



EAA CHAPTER 83

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From Your President - Keith Welsh

Good Day Everyone:

Now with the milder time of year things have definitely picked up around ole Chapter 83. The SIV turnout was nothin' short of FANTASTIC! Many thanks to Meng, McCammon, the Black's and everyone else who helped to make the Sullivan Airport meeting what it was. Especially thanks to Dennis Meng for going to the trouble of bringing down the 8 new Chevy's and Nissan's for us to enjoy from his Sycamore Chevy-Nissan dealership in Terre Haute. And lastly my thanks to Foraker for running the last two meetings while I've been unable to. (Did he mention that he got to drive the Corvette?)

As the Air Fair approaches more things are coming into focus for the Chapter display. The Air Fair Mgt. is counting on us to be the primary focus of a GA exhibit. The seed was planted last fall when Airport Authority President John VanEtten approached me with an idea to include the EAA in the Air Fair. Since then much has been discussed and taken shape. We will be just off Rwy 14 at the service road North of Charlie taxi way and will have room for over 20 airplanes. This is a prime location and should be a busy area. If all goes as planned we will be in the shadow of the C5 Galaxy. Included in the GA area will be the Flight Center at HUF, a few dealers and a couple of forum tents including a homebuilt tent featuring a plane under construction.

The Ramp Patrol is coming along well. Many of the returning and new arrivals of warbirds are attributed to the efforts of the Ramp Patrol as acknowledged by the Air Fair Mgt. You know the job has been done well when the FAA singles a group out for complement as is what happened last year. So far it looks like we will have a record number of static and

flying planes this year. We need your help! We can't have enough Oshkosh experienced people who understand the importance of caring for these planes while on public display. If you haven't already please consider working the Ramp Patrol this year.

Hope to see you all at Shawnee.
Keith

The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

May 8, 2004 - Sullivan county Airport
What a meeting! They don't get any better than this one. 54 people attended and they arrived in 26 aircraft. Tied at the top of the list of aircraft were RVs with 8 and Cessna also with 8. There were also 3 Pipers, 3 Super Decathlons/Citabrias, 1 Mooney, 1 Longeze, 1 Spacewalker, and 1 Zodiac. Then to make it a Fly-in/Drive-in, Dennis Meng brought 8 brand new cars with him from Sycamore Chevy. And some very cool cars they were including a new black Corvette, a new Chevy SSR supercool truck, and a nice collection of Nissan's with their new 1/2 ton pickup and a 265 hp Maxima SE.



The Food Hangar at Sullivan surrounded by people and new cars.

Of course our Sullivan hosts, Dennis Meng, Bob McCammon, Reed Usrey, and Ted Black, along with their spouses, had a great meal for us and we had our meeting in Dennis's air conditioned hangar. And even though it is early May, we needed that A/C. When I drove the Corvette (yes, Dennis let me drive the Corvette, gazillion horsepower with a 6 speed manual) back to Sycamore Chevy, the OAT guage read 92 degrees. It also has a HUD and lots of other very cool gadgets. What a machine...



Part of the Flight Line at SIV.
Look at that Blue Sky...

Highlights of the meeting included a report on the fly-outs of Chapter 650 by Mike Wonder. He invited us along when they fly to Washington DC to visit the new Air and Space Annex at Dulles Airport, when they fly to the Kzoo, and when they fly to Reno for the races. These guys are some serious flyers. Also, next month they are flying to the Auburn Museum and if you would like to go along, let Mike know so he can add you to the list for food and transportation.



Wild Child with a nice Super 8

Also at the meeting was Dennis Dunbar's presentation on the Terre Haute Air Fair. If you were there, you know some secrets that won't be released to the public, and you know it's going to be a great show. Dennis had some Air Fair posters for us and I (Foraker) have them now, so if you want to put some

up in your place of work, local tavern, schools, hospitals, churches, or wherever air show fans are, let me know and I'll get some to you. Did Foraker mention that he drove the Corvette back to town from Sullivan?



Ken Campbell's LongEze at SIV

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

We got the roster figured out and all those who have paid should still get your newsletter. All our bills are paid and we're solvent. If you want more details, you have to attend the meetings. You can now pay your dues or buy chapter items directly from the web site.

Young Eagles Report – Darrel Zeck

International Young Eagles Day is June 12, 2004. Chapter 83 will NOT be holding a YE Rally that day. However, we are hoping many of you will, on your own, make time to participate in flying Young Eagles on that Saturday.

The very first International Young Eagles Day was held in 1994 and EAA has been doing it every year since. Although participation varies year-to-year, upwards of 10,000 Young Eagles are flown on that single day, not to mention the additional thousands of flights that take place in the days before and after.

This year, I'd like to encourage each of you to renew your participation in the program by flying at least one Young Eagle on IYED. You never know which one of your Young Eagles will go on to find the same enjoyment in aviation as you have.

