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### TERRE HAUTE AIRFAIR

Hello again everyone. How's your all's summer going. So far so good for here. Just busier than expected, but that's usual and I'll not realize summer's gone till it is....then I'll complain. Our last meeting, which was at Shawnee, fell on another weather challenged day. The morning was terrible but the afternoon improved to the point they were able to fly quite a number of Young Eagles. In fact, if I remember right, Mike Wonder said some of the pilots reported a little rain during their flights. A few of the Chapter members flew down later in the day to find a lot of activity. So way to go Mike were glad you had a good day although we were unable to have a meeting.

The Terre Haute Airfair dominated the calendar in July and resulted in a month off. While getting info together for this issue I found that we did in fact have a meeting scheduled for July and it was to be at Casey. Last year we skipped the July meeting because of the Airfair. Oh well...worse things have happened. So after a few phone calls and discussions we decided to rearrange the remainder of the meeting schedule in order to accommodate our missed host and fill an uncommitted date thereby solving two problems. I apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

The Airfair was again a fantastic show. The crowd, as most know by now, was down somewhat but those who attended were treated to the best the airshow the industry has to offer. And make no mistake there were plenty of people there. When all was said and done our Airfair had proved that last year was not beginners luck. Jimmy Franklin, who has refused to declare a favorite show in his 30 years of performing changed that here. At the survivor party on Sunday he told Dennis Dunbar, the Airshow director, that he had never performed at a show that was so well organized from the top down and that all their needs were met and were even surprised with a personal container of cleaning items when they arrived. He said that a performers first duty when arriving at a new show is to find the nearest WalMart to get cleaning supplies for their planes. And that's just the beginning. While clearing the crowd for the B-17 start up on Saturday one of the Red Barons came up to me and said that this was one of the best organized shows they had performed

at in their nearly 25 years of doing shows. On Sunday morning during the pilot briefing Jerry O'Neal of the Airdales told me that for the first time in their 18 years of working airshows they were singled out by the FAA and complimented for their work on the ramp. This govt. official had never seen such excellent work with crowd control. He wanted me to spread the word to all our guys because, as he said, that was for you. At Sunday's survivor party the performers, ICAS representatives, and show organizers said ours is one of the top five shows in the nation and further proof of that is the fact that Dennis and Marvonna Welsh, volunteer chair, will be making presentations at the upcoming ICAS convention this fall. That's something that is never done by officials of a new airshow. It normally takes many years of successful shows to be invited to make presentations at ICAS. Also Dennis and Marvonna will be working the Long Beach Show in CA in October as a result of their work here. Dennis will Air Boss part of the show and Marvonna will be training the locals working with the Jet teams. This is Long Beach's first show and they need it done right the first time. So CONGRATULATIONS to all who participated and volunteered. We done good.

#### TREASURERS REPORT: by Matt Throckmorton

No report this month.

#### YOUNG EAGLES REPORT:

Mike Wonder reported that 88 Young Eagles were flown at Shawnee on 14 June as part of their Airport Day. This was also the day the weather kept us from having a Chapter meeting.

Here's a Young Eagle success story I thought you all might enjoy. This was sent by Twila Usrey from a letter by YE Kelly Seely who flew with Bob Holmes back in the summer of 2001.



"My interest in aviation sparked when I participated in the summer 2001 EAA Young Eagles program at the Sullivan County Airport. Seeing the planes soar across the sky like a silver bullet made me realize that I wanted to make one do that. To achieve this goal I joined the United States Air Force. I will study Aviation Mechanics Technology. I leave for BMT in September 2003. I had an interest in the Air Force prior to

participating in the Young Eagles program, because my grandfather had regaled me with stories of when he was a member of the Air Force. I am very excited about my future and I plan to attend college after four years hopefully to study Aviation Technology." Kelly Seeley

#### **MEMBER NEWS:**

Tom Flock has finished work on the top wing for the WACO Historical Society's WACO 10. This is a restoration project of a Model 10 the Society has acquired and is restoring to flying condition for their museum. Tom is one of several who were contracted to build the various assemblies for the plane. For his part he was asked to build an airworthy top wing. The wing is finished and was delivered to the Society in Toledo, OH on Friday 8 August.

On 5 July Doc Throck and I went to Mattoon to their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Airshow. It was a good show with some warbirds on static and a few which flew. The head liner was Bobby Younkin in his Lear 23. Boy was that impressive and he did a great job at the Terre Haute Airfair as well.

Dave Thomas has sold his and Sherry's C-172.

