



EAA CHAPTER 83

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From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone:

I heard that you all had a very nice meeting at SIV. Would liked to have been there but I couldn't get away that particular day. With all the good weather we had during the month of May I hope that many of you were able to do some flying.

There are a few areas that I would like to touch on before turning it over to SOB. Last winter at the officers meeting I had asked treasurer John to run an analysis of the chapter finances. Those who attended the meeting heard his report. John talked about the current state of our funds and with our current expenses, we are loosing ground every year. Presently our dues do not cover our expenses, but we are subsidizing with the income from the B-17 hosting so we're fine for the near future.

Sorry, but each newsletter costs us about .75 to produce, and SOB does the labor for free. Add to that our EAA insurance, our State of Indiana non-profit filing fees, and our other incidentals, and we're at about \$15 per member. With the B-17 money we received a few years ago, we're doing fine for now, but we will either have to raise some additional funds within the next few years, or raise the dues which we would rather not do.

There are two things that ya'll can do to help. One is for our electronic members to receive the newsletter by e-mail. It is much better than the snail mail version as it comes faster, is in color and has more pictures (usually). I've received mine that way for over a year now and don't plan to go back. SOB keeps the file size small enough

that we land liners can download it pretty quickly. Just give him a holler at SOB@eaa83.net and he'll switch you to the e-version.

The other fiscal item is to considering hosting the EAA's Ford Tri-motor. The plane is booked for 2007 but is scheduling for 2008. We plan to submit an application to host and see if that works for us. It should buy us a few more years of \$12 dues! We'll need the efforts of you members to host the Tri-motor, so we hope you'll be willing to do some of the tasks if we can get it here. Thanks in advance and let's have a good year.

The last thing I would like to touch on is the meeting schedule for the remainder of the year. Several have asked so here it is;
JUNE 9th - Shawnee
JULY 14th - Don Bussart
AUGUST 11th - Casey
SEPTEMBER ?? - Winters
OCTOBER 13th - Aero Plaines
NOVEMBER 10th - Greencastle
DECEMBER - Christmas party not yet scheduled
These are on the Web site calendar too, except Ernie's cause we need a date.

We are planning to do a few flyouts as well. One to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo in Michigan, French Lick for brunch, the USAF museum and perhaps a drive (SOB - DRIVE?!? Has Keith gone crazy?) down to the Evansville LST memorial. We can talk about these at the next meeting if there are any questions.

That about does it for me. See ya at Shawnee.
Keith

The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Sullivan County airport

Hosts: Ted Black, Reed Usrey, Bob McCammon



The flightline at SIV – Notice the clear, blue sky

We had an excellent meeting at SIV with 18 members, 6 guests, and one dog (who was also a guest). The meeting got started a little late, but those on time were gracious enough to wait to watch the landings of the flock from MTO. There was an interesting and variable crosswind, but there were NO bad landings. The introduction of attendees and their recent flying stories opened the meeting and we had a lot to catch up on. Some of the details are in the member news section below. The officer reports followed and they are later in the newsletter also. Then we had our excellent speaker, Dale Blackwell. Dale was the lead engineer on the tape drive mechanism for the original Cockpit Voice Recorder produced by Fairchild. He also worked on the early Flight Data Recorders and gave an excellent talk about the devices. Our Thanks to Dale.

We then enjoyed some excellent food by our hosts and Bob is right, “you never leave SIV hungry.” Thanks for another great meeting guys.



Our Speaker, Dale Blackwell, Now and Then

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

Keith talked earlier about how our expenses exceed our income for now, but with our B-17 money, we’re okay for now, but...

Dues are due and they are still \$12.00, but we do need your dues to pay our bills. Next month, SOB will publish a list of those paid, and if you’re not on it, we will stop sending you newsletters. Sorry, but each newsletter costs us about .75 to produce and is our major cost. And SOB hates all the licking and sticking so get you newsletter by email if you can – it’s better and cheaper.

