



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

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This is a Quickie newsletter (pun intended) so I can get the word out on the Wright-Patt bus trip. Keith will resume his column next month.

### **The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker**

December meeting/Christmas Party  
Chapter 83 met at Kleptz's Restaurant on Saturday, December 9, 2006, for our last meeting of the year. 22 members attended the meeting and we had a good time. Around the tables were Bob Holmes, Ted and Barb Black, Norm Patrum and his wife, Ernie and Linda Winters, Jesse Beyer, Jeff and Katie Tucker, Denny Harmon and his wife, John and Barb Watler, Leon Williams and Beth, Kelvin and Jane Roots, Jim Fisher, Alan Harder, Keith Welsh, and SOB.

We started with introductions, followed by SOB talking forever. He talked about Michael Nearpass being close to taking his private checkride, Michael King about ready to solo, and Dale Cunningham's Cub for sale. By the way, it's a very nice Cub for a reasonable price, if you're in the Cub market. He talked about the bus trip to Wright-Patt (more on that later), and about all sorts of other trivia.

During the introductions, we found out that Bob Holmes has his Colt for sale. It's a good one and is very reasonably priced. We also found out that Jeff Tucker has about 5 hours and is progressing well. Jim Fisher has been to French Lick recently and says that the shuttle is running again. You call from the airport for a ride to the hotel. He says the casino was packed, and the airport is undergoing some expansion and renovation.

When SOB stopped talking, we finally ate our salads and lunch. From all reports, the food was good.

After the meal, we talked about some attendance totals for the year. Over 250 people attended out meetings in 06 and 41 people flew to meetings. Then we presented the master flyer awards, yes, two of them. Jim Fisher tied Matt Throckmorton for the most meetings flown to this year, so they each got a cool fluorescent trouble light, and a no battery, wind up LED flashlight. Thanks for flying to all our meetings, guys.



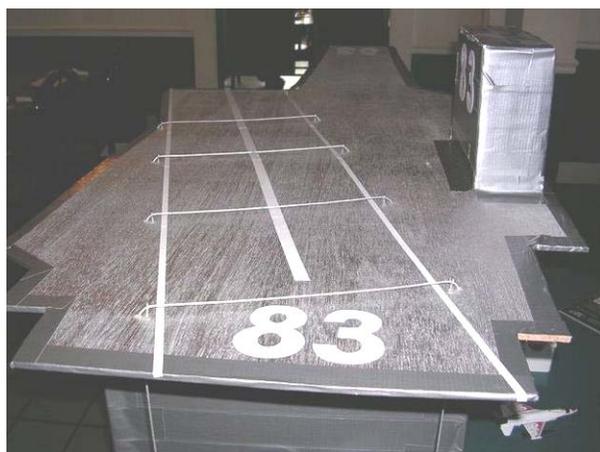
Jim Fisher's improvements to the 83 Aircraft

Our most highly attended meetings this year were Don Bussart's and Casey. Both had over 40 people attend. Don's was a particularly fun meeting with him telling some fascinating stories from his Air America days. This was the first time we'd had a big meeting at Don's, but not the last.

Next we awarded the Chapter's traveling aircraft to their new owners. Actually, we only presented one of the aircraft, as Neva Pitts who received the 99 aircraft last year, could not make the meeting this year. But the original chapter traveling aircraft was presented by Jim Fisher, it's caretaker and A&P for 2006. Jim added Wonder Woman and Homer Simpson to the airplane, and also got the strobe working. After his presentation, the aircraft was passed to Denny Harmon for 2007. As an experienced A&P and pilot, we know Denny will take good care of our baby.

Next SOB showed some goofy flying videos and then showed the Tom Flock Flyover Tribute video. Dean Brown produced this excellent video and if you haven't seen it, go to the news section of the web site to find the link to view it. It is very nice.

After that, we were supposed to do our paper airplane carrier landing flying competition, but SOB talked too much so we were out of time. We'll do the flying at the February meeting, because the January meeting is the bus trip to Wright-Patt. Get the details in the Next Meeting section of the newsletter.



On final for USS Terre Haute, CVN 83  
Notice the excellent arresting cables...

#### From Your Treasurer – John Watler

2007 dues are due. I have received them from many of you. If you haven't yet paid for 2007, please send me you \$12 to:

John Watler  
2632 Farrington Street  
Terre Haute, IN 47803

Or you can pay on the bus trip to Wright-Patt. If John doesn't go, you can trust you money with SOB or Keith...

#### Young Eagles Report – Adam Springmeyer

If you have any ideas about other schools or groups who might want to host a rally, please let Adam know. Also, if you have any ideas about what activities we can do with the kids before they fly, we'd like to hear them.

#### Recent Sightings – Member News

Steve Cox sent this cool web site for overhead images of the world. It's easy to operate and very cool.

<http://www.flashearth.com/>

#### Our Next Meeting...

The Terre Haute Ultralight Club is planning a bus trip to the Wright Patterson Air Force Museum near Dayton, OH, and they have invited us to go along with them. We have decided to make this trip our January meeting, so...

There are the important details:

**What:** A bus trip to the largest military aviation museum in the world – the US Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB in Dayton, Ohio

**When:** Saturday, January 27, 2007.

**Depart:** 7:00 am from the Turner Bus company parking lot at 2135 Margaret Drive (Margaret Avenue).

**Return:** Leave the museum after closing time at 5:00 pm and scheduled to arrive back in Terre Haute 8:30 to 9:00 pm.

No stops are planned. There is a bathroom on the bus. You may bring food and drinks as you desire.

**Cost:** \$30.00 per person

**You must have your reservation and money to John Seifert by January 6 if you want to go.** When you send your check, also send John your phone number and/or email address so he can confirm your place on the bus. Deposits will be returned to you if the trip gets cancelled for any reason.

Send you check and contact info to:

John Seifert  
1434 1/2 South 11th Street  
Terre Haute, IN 47802

Notes: As of December 21, 35 seats have been reserved and 12 seats are still available. If we fill this bus and more people are interested, we can upgrade to the larger bus.

Call or email if you have questions.

SOB



Your Terre Haute Racers in Action

The USS Indiana, BB 58, taken during WWII in the South Pacific. I'll bet you didn't even know there was a Battlewagon named for Indiana...





This is a new Super Hornet going off road after a problem with the brakes. Both mains skidded and blew causing a loss of control slide. The pilot did a good job of keeping the aircraft shiny-side up. You can still see smoke in the picture from the mains and notice the nosewheel is off the ground as the stabilators dig in...

Three big boys...



And one on its belly...



New member Carl Schoolcraft just bought an airplane, and you can see he went for the best and got a great Comanche...