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MEETING at ISU's HOLMSTEDT HALL, ISU CAMPUS, TERRE HAUTE

Hello again everyone. As I set and write this the weather gods are letting their presence known that winter is indeed here. Man was it cold today with the high winds and all. The program on winter flying was a good one and lasted just over 2 hrs. Follows is a report from Bill Foraker of the meeting which followed the seminar. The officers and membership have adopted the following schedule for the 2003 Chapter 83 meetings.

January 11, noon at ISU: **Chapter meeting** followed by the popular Weather School by Bruce Welsh.

February 8, noon at ISU: **Chapter meeting** followed by Weather School.

March 8, noon at ISU: **Chapter meeting** and Weather School.

April 12, noon **Chapter meeting** at Tom Flock's Waco Factory in Rockville, IN.

May 10, noon **Chapter meeting** at the Clinton airport.

June 14, noon **Chapter meeting** at Shawnee Field.

July 12-13 Terre Haute Airfare, the 2003 airshow.

July 19, noon **Chapter meeting** at the Casey airport.

July 29th thru August 4th - EAA Oshkosh AirVenture 2003.

August 9, noon **Chapter meeting** at the Sullivan airport.

September 13, noon **Chapter meeting** at Winter's Airpark.

October 4, noon **Chapter meeting** at Aero Plaines

November 8, noon **Chapter meeting** at HUF or Casey to be determined.

December 13: **Christmas party** at location to be determined.

Please note that unless otherwise noted, all monthly meetings will start with a noon meal with the Chapter meeting immediately after.

YOUNG EAGLES:

HUF seems to be a popular location for Young Eagle events because of the ATC services, airport facilities, and runways available. We also plan to fly to and participate in the Brazil airport day. We'll keep you posted on the date and plans for that event



Dave Thomas's Young Eagle flyer

and as usual YE Coordinator Dave Thomas will keep us up to date on Young Eagle happenings. As you all probably know this is the final year to reach the goal of 1,000,000 Young Eagles flown prior to the 100th anniversary of the first powered flight. Lets all make a commitment to make this year a banner year for Chapter 83.

FLY-OUTS:

As a result of the decreasing participation in Chapter fly-outs for the past two years, we are not scheduling any fly-outs for 2003. However, while there are still several interested we are going to try a new system of short notice, whether dependent outings. Below you will see a list of potential fly-outs. The first list is the short distance fly-outs and the second is the longer fly-outs. Please rank the fly outs in each category from 1 to 7 on the short list and 1 to 5 on the long list with one being the fly-out you would most like to go on and 7 or 5 for the fly-out you least like. This will allow us to prioritize the fly-outs so that we can go to the most popular fly-outs first. I will also leave a space for you to write in fly-out destinations.

To notify the members of fly-outs, we are instituting a new system of both e-mail and phone contacts. We will form an e-mail list and a phone tree to contact members interested in the fly-outs and other events. You will be contacted late in the week before the fly-out to let you know the plan. If you have both email and phone, please let me know your preference. For members without e-mail addresses or for those who wish to be contacted by phone, we will institute a phone tree. This will allow 1 person to call 2 people and each person thereafter call 2 people. This spreads the burden of calling and will make for a fast and efficient system. We will schedule the short fly outs for days that have short-term weather windows and a longer fly outs for days that look to be nice all day. By using this system we hope to increase participation in all fly-outs so that everyone can have more fun.

FLY BUDDIES AND CO-PILOTS:

In another effort to increase the flying done by our Chapter members, we plan to revitalize the Fly-Buddy program and expand it to include fly-outs. Added to our fly buddy program we are beginning a Co-Pilot program. On the co-pilot list, we will have members to do not have aircraft and who are interested in flying with other members. Fly buddy pilots who are willing to take passengers and have extra seats in their aircraft are encouraged to call members from the copilot's list for fly-outs and other flights. This way we can connect pilots with members who need a ride and get more people flying.

Below you'll find a place to sign up if you have an airplane and would like to be a fly buddy pilot, or sign up for the co-pilot program if you would like to fly along. Please list your name, phone number, and e-mail address if you want to be on either list. For fly buddy pilots, please also list you aircraft manufacturer and type/model.

CHRISTMAS PARTY NOTES:

This year's Christmas party/December meeting will be



Saturday December 14th, in the Hulman Union building on the campus of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Foraker already has reservations for 6 people so please call and him at 877-8219 and make your reservations for dinner. There will be 2 flight competitions this year with really cool prizes for the best designer/pilots. The cost for this year's dinner is \$20 per person and includes everything (dinner, tax, tip, and prizes). Last year, Lucky Keith (me) won the spot landing contest and Ernie was the stall master meaning this long time A&P IA with many years of airline experience built a paper airplane that was an aerodynamic dud, pretty but...oh well, we're sure he's been practicing for this year's event. Last year our traveling Chapter airplanes were awarded to Dave Thomas and Barbara Black. I don't know about you but I for one can't wait to see the improvements. And....also last year we had a tie for the Master Flyer award for the pilot making the most airport, strip meetings. I wonder who will be THE WINNER this year. As if I don't already know

MEMBER NEWS:

As several of you know by now recently a fire erupted in one of the brand new hangars at HUF. It appears that the concrete contractor was sealing the seams in the cement floor with epoxy. Due to the cold weather at the time they were using a torch to speed the curing time of the epoxy. Unfortunately they were unaware boxes were stored along the wall in the adjoining hangar. A security officer noticed smoke and called the fire dept. When all was said and done Matt Throckmorton's Citabria was a total loss. The intense heat had moved down to about mid fuselage and had melted the windscreen and fabric. The fabric tape was hanging like streamers from the wing and one fuel tank had swelled meaning the plane was moments from exploding. A set of fiberglass wheel pants were reduced to a small pile as well as many other items Matt had moved to his new hangar just days before. Next door to Matt was Bruce Dallman's Citabria which was covered with soot but seemed ok for the most part. While down Matt is able to fly the FBO's Super Decathlon until a replacement plane can be found and he

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says the insurance company has been very good to work with. The hangar situation is such that five of the T's in the 20 T building will get a new roof and insulation, two hangars will get new interior walls and at least two load bearing beams will be replaced due to being warped from the intense heat. The purpose of insurance is to restore the property to it's preloss condition and since these hangars are literally brand new the cost will be high. So it looks like all will work out ok for everyone.

CHRISTMAS PARTY:

We will meet next on **SATURDAY 14 DECEMBER at ROSE HULMAN in the HULMAN MEMORIAL UNION**. The festivities will start at with an arrival time of **6:30 pm IN** time and with dinner being served at **7:00 pm IN** time. The cost will be \$20 per person and reservations must be made by no later than Wednesday December 11 by calling Foraker at 812-877-8219 (w) or 812-877-1518 (h). The dinner will be buffet style and includes three meats (beef, pork, and fish), three salads, two starches (taters, rice etc.), dessert selection, roll, and coffee, tea, or water. See the map below for driving directions. The Memorial Union is letter G on the map. From I-70 exit Highway 46, South to 40, East to Rose.

