



# EAA CHAPTER 83 Terre Haute, IN.



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## From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone:

The month of July lived up to its expectations for many of the Chapter members. The Terre Haute Air Fair was a success despite the heat. Thanks to all who provided their planes for the EAA Chapter display. Everything worked out really great and the Ramp Patrol again got the job done. Not enough can be said of the appreciation from the Air Fair mgt. and the EAA Chapter for your help at making this years Air Fair the great event it was.



Curt working? the EAA display at the air show...

Several members attended OSH and all had memorable experiences like Jim Pelkie who was part of the mass Mooney arrival on Sunday and Foraker who flew in for the first time. I'm sure there are other very good stories from other members and you will have the chance to voice them at the next meeting to share with all in a future newsletter.

The current item we have left on our plate is the upcoming visit of the EAA's B-17 Fuddy Duddy from Monday Aug 15 thru Thursday Aug 18. The Chapter will have responsibilities in support of it's visit. We will need members to staff the merchandise trailer during the airplanes public hours and assist with the public tours. All this will be thoroughly discussed at the Casey meeting a week from Saturday on the 13th. So be thinking of whether or not you can help at that time as the arrival will only be a few days away from our meeting.

The promotions part is in full swing and most news agencies have been contacted. As of this time only three seats are available on the last of two media flights scheduled for Monday's arrival.

Due to the size of the newsletter this month I promised SOB to keep my part short as he will have the run down on all I've mentioned and much more.

Thanks again and see ya at Casey.

Keith

Keith in an F-4 Phantom...



### The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

There is no last meeting as we don't meet in July because we're so busy with the Air Fair and AirVenture. Boy was that easy...

### From Your Treasurer – John Watler

Dues continue to come in so if your name wasn't on the list in the last newsletter, you're about to become part of the chapter's history. Contact John if you have questions about your status.

### Young Eagles Report – Darrel Zeck

Darrel has arranged to have a Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, OCTOBER 22nd. We'll start at 0900 at HUF. Rain date would be the following Saturday. This is our annual event for the Honey Creek Middle School and you all know that Garland's daughter is the organizer for this one, so we should have a good turn out. Please bring you and your plane if you have some time to fly the kids...

### Recent Sighting – Member News

From SOB...

At least 8 of us were at AirVenture this year, because I saw that many. Matt Throckmorton, Bruce Dallman, Chat Chatterji, Alan Harder, Norm Patrum, Vern Bothwell, Keith, and I were all there, and I'm sure I missed some of you. I'll bet Gary Rodgers was there with his RV buddies. Let me know if you went and give me some OSH stories.

It was my first time flying in to the event, and it was an event. I got behind an old slow Piper who couldn't maintain 90 kts, and I was walleren' around behind him trying to maintain spacing. They he turned downwind too soon (on the south side of 27) and when he realized he had goofed, he pulled in front of me again. I now know why the FAA won't let me have guns... Anyway, I followed him and landed on the blue dot as instructed. We then waited for Fiberglass Overcast, 70 canard designs, to land and taxi. We finally got to Vintage Camping and pitched our tent (below).



We then went out looking at what Oshkosh 05 had to offer.

The first thing we ran into was the landing and press conference for the White Knight and Space Ship One. That was very cool.



After moseying around Aeroshell Square and checking out the B-17's, we headed over to the Ford President's reception. There we had dinner, met Carroll Shelby, Jack Roush, Edsel Ford, and Tom P. Jack Roush was the best as Keith got him all excited by asking about the John Deere car. That's a great story, but too long for the newsletter, so ask Keith or SOB for the details (SOB's version is funnier.) Then we headed back to tent to bed down for the night and all was well until the sky exploded into thunderstorms. We got rained on for about 5 hours and SOB got really wet, along with almost all his stuff. I don't know how, but Keith's tent made it through the storm and we were intact, if a little soggy, in the morning. We had lots more fun and then froze the next night. OSH 05 was the last tent camping I'll do in my lifetime unless I'm held at gunpoint. I'm just too old for the tent city...

From John Watler...

On Thursday I went for a ride with the Red Baron Pizza Squadron. The airplane I was in was a Boeing built in 1941. We took off in a 3 ship formation and flew to the area just north of Farmersburg. After we got in the area and the pilots checked to make sure that no one was getting queasy we did a formation barrel roll. Then came a formation loop. After the loop the formation split up and we did a hammerhead, loop, a second hammerhead where we pulled over the top. After an aileron roll we reformed and headed back to the field. All of the maneuvers were VERY smooth. I do not think we pulled much over 2 g's if even that much.

On Friday afternoon the squadron was practicing and one of the airplanes engine seized, stopping dead. The pilot was able to dead stick onto the runway and roll out back to the parking position. I do not know if this was the airplane I was riding. The Red Barons had to change 2 engines over the week they were here.

From Bruce Dallman...

