



EAA CHAPTER 83 Terre Haute, IN.



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Jeff Tucker IS the 2004 EAA Web Editor of the Year. Details to follow...film at 11.

From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone

The month of July has been a busy one for Chapter 83 indeed, and we didn't even have a meeting.

As I'm sure everyone knows by now last May Bill Foraker nominated our webmaster, Jeff Tucker, for the EAA webmaster of the year award. About three weeks ago, I received a copy of a letter sent to Jeff informing him that he had been selected as one of the top five awardees. It also requested that he was to be present on the evening of Wednesday, 28 July, at AirVenture for the Chapter merit awards ceremony in which the top five webmaster awards would be presented. With Jeff unable to attend, Bill and I were present with Bill representing Jeff for the recognition. The awards were presented from fifth to first and Bill and I got real nervous when Jeff was one of the final two. We went ballistic when Jeff was the last called and received the 1st place award.

Jeff Tucker IS the 2004 EAA Web Editor of the Year. What an honor. I was told by an EAA official that it was no contest, and that Jeff's site stood out far above the competition. **Congratulations, Jeff.**

Be sure to attend the next meeting at Casey where we plan to make the official Chapter presentation to Jeff. Then you will have the chance to see this prestigious and impressive award.

But before Oshkosh, there was a little matter of an air show at HUF that Chapter 83 had a big part in. The 2004 Terre Haute Air Fair was quite a success despite the weather scares and daily showers. For those of you who were there, you know that the EAA tent and

display worked out very nicely. We received many favorable comments from both the crowd and airport management. One of the volunteers who put together the advertising i.e...billboards and such, did random surveys during the show. She had a few individuals say that the EAA display was their favorite because you could see what area people owned and built and they especially liked the prop placards which told about the airplanes.



Keith yammering at some poor folks at our EAA tent at the Air Fair.

Also a big relief to the airport management was the fact that we were even there. Our display occupied a good portion of the ramp originally scheduled for major military static aircraft which were cancelled at the last minute due to operational requirements. I would mention those who participated but am a little short of room, however you know who you are and I would like to extend my appreciation for your efforts in making our display a success. And the shirts looked really good too, thanks again to Jeff.

While at AirVenture, Bill and I talked to the Chapter office folks about the pictures Bill sent. They liked the pictures of our EAA display and plan to publish them in Sport Aviation when Bill sends along the story. The EAA Chapter personnel would like to see more Chapters get involved in local air shows and aviation events so they want to showcase our work.

That's all for this month. Hope to see ya at Casey.

Keith



Tom Flock's latest creation on our EAA flight line

The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Well, there isn't a last meeting to report on as we don't have a July meeting because of AirVenture and the TH Air Fair, so our last meeting was our extravaganza at Shawnee that was reported on in the last newsletter. But if you missed it, go check out the great pictures on Jeff's web site.

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

All the bills are paid and there's money in the bank, so all is well. We do have a couple of new members, but I'll report on them at the Casey meeting and tell you about them next month.

Young Eagles Report – Darrel Zeck

As you all probably know, Harrison Ford is the new YE Chairman. He attended AirVenture Oshkosh for the first time this year and was overwhelmed with what he saw. He made a short presentation at Theater in the Woods on Wednesday night (after all the buzz subsided about Jeff Tucker winning Web Editor of the

Year) and said that he was happy with his new position and very interested to see the event that is AirVenture Oshkosh. As part of the same presentation, Tom Poberezny confirmed that the YE program will continue and hinted at news that will come in the future about the program. Keep 'em Flyin'.

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

I'm Number ONE! I'm Number ONE!
Woo-Hoo...

Actually, Jeff would never say this. SOB wrote it, but the web site is as great as ever.

Jeff couldn't send a report as he is busy tending to the health needs of his wife. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and Jeff during this tough time.

Recent Sighting – Member News

Keith is busy working on his Quickie (yeah, that's news. Can you remember a time he wasn't working on it?) But now he's making some new progress. He's got a redesigned cowling reglased, painted, and installed to solve his persistent temperature problems. Also, he redid the cowl mounts, and did other firewall forward stuff. Now he's got the panel ripped out (actually, just removed) and preparations are being made for redesigning, rewiring, and adding a new radio to the panel. He hopes to be done for AirVenture next year...actually, he plans to be done in a few weeks and start flying it more, but he hopes to fly it to OSH at the end of next July.

Matt continues to make progress on his F1 Rocket EVO. Check out his web site (linked from ours) to see how he is coming along.

