



EAA CHAPTER 83

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Education, Homebuilt Aircraft, and Private Aviation

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Heads Up: Please read the section on the Next Meeting and RSVP to Foraker by Friday, December 5, if you plan to attend the Christmas Party. He needs to know how many in your group and whether you want chicken or pork chops for your entree.

From your new President...Keith Welsh

Hi again everyone:

I come to you in somewhat of a different capacity this time. Having visited with you each month as your newsletter editor since 1996, that's 7 years, I am looking forward to the new challenge of serving you in the capacity of your Chapter President.

This years officer crew brings many years of service to the Chapter in a variety of capacities. I have been a member of Chapter 83 since 1979 and served as President in 1982 before taking on the newsletter in 96. During the past 7 years the newsletter became digitized allowing the incorporation of graphics and design which contributed to our being able to keep the dues at our low \$12 level. I've built a Quickie which has been flying since 1989 and also own and fly a 1950 Cessna 170.





Our new Vice President, Ted Black has been a member since 1995 and winner of the Chapter Master Flyer two times. Ted flies a 1946 Cessna 120 and would have to have one of the Chapter's best attendance records.

John Watler, our new Treasurer, is a past President and originator of our fly-out's and fly-buddy's. John flies a 1967 Cessna 172 and has been a member of Chapter 83 since 1989.

Bill Foraker will be taking over the newsletter. Bill, alias SOB (Sweet Ole Bill) formally served as Treasurer during which time he put together our first detailed and computerized member database. Although not serving in an official capacity Bill has been overseeing the printing and mailing of the newsletter for the past four years. Bill has also been very active in the Chapter for a number of years organizing or helping with special events and has hosted the Chapter Christmas Party the past several years. He has been a member of Chapter 83 since 1991 and flies a 1958 Piper Comanche.

Darrel Zeck moves over from President to become our Young Eagles Coordinator. Darrel organized the memorable flyout to see the P-38 Glacier Girl a few months prior to it's first flight. He flies a 1946 Taylorcraft and has been a member of Chapter 83 for 11 years.

Jeff Tucker has volunteered to setup and manage a Chapter 83 web site. Jeff has an electronic background and works at WTHI in Terre Haute. With Jeff's knowledge and ideas we could have a top rated Chapter website within a short time. Jeff has been a member of Chapter 83 for 5 years. Currently Jeff enjoys aviation mostly from the ground but we'll fix that.

We're proud of Chapter 83 and happy to have you all as members. Soon we officers will be planning the year's meetings and events. We hope to gain your confidence and participation, after all isn't that what grass roots aviation is all about?

So folks....button down the hatch cause here we go.
See ya at the Christmas party.

The Last Meeting...by Bill Foraker

Saturday, November 8, 2003 - Sullivan County Airport

What a turnout! 37 in attendance

What a day! Mostly sunny, a little cool, great for performance.

What a facility! Dennis volunteered his first class hangar.

What a menu! Chili and BBQ with all the fixin's.

Get the picture? We had a great meeting at SIV hosted by Dennis Meng, Ted and Barb Black, and Bob McCammon. 37 people attended the meeting and they accounted for 18 aircraft. The grass parking area was

full. Aircraft on the line included a C-182 & Citabria (Dennis Meng), C-120 (Ted Black), C-150 (Jack Kleiss), 3 C-170's (Keith Welsh, Ernie Winters, and a guest, Hack Marchino in a B model), Dragonfly (Steve Larabee), C-182 RG (Doug Claybrook, newly restored, the airplane, not the Doc), C-152 (David Hickman), Super Decathlon (Matt Throckmorton), Comanche (SOB Foraker), Citabria (Bruce Dallman), Warrior (John McGlone), C-175 (Pete Peterson and Dave Jones), an unpolished Zenair (Cleone Markwell), and a nice C-180 (Ken Snyder, a guest). We were also visited by a Super Viking and an MU-2. We didn't have room for all the pictures, so ask Foraker if want to see all of them.

Huge THANKS again to our hosts, Ted, Barb, Bob, and Dennis for rolling out the bumpless runway for us.

Treasurer's Report...by John Watler

The treasury is solvent and all bills are paid. Dues are due for 2004 - still \$12.00. Send them to John Watler, or better yet, come to a meeting and pay him in person.

Young Eagles Report...

