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From your Vice President-Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone and Happy New year. To recap, 2023 was a good year for your EAA Chapter.

Our first two meetings of the year were at HUF with Laurance Cross giving a safety talk and airport director Jeff Hauser giving an update on the happenings at HUF.

March was at Rose Hulman with host Jim Mayhew letting us spend time in their wind tunnel lab ... that was fun. March 31st will be a date that will never be forgotten for the airport at Robinson, IL (RSV) when a tornado destroyed the airport buildings, hangars, airplanes ... everything.

In April we were again at the HUF Board Room.
Upon realizing that it had been several years since our last Young Eagles rally, I met with Alan, put together a plan and were able to have our first rally with the Clark Co. IL 4H in June followed by two more YE Rally's before the year's end.

For May we met at the Putnam Co. Airport (GPC) and on the 13th of May your EAA Chapter, Hoosier Aviation, the ISU Flight Academy and Lifeline hosted 20 kids from the Sarah Scott Middle School for an aviation career day at HUF. May 8th also saw the passing of long-time member, A&P, and Shawnee Airport host of several meetings Mike Wonder.

In June your chapter with Hoosier Aviation hosted the EAA's B-25 Berlin Express visit to HUF. We can't thank Nikki Brown and the Hoosier's line guys enough for their help.

July was AirVenture Oshkosh month. Flying there were Elliot and Melanie in their C-170A, Jordan and Ray Brown in the Beech 18 and C47 and me (Keith Welsh) in my Thorp T-18. 2023 marked the 60th anniversary of the T-18 design and JP Mellor in his T6 who flew in the warbird shows.









Photos from the B-25 Visit 15-18 June

August was the Air Power Tour at HUF. I hear the turnout was very good with several warbirds including the B-29 FIFI, B-24 Diamond Lil, P-51 Gunfighter, T-6 Texan a Stearman and others.

September saw the second Balloon Festival held at Fairbanks Park this year. Organizer Brandon Halleck was very happy overall with how everything turned out.

For October we met at the Edgar Co. Airport (PRG) for our last meeting of the year.

In November 34 YE's were flown for our second rally of 2023.

December, normally quiet, saw our third Young Eagle event flying 7 kids from a local Boy Scout troop. And finally on the 13th we celebrated the Christmas season with our pilot Christmas Party at Elliot and Melanie's hangar at HUF. A total of 57 signed in.

It's been a pretty good year for EAA Chapter 83. Thank you to everyone who made it possible.

Young Eagles Report: Alan Harder

Young Eagle flights were a highlight of the year!
We undertook three YE events: One in June, the next in
November, and a final one in December. We flew YEs from a
wide area geographically and drew six EAA pilots flying YE's
for the first time—much to their delight!

On International Young Eagle Day (June 10th) we_debuted the new online YE event manager and it worked like a charm! Parents reserve a YE flight for their kids online, and we had much better attendance rates. Most of the participants in June were members of 4-H in Western IL counties. Of the 37 registered, 34showed up and got rides! Adding to the day, ISU Flight Academy students pulled a DA-20 over to the gate and gave YE's a wonderful introduction to flight!

Brandon Halleck was instrumental in organizing the November event and agreed to serve as our 2nd Young Eagle Coordinator. After the event was posted to Facebook, our 30 advertised slots filled up in a week! We opened some standby slots, and they filled up too! Again, we had very few no-shows, and flew 34 YEs.

Jeff Tucker, veteran YE coordinator with countless Chapter 83 YE events to his credit, joined us at the registration table.

Matt Throckmorton pulled the BT-13 into the gate area to give ground orientation.

The December rally was our first connection with the Boy Scouts, and we enjoyed working with them! It was an EAA event, not a Boy Scout event, but the scouts were able to apply their flights toward their Aviation Merit Badge and were thrilled with their rides! Blake Litchfield and Charity Clark took over the onsite event management software for the December rally and will be comfortable at the registration / certificate / logbook desk for future rallies!

Our pilots and number flown: Elliot Able (11), Jerry Badger (9), Steve Blane (6), Brandon Halleck (16), Dale Long (3), Ethan Malavolti (4), Tom Milligan (2), Jeremy Rousch (4), Mark Snelling (9) and Cathi Sweatt (4).

Many thanks to all who made this a great YE year: Registration and T-shirt crew: Dale Barkley, Charity Clark, Alan Harder, Blake Litchfield, Susan Long, Rick Ramsey, Alice Ramsey, Monica Rousch, Jeff Tucker. Ramp patrol: Dale Barkley, Kevin Davidson, Rick Ramsey, Alice Ramsey, Matt Throckmorton, Keith Welsh, Vicki Welsh, ISU Flight Academy

Member Spotlight: President Rick Ramsey

Rick started flying in 1977 and received his Private Pilot's License in 1978 at Sky King Airport through ISU's aviation program.

