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From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone.

I hate to keep saying it but ya'll who didn't make the meeting at SIV really missed another good one. The weather was really nice despite being windy however, the winds were right down the runway.

Five did manage to fly in with one being the rarely seen Quickie. It's not often I fly the Q in such winds. I was at the airport early to finish the condition inspection on it with the hopes of flying it to the meeting. When ready I made one trip around the pattern and was surprised at how smooth it was for such winds -- 19kt w/ gusts to 24kt. Sure it was bumpy but nothing like I would have expected. I then taxied back to the hangar to look the Q over then departed for SIV.



The ramp at SIV – and look at that great sky!

At 2700' the air was smooth as a baby's butt. Really nice flying. As the day progressed the winds picked up some, but didn't pose a problem for the return trip home. Others flying in were Larry Wheelock & John Watler out of HUF, Jim

Fisher from Brazil, and Ernie Winters from Monrovia. I might mention that with the headwind going down to SIV the normally 105 mph cruising Quickie was moving along at 53kt, but the trip home registered 136kt. And to do just a little bragging, the Quickie used about 3 quarts of gas to get to SIV and just over a quart on the return trip home to HUF.

All in all, 16 signed the attendance sheet. Guy Hammond, the airport director, welcomed the chapter and extended his appreciation for all the chapter had done to support the airport over the years. He also briefly discussed the improvements to the airport over the summer, which as we all know, involved the repaving of the runway and ramp area. Also the available aircraft parking area was expanded to the south of the hangars. Cool!!

I want to thank our host's for the meeting -- Dennis Meng who graciously opened his all weather hangar for us, and Ted and Barb Black for their work setting up. And we can't forget the Corvette, the Intimidator special edition Chevy



pickup, the Nissan Maxima, Curt's new Chevy HHR, the SSR 395hp retro pickup, Impala SS with

the 303hp V8, and the fellas from Sycamore Chevy. Dennis deserves special thanks for bringing the new vehicles and salesmen down for us to see and visit with.

And we can't forget the meal and those who prepared it. Thanks a bunch -- we really appreciate your hospitality. Next year, more of us need to test drive the cars that Dennis provides.

Young Eagles Report

Curt and Betty picked up and brought to the meeting a poster the Honey Creek Middle School kids made for the chapter after their YE rides last month. Each child wrote a note of thanks and drew some pictures. It is really nice and we'll try to have it at the Christmas party next month.



The Young Eagle made poster from the Honey Creek kids

Also we need a new Young Eagle coordinator for the chapter. If you like flying kids, enjoy making presentations and would like to expand your involvement, please let us know as I would like to have the position filled by the time I send in the chapter status report at the end of the year.



Larry Wheelock with some new Young Eagles

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

After the income from hosting the B-17 was added to our treasury, we are in real good financial shape. 2006 dues are now being taken (still \$12) and check out the special pricing when purchasing a calendar with your paid dues. It's in the article below on Chapter Business...

Recent Sighting – Member News

Dennis Meng reports that the Citabria, formerly affectionately known as Punkin, which was burned in a hangar fire a few years ago at HUF, is nearly ready to assemble. The fuselage is done and after painting will be ready for final assembly. The airplane will go back together much like it was.

The 150hp engine checked out fine and is ready. The major change to the aircraft, besides paint, new skin, and a complete refurbishment, is the wing spars. Other than that, it'll be the same plane. (Sounds like the story about my Grandfather's antique axe. I replaced the head and my brother replaced the handle, but it's still Grandpa's axe.)

Also Dennis and Ed Huddleston have partnered in a Stearman are getting very close to assembling it as well. All the parts are painted and the 220 Continental is ready. This next year is shaping up to be an eventful one for Dennis. He is especially looking forward to the experience of open cockpit biplane flying.

Bob Holmes is almost done rebuilding the gear on the SpaceWalker. It shouldn't be long before it's ready to fly.

Larry Wheelock is getting ready for his annual pilgrimage to Raymondville, TX for the winter. As I understand it, he is getting quite a business going with his A&P and IA ratings. It's nice to see from his web site how the airport has changed since he has owned it.

Jerry Badger has taken final delivery on his '68 Mooney 252 Turbo. He likes it very much and we should see it a chapter functions very soon. You can check last month's newsletter for the details on his new hot rod. Check pictures below...