Bill Cress turned in 7 more YE forms to HQ last week. We were hoping that he would get the 1,000,000 YE ride, but alas, it was flown by some ne'er-do-well from Illinois. But the EAA and its members accomplished what many thought was impossible - Fly 1,000,000 kids for an aviation experience before the 100th anniversary of powered flight. We did our part holding many YE events and flying lots of kids on our own. As I reviewed the list of 100+ YE flown, I noticed several Chapter 83 names: Dave Thomas with 147, Bob Holmes with 171, and Ernie Winters topped our list with **264 YE's flown**. Our neighbor to the south, Vincennes University, flew 213 kids. Also, our states showed very well on the list of YE pilots with Illinois placing 4th with 1,793 pilots and Indiana placing 10th with 872 pilots. For the number of YE flown, Illinois is 3rd with 64,636 kids flown, and Indiana was 13th with 23,567 YE co-pilots.

Recent Sightings (Member News)...

Matt Throckmorton is anxiously awaiting his tail kit for his Team Rocket F1. He's building jigs and buying tools, so if you have any tools for building metal aircraft you want to sell, he's in the market.

The McGlone/Holmes trade is now complete so John is flying a Warrior and Bob has his Colt back..



John McGlone's new ride

Eric Parker has started a web site: www.ericparker.net Check him out. He's got lots of good pictures posted including lots of pictures from the SIV meeting.

There has been a Varieze spotted flying at HUF. Anybody know any details? Why isn't this guy a member?

When I started the newsletter, the DeBaun's were looking for a nice 172 to buy. Well, they bought one. Now parked in their HUF hangar is a 1973 C-172 M, N20060. It's a beauty, and they didn't have to go far to get it. They bought it from Bill Cress and just flew it to HUF from SIV. Reed Usrey heard Foraker on the radio (imagine that) at SIV one evening as the RV-6 was returning home from a maintenance trip south. Foraker flew south to meet him over Mount Vernon and they did some night (very loose) formation at 200+ mph. Kentucky Lake to SIV in < 30 mins.

Project Punkin was on display at the meeting. As many of you know, Dennis bought Matt's Citabria after it had been charcoaled by the HUF hangar contractors. Now it's down to its skeleton and is started on the road to recovering (pun intended).

Chapter Business...

John Watler, your trusty treasurer, is preparing the 2004 EAA calendar order, and you know how great these calendars are. As the numbers have been dropping over the past several years, we are going to stick close to the preorder number this year, so if you want one or more calendar(s), let John know as soon as you can. His contact info is listed at the top of the newsletter.

Jeff Tucker has registered the URL: EAA83.org, and has offered to host a chapter web site. He is checking on the details and costs and will report back, but if all goes well, we may have a web site again.

Your officers will be confoping (coordinating-formulating-planning) soon to plan next year's calendar, so if you have any requests, or suggestions, please let any of them know.

ATIS (Communications)...

This is the first newsletter you receive from your new officers. There have been some small format changes, so if you have any comments, keep them to yourself. Just kidding...Let me, SOB Foraker know, as you know we're always trying to improve your newsletter.

If you ever have anything to put in the newsletter (member news, pictures, communications, etc.), please send it to me. I prefer email as that's the easiest way for me transfer it, but if you must, call or mail me stuff. I'll fuss and complain, but I'll retype it. We need more member stuff.

You may not know about this, but I send a weekend fly-out email most weeks during the flying months, and I also send the occasional informational message. If you want to get on the email list, send me a message and I'll add you. Don't write or call, send me an email so I know I have your address correct. As of now, I'm only sending the message via email because it's so fast and easy. If you have other ideas, let me know.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)...

Keith and SOB are incubating a plan to bring Bob Nuckolls of the AeroElectric Connection to HUF. Bob is a nationally known speaker on aircraft electrical systems and does seminars around the country. Keith and Bill would like to know what you think about bringing Bob to town, how much you're willing to pay to attend a seminar, and what kind of workshop you would like to attend. Email or talk with either of them for details.

Our Next Meeting...

Our next meeting is our Christmas Party on Saturday, December 13, at the Hangar Restaurant at

HUF. If you're coming, call or email Foraker (info at the top of page 1) right away so he can get the count and menu selections to Wanda. You can order either pork chops or chicken breast for your entree. Dinner comes with everything you expect plus a selection of desserts. This year the cost is \$20.00 per person.

We'll gather at 5 pm., eat at 5:30, have the business meeting immediately following dinner, and after the meeting, the flying starts. This year the flying format will combine the spot landing contest and the distance competition, as we will be flying a cross country with our paper airplanes. Foraker will have departure and destination points prescribed for us and whoever gets the closest to the landing target, gets the prize.

Of course, there may be some additional prizes for the most interesting flights/landings. Hope to see you there!

Some additional pictures from the SIV meeting...



Here's the 1959 C- 175 owned and operated by Peter Peterson and Dave Jones. They were one of the early arrivals...



Cleone Markwell's new creation. I think it's a Zenair. I was surprised to find a gear switch on the panel, but Cleone confirmed that it has one.



Dennis Meng's beautiful Citabria was ejected from the hangar to make room for the food line.