



EAA CHAPTER 83

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From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello everyone:
Welcome to another new year of flying and Chapter 83 meetings. Our speaker for the March meeting at HUF gave a really good presentation on tower ops at Terre Haute. Some good and some not so good. I'm sure SOB will have more. This year promises to be a special one for the Chapter with the EAA's B-17 and Ford TriMotor both visiting Terre Haute at different times this summer. What a treat. Foraker deserves all the credit for bringing this together. We are very fortunate to have someone of his ability organize these two events and we should do all we can to support these visits. There's much more to bringing historical aircraft, such as these, to Terre Haute than most would think. I hope all you e-mailers had the chance to read the Airdales article Bill sent. It's a dandy as is the one where HUF controller Jim Kmetz is mentioned for helping an iced up 182. As for me, yes the last newsletter was correct, I will need to step down as Chapter president at the end of the year or before. I would like for anyone who would like to get more involved in the chapter to contact me. There is no end to fun one can have by serving an EAA chapter. I've truly had a great time but can no longer give the kind of time the chapter deserves. Oh....and the Quickie is NOT for sale. Hope to see you all at Greencastle.
Keith

(Ed note: He DID tell me that if he doesn't have more flying time this year than last, he'll start to think about selling the Quickie...)

The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Our last meeting was in the HUF Restaurant and we had about 25 members attend. Eric Dawson, a controller from HUF, gave us an update on what's happening locally. He was very informative and we always benefit from hearing the perspective from the other end of the mic. We ran out of time and he or one of his co-controllers will try to continue our session at the Greencastle meeting.

Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

First, I would like thank Adam Springmeyer for doing an excellent job as YE coordinator for the last few years. It's been a pleasure working with you. I've spent the last few days getting up to speed as YE coordinator. There's quite a bit of material to read, and things to be done. One of the first things will be updating the YE pages on the website. I want to make it easier for potential Young Eagles and their parents to get information on the program. If anyone knows of potential YE's or is interested in a YE event, please contact me.

And about Adam...

He's going to work for Piedmont, the oldest company in regional airline history. They currently fly the de Havilland DHC-8-100/-300 Dash 8 aircraft. He starts on June 16th by heading to Salisbury, Maryland, to finish his paperwork and learn how to fight a fire onboard the aircraft. The next day he goes to Charlotte at the US Air Training facility for about 2 months of ground school and simulator training.

Good luck and best wishes from all you Chapter 83 buddies!

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

As of April 6th, we've had 21,450 unique visitors to the web site in 2008. That's an average of 222 unique visitors per day. That surpasses last year's average by 18 per day. I use the "unique visitor" statistic because it's a better gauge of website popularity. The total visitor count for this year is over 30,000, but that includes repeat visits by some in the same day.

Flying season is here, and I've received several items for the event calendar. If anyone has an event for posting on the website, please email me, or use the contact page on the website. If your event has an info flyer, I would be glad to post it on the web as well.

Recent Sightings – Member News

Kevin Davidson is looking for tools used to build an RV9A. Send item descriptions and asking price to davidson@rose-hulman.edu. He has not ordered the tail kit yet, but will in the near future.

Steve Cox and wanted me to remind everyone that he has a house rented in Tooele, Utah about 30 miles west of Salt lake City, and it has spare bedrooms. If any of the group is flying or traveling through Salt lake give me a call.

Steve says: I do enjoy reading the letters and even with the mountain flying or a return to mountain flying, I still say Sky King is as demanding day to day as any airport I've ever flown into. Those short dirt/dirt mountain strips not included.

Steve Cox, 1975 Cardinal RG, N1591H

Billy Werth has the Pitts back and is ready for some upside down flying. You really owe it to yourself to go flying with him – for 2 good reasons: 1 – it's the most fun you'll ever have in an airplane, and 2 – the upset training is very interesting and is good for your skills. Check out his web site at www.grayout.com and send him email at billy@grayout.com

George Bakken, an old buddy of SOB's, has recently gotten current again and is looking to buy a 172. If you know of any good ones for sale in the area, SOB can get the info to George, or you can look him up on the ISU Life Sciences web site. George is a professor of animal biology, and a good guy. Right now, he doesn't know anyone at our meetings, so let's all try to make him feel welcome.

Chapter Business

As you have heard, the planning has started for the Ford Tri Motor and the B-17 visits to HUF. Darrel Zeck is the tour stop coordinator for the Tri Motor and Jerry Badger is the tour stop coordinator for the B-17. Having done that job for the previous visits of the B-17, I'll be working with both these guys, but they are the head freds for the visits.

