



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

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### **From Your President - Keith Welsh**

Things have definitely started to pick up. Unfortunately after the last meeting at SIV, in an effort to accommodate better weather, we moved their meeting from November (beautiful wx the past 3 years) to May (lousy wx this year). The only daylight seen under an airplanes tires was Dennis Meng who flew around the pattern earlier in the day when he moved his plane out of the hangar to make room for us. Other than that no one flew in. However, we did have a very good attendance and a very good meeting which SOB will relate to later. We appreciate the members of the SIV board who attended to welcome us. The food was great as usual.

Afterwards we were able to enjoy our program.....about half a dozen brand new Chevy's and Nissan's Dennis brought over for us to drive and enjoy. While the Chevy SSR is impressive my favorite was the Nissan Maxima. That thing has as much luxury as cars much more expensive. Thanks to Dennis and Ted and everyone else who helped host the meeting.

As I said earlier things have definitely picked up. I have just finished with the Quickie / Dragonfly weekend fly-in at the Casey Airport. We had each different type of Q there and one Dragonfly. Folks drove in from as far away as Atlanta, Milwaukee, Kalamazoo, and areas in MO, MI, WI, IN, IA and IL. What a great weekend for such an event. And that's just a part of the flying I've been able to do.

Summer's here so let's enjoy those planes. See ya at Shawnee.

Keith

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

As always, we had a great meeting at Sullivan. 23 members and several guests were in attendance, even though everyone drove in. The weather was crappy as Keith noted earlier, but we all still enjoyed the meeting and this was the best attendance we've had at a meeting for some time. And we even picked up a new member, Alan Chowning. Alan is on the SIV Airport Board and owns a Champ and a Viking. I've always wanted to ride in a Viking to see if they are as cool as they seem...

We had lots of member reports and I'll put that info in member news, but one big item about SIV is that **Sunday, August 19, is the Annual SIV Airport Open house and YE rally.** Please all plan to attend and support our friends at Sullivan. Fly some Young Eagles and show off your airplane, and you can also get some good food...

### **From Your Treasurer – John Watler**

Dues time everyone. SOB and I will get together soon and will publish a list of those who have paid in an upcoming newsletter. If you're not on it, you're history... Come to Shawnee and pay up.

Otherwise, everything is fine. All bills paid and all money accounted for...

### **Young Eagles Report – Adam Springmeyer**

We had a great time at Mattoon Young Eagle Fly In. We flew 13 Young Eagles and several parents. Thanks to Scott Robison for arranging this event

and helping with the ground work. We are now planning our annual event for October to fly the Honey Creek Middle Schoolers. All those interested in flying, helping with the ground crew, or helping to teach a ground lesson, please let me know. Also if anyone has any suggestions please let me know.



Jerry with 3 YE's locked and loaded. Unfortunately, he has Mr. Questions as copilot...

### Web Report – Jeff Tucker

Many changes and updates have been made on the web site in the last two months. The Young Eagles page has been updated, and now includes a link to another page which shows a list of all Chapter 83 Young Eagle pilots. Other changes include updated Swap Meet page, and Links page. I would like to remind everyone to please submit information on news or events for publishing on the web site. This is easy to do by using the "Contact Us" link on the home page, or the "[Submit News]" link at the bottom left side of the home page news box. The more info we can supply to our web visitors, the more useful and popular the website will become.

Just for your information, our web site is now averaging over 1,000 visits per month!!!

Also, if you're out on the web and want to check out a cool site, look at:  
<http://www.airfields-freeman.com/index.htm>  
 It has links to info on many abandoned airfields and other interesting info. You will note that Paul Cox Field is not listed...

### Recent Sighting – Member News

Matt has his new engine and all reports say it's beautiful. Now all he has to do it hang it, and finish up. Sounds easy... Check out his progress at: <http://www.doctrock.com/>



Matt with his new engine and airframe. Now where so those 4 big bolts???

Michael Nearpass has started his flying lessons and hopes to get more flying in this summer.