Throckmorton and Dallman in the EAA Airshow...! Throckmorton and Dallman, the Super Decathlon and Citabria duo ... flew wing to wing as they began their crowd pleasing act .... Well, not actually ... but they did hold one of the set of ribbons for Jim Leroy to cut during his Wednesday's EAA airshow routine. That put them out on the runway right under Patty Wagstaff as she did her wild routine and seemed to be the target of her many outside loops, rolls and dives! Then when Jim Leroy started his act, they were covered with smoke oil so thick you could barely see across the runway. Leroy did the first half of his act then came screaming between Bruce and Matt and under the ribbon. Then a teardrop and back the other way with a double knife edge cut. First on one side, then a roll to the other. Probably at around 190 mph and within about 10 feet of the runway (and about 15' from Bruce and Matt) .... Way cool!!

From Steve Cox...

I spent Wednesday afternoon – Friday morning in Oshkosh and was lucky enough to see Global Flyer and Steve Fossett arrive with two low passes and one of those even by Oshkosh standards was lowwww. I couldn't even see the GlobalFlyer behind the crowd.



Global Flyer at AirVenture

My wife and I did attend presentations by Burt Rutan and Sir Richard Branson where they outlined the merger of Virgin Atlantic Airways and Scaled Composites; exactly what part of which

companies were merged is not clear to me but the more business minded in the group could explain those aspects. They are, to say the least visionaries, and plan to start the first SpaceLine (not airline) with 5 versions of Space Ship 2 being sold to Virgin Atlantic Airways. I believe they have about 30,000 thousand tickets committed so I guess I'll have to get in line for mine. On second thought the cost might be beyond my budget and the cost wasn't mentioned. There was considerable discussion on the certification of the new Space craft and the hiring of the approximately 200 personnel that will make up the new company.

We saw a presentation given by the PM on the recovery of Glacier Girl and saw her fly.

Lots of new advances in the merging of WX/Nav aids/Sat data with way too many new toys for my budget.

From Jim Pelkie...

I ran into Shari Thomas while at Oshkosh. She sends her regards to the chapter. She is doing well and is currently with the American Wings Air Museum at Anoka County-Blaine Airport on the north side of Minneapolis. She now has her commercial certificate and that has apparently opened some doors. She is the crew chief and flies right seat in the OV-1 Mohawk that flew in warbirds airshow.

Send me more tales from our Air Show and Airventure and I'll keep putting them in the newsletter...

### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)



Fuddy Duddy is coming on Monday, August 15. It is scheduled to arrive at Noon. Only press flights are scheduled for Monday. Public flights and ground tours are on Tue and Wed. She leaves Thursday around 11 am. Later in the newsletter, I'll enclose a one page info doc about the visit. What we really need is your help manning the trailer and the aircraft. We need 5 people from 2 to 8 pm on Tue and Wed. If you can work any or



all of these times, let Keith know as he's doing the staffing plan. The chapter stands to make some cash from this visit, so your work will help keep out dues low.

2005 Luscombe Fly-In at MTO on August 26, 27, & 28. Fly over and see some old classics.

**Our Next Meeting...**

Casey, IL, 1H8, is the site of our meeting on Saturday, August 13. We'll meet at Noon and eat right after the meeting. Sandy, Howie, and the Markwell's are our hosts as usual. This is always a fun meeting with lots of aircraft, so be there if you can...

Casey is a 4/22 runway 34 nm from HUF on a 225 heading. 4 is left traffic and 22 is right traffic. AirNav shows a 2000 ft. 18/36 turf strip also, but I've never used it. In the grass, 18 is right traffic and 36 is left traffic... CTAF is 122.8.

EXTRA - SOB has a few 2005 THAF hats left. He is selling them at his cost of \$17 and they are very nice. Contact him if you would like one. Keith will be selling them at the Casey meeting...

Here are some shots from our 2005 Terre Haute Air Fair...



A mean looking critter...

Not often seen in the skies over Terre Haute, or anywhere for that matter...

USAAF/USAF Aircraft from 4 conflicts...



# EAA B-17 Tour Stop Info

## Chapter 83, Terre Haute, IN

Arrival: Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Noon (arriving from Aurora, IL)

2 Media Flights: Monday at 1 and 1:30 pm

Public Flight Days: Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday August 17

Possible Flight Times: 9:30, 10:15, 11:00, 11:45, 12:30, 1:15

Cost for the B-17 Flight Experience: \$355 for members of the Experimental Aircraft Association or \$395 for non-members.

Open for Public Ground Tours: Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday August 17, 2 to 8 pm at the Hulman Field Terminal Building.

Cost for Ground Tours: \$10 for a family, \$6 for adults, \$5 for students, with no charge to accompanied children under age 8. The ground tours are Free to all WWII Veterans.

There will be WWII veterans available during the ground tour hours to answer questions and tell you their stories.

You are welcome to take all the pictures and video you like.

Departure: Leaves for Cincinnati, Lunken Field Thursday, August 18 at 11 am

To book a flight or for more information, go to the web site: <http://www.b17.org/>

For more information locally, contact:

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The visit of this B-17 is hosted by your Terre Haute International Airport and staffed by members of EAA Chapter 83 in Terre Haute.



**Jerry and The Airdales provide top security for 3 bad Cats at our TH Air Fair...**



**The big time for Terre Haute. It doesn't get any better than this...**

**Just part of the happy EAA 83 team working the Chapter display at the air show...**

**I guess high wing aircraft are good for something...shade when they're not flying.**



**Panchito draws a crowd...**