



EAA CHAPTER 83

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From Your President - Keith Welsh

A final hello again to everyone:

Having turned all my stuff over to the new president elect at the last meeting I don't have any numbers from the Brazil meeting to report. Despite the very cold day, no fridge needed to get the drinks cold, yip Watler let 'em set outside, we had a pretty good turnout. At first there were only about four of us through about 15 minutes after the noon start time but then the sky got noisy and within minutes we had a group of about 20 or so.

After going through the agenda, pledge, introductions, reports etc. we discussed and approved a two tiered dues structure for the chapter. This came as a result of the cost of

producing a monthly newsletter the past few years exceeding the revenue taken in through our current dues. With the newsletter becoming increasingly more expensive to produce both in terms of costs and time and considering that, with the exception of only a few being mailed anymore, the electronic version has pretty much taken over. SOB came up with the idea of a more appropriate dues structure which will align the cost more accurately to the member preference. Therefore after discussion a motion was made, seconded and with all in favor the chapter dues for 2009 and beyond will be \$10 / year for members receiving the electronic version of the newsletter and \$15 / year for those receiving the printed version.

That should keep the chapter in the black for several years...we hope!!

The only other worthy thing for me to report is the election of officers for 2009. As usual there were no nominations from the floor, does make a fella wonder a bit, anyway after the proposed slate of officers was announced and with no discussion a motion was made to cast a unanimous ballot, was seconded and with all in favor your officers for 2009 are President; Bill Foraker aka SOB, Vice President; Jim Fisher, Secretary; Jeff Wellum, Treasurer; John Watler, Newsletter Editor; Bill Foraker, and Web editor; Jeff Tucker. This is a good group, a very good group and you can look forward to many good times with your Terre Haute EAA Chapter 83 over the next year. Congratulations guys!!



Burt Rutan and Keith inspecting Keith's Quickie

As for me I have enjoyed the past nearly dozen years serving as your newsletter editor and then president. A lot has happened during that time. We continue to be a very mobile chapter made possible by our large

aircraft owner base and it's still not unusual to have over 20 aircraft attend our meetings. My association with Chapter 83 began in 1979 and I have seen membership rise and fall and participation do the same as we pass from one generation to the next which proves we are no different than any other organization except that we have the most fun and is what keeps this family together. The love of flight, the wonder of soaring the heavens with the birds and admiring the beauty of this planet we call home from a unique perspective and together our friendships makes it all worthwhile.

See ya in the air
Keith

The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

We had a good meeting in a HEATED hangar at the Brazil airport with our host and meeting organizer, John Watler. We had 17 attendees with 6 of them flying in. They had just come from Danville, IL, were they got to see some excellent P-51s up close and personal. More on that later.

We had a guest family at the meeting who are now members. Dave, Sierra, and Darwin Hayward are moving to the area in the near future. They have some land north of OI2 and plan to build a house. They were in town to specifically buy Gary Rodgers hangar, but they were late to the deal and lost out to Jordan Brown. Even with that huge disappointment, they are still moving here and will be building over the spring. They are

looking for a hanger so if you know of one east of Terre Haute, let them know, or let me know and I'll forward the info.



Eric Hettlinger inbound to Brazil in his Tiger

After the introductions and updates, we talked about the newsletter and dues and other operational items about the chapter. We voted to move to a 2 tier dues plan for 2009 with dues at \$10 for members who get the newsletter via email and \$15 for those who get the paper version of the newsletter. The reason for this is simple – copying and mailing the paper newsletter is the single largest expense of the chapter. With more people having internet/email access, we are down to about 17 paid member who like the paper copy and SOB is emailing over 70 people with the electronic version. It is also posted to the web site so if you ever need to find some info from a back edition, you can always get it there.

We had a quick wrap up of Young Eagle activities for the year and we're looking forward to flying more kids next year. Jeff Tucker is our YE coordinator and does a great job. If you want to see a fully automated/computerized application and

certificate system, come to our next rally. Jeff has this process figured out.

We also discussed Dr. Keith Baird, the lead flight surgeon for Apollo 13, who came to Terre Haute to speak on Wednesday, December 10, 7 pm in the GM Room at Rose-Hulman. He was invited by the AIAA student chapter at Rose. We also showed the movie Apollo 13 the week before Dr. Baird's visit just to get the subject of his talk fresh in our minds. This will have already happened by the time you get this newsletter, and I hope you went.

