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## THE CHRISTMAS PARTY at the ROSE HULMAN: MEMORIAL UNION

Well.....how do you do everyone and HAPPY NEW YEAR. This edition of the newsletter marks somewhat of a small milestone. This is the first January edition I've done since having taken over the newsletter in 1996. Why has it been missing for so long? For several years the January meeting usually involved lots of lousy frigid weather and on top of that a Friday evening after a long week at work was enough to coax many to stay at home. With the interest leaning more and more toward year around Saturday meetings many felt a January meeting was worth a try. After the response we got following the two Weather Schools by my brother and ISU aviation weather expert Bruce Welsh, who teaches in the Indiana State Aerospace Dept., we decided to ask if he would do three Weather Schools during the winter months. He has planned three very informative evenings for us starting with "Weather Materials Available to Pilots and How to Use them" plus the showing of the first half of a very good film called "Winter Flying". That alone is enough reason to be there or be square especially when our lives depend on how well we interpret weather info when faced with that go, no go decision.

The Chapter Christmas Party was again a lot of fun with 22 attending this year. After a VERY good meal prepared by the Rose food service staff we enjoyed an evening of fun and flying. Everyone was to make their idea of the perfect paper plane. One which was not only well behaved but could run with the wind. First was the spot landing contest. The contestants were to launch their plane from a marked spot to a runway complete with obstacles like people and planes. Floyd Haumesser's plane landed nearest to the spot placed on the runway center line. For his efforts he was awarded a forever flash light. You just shake it up to use it, no batteries. Next was the endurance contest. Jack Kleiss had the longest flight of over 20 feet. Having earlier left to get my camera I got back and made a plane just in time to give the endurance flight a shot and wouldn't you know I won for the second year straight. Guess you could say I successfully defended my title. The prize was a forever flash light. Other flying awards were given for the best "Stall and Spin" which went hands down to Linda Winters when her plane did a loop, a 180 and landed behind her in a full stall while attempting the Spot Landing and Dave Thomas for the "Crash and Burn" when his plane stuck into the ceiling when attempting the Endurance Flight.



Follows are a few shots of flyers in action. Notice Linda's form



Floyd's winning plane



Welsh's winner



Linda's land lover



The Thomas missile

and grace with that determined look on her face as she launches her plane into space. Unfortunately that's about the only time the plane looked good. Ernie Winters lets go of what appears to be a good flight in the making.

Other awards of recognition for the year were the Master Flyer



Award given each year to the person who manages to fly to the most Chapter fly-in meetings which went to Matt Throckmorton for making five of the six meetings. Also our traveling airplanes were given to Jack Kleiss and Pan Valentic. The previous caretakers were

Cleone Markwell who added another wing to the men's plane making it a bi-plane and Ann Fetcher who had the women's plane and added an American Flag and Santa.

Much appreciation goes to Bill Foraker for arranging for such a



nice facility and Chapter Christmas Party. Thanks Bill.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT: By Matt Throckmorton**

Thanks to all of those who have paid the 2003 dues. Regrettably, someone who used one of the little grey envelopes and mailed it from Terre Haute will have to pay again. Only the stamped half of the envelope got to my office, and of course it was empty. There was no way to tell who it came from. By the time you get the FEBRUARY newsletter, your checks should have cleared. So if you find your check hasn't gone through, please resend it.

Dues are still payable at \$12 for the year 2003. I will not send individual statements to people who have not paid. In Feb or March, if you have not paid you will simply be purged from the mailing list. Please mail your dues care of my office in Clinton: 1035 N. 9th St., Clinton, IN 47842. Feel free to call or email me if you aren't sure about your status. The easiest way to correspond with me is at docthrock@att.net or [EAA83@att.net](mailto:EAA83@att.net)

EAA (inter)national requires that our Chapter members have valid "national" memberships. At the next and subsequent meetings I will distribute a list and ask you to give me your EAA number. If you are not currently a member of the EAA "national" you cannot be a full member of a local Chapter. Please bring your EAA membership cards with you to the meetings so I can verify your membership and especially get your member number from you. I only have numbers for about 1/2 of the members, so please help me out on this one. Thanks.

#### **MEMBER NEWS:**

Curt DeBaun sent an e-mail, he and Betty are safely tucked away in Florida for the winter, saying his Champ is all gone and now resides in his sons garage in Lakeville, MN. A new overhauled engine should be setting on it by the time you read this. Curt says the plane will be painted yellow and white which will be quite a contrast from the red and white we have gotten used to.

Dennis Meng is now the owner of Citabria 57X. This is the plane previously owned by Doc Throck which was heat damaged in the hangar fire at HUF a few months ago. Dennis plans a ground up restoration of the 150 hp fuel injected plane.

While enroute home from OH after Thanksgiving President Darrel and his family were involved in a seven car pile up accident. Everyone is ok so not to worry, a little bruised and all but OK.

#### **CHAPTER BUSINESS:**

In the last newsletter you should have found a Chapter Information Survey. This is an important item which will help us plan the year in a way that benefits YOU. So please bring them to the next meeting as it's important we make an effort to have as many filled out as possible. We will have extra's at the meeting.

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

We will meet next 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. Cherry is 1 way West so turn West onto Cherry at about 7<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> as 8<sup>th</sup> is one way South. Parking is available to the East of Meyers between 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> or between Meyers and the Hulman center. This will be the first of three Weather School meetings. Hope to see you all there.

Fair Sky's

Keith



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