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EAA Chapter 83



A rare sight. A DeHavilland Mosquito and a P-38 Lightning.



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Prez Sez

Many thanks to **Bob Brickley** and **Laurence Cross** for putting on the Wings course on ATC Comms this past Saturday. It was a great hour+ presentation from a "real, live controller" (two, in fact) that answered a host of questions. 39 attended in spite of blustery WX. (Kudos to the Baron that took off mid-meeting--the only flight we saw all morning!)

Which brings us to *Chapter 83* comms!

With a distant vision of good weather, we're beginning to think about fly-outs again--both planned and impromptu. We'll nail down the planned events at the March meeting, but at the end of 2014, we added a new feature to the website to help get the word out on impromptu flyouts and sharing seats: [Forums!](#)

The link to this new feature is on the left-hand menu of EAA83.org (the "Discussion Forum" button.) By subscribing to a forum, you can post events and receive email notices when someone else adds a comment or response. Forum members can communicate with each other via PMs (Private Messages) if they want to. Soooo--if the pilot lunch on Friday generates enthusiasm for a weekend flyout between meeting dates, anyone with a smart phone, tablet, etc can post the announcement while finishing off the breadsticks!

So how come Forums and not Facebook? (Or just relying on the Weekend Updates and Newsletters?)

Two things, mainly:

- Just under half our members use Facebook. The Chapter 83 group on Facebook is great, but events posted there can't be seen by 50+% of us; and
- The Weekend Updates are usually put together on Wednesday evenings, then edited and sent Thursday mornings in order to catch Friday lunch plans and any other Friday events. Impromptu flyouts sometimes get planned on Friday afternoons or Saturday mornings—too late to catch the Weekend Update. (*Sometimes* weekend updates are later than that, depending on the mood of yer prez, but not much.)

How come a subscription process?

- The forum needs to have your email address to send automated notices about posts that go up; and
- Without a subscription process, we're pretty certain to start getting forum posts on non-aviation topics from Hotchick18, pharmaceutical companies and de-throned foreign nobility.

What can we post?

A paragraph or two on your topic, and attachments in .jpg, .doc or .pdf format.

How many forums are there?

Just two for right now:

- ["Will Fly for Food"](#)* to cover impromptu flyouts; and
- A ["Seat Finder"](#) to facilitate sharing rides to both planned and impromptu flyouts.

We can add other topic-specific forums if there's interest.

(*Props to Chapter 21, from whom I purloined the title for this one.)

How to subscribe to a forum?

- Head to the chapter website (eaa83.org) and click the "Discussion Forum" button, or Just [click here](#) to go directly to the forums page;
- Click on the tab "Create a New Profile" in the top, right-hand corner;
- Make a user name for yourself, enter your email address and create a password;
- After clicking ENTER, you'll receive an email asking you to verify your account. Click the link in that email and you'll be welcomed to the EAA83 Forums.
- Once logged in you can customize your subscription to, among other things, specify how you want to be notified of forum posts.

Hope this makes things easier!

Fly often, be safe—

Alan



VEEP'S PEEPS

Following the Prez Sez's advice above, I took the time to register with the Chapter 83 Forums page. It is easy to do. I urge everyone to take a little time and register. It can become a great resource for communicating among Chapter members.

Secretary's Minutes

This month's meeting was an FAA Safety Seminar. 39 attended.

Welcome back to former Chapter 83 member Bill Cress! Bill came to the meeting along with his son, Kevin Cress and grandson Logan Hambock. All 3 are pilots and all three joined!

Pictures from Chapter 83 Meeting
February 14, 2015



Bob Brickley ponders an answer to one of the many questions asked regarding communicating with ATC.



Chapter 83 members and interested parties attending the WINGS course on ATC communications.

Chapter 83 ATIS

A reminder to any who haven't paid the measly \$10, dues are due.

Chapter 83 Calendar Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 14th: Chapter meeting and fly-out planning! Location TBA

Thursday, April 9th: Double Wings course on Emergencies. Back-to-back presentations on ISU's campus (downtown.) Times and venue TBA. (Ignore the incorrect date in the weekend update--It's Thursday the 9th!

Saturday, May 2nd: ISU Flight Academy Fly-in/Drive-in