We briefly discussed some meetings and fly-outs for next year. One early meeting with be with the ATC folks from HUF who will give us an update on what's happening with them and HUF and a general GA safety briefing. We also discussed scheduling a visit to Don Bussart's early in the year, and finding a spot in our schedule for an annual meeting at Dave Wilson's place north of Rockville. We have also been invited to tour both Midwest Aero Restorations in Danville, IL and MidWest Texans in Huntington, IN. They are both award winning restorers/maintainers of Warbirds. Most recently, Midwest Aero finished Happy Jack's Go Buggy, the Grand Champion Warbird at Airventure this year, and MidWest Texans focuses on only the T-6/Harvard/SNJ and is the best place in the country to take your T-6 for most any work from annuals to restorations. You can check them out at <http://midwestaero.com/> and at <http://www.midwesttexans.com/index.htm>

I know several of us are looking forward to those trips.

The Christmas party was also discussed. We used to have one every year, but skipped last year for the first time in a while. A show of hands at the meeting showed that a few want a party, a few don't want one, and several don't have a preference. Unless someone would like to organize a party for this year, right now we plan to substitute the Dr. Baird presentation as our December meeting and skip the party. There was discussion of the traveling aircraft. If anyone knows who has them, would you please let one of your officers know.

And that brings up the issue of our election. President Welsh presented a slate of officers and after some discussion and a vote, here are the new victims, ah, er, your new officers.

President/Newsletter Editor: Some SOB

Vice President: Jim Fisher

Treasurer: John Watler

Secretary: Jeff Wellum

Web Editor and Young Eagles Coordinator:
Jeff Tucker

I'll contact Larry Wheelock and Mike Wonder to see if they would like to remain as technical advisor and homebuilding counselor/flight advisor or you guys can let me know when you get this newsletter.

And we all want to thank Keith for all his years of service. He and a couple of others kept the chapter going when it was at some times of very low involvement. He was the

president on at least two different times and did the newsletter for years. He is stepping down for reasons of time constraints, but he's knows he is welcome back to 'officer country' any time.

As you note from the list of officers, Jim Fisher and Jeff Wellum are new officers. This is a very good thing and we are seeing an upswing in the numbers of members attending the meetings. These are both trends at a time when participation in organizations like this is a challenge. Good for us.

Again, we want to thank John Watler and all the chair carriers for hosting and helping with the meeting on a very cold and blustery day.

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

As Keith and SOB reported, we've changed our dues structure. The new deal is:

\$10 if you want the newsletter by email,
\$15 if you want the newsletter mailed to you.

This is to support the increased costs of producing and mailing the paper version. The paper version isn't as good either as it's in black and white, while the pictures are in color in the e-version.

And 2009 dues are due, so pay up based on the plan above. Please send your dues to me at:

John Watler
2632 Farrington Street
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If you get the paper version, you have until the first flying meeting (probably April) to keep getting your newsletter. After that, SOB will stop sending it if you haven't paid. We don't want to lose you, but you gotta help us pay the freight.

Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

Pilot credits for the Young Eagles flown on October 11 have been issued by the EAA Young Eagles office. You can see a summary of YE pilot credits by going to the Young Eagles page on our website, and selecting the link for local pilots.

Young Eagle statistics for the October rally: 90 application forms were distributed by Joyce Sticklynn at Honey Creek Junior High School; 45 were completed and returned to the school; a total of 33 students were flown at the rally.

My thanks go out to Joyce at HCJHS, YE pilots and volunteers, HUF tower personnel, and the Terre Haute flight center for their help with this event.

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

The email capabilities of the website have been restored by our host. All eaa83.net email addresses should now work. Also, all

contact links on the site should now be working.

Over the winter months, while I'm stuck indoors, I plan to make several changes to our web site. I will be removing or repairing bad links, removing unused feature items such the swap meet, and making some cosmetic changes that will hopefully give the site a new look. While these changes are in progress, there may be some periods where certain areas of the site are down. I will try to keep those down times to a minimum.

Recent Sightings – Member News

From Matt

Anyone flying to the Washington DC, under the now permanent ADIZ, has to pass a short course and get a certificate of accomplishment. That certificate needs to be held (although not necessarily in the plane) in case there is ever any questions about how you screwed the pooch.