If you need any supplies (certificates, registration forms, posters) please email me. When you have completed flights, please advise me of those. When filling out your registration forms make sure that you indicate chapter 83 on it. EAA had several

pilots and flights that did NOT have 83 on them, and that is why we had not received proper credit.

Thanks for all your flights and help!

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

www.eaa83.net

You can now pay your dues on the web site and Jeff and Eric had on some cool Chapter 83 shirts. Very soon, you will be able to purchase these shirts and Chapter 83 hats directly on the web site. Also, Pete Peterson met with Keith and Bill to work on the chapter history section of the web site. Bill has finished the first version and it is posted on the Web site, so check it out.

Traffic Alerts (Member News)

Matt Throckmorton's kit is here, and he's bucking rivets when he's not working or flying. Ask him about it.

Bruce Dallman is working on his new RV-6 kit. He just received his tools and is rivet ready...He was last seen at Shawnee taking pictures of the tail of Mike's RV. Bruce is switching the RV-6A to a -6 and he was looking at the tailwheel/rudder interconnect and rigging.

Curt and Betty have new radios in their new 172. It's a great stack topped off by a Garmin 430. Very nice. Also, Curt hopes to have the Champ back by the Air Fair or shortly after. It will be completed restored and will be missing all its stickers!

Jim Gibson visited us all the way from Florida. I told you it was a big meeting.

Peter Anderson from Australia attended the meeting as a guest. He and Del Smith flew in with Foraker so you know they are some brave guys.

Dennis Meng reported that Punkin is almost airworthy again. You may remember that Punkin was Matt's Citabria that was in the hangar fire at HUF.

Ken Campbell flew in his new almost painted Longeze. It's good to see him flying and adding that canard experimental flavor to our meetings.

Darrel Zeck's Taylorcraft is back in service after some exhaust work completed by Mike Wonder. He's happy again.

Ernie and Linda Winters are planning a Pitch-in/Wiener Roast on June 5th for a group that will be

bringing a few kids over to their place for Young Eagles Flights around 4:00p.m., so after you leave the meeting at Mike's you can buzz up to Winters Airpark and do a few young eagles.

Extra airplanes are always appreciated, and they know pilots are always looking for a place to fly for a free meal, so those who like to do Young Eagles are more than welcome to join them.

ATIS (Communications)

Since we don't have a July meeting because of the TH Air Fair and Oshkosh, and because I'm going to be gone the last week of June and the first week of July, I don't know if we'll have a July newsletter. I'll keep sending out email announcements, but I hold the news for the August newsletter. If I have time, I'll put one together, but don't hold your breath...

Chapter Business

On the air show planning, Keith wants the names of anybody who wants to work Ramp Patrol this year. He needs a few more aviation savvy volunteers to round out his team. Also Dennis talked about the EAA tent and display area we will have for our aircraft. If you would like to show off your airplane at the show, let me/Foraker know so I can begin to compile a list of show planes. We will also need chapter volunteers to staff the tent and police our display area, so if you want to get in free and work some, let me know. I'll be putting together a staffing schedule so that we know what we are doing when. Dennis also talked about starting some presentation tents like those at OSH. These will have many kinds of speakers on various aviation topics. If you have ideas about this, let Keith or Bill know so they can compile a list for Dennis.



Is this guy good or what? I understand he is a Guard pilot flying in Afghanistan.



Excuse me, but I don't think that goes in there...

Fly-Out to Elwood, Saturday, May 22, 2004

Man, what a fly-out this was. From Chapter 83 we had Pat Adams, Mike Wonder, Bruce Dallman, Matt Throckmorton, Reed Usrey, Gary Rodgers, Jerry Cox, Chat Chatterji, and me, SOB. Michael Nearpass was also along to fly my plane for me. The RV squadron was out in force with 11 aircraft including the guys mentioned above plus Mike Worth, Dave Cobbs, Tom Utterback, and those two dragon paint jobs. Before the RV air force arrived, the parking area looked like a Piper museum with a Cub, a Super Cub, a Super Cruiser, a Pacer, 3 TriPacers, and a Comanche. There were also 7 ultralights, a Mooney, a Luscombe, a couple of Aeroncas, a C-140, and the star of the ramp, Steve Johnson with his spectacular StaggerBeech. And I'm sure I forgot somebody, but the place was hopping.

Of course we had some tasty breakfast and then made nice with the film crew from WFYI, PBS Channel 20 from Indy. They were filming a segment for their show, "Across Indiana," that is scheduled to air on the first or second Tuesday in June. For the show, they interviewed Steve Johnson, Gary Rodgers, and of course, Sweet Old Bill. They also interviewed the owner of Roxie's, a lady pilot who was there, one of the ultralight guys, and the retired A&P who worked at Elwood for over 30 years. They shot over 4 hours of tape for a 10-minute segment! Heck, I talked for more than 10 minutes and I was perfect!?

On the way home, Pat and Chat stopped at Sheridan to look at a Piper Colt taildragger that Chat wanted to see. Maybe he'll have an aircraft soon...

