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Aviation Education, Homebuilt Aircraft, and Private Aviation and
dedicated in the memory of
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Our Next Meeting...

10:00 AM Saturday, March 9th at WTHI.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Of course the big event is our bus trip to the National Museum of the US Air Force. We're going on Sat, Feb 9, and it should be a great day. I'm sure you know the details, but if not, call Alan or SOB. **And Thanks Again to Chad Williams of Williams Aviation for sponsoring the bus, and to Niki and Jordan Brown of Hoosier Aviation for sponsoring breakfast on the bus.**

As of now, there are 5 seats open on the bus. Email or call Alan or Bill quickly if you want to go!

If you're not going to Wright-Patt with us, here's a great alternative from Jack Vandeventer. If you can't go on the bus trip to Dayton, please consider our Meet the Examiners and iPad advanced Wings event. It's also on Feb 9 and registration is at 8am with an 8:30 start. Covering Sport, Private, Instrument, and commercial checkrides with four examiners and Q/A from all participants. Fly into KTYQ and stay for lunch.

For more info, email Jack at jack@masterinstruction.com or look here:
<http://www.montgomeryaviation.net/>

Also on Sat, Feb 9, SIV is having a fly in/drive in breakfast. They start at 8 and make some great pancakes.

Matt passed along an interesting development. He got word that there is a De Havilland Vampire fighter jet getting work done at Grissom and they plan to fly it on Saturday, Feb, 16. That would make a great fly out event if the weather is good. Heck, even if it doesn't fly, it would be very cool to see. For more info on the jet, check this out: <http://aviation.watergeek.eu/vampire.html>

And even if the jet isn't flying, the Grissom museum is a good visit if we get one of those 50 degree Feb days...

Recent Sightings – Member News

Jim Fisher got his medical so look out for the Skylane tearing up the sky around HUF. Great News!

Pres Alan Harder continues to get closer to flying the Chief. Here's a cool pic of the 'new' panel. Very nice.



From Don Lehman at Casey

I'm selling my 1977 Grumman Tiger, if you know anyone looking for such a bird. It has about 800tt and I think less than 100 hrs on new cyl and pistons, beautiful paint, and excellent interior. Its hangared at Casey, but I'm in FI for the winter. Jeff Wellum has seen the plane. If you know anyone interested, they can call me at 812-230-1761.

Eric Hettlinger passed along news of a press release from the Ft. Wayne Air Guard unit announcing that they will be keeping their F-16's. Rumors abounded that the jets were leaving, but this was good news for them.

Reed Usrey just bought an AeroTrek A-220 LSA. I know we'll all want to check it out at the first fly in.

Chapter Business

Thanks to some fast work by our new Pres, Chapter 83 got all its paperwork and renewal check to EAA HQ and we're in good standing for 2013.

ATIS (Communications)

From Ron Walker at SIV

Walker Aviation has purchased an IFR Cessna 172 for flight training and rent. If you know anyone looking for a Cessna 150, the one we have been using for training is for sale.

For more info, email Ron at SIV.Airport@Gmail.com or call him at 812-241-1102 for details.

And John VanEtten forwarded this link to a great collection of old aviation videos at:

<http://imageevent.com/okbueno/mopic>

You won't believe all the cool stuff.

We were contacted by the Women in Aviation group at Purdue about a YE rally. Here's the email.

I am Ashley Ringer with the Women in Aviation Chapter at Purdue University. We will be hosting a Girl Scout day at the airport April 6th all day. We will be telling the girls about different careers in aviation through fun activities. We would like to include Young Eagles flights. We have a great location to keep the kids safe and near the aircraft while the planes can pull up to drop students off. What we don't have is planes. Purdue will not allow us to use the Purdue fleet aircraft to complete Young Eagles flights. Can you please discuss with your chapter hosting an event for us at the Purdue airport on April 6th to fly these Girl Scout troops? We are expecting around 40 girls to participate in this event. Any other questions please ask.

Thanks for your time,

Ashley Ringer

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Also from Ron Walker at SIV...

Congratulations to Kent Booe, Eric Welch and Jim Ornduff, all three received their private licenses during the month of December! They join Royce McCammon and Dr. Chuck Price to make 5 new private pilots at SIV in 2012. Ryan Parker from Robinson has completed his cross country and is scheduled to take his check ride Jan. 19th!

President's Column

What a surprise--me, president?!? But sure enough, I seem to be.

In these first few weeks it's been exciting to begin getting my feet wet with activities and organization. We'll have our first meeting/trip this Saturday to visit the USAF museum at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton. (The "meeting" part will be pretty light-duty--mainly just visiting and bumping elbows and catching up with each other about winter projects and plans for 2013.

About half the bus will be filled by members of the Air National Guard, and half by our members and friends.

I'm looking forward to meeting the ANG folks on what looks to be a great trip.

Our March meeting will be at WTHI, hosted by Jeff Tucker, our intrepid webmaster and Young Eagle coordinator. We'll use the time to set the year's schedule of meetings and activities, and then get a great tour of WTHI's state-of-the-art broadcast facilities.

We'll have some possibilities in hand for activities and flyouts at the March meeting, and I would really REALLY like to hear ideas before then. I typed in a list of past chapter activities, but then took them back out; I want the process to be as wide-based and responsive as possible. I'd like to hear about your favorites from years past, things you would really LIKE to do, places to go, distance limits for flyouts, the number of YE events you would like to see--It's a fresh year, and the doors are open for exploration.

Already in the works:

>>We've applied to be a stop on the 2013 Ford Tri-Motor tour. No date is set yet and won't be for a while, but our name is in queue. They have two tours--one in the month or so before Oshkosh, and another in the month following. (At each contact, I've asked for a weekend schedule this time.)

>>YE Events. Also yet to be scheduled, but moving forward. Thanks to Jeff Wellum to signing on as a 2nd YE coordinator. (I learned when filling out our 2013 charter renewal that we can have up to 5 YE Coordinators.)

>> Website upgrades. We've switched web hosts, opting now for a site set up through EAA HQ. There was a little bit of down time as we made the switch, but Jeff has linked our domain: www.eaa83.org to the new host, so the same address we've always had works again.

(Check the picture in the banner from Betty DeBaun--a fly-out meeting to SIV more than a few years ago.) Jeff is working to add newsletter archives, and we have a few pictures in albums as well. The website includes a calendar for upcoming meetings and events. That will be THE place for schedule info.

>>Facebook: We have a Facebook interest group. It won't replace the newsletter and website for info and schedules, but it's a place to swap pictures and stories member-to-member. Link to: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/290705047698620/> and take a guess at what the heck that airplane is.

>>email: We have a chapter Gmail address: EAA83.TH@gmail.com. SOB and I monitor it, or you can get me directly at ANHarder96@gmail.com

Be safe--
Alan Harder

(Some personal background: I grew up in Evansville, IN in the 50's & 60's. Got the flying bug riding along with my father in a variety of airplanes. I worked briefly as a civilian for the Army Aviation Systems Command ('72-'73) then spent the next 3 decades working for the Social Security Administration. After retiring from SSA in 2006, I served for 5+ years as the associate pastor at Central Presbyterian Church in Terre Haute, retiring (again) in mid-2012.

First flight: July 4th, 1947, in a Cessna 140. (Don't remember much about it, but have the picture to prove it!)

Private SEL--1973, currently flying under light sport rules.

Current plane: Stits SA-6B "Flut-r-Bug," N10BM

Project Plane: Restoration/conversion of an Aeronca 11-AC, N86273. Time to completion: "3 weeks.")