He took some time off from GA and joined the Indiana Air National Guard in Terre Haute where he served as a WSO in the back seat of the F-4 for 6 years and amassed about 1000 hours. He and his wife, Alice, started flying after they made their 3rd drive to Oklahoma to visit their granddaughters and thought that there must be a better way. So, after taking the AOPA Rusty Pilots course they were on their way.

After a couple of introductory flights through Hoosier Aviation Alice decided she wanted to learn to fly on her own. Thanks to friend and CFI Lawrence Cross she made this happen and got her license at the age of 60...proving you are never too old! She is now addicted to it, and they fly every chance they get. They own an RV-12 that they love and have purchased a Zenith 701 STOL kit as his "retirement project". "She doesn't want me hanging around the house any more than necessary as she works from home. We are having a blast with the entire aviation thing and have met a lot of really good people through the EAA chapter."

"I am currently semi-retired...retired officially but still working part time. I've worked mostly in the electric utility industry. High voltage maintenance and testing mostly. We do acceptance testing, consulting, and troubleshooting for major utilities, small municipals, and industry customers. Alice is an RN for IU Health and works from home and is getting close to retirement and when she gets there we are planning to be gone as much as possible in whatever plane we have at the time! We are both from West Terre Haute and were in Mooresville for several years, but family brought us back. I want to retire to Alaska, but Alice wants someplace south so we are compromising by staying in Indiana...oh well."





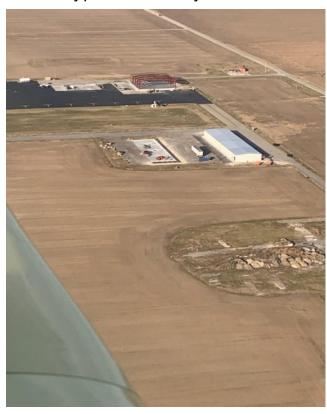
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Robinson Airport update:

Recently on Saturday Dec 23rd I was out flying around and took a photo of the progress being made at RSV. As you can see in the photo one of the T-hangars is nearly complete. The new main building, at the top of the photo, is pretty much framed in. Currently they are waiting for the metal to arrive. Sandy and Howie expect to be moving in sometime during the winter or spring and begin operations.

And their Airshow is back on for 2024 on Sept 28-29th featuring the Dacey Airshows, the A-10 Thunderbolt demo, Bill Stine Airshows and more plus static displays...that's us. AND...we are welcomed to set up a booth at the Airshow to promote Young Eagles and whatever else EAA. After all, when it comes to Young Eagles for the Robinson, IL Crawford Co. area, we are the only game in town and RSV is a great place to hold a rally.

So definitely put those dates on your calendar.



HUF State of the Airport-2023

Some of you may have seen the State of the Airport brochure for Hulman field for 2023. A few interesting numbers are: The primary runway (5-23) has a runway strength of 600,000lbs. In 2019 IN airports contributed \$10,000,000,000 (10 billion) to the state's economy. KHUF itself had an economic impact of more than \$273,000,000.

Did you know that there are 1465 acres of airport property, 9020' of primary runway, 1 million sq ft of ramp area, 500 full time employees, 9000 ISU Flight Academy Training Hours in 2022, and 68,412 operations in 2022 (#3 in the state) and KHUF was the 2017 airport of the year.

And not to forget that we are a Class D airport with radar of which there aren't many. That makes us locals pretty comfortable using ATC.

Space-X booster landings:

I imagine everyone has seen videos of Space X's boosters landing. Here's another one that y'all might like seeing. Turn up the volume and you can easily hear the sonic booms ... at least I think that's what they are.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/218676792817854/permalink/915711873114339/

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Chapter officers meeting:

On December 8th your new officers met at the pilots' lounge at HUF. The meeting was presided over by President Keith Welsh. Those attending were Keith Welsh, Rick and Alice Ramsey, Dale and Susan Long, Alan Harder, Brandon Halleck, Charity Clark and Blake Litchfield. New HUF director Craig Maschino stopped by. He is very excited to bring youth to the airport among the many other plans he has for HUF and the flying community.

Our Next Chapter Meeting:

January 13th at 10:00 IN time. We will meet next at the HUF Business Center beside the Corsair Restaurant in the terminal. Your new officers will officially be elected and Rick, once sworn in, will recap the Dec 8th officers meeting and go over the calendar that was proposed by your new officers. This will be your chance to offer suggestions as we plan our new year.

Hope to see ya'll on the 13th. Fair Sky's: Keith

