



EAA CHAPTER 83

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From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone:

I hear you all had a fantastic meeting at Shawnee... and I couldn't be there. You see I had everything planned for the weekend to flow very nicely then mother nature had her say and I was forced to stay home to finish outside things before the rain moved in. Turned out to be a good decision but I missed a good meeting. Oh well....

With EAA Oshkosh coming up I'm sure everyone has made their plans and I mine, sort of. Really looking forward to seeing the British Lancaster bomber. That was really a turn around plane, not to underrate the others which fought the Battle of Britain, but it was the Lancaster that took the war back to Hitler. And this is the year they are showcasing the WWII heavy bombers. Should be a lot of fun.

The big topic for the Chapter in the coming three months is preparing for the 5th Terre Haute Air Fair. Again we have been asked to support the Air Fair with a display of privately owned general aviation aircraft. And where better to go than the local EAA Chapter where one will find the greatest diversity of aircraft in the area. I will want to begin putting together a list of those who can participate so we can provide Dennis with approx. numbers to facilitate his planning. Also the one area which needed improving last year was aircraft descriptions for the public. I noticed many folks looking at our planes as they walked by but not stopping. Most had no idea what they were seeing. Foraker and I have a plan which should correct that and no it isn't the propeller cards supplied by the EAA. Ours is a plan to get their attention, inform, and

educate them. You know, to give them a reason to stop and look us over. SOB and I will be putting together a list of information items we'd like to see displayed then make placards for each plane. The idea is simple and easy to make and should really add to the success of our display.

June 23-25th, as several of you know, was the SEA weekend at Frasca Field in Urbana. I got a call from my Quickie buddy in Iowa the Thursday evening before about flying there on Saturday. The plan was to meet in the air then do a formation arrival. Saturday turned out to be a fantastic day and the plan was able to proceed. We met in our Quickies South of Champagne and headed for Frasca. All went well as we made our low approach to landing. I'm still amazed at the reception these little planes get when we fly them to events. With the Quickie design nearing 30 years old it's interesting the attention they still get. Even today they are still about as unique a design as there is. Folks were around them all day. And I imagine they were the wimpiest planes on the field. I burned about 2 gallons of gas flying there and my buddy about 6 from Iowa. The departure was a formation fly-by with him peeling left towards home and me right. EAA Chapter 83 was well represented as I saw several of you there. It was a very nice day to fly. I hope many of you got to enjoy it as well. Frasca is a very nice field and Rudy Frasca has quite a collection of aviation history from engines to WWII and modern aircraft. If you've never been there plan to visit sometime.

That about does it for me. See you all at the next meeting.
Fair skies
Keith

The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Congratulations and Thanks to Mike Wonder again for hosting another great meeting. Chapter 83 had 21 in attendance, Chapter 650 had another 13 (best I could tell), and there were a dozen or so guests, including Vince Frazier in his Rocket. 83 Fliers included Matt Throckmorton in his Super-D, John Watler in his 172, Chad Williams in his twin Comanche, Floyd Haumesser in Tinkerbell, his HighMax, Reed Usrey in his RV-6, Jim Fisher in his 182, and Me in the SOB Comanche. In all, I think there were 15 or so aircraft that flew in for the meeting, and there were a couple of local aircraft doing Young Eagle rides, too. All things considered, it really looked like an airport.

Introductions took quite a while as many of us were just meeting for the first time, but one piece of big news was that Wayne Sanders finally got his medical approved. That was really good news, but if you want to hear the long and costly story, just ask Wayne. Also most of you have probably heard, but Matt finally got his new, shiny red Mattituck IO-540 with all the bells and horns (better than whistles). Also, he got a ride in Vince's Rocket at the meeting, so he's really pumped to finish now...

Mike is working on finishing his super 6/7 and it was in the shop for us to look at. It's on the gear with the motor hung, and he's finishing the wings next. He hopes to be flying late fall or so if all goes well. Mike was also finishing up Tom Utterback's Super 8. The new engine looks good and it's not too far from flying again. Mike has a 172 for sale so if you know anyone interested in a nice airplane, call him. He needs the money to finish buying parts for his RV. I'll put details later in the newsletter.

Reed Usrey is almost too busy to work on his 7 kit, but it's on its legs and is all done but the finishing up. Ernie and Linda reported that Jesse is up at OSH working as a counselor at EAA Air Academy. They haven't heard from him, but they are sure he's having too much fun.

Bob McCammon welcomed/invited us all to SIV Airport Day on Saturday, August 19. They are having their annual open house and would like as many aircraft as possible to show the public what aviation is all about.