The winds were strong and gusty, from 15 gusting to 25 all day, but we all successfully coped. At least we

had blue sky and warm temps. All things considered, it was a great day.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

You can always check the web site Event Calendar for more details.

Saturday, May 29, Breakfast at Greencastle at 8 am and lunch at Sporty's. You may know that Sporty's does free dogs and brats from noon to 2 pm at their place at the Clermont County airport, Batavia Ohio, 169, 146 nm from HUF @ 099. The RVer's are going too, so it should be a good Indiana crowd...

Saturday, June 5, Shawnee Field, Bloomfield, Indiana, EAA Chapter 83 and 650 combined meeting. See below for other details...

Sunday, June 6, Olney-Noble Airport, OLY, 60 nm from HUF @ 223, Spring breakfast fly in by Olney-Noble pilots assn. Starts at 8 am.



Climbing aboard the new F-22 Stealth Fighter

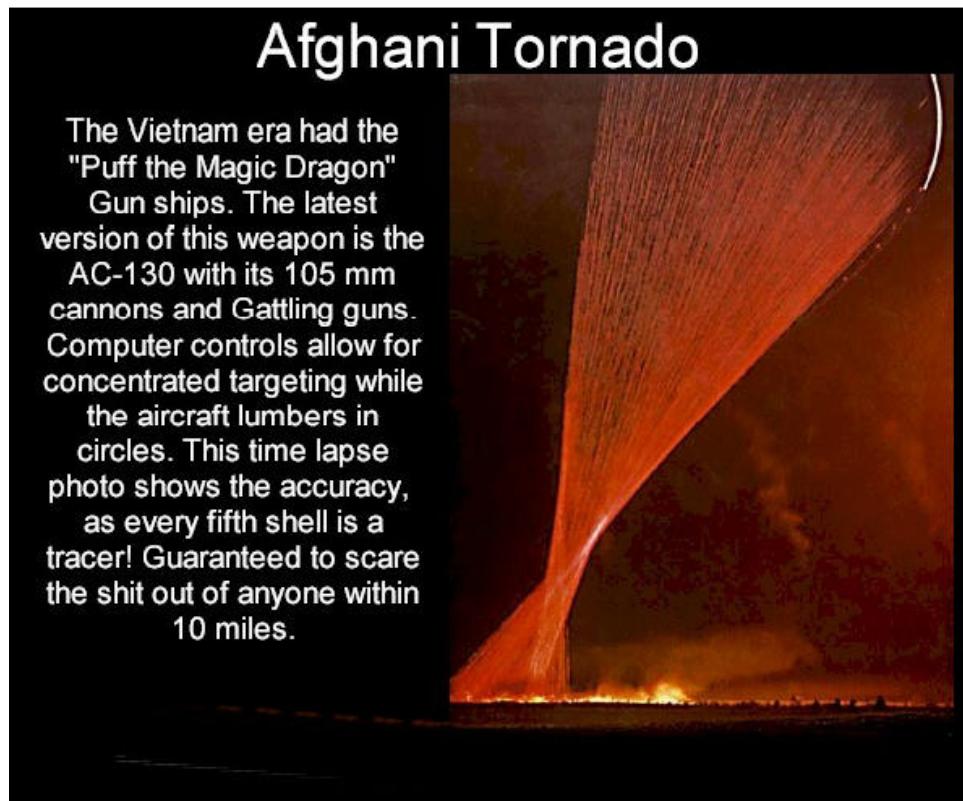
Saturday, June 12, Mentone Flying Club Pancake/Sausage Breakfast Fly, Fulton County Airport, Rochester, IN, RCR, 110 nm from HUF @ 028, 7a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Saturday, June 19, Midwest Taildragger Rendezvous. Indianapolis, IN. Post Air, 7L8, 63 nm from HUF @ 073. Pull those taildraggers out of the hangar and come join us for Lunch (10 AM-2 PM) or just hang around all day.

Saturday, June 26, EAA Chapter 1109 Fly-In Breakfast. Warsaw Municipal Airport, ASW, 128 nm from HUF @ 032, Pancakes, Eggs & Sausage Breakfast, Starts at 7:00 ends at 10:30. Pilot supply booth by AvShop.

Our Next Meeting...

Saturday, June 5, Shawnee Field in beautiful suburban Bloomfield, 113, 28 nm from HUF @ 150. You know this is a great meeting, so get you and your airplane there. Mike will do the meat and drinks, so please bring a dish, dessert, or side, and kick a couple of bucks for the cooks. You should plan to arrive by 10:30 or you'll be parking in the pasture. We try to have a meeting about noon, but if history prevails, the meeting may be short and sweet.



This is really good on the web site in color...



Terre Haute Tornado, a B-26 Marauder of the 344th Bomb Group, at rest in England. Generally speaking, fighter pilots found escorting Marauders and A-26 Invaders to be far easier than escorting the heavy

four-engine types. This was due primarily to equal cruising speeds, which eliminated the fighters having to weave over the bomber formation. *Mark H. Brown/USAFA*



Now this is a low pass...



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