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Our Next Meeting...

Will be determined by our new Chapter 83, President, Alan Harder. More news on that later in the newsletter...

The Last Meeting - Jeff Wellum

December 15, 2012

Minutes

Meeting called to order by President Bill Foraker.

Bill gave an overview of the current and possible future, unclassified airport activities.

Attendance 16:

Dale Barkley, Matt Throckmorton, Ken Campbell, Alan Harder, Nick Mahurin, Chad Williams, George Bakken, Jordan Brown, Alex Smith, Jerry Badger, Tim Piroli, Larry Richter, Jeff Wellum, John Watler, Ken Lorenz, and Bill Foraker.

MEMBER NEWS:

Dale Barkley has had some recent health issues but it sounds like he is back to making progress on his motor glider. He also discussed the opening of 18/36 runway at Edgar County airport. John Watler made a landing there recently and says it is very nice. Dale says to watch out for deer anytime you land at PRG.

Matt is in the middle of the condition inspection of his Rocket. He reports that everything seems to be checking out well. He has also started his multi training in a twin Comanche.

Ken Campbell is getting back into aviation after a few year hiatus. He previously owned a Long EZ and is now looking for something to fly.

Alan Harder has the Flutter Bug up and flying again and is planning for a late spring completion of his Chief.

Nick Mahurin's beautiful Cessna 340 is due for its annual. He has been doing some updates on it this year and flew it to Houston in October. He has also completed several Angel Flights recently. He very much enjoys providing transportation to those in need of medical treatment who can't afford the costs of commercial aviation.

Chad Williams has been busy at Williams Aviation. He is making a generous donation to help fund the Wright-Patt trip for the group.

George Bakken flew his Skyhawk to Colorado this summer. He reports that the new Power flow exhaust lives up to the advertized numbers for increase power and climb capabilities.

Air traffic controller extraordinaire, Tim Piroli, worked Oshkosh this year. He gave a few highlights of his experience. After 5.5 years at HUF, he has accepted a position at Columbus International to further his career, although this means we will be losing him when he moves after the first of the year. Good Luck Tim!

Tim has been a regular attendee at our meetings and many of our events. We will miss his knowledge, experience, and friendship. He is also the only ATC person to be actively involved with us. Bill will talk to Mike J. about anyone at HUF ATC who might be interested in maintaining the liaison link accomplished so well by Tim.

Larry Richter is making progress on his Velocity. Estimated completion is "Tuesday".

John Watler has recently completed his instrument proficiency check.

Jordan Brown (Pilot extraordinaire) flew the twin Beech to Florida over Thanksgiving. He has received his type rating in BOTH the B-25 and TBM! He relayed his experience with flying the B-25 to Glacier National park this summer.

Alex Smith is a 30,000 (PLUS) hour pilot and A&P Mechanic. He does check outs in the twin Beech and many other planes. He owns a Stearman, Cessna 180, and a Mooney (that is for sale. He wants to buy a Tiger Moth).

Jerry Badger is back in the air again after jumping through hoops for the FAA for his medical. He is having an electrical issue with his Mooney diagnosed at Muncie Aviation as we speak.

Bill Foraker has been flying a bit, but will be putting his Comanche on the market after Chad completes the annual and he attends to another couple squawks. Bill got to fly along on the B-25 with Jordan on a Veterans' Day trip to Quincy, IL. He will also be working ground ops at the Superbowl in New Orleans in early February. Good thing he got some training last year at Hoosier Aviation!

Events:

The Wright –Pat trip will be scheduled ASAP.

Jerry Badger reports that a Mooney maintenance seminar will be held at HUF on June 8 & 9. All you Mooney owners will want to attend this.

Jordan Brown reports that there may be a flying club that may be starting up in Terre Haute. It may be a resurrection of a previous club from years ago.

The going away party for Tim Piroli will be on Friday, January 4. More details will be forthcoming.

At this meeting we also held election of Chapter officers for 2013. Our new president for 2013 is Alan Harder. Alan was coerced into taking over the president slot from a busy Bill Foraker (he actually just wanted to see something get done this year). Jim Fisher, John Watler, and Jeff Wellum will continue to serve as chapter Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary next year.

We also passed a resolution about chapter dues. But don't panic – no increase. Dues will still be \$10 and will include an electronic newsletter sent via email and posted to our web site. The only impact of the resolution was to discontinue the \$15 dues level for those who still wanted a paper newsletter. We will no longer print and mail newsletters, so any members who don't have email or web access will have to get one from a friend who can print one or make some other arrangements with SOB (if you can find him).

There was considerable interest in requesting a tour of the new TV10 building through our old buddy, Jeff Tucker. Bill will contact him about this.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

As noted in the member news, SOB will be contacting Turner to reschedule our bus trip to Wright-Patt asap. Watch your email for details.

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

We have money in the bank (no thanks to SOB) and the bills are paid. We even have enough to pay our Chapter dues and EAA insurance bill for 2013. Woo-Hoo!

Chapter Business

SOB received our Chapter 83 renewal packet from EAA HQ. He and Alan met and completed most of the info. Alan will get a check from John and return our package to put us in good standing for 2013.

Idle Chatter (The President's Corner)

Even if I did do a lousy job in 2012, I still enjoyed my time as pres and we had some good years. I know we're in very capable hands with Alan at the helm and he already has some good ideas for keeping the chapter interesting and relevant. I know we'll all do what we can to support his work to rejuvenate our chapter.

I hope you all have a Great Christmas and New Year's celebration. If you don't do Christmas, have a great time doing what you do. If we were all alike, it would be a very boring place... so party on! And hug the people you love!

And now, a few pictures...

Here's me at the Sacramento Air show this summer before I got runned over and got my toe broke. I don't know what I was tugging, but I'm sure I was doing a good job of it – and safety first with my hand signals and all. Thanks to UPS for supporting us with the loan of two tugs for the show. I just wish one had a hitch on the front...



And below is in the new tower at Oshkosh during AirVenture. Tim got Matt and Me a tour. You gotta be very special to get this treatment, I'm just sayin'...



Here's a great shot of our good buddy, Dave Thomas, doing what he loved – moving jets. Miss you buddy.

and here's a shot of our new President with his soon to be completed Chief