Another very cool event we learned about is the American Barnstormers Air Tour. This tour is a bunch of buddies who all own classic aircraft and have planned to fly to 9 cities in 10 on their way to AirVenture. They are making two stops in Indiana and plan to arrive at BMG at 11 am on Tuesday, July 18. The aircraft will be available for inspection until 6 that

evening, so if you have some time, you'll see some very unique vintage aircraft close to home. They plan to depart BMG on Wed morning and overfly Ellettsville, Brazil, and Clinton enroute to Rudy Frasca's field for their next stop. Right now, the plans have over 20 aircraft in the flight, so it should be a neat event. For more info, go to their web site at americanbarnstormerstour.com

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

Everything is fine with the treasury. We still have dues coming in, so send yours along if you haven't paid for 06.

Young Eagles Report – Adam Springmeyer

There were some young eagles flown at Shawnee by the local pilots, but our members were busy meeting new people from Chapter 650 and Bloomfield that we didn't fly any. We don't have a rally planned until the fall (our annual event for Honey Creek School), so fly some kids on your own and send me the paperwork. Remember – have fun out there.

Recent Sighting – Member News

Matt has hung his new engine and finishing up his F1 Rocket EVO. You can check out his progress at: <http://www.docthrock.com/>

SOB's Comanche is in for its annual physical. Just like with people, they get tougher the older you get...

Mike Wonder's Airplane for sale: 1976 172N, Penn-Yan conversion 180 hp, 4000 TTAF, 780 SMO by G&N, 8 hrs on new prop, 2 Nav/comms with GS, DME, new Garmin transponder, Insight engine monitor, full IFR and lots of goodies. Book value is \$64,000 – Mike says make him an offer... When I dropped off my Comanche for annual, Mike delivered me back home in this Cessna. It's a great flying airplane complete with autopilot...

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

1st and 3rd Saturday of each month is the BMG coffee mornings. Stop in anytime from 9 to noon...

Saturday, July 8, EAA Chapter 83 Meeting at Don Bussart's strip. Details at the end of the newsletter...

Saturday, July 15, Kentland, IN. Kentland Airport Hog Roast & Open House. (50I), Free Hog Roast - 10 am -

2 pm CDT. Military displays, RC flying. 219-474-9080, airport@ffni.com

Tuesday, July 18, the American Barnstormers Tour visits BMG 1 to 6 pm. for more info: americanbarnstormertour.com

July 24 to 30, AirVenture at Oshkosh. It's the big one...

Save the dates for:

Saturday, August 12, EAA Chapter 83 meeting at Casey, ILL. Tentative guest speaker who took all disassembly pictures of the Spruce Goose before its move to Evergreen HQ.

And September is a busy month...

1st Sat – Labor Day Weekend

2nd Sat – Greencastle Airport Day

3rd Sat – THAF

4th Sat – EAA 83 meeting at Winters Airpark

5th Sat – Annual Lee Bottom Fly-In

Our Next Meeting...

Saturday, July 8 at Don Bussart's grass strip in Dudley, ILL. Just SW of Paris, IL. We'll eat at Noon IN time, 11 am IL time at MTO and then meet at Don's place at 1pm IN time/Noon IL time.

Don is a former Flying Tiger and Air America pilot with over 34,000 hours who has fascinating stories. He also has a flock of excellent and historic aircraft at his place. If you've not been to Don's, it's a real treat.

The airport is IS13 and the elevation is 713'. It's an 18/36, 2500 long and 100 wide and is very nice grass. Don's Identifier is IS13, but it's not on the sectional. It's in Dudley, Il, and is a few miles SW of Paris on the RR siding that runs southwest out of Paris. The lat/lon is 39-34-45.1250N / 087-50-55.1110W. If you like, just follow somebody who has been there before or call for help in the air on 122.9 per AIM part 4-1-9 and 4-1-11.

AirNav has the details at:

<http://www.airnav.com/airport/IS13>

If you want to know more about Don, go to our web site and check out our newsletters from

March and April of 2004. They have some of his story...

SOB will be out of town, so Keith will be coordinating the meeting. Contact Bill the week before the meeting or Keith on the day of the meeting with any questions. If you need to drive there, call Keith as SOB has no idea how to get there on the ground...

I know we had been scheduled to have our July meeting in BMG, but we couldn't get a speaker and the arrangements didn't get worked out in time. I know Don's will not disappoint you.

I'm sorry this newsletter is short and has few pictures. Due to several production problems, mostly me being on vacation, I had to do this in very short order. I promise to do better in the future...



Now this is projecting force...



This is just having fun...



You just don't see three carriers together very often...