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Idle Chatter

Wow! What a summer, so far. Jordan is flying all over in air shows and static in others. Matt just needs a motor to fly again. Twelve of us (and counting) attended AquaVenture this year. Matt and/or I have worked/crewed 7 air shows (including the Doolittle Reunion and OSH) and have more to go, several chapter members worked for and judged the NIFA event. We've had two meetings and one Lycoming presentation in Jordan's and Niki's Vintage Wings Hangar. We've had several great chapter meetings with good attendance. We finally got to visit Dave Wilson's strip as a group. Beth got to ride on a B-17 with Jordan's help. We've been to visit Don Bussart (and we need to go again soon). The tug and the jeep moved lots of airplanes and people at OSH. Eric is still hunting for an FW and he and I are going head to head at Air Combat USA on Oct 10. Several chapter members are involved in the new CFAGTHA group trying to make HUF a better operation. Jerry and I will soon draft a white paper on the HUF 18/36-14/32 conflicting departure problem for the members review. And the pilot lunches every Friday are excellent. In case you don't know, the weekend plans often develop over lunch, so you really ought to lunch with us – and the food is really good too!

So when you sit back and look at it, we have a pretty active group. Let's keep it that way, and if you didn't participate in any of this, you just ain't trying. I'm tellin' you, you're missin' the fun. Check out the section on Upcoming Events and go with us somewhere.



**Matt tugging a US Navy A-4 at Oshkosh.
This ain't yo' Momma's Skyhawk!**



SOB sitting in the jeep after pretending to work.

The Last Meeting - Jeff Wellum (with some stuff added by SOB)

SOB comments: Jeff is doing an excellent job with meeting notes. I think we should make him Secretary for LIFE! Since we/I get most of the member news at the meeting, I'm just going to put all Jeff's notes here and only add the new stuff in the other member news section. I delete the last names from the newsletter because I know some of you are sensitive about that. If you want to know who's doing what, just come to the meetings to lunches.

Now on with Jeff's meeting report...

EAA Chapter 83 Meeting
08-14-2010
Casey Municipal Airport (1H8)

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Foraker followed by the pledge to the flag.

Attendance: Eric H, Jeff W, Kelvin R, Cleone M, Elanore M, Lois H, John W, Jerry B, Wayne S, Mark D, Floyd H, Nick M, Kevin D, Jordan D, Larry R, Larry W, Dale B, Jim F, Jeff T, Larry S, Sandy S, Howard H, SOB. I think Chat and Steve L were there too, but missed the role call.

Seven aircraft flew in for the meeting. There were over 23 people in attendance. Six of those attending had attended Air Venture at Oshkosh.

Member News:

Eric H recently completed an owner assisted annual inspection on his Tiger which he flew in for the meeting.

Kelvin R came in the Cherokee six. He flew up to Oshkosh this year but was very disappointed with the hour and forty five minute taxi to his parking spot after landing. He also reminded everyone to bring tiedowns if you go to OSH.

Cleone M has been working on the Corvaire engine installation in his Zenith Zodiac.

John W flew the Skyhawk in for the meeting loaded down with ballast in the form of SOB and Jeff T.

Jerry B attended with his beautiful Mooney.

Wayne S flew his bright yellow RV-6A in with Mark D as co-pilot. Wayne was another attendee of Air Venture who was disappointed with the show this year.

Floyd H attended Air Venture. He has an Avenger for sale.

Nick M flew his V-tailed Bonanza to 1H8 for the meeting. He also made a recent trip to Austin, Texas. He has been trying out one of the portable, cooler-based air conditioner units in the Bonanza, and likes it so far.

Larry W flew his Mooney in for the meeting. Larry also attended OSH again this year. He's a long time attendee.

Kevin D has started the wing kit for his RV-7 with help from son Jordan.

Dale B camped in the mud at Air Venture (Slosh Kosh?)

SOB has been extremely busy (doing things other than talking). Bill has a new job. He has worked the ramps at Oshkosh and Muskegon. He has also crewed at air shows for Billy Werth and Jordan. He has been working on his jeep and Comanche with many more activities planned for the year. I'm sure he will elaborate to greater extent (at any opportunity).