You may not know, but Kelvin has sold his Beech, so he's looking to bum rides and possibly partner with someone. So keep your ears open for him.

I don't know who all went to OSH, but Keith and I went, we saw Reed Usrey and Gary Rodgers from our chapter, and we also saw Bob Japundza and Tom Utterback from Indy. I know that Matt and Bruce had plans to go, but haven't heard about their trip yet. I'm sure more of you went, so email me and tell me what you saw and did. We also know that Dennis Dunbar went, but he was hanging with the ICAS and warbird junkies, so we didn't see him either.

In other news from OSH, Gary Rodgers flew Ken Brewer's RV-6A to AirVenture and put a for sale sign on it. It sold the first day, so Gary left early to help deliver the plane. I understand Ken is in the market for another RV now...



Keith's Quickie with the new cowling...

I (SOB) worked the Angel Flight booth at the Indy Air Show last weekend, so I got to see the Noisy Chickens (or the Thunderbirds as they are known to non-Navy personnel). They are good. In fact, with lots more practice and some carrier landings, they might make Blue Angel back-up pilots. They also had a great simulated pilot rescue with an OV-1B Mohawk, a Caribou, a Huey, 2 Cobras, and a cool little OA-6A Loach chopper buzzing around. And Snort flying the Corsair was very good. He did his solo routine and some formation stuff with a P-51 that was way cool.

Chapter Business

Can't think of any for this newsletter. Maybe next month.

ATIS (Communications)

I'll be pinning down a date for our Dayton Air Force Museum Trip soon with the bus company, so if you have any preferences, let me know.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Saturday and Sunday, August 14 & 15, are the dates for the Wilson's Annual Chicken Run at the Last Resort Airport. This place is a great grass strip and if you go, you won't regret it. Great food, great people, and a garden spot you won't want to leave. It's southeast of Anderson and south of Muncie, 95 nm ENE of HUF. It's on the sectional.

Also, Saturday, Sept. 4, is the annual fly-in drive-in at Marion, IN. This is a big deal with lots of airplanes and show cars. Check them out at:
<http://www.flyincruisein.com/>

There are lots of other events to fly to also. For a good web site that lists many of them, check out:
http://www.fun-places-to-fly.com/events/events.asp?Event_State=IN

This site lists lots of interesting places to go. Here is a sample of their lists and most of the underlined text is linked to sites with more info...

Saturday - Sunday, Aug 7-8, 2004 — Elkhart, IN. ([Local Weather](#)) **Pancakes and Planes at the Elkhart Airshow** -

<http://www.elkhartairshow.com>, Elkhart Municipal Airport (**EKM**) ([Airport Data](#) - [Sectional](#) - [Weather](#)), Fly in for the EAA Chapter 132 pancake breakfast. Display your aircraft on the Flight Line. Watch the Airshow for free in the EAA tent. Contact: Sam Pavel 574/229-1638, EAA132@comcast.net

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Saturday, Aug 14, 2004 — North Vernon, IN. ([Local Weather](#)) **Airport Awareness Day.** North Vernon Municipal (**OVO**) ([Airport Data](#) - [Sectional](#) - [Weather](#)), Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Contact: Ryan Curry 812/346-5223, cherokee@seidata.com

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Sunday, Aug 15, 2004 — Laporte, IN. ([Local Weather](#)) **Laporte Aero Club Fly-In Breakfast.**

Laporte Airport (**PPO**) ([Airport Data](#) - [Sectional](#) - [Weather](#)), Laporte Aero Club's Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast. 219/362-2016, dkkovas@csinet.net

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Saturday, Aug 21, 2004 — Danville, IN. ([Local Weather](#)) **HCAA Fly In Lunch.** Hendricks County Airport (**2R2**) ([Airport Data](#) - [Sectional](#) - [Weather](#)),

Fly in and enjoy charcoal-grilled bratwurst, beans, and sauerkraut at Gordon Graham Field. Contact: John Rothrock 317/539-4369, jr03id@iquest.net

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Sunday, Aug 22, 2004 — Auburn, IN. ([Local Weather](#)) **Fly-In / Cruise-In Pancake Breakfast** -

<http://www.hoosierwarbirds.org>, Dekalb County Airport 7:00am Pancake Breakfast & Lunch, Car Show, Sky Diving, Assortment of Military & Civilian Aircraft. Contact: Niles Walton 260/925-6285, nileswalton@hotmail.com

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Saturday, Sep 4, 2004 — Marion, IN. ([Local Weather](#)) **Fly/In Cruise/In** -

