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Aviation Education, Homebuilt Aircraft, and Private Aviation



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Please pardon the change in format for this (and maybe subsequent) issues. It has been caused by a computer upgrade??? that won't allow the previous software to run. Let me know what you think, maybe you like this one too!

From your President – Keith Welsh

Happy new year everyone

For those who did not make the Christmas party you missed a good one. The airport restaurant did a great job accommodating us and the meal was very well done. Bill will have the full report later.

The month of December provided plenty of good flying weather and I hope many of you had the chance to enjoy some of it. I was able to make Mattoon for breakfast on one Sunday and flew to SIV a few times just to visit.

The three winter meetings we have planned should be a VERY good preseason conditioning meetings with the AOPA seminar in a box programs. These will consist of different subjects backed up with film and discussion to emphasize points of interest while promoting

education. Ya know, the kind of stuff to better our flying skills. And even more important these are Wings certified as Bill will explain further a little later.

Your officers will, hopefully, be meeting shortly to firm up the coming year schedule. More on that in a later issue of the Chapter 83 news.

Hope to see ya'll soon.
Fair skies
Keith



The Last Meeting - by Bill Foraker

If you didn't make it to the Christmas party, you missed a good one. It was a small, but lively gathering, as only 24 members attended. Several were at other family and work related events and couldn't attend. Such is the bustle of Christmas.

At the meeting, we had a good meal, thanked all the outgoing officers for their work and presented those in attendance with certificates and pins for their service, installed the new officers (list to follow), displayed the traveling chapter aircraft and presented them to their new caretakers, discussed the next three meetings (more later), and conducted our annual paper airplane fly-in. And we did all this quickly because it was snowing like crazy outside.

As you know, we tried the Hangar Restaurant at HUF this year and we were not sorry. Wanda Harrah went all out and had a great meal and great service for us. She had an especially good selection of desserts and you should have seen the pork chops – 1 inch thick. After the meal, those in attendance voted to return next year to give the rest of you a chance to enjoy the fun with us.

For the record books, the winners of the cross-country flying contest were: Jesse Winters – closest to the spot, Doug Claybrook – 2nd closest, Linda Claybrook – 3rd closest, and Jack Kleiss for the closest after 3 legs (he built a great flyer, but couldn't land). There was some discussion about disqualifying the Winters Ace as he did kill the helicopter pilot with his third leg landing, but it turns out the helicopter pilot didn't have a current medical so his elimination made the skies safer anyway.



The Winners

We devised a new method for selecting the Chapter Traveling Aircraft this year, and after a hard fought drawing, Mary Rubek got the 99 aircraft, and Floyd Haumesser is the proud keeper of the boys's biwing. We know they will take good care of them and we'll look forward to seeing them again next year.

Our new officers are:

President - Keith Welsh

Vice President - Ted Black

Treasurer - John Watler

Secretary and Newsletter Editor - Bill Foraker

Web Editor - Jeff Tucker

Technical Advisor - Larry Wheelock

Young Eagles Coordinator - Darrel Zeck

Flight Advisor - Mike Wonder

Presently we are without a Membership Coordinator or a Flying Start Coordinator, so if you're interested in either of these positions, talk to Keith. These are appointed, not elected, positions.

Treasurer's Report - by John Watler

All the bills are paid and there is still money in the account, so all is well. As you know, dues are due, so if you haven't paid for 2004, send your \$12 to John Watler, 2632 Farrington Street, Terre Haute, IN 47803, or better yet, come to the next meeting and pay in person.

Young Eagles Report – by Bill Foraker

Well, Pete caught me. I goofed up. Last month, when I reported our Chapter's YE pilots with the most flights, I missed **Dave Jones** with **228 Young Eagles flown**. So he joins the distinguished group of Chapter 83 pilots with over 100 YE flown, which includes Dave Thomas with 147, Bob Holmes with 171, and Ernie Winters with 264. Well done to you gentlemen.

Recent Sightings – Member News

The chapter received a very nice Thank You note from Tony and Pam Valentic. You may recall they lost their daughter and son-in-law in a vehicle accident recently. The chapter made a donation to the Barney Fund in their name. Our thoughts and sympathy are with them.

On a happier note, Curt's Champ is making progress toward flying again. His most recent update from young DeBaun says "The rudder cables are complete, the elevator cables need re-done (one cable is too short). The elevator trim cable installation is completed. Aileron bellcranks with new cables are

now installed and connected to control tube. As you can see in background, new floorboards are getting 3 coats of spar varnish on both sides. Next up: brake pedal installation and rigging of brakes.”

Brakes?!?!? Curt don't need no stinkin' brakes...



If you try reeeeeeeel hard, you can visualize a Champ there somewhere...

<http://www.eaa83.org>

That's the new hot spot on the internet. Jeff Tucker has the chapter web site up and operating. Right now about half of the functions are working, but he's working so hard that the rest will be up in notime. Go check it out when you get a chance. The Weather, Become a Member, About Chapter 83, About EAA, Aviation Links, and the Calendar menu buttons all work. You can send your good links to Jeff or me and we'll hook them to the page. If you have suggestions, requests, or info to post, send your stuff to Jeff at qrp40@yahoo.com.

Also check out Eric Parker's web site at

<http://www.ericparker.net/>

He's got some great pictures. Especially look for the Flying Around, and Sullivan Meeting pictures and check out your plane...

One Fast Luscombe...



Our Next Meeting...

Is scheduled for Saturday, January 17, from noon to 2 pm, at the Myers Building on the ISU campus. The Myers Building is on Cherry Street between 6th and 7th streets. It's best to park in the lot on the NE corner of 7th and Cherry and walk west to the big limestone building. Go in the doors on the east end, and we're in the big room to your left as you enter, Room 105. It's on the east side of the lobby if you get inside and get lost. I'll have signs up.

As Keith said earlier, for January, February, and March, we're planning safety meetings. I have ordered three of AOPA Air Safety Foundation's Seminar's in a Box. The first two meetings will focus on pilot decision making, as we know that's what usually gets us when we get got. I was reading an article last week in AOPA Pilot and it said that GA pilots crack up one plane every week due to fuel mismanagement. I'd say that's some bad or non-decision making...

The third seminar is on weather for VFR pilots. We know you all liked Bruce Welsh's shows last winter, so we're doing weather again. I guess you can't know too much about weather. After we do the sessions, you are welcome to borrow the tapes and info to review them again or see them if you missed the meeting. Any questions, call or email me (Foraker).

Also as Keith mentioned, I have been in contact with Lew Owens, Safety Manger at the Indy FSDO, and he has certified these meetings as "Wings" meetings. That means they will each qualify for the safety seminar requirement for the Pilot Proficiency Award Program. With this and three hours of dual, you restart the clock for your biennial flight review, FAR 61-56. For the official scoop on the Wings program, go to:

[http://www1.faa.gov/fsdo/ind/wings\(1\).htm](http://www1.faa.gov/fsdo/ind/wings(1).htm)

Also, I'll go through the program at the meeting and give you the required paperwork.

The bottom line is safety. Pilots who participate in the Wings program have a dramatically better safety record than those who don't.



Here's Matt, Bruce, and Keith flying in such tight formation you could throw a blanket over them. You almost can't even tell there are three planes in the shot. Are these guys good, or what???



John Travolta's pitiful little house in Florida. The guy is so poor he can't afford hangar's for his airplanes...