Jeff Tucker has also started his lessons. We hope he's as good at crosswind landings as he is at web programming... We'll see.

Ernie's son, Jesse has just been accepted to be a Junior Camp Counselor at the EAA Academy for this summer. He'll be there for 10 weeks this summer and get to do all sorts of cool stuff. We look forward to a full report upon his return.

Pete Peterson had on his EAA Chapter 83 Jacket from 1975. This was the cool jacket to have when the chapter restarted back in the day...

This from our old buddy, Pat Adams, who's now working in Anchorage...

I made my very first "remote strip" landing this weekend. Deb and I took the dogs and landed on a 1,000 foot gravel strip next to a large glacier lake. It was beautiful. Last week, several bears were spotted on the strip but we didn't see any. I carry my Savage 30.06 loaded with 220 grain bullets just in case we stumble into Mr. Bear and cannot get away. The Piper Pacer does really good handling short, un-improved strips. I landed in 500 feet and easily departed in 500 feet. While a lot of remotes strips are short, there are not obstacles to clear. On take off, I "pop the flaps" and lift off then level off to build up speed. I depart over the lake, build up speed and fly away.

The dogs swam in the lake and the creek that feeds it. We saw a moose but no bears. There is a forest service cabin on the strip about the size of

a mini barn. I hope to camp there before the summer is over.

I've got the fishing fever real bad. I go fishing every weekend. I caught a nice lake trout yesterday and had him for dinner. The Red salmon should be in town any day and they can be over 50 pounds. Next weekend begin the official start of tourist season. The city is beautiful this time of year. Av-gas is almost \$5.00 a gallon...I think I'll switch to car gas.



Pat at the glacier lake strip with his bear dogs.



Pat turning final in the Pacer. I don't see no stinkin' runway...

### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

June 11, 2006, Lee Bottom Flying Field, 641, Hanover, IN. Sinful Sunday, Ice Cream fly-in.

June 15, 2006 - June 18, 2006, National Aeronca Association. Hook Field Municipal Airport, MWO, Middletown, OH. <http://www.aeroncapilots.com>

June 16-18, 2006, MIE, Muncie, IN - Summer Heat Air Festival. Balloon Fest and air show.

Sunday, Jun 18, 2006 — Connersville, IN. 5th Annual Father's Day Fly-in. Mettel Field (KCEV), Breakfast starts at 7 a.m. Lunch after 11 a.m. Live music in the afternoon. Airplane rides. Helicopter rides. Contact: Jeff Dungan 765-825-5581, [hmorriss@verizon.net](mailto:hmorriss@verizon.net)

Saturday, Jun 24, 2006 — Huntington, IN. AIRPORT OPEN HOUSE, Huntington Municipal Airport (KHHG), <http://www.propboys.com>, Hot Air Balloons, Warbirds, Light Sport Aircraft, Airplane Rides, Food, Tour the new FBO Terminal Building. Low Fuel Prices Too!

Saturday, Jul 15, 2006 — 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](mailto:airport@ffni.com)

### Our Next Meeting...

Saturday, June 10, Shawnee Field, 113, Bloomfield, IN. Arrive at 10 or so, try to meet at noon. Eat whenever you like. Host: Mike Wonder.

If you've ever been to one of our Shawnee meetings, you know if the weather is good, this will be the biggest crowd of the year. This is a joint meeting of Chapter 83, Chapter 650, and the Indiana RV Air Wing, and if we all decide to fly in, there could be over 60 aircraft on the field. Mike has a great 2160 ft. grass strip, and the grub is always top notch, so with food and nice weather, this could be big.

113 is a north south strip with the building located on the SW end. The field is 29 miles SE of HUF on a 150 heading. CTAF is 122.9 and it could be busy, so keep you ears peaked. Also, use 122.85 enroute.



Keith explaining to some MTO Young Eagles how the airplane turns... They don't look too impressed.



Can you just hear SOB saying, "Look kid, I told you once not to touch that, and if you touch it again, you're going skydiving..."