<http://www.FlyInCruiseIn.com>, Marion Municipal Airport September 4th, 2004 (Saturday) will be the date for the 14th Annual Fly/In Cruise/In at Marion Municipal Airport in Marion, Indiana. This annual event features antique, classic, homebuilt, ultralight and warbird aircraft as well as vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles, and tractors. An all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast will be served with all proceeds going to the local Marion High School

Marching Band. Please make plans to arrive early! Breakfast and registration begins at 7:00am. Contact: Ray Johnson (765)664-2588, rjohnson@FlyInCruiseIn.com

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Saturday, Sep 25, 2004 — Hanover, IN. (Local Weather) **Wood, Fabric & Tailwheels Fly-In** - <http://www.LeeBottom.com>, Lee Bottom Flying Field (**641**) (Airport Data - Sectional - Weather), Lee Bottom Airport is home to the regions favorite antique & classic fly-in. Called Wood, Fabric, & Tailwheels, the name says it all. With models like Staggerwing, Meyers OTW, Stearman, and Spartan Executive, the line up is sure to please every enthusiast. Held the last Saturday of every September, the event is open to everyone. Intended to be a relaxed event for pilots, the gathering filled a void that your typical county airport fly-in could not. Beautiful scenery and great planes mixed to create something special. Join us for the 8th annual Lee Bottom Wood, Fabric & Tailwheels Fly-In. Contact: Ginger Davidson 812-866-3211, Ginger@IFlyTimePieces.com

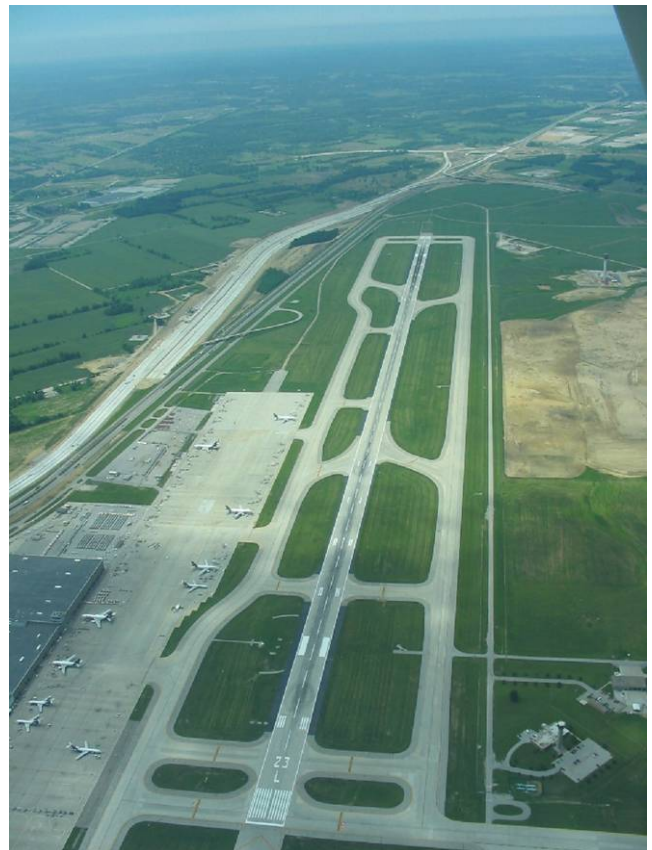
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Aluminum Overcast after the belly flop...
And mark you calendars for Saturday, September 11, for our Sept meeting at Winters Airpark...

Our Next Meeting...

It's Casey time, baby. Saturday, August 14, is our annual meeting at the Casey, IL, airport, 1H8, 34 nm west of HUF. We plan to start the meeting at noon, so arrive early to view the arrivals. As noted earlier, the highlight of the meeting will be the official crowning of Jeff Tucker as 2004 EAA Web Editor of the Year. We'll be in the new facility at Casey, so it'll be nice. See you there.



Here's a recent aerial view the Indy airport. The upper left shows the I-70 construction and the right shows the location of the new midfield terminal.



Airdales and Ramp Rats with the B-29.



Airdales on point



Jack manning the fire bottle for engine start



Surviving the Survivor Party



Airdales doing what they do best



Three people – Six glassy eyes...



Photo: Erick McCarthy

In keeping with John Kerry's viewpoint of a smaller, more flexible armed force, here is a picture of the Navy's first prototype Kerry-class carrier. Obviously, the F-15 shown here is not an operational possibility. The carrier was designed for the YF-22 considering the Raptor's STVL capability.



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