



# ***EAA CHAPTER 83***

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Aviation Education, Homebuilt Aircraft, and Private Aviation

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## **February, 2004**

### **From Your President - Keith Welsh**

Hi again everyone.

Your officers finally got together on 31 January at the HUF restaurant for breakfast. It was too blasted cold to fly anywhere so we stayed local. By the way, Wanda and crew serve up a goood breakfast and the prices are ok too.

About 3 hours later, we came up with a plan which will encourage a lot of flying from April thru November. We tried to arrange the year so that January thru March would be educational meetings and April thru November would be meetings at airport and airstrip locations ending the year with the Christmas party at the HUF restaurant. We also talked a lot about fly-out destinations. Some will coincide with preplanned activities while many others will be on an "as weather allows" basis and rely heavily on our new Chapter Web site and e-mailings to get the word out on short notice.

The best thing for you members who are internet capable is to develop the habit of checking the Chapter Web site regularly from mid week on. We will be putting a lot of effort into finding ways for you to enjoy your love for flying, which should be easy as there are lots of places to go during the flying season.

And we are working on the prospect for a day trip to Wright Pat to the USAF Museum later in the summer. So stay tuned.

In other news we have been given the opportunity to participate in this year's Air Fair as a participant.

This is our chance to showcase the Chapter, recreational aviation and the EAA. It is through the

efforts of the Chapter membership and officer leadership that we can approach this opportunity with high expectations by exposing the public to the varied and affordable world of recreational aviation and the high standards of the EAA.

I encourage you to consider not only your personal involvement but also to allow the displaying of your aircraft as well.

The plan is to provide a secure and controlled setting for our Chapter aircraft by corralling them in a fenced area while allowing limited public access under the supervision of Chapter members.

EAA will provide the materials and banners etc... that we may need to hand out. A tent will be erected from which to greet the public and provide a place for members to relax.

We will be discussing this and soliciting volunteers in the coming months. I would like no less that 10 Chapter members present at all times in the corralled area to handle questions, assist the public and provide security for member aircraft.

If you have any questions call me Keith Welsh at 217-826-2967 or Bill Foraker at 812-877-1518. And last I will be in Florida at the February meeting so be good to V.P. Ted and go easy on him.

Fair Skies,  
Keith

## The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Maybe our best turnout for January meeting, 21 (and one with good intentions) members attended the safety seminar held at the ISU College of Technology Myers Building presentation room. The program was the AOPA Air Safety Foundation safety seminar on More Never Again. The video presented 3 situations that were filled with examples of mistakes, poor judgment, and bad procedures that we could all relate to and learn from. The tapes generated good discussion that was amplified by examples presented by some of our more seasoned pilots. The facility was great and we thank Bruce Dallman for arranging for and hosting the meeting. Matt Throckmorton won the attendance prize, a Sky Spotter Weather CD provided by AOPA ASF.



A Thunderbird breakfast – pancake surprise!

## From Your Treasurer – John Watler

All the bills are paid and we are solvent. Dues are due, so if you haven't paid, get your \$12 to John Watler or you'll stop getting your newsletter and all the emails we send.

As of the meeting, there are only 2 EAA calendars left for sale, so if you want one, contact John right away.

## Young Eagles Report – Darrel Zeck

No rallies are planned for now, but we are scheduling events at local schools, so we'll have plenty of activity when the weather breaks.

## Web Report – Jeff Tucker

The web site continues to have new functions added all the time. The calendar is up, the discussion forum is up, and the newest addition is the Young Eagle page. The links page continues to grow and the email forwarding is ready to release. If you haven't used the web site, you should check it out:  
[www.eaa83.org](http://www.eaa83.org)

## Recent Sighting – Member News

### New Members

We had 2 new members at the meeting: Brad Barnhart and Eric Pitts. I know Eric works at the Air Guard, but I don't know much about Brad. We'll find out at later meetings. Frank McEachran from Marshall has also joined. Welcome aboard guys.

