



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

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### Meeting/Newsletter Update

This is actually our June/July Newsletter as our June meeting was cancelled due to flooding at Mike Wonder's place. I got my basement flooded too so I didn't get the newsletter sent. Mike is still digging out from his mess at Shawnee, so if you have some time and would like to help him, I know he'd appreciate it.

Jim Fisher also lost his new house in Allendale. He, his wife, and their dogs were rescued from their roof by boat. I'm sure there are others who got up close and personal with water too. I hope we're all recovering.

I'm sorry if some of you didn't get the message that the last meeting was cancelled. I sent it by email and not all of you have email, so I missed some. Of course, we'll try Shawnee again next year.

### From Your President – Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone.

The meeting at Mattoon was a very nice one this year as compared to last year, which was good also but it didn't rain this time. Everyone enjoyed a nice meal at the MTO Airport Restaurant arranged by Larabee. We then proceeded outside for a hangar walk and viewed several aircraft and talked to several folks. I believe all had a good time.

The big news for the local Terre Haute area and possibly Chapter 83 is the coming of the Victory Days WWII reenactment at HUF on 3-5 October. Basically HUF will be converted to a 1943 WWII Army Air Corps base for three days. The event will

be include lots of flying of vintage WWII aircraft, ground, equipment and logistics displays, an evening 1940's dance with a big band orchestra, style show etc..... I'm sure Foraker will have more later. The meetings with the organizers have just begun and I'm sure much will follow. So stay tuned. To learn more visit their web site at [www.victorydays.org](http://www.victorydays.org)

I hope to see you all at Wilsons in Rockville.  
Keith

### The Big News – Victory Days comes to HUF

As you probably know, HUF was not planning to have an air show this year. Columbus Indiana, BAK, had been preparing to host Victory Days, a three day WWII recreation event, but the flooding of early June has made it impossible for BAK to host the event. So the organizers when looking for a new venue. They were looking for a big airport with lots of space, not too much traffic, and maybe even some experience with large events. The fact that we already have a big group of trained volunteers was another huge plus, and now HUF has landed Victory Days for October 3, 4, and 5, 2008.

[WWW.Victorydays.com](http://WWW.Victorydays.com) tells the story and our chapter and Terre Haute will be a big part of the event. Victory Days is much more than an air show. It is a recreation of a WWII encampment with soldiers, tanks, vehicles, aircraft, a mess hall, a field hospital, a motorpool, and lots more. It is more of a living museum than an air show, but there will be aircraft flying most of the time. I'll keep you well posted, but mark your calendars now and don't miss this. There will also be a Home Front area to show what life was like at home during the war. The Home Front exhibits

will include a kitchen, sitting room, and a gas station from the 1940's. There will also be many cars and an antique farm tractor display, so you will really see what life was like.

Friday night will be the big hangar dance with The Stardusters, a terrific big band and some great singers, including the Sisters of Swing. You will think you're in 1944, so dust off your best Lindy and get ready to dance. This will be fabulous.

### The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Our May meeting was at MTO. Steve Larabee, Jerry Cox, and Chat did the hosting and it was a great meeting. We had 29 members and guests and 17 member aircraft on the ramp. Flying in were Keith in the seldom exercised Quickie, Eric and Cindi Hettlinger in their Tiger, Floyd Haumesser in Tinkerbelle – the wonder HiMax, Dale Barkley in his Skyraider, Kelvin in his Cherokee 6, John Watler in one of his 172 fleet, Chris Nicholson in a THAC 172, Jerry B in his hot rod Mooney 252, Wayne Sanders in a stolen 172, Jim Fisher in his 182, Matt in his new rocket, Ken Lorenz in an Air Center aircraft, George Bakken in his new 172, and some SOB in a talkative Comanche. Also on display were the Luscombe of Jerry Cox and Steve Larabee's aircraft. We did stop in to see Chat airplane and engine. Too bad they are two pieces instead of one, but all in good time.

We found out that Kevin Davidson is starting an RV9A and that Jeff Whelum is building an AeroCanard, like an improved version of a Cozy MkIV. We also found out that Jerry Fine, Wayne Sanders' guest, is a carrier qualified P-3 Orion pilot. Good story.

Then we kind of broke up so we could go look at airplanes. Following are a couple of pictures from the meeting.

