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ISU MEYERS TECHNOLOGY BUILDING: INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Hello again everyone. I'll bet none of you out there miss that very cold weather we've had the past few weeks. Our last meeting at the ISU Technology building was attended by sixteen members and guest. Bruce Welsh put on a very informative session on winter flying. The film shown demonstrated the many varieties of conditions one can expect when flying cross countries during the winter months including the effects of temperatures and moisture content with different altitudes. Pretty cool stuff. Also Bruce talked about the various info we have available for



flight planning including meteorological reports and useful guides for weather reporting information. Bruce has put together a web site where all this and much more can be viewed. It is at

isu.indstate.edu/welsh/223/wx-guides.htm He not only focuses on info gathering materials but also educational materials as well for learning and understanding weather. Next month he plans to have a representative from the flight

service facility at HUF to talk to us about getting a briefing and using the many services provided by flight service both on the ground and in the air. Considering the Chapter is planning some trips which would involve flights up to 200 miles this info could come in real handy.

Foraker and I served as host's with drinks and a fruit and cheese tray to which I'm grateful that it all got eaten. Thanks.

MEMBER NEWS:

Bill Foraker has enrolled in the Angle Flight program where he will lend his time and plane to fly kids needy of medical attention to facilities where they need to go.

Ken Brewer has graduated from the 2.5 year aviation mechanic course at IVY Tech with an Associate in Aviation Mechanics degree. Congratulations Ken.

Reed Usrey is planning to (and may have already started) the conversion of his RV-6A to the tail wheel version RV-6. I'm sure anyone who appreciates tail draggers, as I do, will find comfort in his plan. Good luck Reed. Can't wait to see it.

As several may know by now I am no longer involved in the profession of farming. Effective as of 16 December I guess one could say I took early retirement and started a new career working in my wife's American Family Insurance agency in Terre Haute. And American Family doesn't insure airplanes. Bummer !!

There are a few airplanes for sale in the area. Mike Wonder has his Luscombe Model 8 for sale and there is a beautiful 160 hp RV-6 and a Stinson 108 for sale as well. If interested let one of us know and we will help you to get in touch with the owners.

CHAPTER BUSINESS:

Foraker reports that he has had about 15 surveys turned in. If you don't have one there will be extras at the next few meetings. We would like to have as many back as possible. After all participation is key to success. I love what the EAA stands for and would sure like to see our Chapter share in that success.

We have received word that Tom Flock will not be in town to host the April meeting at the Waco Factory in Rockville. Instead Foraker is working on a repeat of one of the most informative meetings I have attended in a long time regarding ATC functions at HUF which is a Class D facility with radar services. Discussed will be all operational criteria both on the ground and in the air and especially interesting are the procedures used by the Air Natl. Guard. This you won't want to miss. We are hoping to secure a room at Ivy Tech. This will allow for those who wish to fly in.

And last but not least we will need host's for the next two meetings. Foraker and I did the last one but that is all. If I have to I will call upon a few of you to help us out. These will NOT be lunch meetings. Refreshments will do just fine. Always best are volunteers though. Just give me a call if you can help.



TREASURERS REPORT: by Matt Throckmorton

Thanks to those who've paid their 2003 dues. Some payments are still straggling in to my office. Hopefully I'll attend the next meeting to take dues in person. It all depends on whether or not I find a replacement Citabria or Decathlon to examine. The search for a replacement plane continues. The latest prospect was sold out from under my nose. It sold 3 hours after the ad was placed on the internet at Trade A Plane. It's going to be tough to compete for the good ones.

Calendars are still available for 9 bucks. Try to get one at your next meeting. Still cheaper than retail. And they are heavy. I hate carrying them around. They sure look nice, though. Great packaging and some of the nicest pictures I've seen in years.

Mail your dues to my office in Clinton. Email me at Docthrock@att.net if you have any treasurer stuff. Or if you have a lead on a nice taildragger. I'm considering all kinds of possibilities.

Keith and I are planning a trip to Dayton Ohio when it's warmer. We want to go to the Air Force museum AND the Wright brother's bicycle museum. The idea is to ride motorcycles over there and stay overnight. Then ride back after visiting the museums. We might end up just flying, but who knows. More info on that later. Anyone wanting to go motorcycling in the Spring, give me a call. A perfect day for me is when I can ride to the airport to go flying!

TRUE PILOT STORIES:

One day, the pilot of a Cherokee 180 (Bruce Dallman) was told by the tower to hold short of the runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out, turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee. Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane, Did you make it yourself?" Our hero the Cherokee pilot (Bruce), was not about to let the insult go by and came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like that and I'll have enough parts for another one."

There's a story about the military pilot calling for a priority landing because his single-engine jet fighter was running "a bit peaked." ATC told the fighter jock that he was number two behind a B-52 that had one engine shut down. "Ah," the pilot remarked, "the dreaded seven-engine approach."

And last...A student became lost during a solo cross-country flight. While attempting to locate the aircraft on radar, ATC asked, "What was your last known position?" Student: "When I was number one for take-off".

NEXT MEETING:

We will meet next on **SATURDAY 8 FEBRUARY at the ISU MEYERS TECHNOLOGY BUILDING on the INDIANA STATE CAMPUS in TERRE HAUTE at 1:00 pm IN, 12:00 noon IL.** Look for room directions when you get there. Please note we will be on a 1:00pm start time for the three winter meetings. Meyers is located 1 block North of Wabash on Cherry St between 6th and 7th. Cherry is 1 way West so turn West onto Cherry at about 7th or 9th as 8th is one way South. Parking is available to the East of Meyers between 8th and 9th or between Meyers and the Hulman center. This will be the second of three Weather School meetings. Hope to see you all there.

Fair Sky's

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