Pat Adams is successfully relocated in Alaska and sends the following info: You know your in Alaska when all of the banks post their interest rates for aircraft purchases and you can buy Aeroshell at Walmart. He loves it there and can't wait to start some winter flying.

Chapter Business

As noted earlier, 2006 dues are due. Give or send your \$12 to John Watler any time. His address is:

John Watler
2632 Farrington Street
Terre Haute, IN 47803

Also, we have the order form for the 2006 EAA calendars. The new calendar is an extended size, unique from previous years: it's now a dramatic 14"X16" according to the letter sent with the order form. This year's calendar features exclusive air-to-air photos of White Knight and Space Ship One taken during AirVenture, along with the diverse flight community found within the EAA. Again this year we will order the calendars after the Christmas party and will order only by reservation, so if you want one, be sure to call either Foraker or me, Welsh, to get your order in. The cost of the calendar will be \$8.00 if you pay with your dues, for a total of \$20. If you buy the Calendar by itself, it will be \$8.50, which is the price the chapter pays.

ATIS (Communications)

Chapter 650 in Bloomington, IN, has expressed some interest in cohosting some meetings with us, so maybe we'll go to BMG this year to their very cool meeting hangar.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Keith and SOB have been discussing next year's meeting schedule, and it tentatively looks like this:

Jan - cancelled due to always bad weather
Feb - Safety meeting, SOB does accident and safety review of the Nall Report and the AOPA info.
Mar - Guest speaker, Flight Surgeon from Apollo 13
April - Tom Flock's Waco Factory if he's around
May - Sullivan
June - Shawnee
July - cancelled if the air show is in town, if not, we'll see
Aug - Casey
Sept - Ernie's
Oct - Aero Plaines
Nov - Greencastle
Dec - Christmas meeting

Of course, this could all change if we get hooked up with Bloomington. Just keep watching your

newsletters, and if you have any suggestions for meeting locations or fly-outs, let Keith or SOB know and we'll get them on the schedule.

Our Next Meeting...

Our next meeting is the traditional pilots Christmas party. We'll meet at the Airport Restaurant at Hulman Field on Saturday, December 3, from 6:30 to 8 pm. Dinner will be served promptly at 6:45, so you don't want to be late.

This year for dinner, you have another choice of entrée. The cost of the meal is \$25.00 per person and that includes everything – you choice of entrée, baked potato, green beans, a dinner salad, rolls, drink, Wanda's great selection of desserts, TAX, and TIP. So come out and see some of your flying friends...

But to attend, you have to call SOB with reservations and tell him the following information: Number of people attending, Your choice of entrée from the following: Chicken Breast, Big Ole Pork Chop, a slab of Prime Rib, or the new one, a Rib Eye Steak. Also, if you are having prime rib or steak, you have to tell him how you want yours cooked: pilot style, rare, medium rare, medium, medium well, or well done. Wanda is not responsible for the tenderness of burnt steaks, that is med well or well done.

We'll also have our usually December meeting items and our paper airplane flying contest – with a new twist this year. Also, the traveling aircraft will be presented to their new trustees. The 2005 caretakers of the two traveling airplanes are Marvin Goodman and Betty DeBaun. We'll see their improvements when they present their modified aircraft at the dinner.

Hope to see you there. Remember, call Bill (SOB) Foraker at 812 877-8219 (work) or 812 208-4816 (cell) with your reservation for the party and tell him the info requested above.

Last Minute Note from SOB: I just spoke with Marvin Miller, the VP of Operation at Smith's Aerospace, and he invited us on a tour of their facility. He said we are welcome at their approaching open house, but he said we would get a much better look at the place on a tour just for us. He thought it would take between 1 and 2 hours to do it right, and said we'd see lots of jet parts and other military hardware. He prefers that we do a weekday afternoon or evening. So let's pick a date and time and I'll get a tour arranged. Anybody interested, call me at 877-8219 days or 208-4816 anytime, and I'll see what is best.



Jerry and his NEW Mooney. He's hangared at the HUF West T's. Stop in and check him out sometime.



Are you thinking air show YET?

We should have some news on the Blue Angels for our 2006 air show in the next few weeks. Watch the web site for the latest news...