate our anniversary, and the success of the chapter.

Thanks Everyone.



AMIE DID IT!!!! She passed her written December 21st. Now, we need to get her back up, and in the air, to finish

CONGRATULATIONS AMIE



Chapter's Christmas Party was fun. Thank you Sue and Leisa, for helping with the set up and decorations. And Thank you Bo and Gayla for use of your hanger.

For our first YE Flight, I would like to shoot for Feb 18th. Please let me know if this doesn't work for everyone. The Athens rally worked well, and my thoughts are, "spread the fun!" We haven't had one at Cherokee County in a while, so maybe it's time to plan one there again. Let's have a rain date for February 25th.

I'm currently looking into having a Day Camp in March, but I need to look at where. When we had the last one, it worked out well here, but we really do not have the facilities on the park.

The month of June is typically the International YE Rally month, so I vote to have it at Rusk Co again. It just works so well.

We need to think about having one at Palestine. We have never had one there and I think it would be fun to try a different airport, and then, maybe back to Athens, again, in November.

I had an idea for a chapter event: Spot Landing contest. We can collect a fee, and instead of giving away our funds, we can give out a small trophy. This would allow us to keep more of our money. You all decide, it's just a thought.

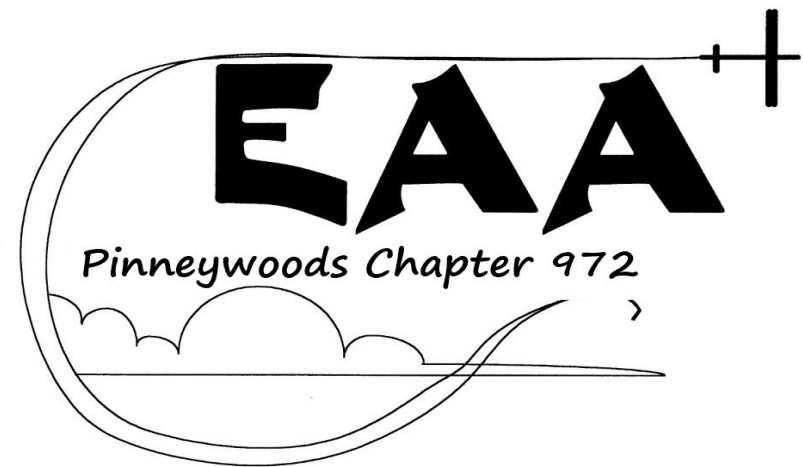
Gayla

Secretary's report from November meeting and meeting minutes:

EAA 972 December 2022 minutes

Present:

Walt Eastland	Sue Eastland
John Kearney	Jean Kearney
Les Homan	Garnet McClure
Jeff Hancock	David Mason
Kevin Halbert	Amanda Halbert
Lucas Wagenaar	Diane Wagenaar
Jeff Bowen	Joe Farmer
Marcy Boothe	Tom Boothe
Doug Robertson	Leisa Robertson
Jim Jepson	Dana Jepson
Amielia Beam	



2023 UP COMING EVENTS

Here is a Calendar so far.

January - 2023 – Meeting on Thursday the 12th at 5:30

Feb – 2023 Meeting Tentative YE Rally

March – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo - Tentative Day Camp

April – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo

May – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo

June – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo & Aircamp YE Flight

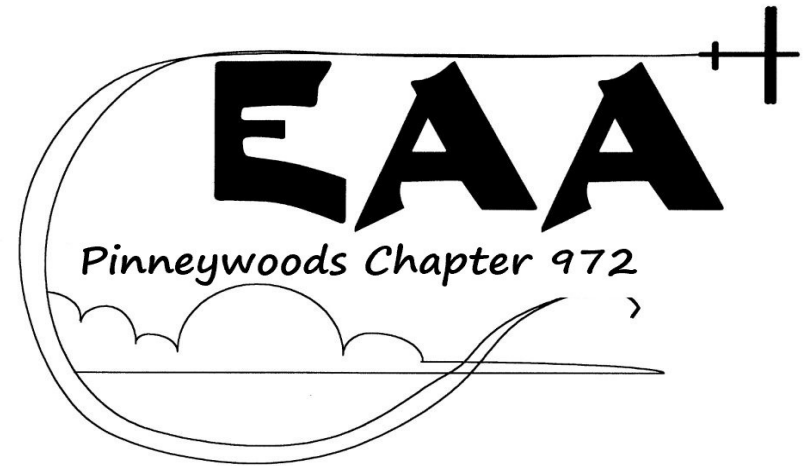
August – 2023 – Meeting

Sept – 2023 – Meeting – Runway Gumbo – Tentative YE Rally

October 2023 – Reklaw

November - 2023 – Meeting – Tentative YE Rally

December – 2023 – Christmas again



There will be opportunity Eagle Flights

MEAL will be Chili Dogs

Please bring something that will fit in with the Chili Dogs.

JANUARY 12th AT 5:30