This is a picture of Floyd Haumesser's Tinkerbelle HighMax parked between a King Air and Kelvin's and Nick's Cherokee 6. And yeah, Tink is that small. It even has a special lightweight front wheel and tire...



As usual, everyone looks at the Quickie. For people who have not seen it before, it's quite a site. For us Chapter 83 members, we haven't seen it for so long that we thought it didn't fly any more...



### Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

I'm in the process of scheduling the Honey Creek Middle School YE day for October, so if you have ideas or constraints, please let me know.

### Recent Sightings – Member News

This is Matt and his new Smart Car. It is very cool, and yes, it's really that small. We didn't photoshop this picture...



The next picture is Matt's Rocket getting plenty of lookers at the Fly-in in Moraine, Ohio. He and Jeff flew over for the day to see some airplanes and they both had a good time.



The next picture is Jeff's first plate at the all-you-can-eat fly-in breakfast at Olney-Noble that some of us attended. The very cool item is the airplane shaped pancakes. Jeff disposed of two squadrons... Chatter opted for the round pancakes because they were waaaaay bigger. But he only ate 6 cause he's on a diet.



Below is the FBO building at OLY. It was jumping during the fly-in. We think there were over 35 aircraft on the ramp. Look at the second floor windows, which have a sort of ATC tower look.



The next picture is of their lounge and you can see what it looks like from inside the 'tower'. It is very cool view out over the ramp.



A couple of weeks ago, several of us flew to Greencastle for breakfast – always a good choice.

The Dixie Chopper FBO is great and the restaurant is better than ever. As we departed 417, Chat said that there was racing at the Putnam County track, so we flew over, and sure enough, there were cars out buzzing around the track as you can see from this picture.



#### Chapter Business

As you know, the Tri-Motor was here on 12, 13, 14 & 15 of June. We had a great crew from EAA and our visit went well. Working the visit were John Watler, Matt Throckmorton, Eric Pitts, Jerry Badger, George Bakken, Wayne Sanders, Cindi Hettlinger, Jeff Tucker, Jeff Wellum, Adam Harder, Darrel Zeck, Adam Springmeyer, several students from the ISU flight team, and your friendly SOB. We don't know how we did financially yet, but should hear something soon.

A couple of weeks ago, an F-22 landed and stayed the night at HUF. Of course, inquiring minds want to know, so we flocked (the way pilots do) to the airport. After discussing what we could and couldn't do with the ARMED guards, we were allowed to walk around the aircraft and take some pictures. It was very cool. SOB and his big mouth (thus the new 'Chatter' call sign) even got the pilot to take him, Wayne Sanders, and Jerry Fine on a personally guided tour of the aircraft. The pilot, Rocks, was a very good guy and answered almost all Chatter's questions, but he only had one day here. This is a seriously cool aircraft. Here are a couple of pictures.



Below is the view a passenger gets in the Rocket. It may not be great out the front, but it's great out the sides and you pass everybody but the jets...



Remember the B-17 arrives at HUF on July 14 and is open for tours on July 15 and 16. Please help host if you can so put it in your calendar. Contact Jerry Badger if you can volunteer some time to host the bomber...

### Our Next Meeting...

Will be at a new location for us. We will meet at Wilson's Field, 4IN4, about 15 miles NNE of Rockville, IN, on about a 010 heading. It's a 3,700+ beautiful grass strip and he uses 122.9 for Unicom. The meeting will be Saturday, July 12, at noon, in the hangar on the north end of the strip. Dave and his buddies will shuttle anyone who would like to eat first to a local place very close. To eat, plan to arrive about 10:30 and you'll eat before the meeting. Dave is looking for a rough count for the meeting, so please send me email or call if you plan to attend the meal or meeting so I can give him some counts.

Dave is a great guy and flies his Aerostar from here. He has a very nice hangar and may have some cars on display too.

There is a Victory Days organization meeting at 10 Saturday morning, so some of us will be skipping the meal and arriving just before the meeting.

### A special note:

If you missed the PBS segment on the News Hour with Jim Lehrer, check it out at:

[http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/business/july-dec08/meanskies\\_07-03.html](http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/business/july-dec08/meanskies_07-03.html)

click on the streaming video link for the story...

I'll continue to send emails most weeks announcing places to fly with events in the area. Let me know if you'd like to be on the list.