The Tri Motor visits in early June and Aluminum Overcast will visit in July. You'll be hearing lots more about it in future newsletters.

Dave Patterson, the Director of the Terre Haute Convention and Visitors Bureau, has agreed to be the Promotions Chair for both visits. Dave is a great guy and has excellent contacts with our local media, so be thanks to him for offering his help to us on this.

For the Tri Motor visit on June, we'll need at least 4 volunteers all the time the aircraft is doing flights. It will be at HUF on Sat and Sun, June 14 and 15, so mark that on your calendars if you would like to help.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Jerry Cox asked me to tell you about the annual Luscombe Fly-IN at MTO this August 22, 23, and 24. This is always a fun weekend, so plan to get over there if you can.

Former Chapter member and old buddy Pat Adams is now a big shot in the FAA, so I asked him if he might arranged a tour of the new Indy ATC facility including that big tower for us little people. He says he thinks he can get that done, so you should hear more about that soon. Should be very fun.

From Franklin, Indiana:
The FKR Flyers pancake breakfast will be Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 8-11, again this year on Armed Forces Day. We'll be serving pancakes, sausage, milk, juice, and coffee. All donations received will go toward a new picnic and airplane viewing area on the airport grounds.

Saturday, June 28 will be the FKR Summer Fundraiser, this year benefitting the Clinton County Humane Society and a young pilots scholarship fund. From 11-3 that day, you can have hot dogs, chips, etc. as well as splurge on ice cream. We'll have children's and pets activities, fuel discounts, static displays, and all kinds of fun!

Waldo Born, of the Decatur EAA Chapter, recently passed away. Waldo was a great aviator and friend to aviation. He was a big part of their chapter and will be missed by many. His aircraft is for sale, if anyone is in the market for a great Mooney.

1965 Mooney M20C for Sale

\$45,000 Firm



Airframe: 3723 Total Time
 Imron paint in 1997
 Leather interior in 2000

Engine: 1882 SMOH by G&N 1996
 Excellent compression
 complete oil analysis records
 Tanis heater

Propeller: 281 Total time since NEW

Avionics: (2) KX155 nav/com (1) w/glideslope
 KT78 transponder
 KN64 DME
 KMA24 Audio panel
 STEC System 20 Autopilot
 SP400 Intercom
 Vertical card compass
 Cooling fan

Mods: Aerosafe Guardian standby vacuum 2006
 ¼" sloped windshield & side glass new 2004
 Garwin wet vacuum pump & oil separator 2004
 Challenger Air Filter 2004
 Powerflow exhaust 2003
 InterAv Alternator 2003
 JPI EGT 701 2003
 Whelen wingtip strobes 2003
 M20 Oil Separator 2003
 LASAR Cowl closure
 LASAR flap, aileron, rudder & elevator seals
 Wing root fairings
 Rear seat back moved aft
 Inflatable door seal

Maintenance:
 Complete strip & urethane reseal of fuel tanks
 by Midwest M20 in 2003
 Landing gear paint & O/H with new shock discs
 by Midwest M20 in 2004
 New Cleveland brake master cylinders in 2005
 New prop, throttle & mixture controls in 2006
 LASAR steering horn in 2006
 Dynamic balancing in 2007

Annual Date: September 2007
 Owned by Waldo & Peggy Born and maintained
 by Sky's the Limit since 1996.
 Based at Coles County Airport,
 Mattoon, Illinois MTO

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Matt and John in 540MT. John is the first passenger to ride in the new Rocket. He was very impressed.



John took this from the back seat of 540MT of MTO.

The following two aircraft were on the ramp at MTO when we arrived. They were from Frasca Field and the T-34 was flown by Rudy's grandson. Must be nice to have a T-34 at your disposal...



Our Next Meeting...

Will be Saturday, April 12, at the great Dixie Chopper FBO conference room at the Greencastle/Putnam County Airport. Our meeting will be from 10:30AM to Noon, so you can arrive early and have breakfast or arrive for the meeting and stay for lunch... Either way you're a winner. If you haven't been lately, their new restaurant operators are doing a great job – good food, good prices, and great service. For our program, we'll try to have a follow-up from the last meeting on local operations at HUF and other ATC info from a HUF ATC person.

Sorry about not having many pictures in this month's edition. I just got too busy and ran out of time. I promise more in the future and you can always go to our great web site and see them.