The Chapter planes we know of which flew to OSH were Gary Rodgers, Mike Wonder, Reed Usrey and Chad Williams. All in their RV's.

#### **CHAPTER BUSINESS:**

After the Oops....in July we have revisited the meeting schedule for the year and made the following changes in order to fill a void and include the missed host. We're sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused and hope it will work out better for everyone.

**16 August:** Meeting at the Casey Municipal Airport with host's the Markwell's and FBO managers Sandy and Howard.

**13 Sept:** Meeting at Ernie and Linda Winters Air Park near Monrovia, IN.

**11 Oct:** Meeting at Aero Plaines with host's the Peterson's, Jones's, and others.

**8 Nov:** Tentative at the Sullivan Airport.

**13 Dec:** Christmas party. Location to be announced.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AND THINGS TO DO:**

**Sun 17 Aug:** The Wilson Family invites all our old and new friends to our Fly-in Sunday Breakfast on August 17th. Everyone is welcome! Enjoy a morning breakfast of pancakes, eggs, sausage and drinks (coffee, tea, milk and more). The chef can even cook up some omelets! Good home cooking on a Sunday morning and a good time to chat with friends and relax. Cooking starts at 8 A.M. Stay as long as you wish. Donations will be accepted to help with the food and future fly-ins. Runway info: 1090' mls, 18/36 headings, 2400' x 95' turf, well groomed and smooth! GPS coordinates: N 40-02'414" W 085-24'620". Or 15 miles South on MIE (Muncie) VOR on 182\* radial (freq. 114.4). Or fly runway heading 120 out of AID, 12 miles. Kelly Wilson [kilowhiskey73@aol.com](mailto:kilowhiskey73@aol.com) phone 317-535-6920 Contacts: Garry Wilson (765) 755-3444

**Sun 17 Aug:** Wilson's Fly-In Breakfast Grass strip south of Muncie. About 100 nm from HUF

**Sun 24 Aug:** Bloomington Airfair. The Bloomington Airport (KBMG) will be hosting their Airport Appreciation Day open house all day. A pancake breakfast will be served.

**Sat 30 Aug:** Marion Indiana Fly-In Cruise-In. A fun annual event. 97 nm from HUF

**Sat 6 Sept:** Sullivan Airport Days. This is in conjunction with

their sesquicentennial celebration for the city. They have asked, and I agreed, to provide a Young Eagle event. Bob is also trying to find old aircraft and cars for display (and "old time picture" taking).

**Sat 20 Sept:** Chicken Run Afternoon/Evening Chicken dinner fly-in at Wilson's Grass Strip About 100 nm from HUF

**Sat 27 Sept:** Wood, Fabric, and Tailwheels.Fly-in at Lee Bottom. Always a good time.100 nm from HUF

Thought ya'll might like to read this. She was a beauty, glad I got to see it and am saddened by the loss. Our hearts and prayers go out to the family.

#### **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Pilot killed in Yellowstone plane crash.

**YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. --** A homebuilt replica of a 1935 racing aircraft crashed north of Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park, killing the pilot.

James Wright, 53, of Cottage Grove, Ore., was the only person on board when the plane went down Monday, officials said.

The plane was a \$1 million replica of the Hughes H-1B, a 1935 racer flown by oil and film industry tycoon Howard Hughes. It was en route from Oshkosh, Wis., to Oregon when the crash occurred about 6:30 p.m., Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Karen Byrd said.

The plane had appeared at the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture show in Oshkosh, the largest gathering of homebuilt airplanes in the world, according to the EAA AirVenture Web site.

The airplane burst into flames upon impact, but the fire was quickly extinguished by park staff.

Hughes designed the original H-1B, which is on display at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. In 1935, Hughes flew it to a speed record of 352.322 mph and for a brief period was the fastest person ever to pilot an airplane.

The replica was built from scratch in 2002 by a five-man team in Oregon that included Wright. The Smithsonian magazine Air & Space, which featured the replica on its cover, said the reproduction cost \$1 million and took 35,000 hours of work to build.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

**SATURDAY 16 AUGUST at CASEY MUNICIPAL AIRPORT, CASEY, IL at 12:00 noon.** Arrive by 11:00 and watch the planes arrive. Our host again will be Cleone and Eleanor Markwell and the FBO managers Sandy Stayszak and Howard Hunt. Our hosts will provide the meat and table service. All we need to do is provide a carry-in. The Markwell's have been great host's for several years to the Chapter. Let's show our appreciation and have a good turn out and also we will have the chance to hear all the Oshkosh stories. See ya then.

Fair Sky's **Keith**