

Chapter 724 Hangar Home



Background:

- Currently our EAA meeting Hut is on loan from TCAA, we use it & we are responsible for maintenance
- We have spent over \$3000 in last 2 years for new A/C, new paint, exterior siding replacement, not including donations by members and significant volunteer time from members to do the work
- Future TCAA plans are for the Huts to be demolished to make way for a retention pond
- While the EAA Hut has served us well, we need a plan for the future with a better facility, **including a bathroom and kitchen and storage, as well as meeting space for 100 people**



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Opportunity:

Establish a dedicated “Hangar Home” for EAA Chapter 724 that will provide a space to continue many of the activities currently sponsored by the chapter including:

- Monthly meetings
- Hosting Young Eagles Rallies to fly & introduce young people to aviation
- Hosting Toys for Tots breakfast to collect toys for families in need
- Sponsor annual Chili cookoff, Poker Run and other social activities
- Conduct annual 2-week Aviation Youth Technology Camp for students to learn more about theory of flight, aircraft construction techniques, basic electrical theory, banner towing, Sheriff’s aviation dept., and many other aviation topics
- Host pancake breakfast fly-ins
- Help organize and host “Airport Days” to maintain community relations with airport neighbors
- Meeting space for EAA Members, families, other groups



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Current Status:



- TCAA has agreed to support our Chapter in meeting this need by:
 1. Providing engineering and grant requests for funding from the State to build a hangar **that would meet OUR Specifications**
 2. Doing the leg work to get it funded and built in timing that works before demolition of the Huts
 3. Setting aside current real estate dedicated to our purposes
 4. Providing us support with a lease at 50% the going rate, provided we continue to use it to support the community (as we do today)
 5. We must develop funding alternatives to be able to build a fund to save for our lease costs. (Approx. \$7500 per year.)



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Board Recommendation:

- Establish a committee to determine best ways to raise funds (seek private donations, additional fund-raising events, lifetime membership, marketing, etc)
- Begin a plan to raise member dues over the next few years to build a “hangar lease” fund and cover annual lease expenses once the hangar is constructed.
- Learn from other Chapters who have done similar projects to be more efficient in our approach