### Udvar-Hazy

Sounds like a Norwegian weather forecast, but it's actually a new aviation museum. Jim Pelkie has visited the Udvar-Hazy (pronounced OOD-var HAH-zee) Center at Dulles Airport just west of DC. It is the new facility of the National Air and Space Museum and is over 1,000 feet long. It houses almost all of aircraft and restoration projects that would not fit in the main NASM building on the Smithsonian Mall near the Capitol Building. Jim says it's a fantastic place with all kinds of aircraft and even has a good presentation of GA aircraft. It's open almost every day and admission is free to the museum, but you have to pay for the IMAX shows and other extras. The web site address is:

[www.nasm.si.edu/museum/udvarhazy/](http://www.nasm.si.edu/museum/udvarhazy/)

Sounds like you should stop in if you're near DC. I know I'm going asap.



Is this FOD or what??? I've heard of bird strikes, but moose strikes...

John Watler is installing a new instrument panel in his Cessna. He hopes to be done soon, but he's on his third panel – he didn't like the first two.

#### New Building at Wright-Patt

We had a member (I gotta take better notes) who had been to the Air Force Museum at Wright-Patt since the opening of their new building, and he says we should go. The old Cold War Corner of the WWII building has been given its own building and has lots of neat stuff, even a new home for the B-36 (and they said they would never move it!!!). We took a straw poll and many of the attendees think we should schedule a trip there this summer, and it should even be a flying trip to a nearby airport. We'll be talking about this more and deciding when to schedule our trip this summer or fall. The tentative date for the trip is Saturday, August 28. Let Foraker know if that date is good or bad for you.

Keith's 170 is ready for its annual at Casey. Foraker's Comanche is getting ready for its annual at HUF. Keith is still working on the cowling and firewall mods for the Quickie, and he's also planning a new panel and radio installation.

Curt is recovering in Daytona. It seems he got sand stuck on his sunscreen and lost some skin riding his bike on the beach. I know we all feel badly for him, but if he sends me one more email about sunshine, warm weather, the beach, or girls in swimsuits, I'm gonna break into his hangar and put some hail dents in his airplane.



Doug Claybrook in his newly restored 182RG.

### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

From Larry Wheelock in Southern Texas... I am having my annual chapter 595 fly in/carry in lunch at 1:00pm CST on March 21. All chapter 83 members are welcome. My airport is XS-56 on

the Brownsville Sectional as Bell Airfield. (It is also in the FAA and MS flight simulator data base) One mile south of Raymondville on west side of US Business 77 and on the South side of FM490. IFRR works as the Union Pacific Railroad borders the east side of the field. Runways 15/33 2600' and 09/270 3000' It is only around 1000 nm. Temps in 70s and 80s.

### Our Next Meeting...

Our next Chapter meeting will be on February 21, at noon at Rose-Hulman in the Myers Hall presentation room. It will be another safety meeting that focuses on pilot decision making. The last meeting was well received by those in attendance, and this one promises to be better with six situations to evaluate, discuss, and learn from.

To find the room, drive in the main entrance at Rose and when you get to the four way turn, go right/east. Follow the road down the hill and turn left at the first chance. Park in the lot on your right and the Myers building is the new one on your left. You can enter through the south doors or the ones on the east side near the north end of the building. The presentation room is on the first floor about 1/2 way down the main hallway on the west side of the hall. I'll do signs. See you there. If you have questions, call me. If you look at the RH web site campus map, Myers is building K. To find the map, go to: [www.rose-hulman.edu](http://www.rose-hulman.edu), and under quick links at the bottom of the screen, go to Map of Campus. The parking lot is right next to the building.

Hope to see you there.



Jack Kleiss flew his 152 to Wilson's Last Resort last summer. Remember when it was warm and the grass was green?



Okay, this does it. My next plane is gonna have an electrical system with a starter...



Ed Huddleston's beautiful 185.