The course can be found here:

<http://faasafety.gov/default.aspx>

You have to register to take that course. There are several good courses and many safety documents available on the website. It's a hassle to jump through the hoops, but there's a bunch of good information for conscientious private pilots, too. I'm sure most of you have been to the site already. But I had heard the course was hard to find. Anyway, there it is.

I thought about flying east (weather permitting) to go to the Smithsonian Air and Space museum. So I figured I'd go ahead and jump thought the hoops now. Dunno if I'll ever use the ADIZ or not, but at least I'm a little ahead of the curve if I so choose.

From SOB

Jim, Kelvin, Eric, and I flew to Danville, IL, because we heard of a P-51 gathering. There were only 3 there, but they were 3 beauties, one being the OSH Grand Champion Warbird, Happy Jacks Go Buggy, restored right at Danville. The other 2 were Moonbeam McSwine flown by Vlado Lenocho, and Excalibur. We saw them airborne as we were inbound, then they did an overhead and then several passes followed by landing, taxi, and parking. Here are some pictures.



The P-51 line at Danville



Here's the entire line at Danville. Jim's 182, Kelvin's Cherokee 6, the SOB Comanche, and Eric's Tiger, next to the 3 Mustangs.

More from SOB (imagine that?!)

A couple of weekends ago, Matt and I with Jeff and John flew to Grissom to visit their museum and we were pleasantly surprised. There were many more aircraft that we remembered from flying over, and they have a nice, but small, building stuffed with cool stuff. Now that Grissom is open to the public, you should check it out. I think they have over 20 very interesting aircraft outside and almost all have display plaques with info and history.



John in an F-4 Phantom cockpit at the Grissom Museum



SOB in a Huey making whop-whop noises and pretending he can fly. Also at Grissom

Chapter Business

Keith is busy sending in our Chapter Status Report to EAA HQ so we'll be in good standing for next year.

ATIS (Communications)

This is the coolest movie ever. You can watch it online at:

<http://www.hulu.com/watch/49206/speed-and-angels>

It's a sort of documentary about two young pilots in training to fly Tomcats. Yeah, it's a little dated, but it has in cockpit and carrier video that's the best I've ever seen.

This from Pat Adams

Do you know a young man or woman (smarter than the average bear) who is looking for a career in aviation?

The FAA is hiring air traffic control trainees off the street.

You have to be younger than 32...sorry SOB

Please go to:

<http://jobs.faa.gov/Allfaajobs.htm>

click "I am not a current FAA employee" in the "key word search" box type "air traffic controller"

then click on "air traffic control specialist trainee"

then follow the instructions

Any problems or questions call me at the office 317-227-5812. You too, might be an air traffic controller...

This from Jeff McNabb, an ISU guy, pilot, good guy, and new aircraft owner...

Thanks for your help. I took possession on Saturday of the airplane.

Its a one owner 1959 Cessna 172. The previous owner was Josephine Richardson who I guess had been a Memorialized member of the 99's (the Amelia Earhart club of women flyers) Not sure when she died but had left the plane to a friend who finally sold it. Troy Allen got to meet her a few times, said she was a real character. Im going straight to an annual, so it will be a couple of weeks after thanksgiving. It looks pretty good.

And this from the Terre Haute Humane Society

They are looking for drivers or pilots who are interested in transporting dogs to other

places. Apparently, while Terre Haute has lots of critters, other places don't and would take some of ours, so...

If you are willing to transport a dog to another humane society next time you travel, please e-mail Theresa Selcke (selckete@rose-hulman.edu) with your name, where you live, and an e-mail and/or phone number. Some pooch would really appreciate it.

And rumors are that Jeff Tucker is sniffing around some certified aircraft. Could it be that we may have a new owner in our midst shortly???

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

We're planning, but nothing is on the books until the weather gets a bit more predictable...

Our Next Meeting... No clue yet, but SOB's working on it.

And now for some extra pictures...



Now here's a flight line. 3 P-51's, a Tiger, and a Comanche...

This is too cool...

New exhibit at Wright-Patterson.

The crew for the final flight of the U.S. Air Force C-131 known as the Total-In-Flight Simulator (TIFS) pose with the aircraft Nov. 7 near a restoration hangar at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. The unusual aircraft flew some 2,500 research flights and contributed to the advancement of many of the flight technologies integral to today's fleet. Prior to its retirement, the TIFS, a 1955 Convair, was the oldest operating aircraft in the Air Force inventory.



Talk about a schnozzle...