From SOB – Matt and Jordan weren't at the meeting because they were flying in the Sullivan Air show. I know they would have rather been with us, but when you have a cool plane like Jordan has, everyone wants you in their show.

Our Treasurer, John Watler, reports that he will take dues any time. \$15 if you want a paper newsletter. \$10 if you want the e version. Of course you can always read it on the web site.

Our Young Eagle Coordinator, Jeff Tucker, reports that 5 young eagles were flown recently thanks to Jim F in his 182 and Jerry B in his Mooney. Jeff is currently organizing two dates in October for further Young Eagle activities.

Our Web Editor, also Jeff Tucker, reports that the new web site hosting service is working well.

Our slacker News Letter Editor, SOB, promises to get the next newsletter out soon.

Our Next Meeting is Saturday September 18th at Winters Air Park.

The Citizens for a Great Terre Haute Airport have meetings coming up. I believe Bill will keep us all updated in his weekly e-mails.

Correspondence:

Bill has received information on the Pilot's and Paws program. Any pilots interested in this group can contact him for more info on how you can fly dogs and cats to get them to new owners.

Thank you to everyone at Casey for another great meeting.

Thank you Howie and Sandy!!

Thank you Cleone, Elanore, Lois and anyone else that provided the great food!

Thank you to everyone that helped pick up, set up and return the tables and chairs.

Meeting Adjourned.

A couple of shots from the Thunder over Michigan Air show.



Some girl standing on Jordan's and Niki's C-45



A row of 8 B-17 tails on the ramp. You just don't see this everyday.

Business old and new:

Donations are requested for the Ernie Winters Scholarship fund. This fund makes it possible for selected young people to attend the EAA aviation camp. Our chapter will make a contribution to Ernie's fund soon.

Recent Sightings – Additional Member News

We have a new hangar tenant at HUF. Dave Kimbler just moved his RV-7A into hangar 22. Please make him feel welcome when you see him at the airport. Maybe we can make him a member.

Aeroplains Air Strip has finally sold according to one of its former owners. We don't know the new owners, but we understand they are pilots and plan to keep the strip open as an airfield. If anyone knows more info, we'd be glad to share with the members.

Jeff Wellum sends some mixed news. His brother, Rob, just passed his check ride so we have a new pilot in the Chapter. The bad news is that now Jeff has to share the Tiger.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

If you are reading this newsletter online, you may be able to click on the dates and get more info.

Saturday, 8/21/2010

Indy Exec 4th Annual Down Syndrome Fly-In/Open House Fundraiser

Saturday, 8/28/2010

Mattoon air show

Saturday, 9/4/2010
Marion Annual Fly-in drive-in

Thursday, 9/9/2010 - Sunday, 9/12/2010
Ercoupe National Convention

Saturday, 9/11/2010
EAA 622 Fly in / Drive in Breakfast. Vermilion Regional Airport (KDNV)

Saturday, 9/11/2010 - Sunday, 9/12/2010
Putman County Airport Appreciation Days

Saturday, 9/18/2010
EAA Chapter 83 September meeting at Winters Airpark

Thursday, 9/23/2010 - Saturday, 9/25/2010
Midwest LSA Expo at Mount Vernon airport, KMVN

Saturday, 9/25/2010
Lee Bottom's Huge Annual Wood, Fabric, and Tailwheels fly in

Saturday, 10/2/2010
Olney-Noble Fly in Chili lunch

Our Next Meeting...

Will be at Winters' Airpark in Monrovia, IN. At least her mailing address is Monrovia, but the strip is closer to Eminence. If you're flying in, Winters is on the sectional just SW of IND. It's right on V11, the 209 radial from Brickyard, and about 2 miles south of I-70.

If you're driving, good luck. I've been lost there for days. Seriously, take the Little Point exit, exit 51, off I-70. At the end of the ramp, go south on Little Point road. At the T (you can't go straight) and turn Left/East on IN-42. Take 42, 2.25 miles and then turn Right/South onto County Road 875, also called West Main Street (of what, I don't know). Go 2 miles on CR 875 and then turn Left/East on McClure Road. On McClure road, Winters' Airpark is on your right in .73 miles. Good luck. Pack a lunch.

Joint Meeting with the Greencastle Pilots at 10:30 – Eat around NOON. All times EDT.