



EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

A Non-Profit Organization Dedicated To The Advancement Of Aviation Education, Homebuilt Aircraft And Private Aviation

TERRE HAUTE, INDIANA, CHAPTER 83

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Dear Chapter 83,

The next meeting is at 7:30, Jan. 12, 1990. This will be at the Sullivan Airport lounge. Bob and Mary Holmes are the hosts. The airport road is about half way down the Sullivan Hwy. 41 by-pass. It is marked and a church in the south west corner will guide you. If you get to the traffic lights you have gone one road too far. Go west about one mile, the road stops at the airport.

Sixty people attended the Christmas Party, the table was well laden so no one had to go away hungry. Our thanks go to Larry Wheelock and his helpers. John Roem won the door prize, Donnita Thomas, Kathy Gibson and Tom Flock won special prizes donated by Drina Able. Garland and Betty Wadsworth made very neat candy airplanes for each place setting. Norma Wheelock made pretty little reindeer face decorations for the ladies. Every one recieved a grab bag gift, now that can be a real surprise.

Chuck Wilson was awarded the Chapter model to work on. Bob Wilson had it last year and added properly scaled tools and a tool box.

Any one in the area of the EAA Museum at non-convention times should take advantage of the smaller crowds to show this fine exhibit to friends or family.

I had the opportunity to do that during the Thanksgiving holiday with my son in-law and grandchildren. They really enjoyed it. While in the B-17 it was evident the other viers were completely uninformed about this historic aircraft. After talking about the plane to two groups I was very pleased when one lady told me she thought I was a museum guide! Of course one has to find out if anyone in the group knows more about the plane than you do.

With all the military equipment gone, wrong paint, wrong smell, no young crewmen, no excitement, no fear, it is impossible to make the museum plane seem as they really were so long ago.

The movie about the history of flight is well worth watching even to people that do not share our love of airplanes.

Mice destroyed some of the rib stitching on the lower wing panels of Tom Flocks Waco UPF-7. Tom has the wings off for recovering. We are sure sorry that happened, can you mouse proof an airplane?

Having just returned from the "Hugo" hurricane damaged area of South Carolina, I can feel thankfull that none of the Chapter owned airplanes were subjected to that terrible wind.

Raymond Olinger, Secretary

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