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EAA Chapter 83



A not uncommon sight in the sky over Hulman Field.



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## Prez Sez

Here's to another great year of flying, with member activities from coast to coast!

Really--coast to coast! In June, Matt Throckmorton and JP Mellor flew Matt's F-1 Rocket into Dulles International where they exhibited it for a day at the Smithsonian's Udvar-Hazy National Air and Space Museum. On the other coast, September saw Bill Foraker working as part of the Airdales Crew at the California Capitol Airshow at Mather Field in Sacramento, CA. Members flew to some great fly-in events around the area too--Shawnee Field, Shumway "Inner-national", Lee Bottom, Sikeston (threw rolls) Noblesville, Sullivan, Hendricks County, Greencastle and Eagle Creek. And it wasn't far, but there was an excellent Aeronca fly-in at Sky King. Jeff Tucker and Jeff Wellum coordinated 2 Young Eagle events, and Jim Fisher secured a full-page spread in the Sunday paper featuring the pilots and planes of Chapter 83.

That only scratches the surface, of course--many hands made light work, and great fun.

Thanks to all our members and friends for making Chapter 83 a leader in education, safety and fun.

One building project was completed--Dale Barkley's Xenos is in the air and Dale continues to learn its flight characteristics. Kevin Davidson has finished the wings for his RV and begun work on the fuselage. Jeff's RV isn't quite that far--still "3 weeks" from finish. Larry Richter's Velocity will be done (some) Tuesday. My 6-year restoration of the '46 Chief finished up and it's now in hangar 2 at HUF instead of Mansfield, Ohio.

Congrats to Bill Foraker, finishing up a dynamic and productive term as the interim director of Terre Haute International Airport. Challenges abounded, but under Bill's leadership the airport has moved forward to a much better position. We look forward to continued support for General Aviation as Jeff Hauser takes the reins on January 1st.

We have the 1st meeting of 2015 set--our safety meeting focusing on the things that bring airplanes out of the air catastrophically, with emphasis on how NOT to do that!

We're still casting about for the most-wanted Wings courses for the Feb and March meetings. Send me your thoughts! We'll be making those decisions at the start of the new year.

Fly often,  
Be safe!

Alan



## VEEP'S PEEPS

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ONE AND ALL!

Secretary's Minutes

No minutes for December meeting -- just food, fun and friendship!

Pictures from Chapter 83 Holiday Open House



Before...



After.  
Gone, but not forgotten.

Thanks to Bill for the hot mulled  
cider, and to the Wellums,  
Brickleys, Crosses, VanEttens  
and Harders for their delicious  
snacks.

For those who made it to the Chapter 83 Open House, there was food, conversation and SOB's mulled cider.



Ye olde Chapter 83 revelers.



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New Warbird-ers JP and Kathy Mellor beside their newest possession.



Wow, a bendable straw to suck up oil directly from the container on the floor.

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### Chapter 83 Calendar Upcoming Events

Friday 12/19--Pilot Lunch, Twiggy's Noonish

Saturday 1/10/15--Chapter 83 Meeting