Young Eagles Report – Adam Springmeyer

Our Young Eagle Activity Day for Honey Creek Middle School and others will be on Saturday, October 27th. I am looking for volunteers to help assist both on the ground and to help fly. To make the rally go well, we need one ground crew for each pilot. Three or four ground crew would be great. For those of you that are not interested in flying but still have an aircraft, please bring it over to the event for a little showing off while the Eagles wait for their flight. I will have more information to come.

We also have two other schools and a Boy Scout troop who would like to participate. Please let me know if you have some time in the summer to do some flights. Thanks for your participation in this great program.

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

The web site is going well. There have been several “behind the scenes” security changes in the last two months. Also, several changes were made to help the pages load faster. Reminder - if you would like an email address such as YOURNAME@aaa83.net just let me know. It can easily forward to your regular email account for your convenience.

Recent Sightings – Member News

BIG NEWS – Michael Nearpass passed his private check ride last week, so make room in the pilots’ lounge. Congratulations to Michael. Steve Shure said he did a heckava job (or something close to that).

So with Michael King passing his checkride last month, that’s two new pilots in The

Haute. We're going to have to buy new chairs for the pilots' lounge...

From Matt Throckmorton

I'm moving right along with my Rocket project, and should be ready this summer to extract the fuselage from my basement. I'm getting pretty excited about getting the plane in my hangar (#11) at HUF. The wings will be ready to install shortly, and although I have lots of little things to finish (esp. firewall forward), I might be ready for engine start sometime close to OSH.



Matt's Rocket last year – Making progress

If anyone in the chapter could assist me in moving the airframe out to my hangar, I'd be grateful. I'm looking for someone who has a long flatbed trailer that is a master backer upper. Getting back down my drive is a nice S turn between trees. I'll remove the landing gear legs (the tail and prop are already off) to get the fuse out my walk through gate utilizing an engine hoist. From there, the tricky part would be getting the fuselage backed onto a trailer (over gravel), then reinstall the gear legs (about 5 seconds) to tie down the airframe. If anyone is able to help me out, please shoot me an email or call me at home (535-3002) or the office (832-3531). I'll probably be ready to move out at the end of June or early in July.

From Alan Harder

I am still pursuing the Chief that my Dad used to own and that I helped cover many years ago. It's in Ohio and being restored as we speak. If anyone is interested in being a partner in a great Chief, please let me know.

(Ed note - Alan flew with SOB to SIV and could still talk coherently at the meeting. This guy is tough.)

From Mike Wonder

I continue to make progress on my new Super-Duper 6. It's a stretched RV-6 with an IO-540 hung on the front and a three blade composite prop. It should be fast and flying by fall, if all goes well.



Mike's Super 6 in the Hangar

From Wayne Sanders

I am making progress on my RV-6 also and hope to be flying by fall. I recently had an interesting trip to Ft. Worth and have some great stories about the flying communities there. Ask me about my trip and the rich lady with the big hangar...

From Kevin Davidson

Kevin Davidson is looking for plans for a Cozy mk 4, and rumor has it that DocThrock might have a set. Kevin has not had a plane since selling his last project and he's thinking about another challenge.

From SOB (look out!?!)

SOB went to Sun n Fun with Mike Wonder and Curt Vandeventer and they all had a great time. SOB used all of the runway at Cedar Key and tried to use some small palms as arrestor devices, but other than that, the flying was great. They were making 235 kts ground speed on the way down (Reed can verify this), but the trip back was not as fast. It was SOB's first trip to SnF and he really liked it.

Also before the meeting at SIV, SOB, Jeff Tucker, and Alan Harder flew to an Airport Open house at Frankfort, Indiana. It was Frankfort's first, but was nice. About 30 aircraft of many types and even a few warbirds. They will be having more events, so look out for them. It's a nice airport with very friendly folks.



The Vibrating Vultee, BT-13, at Frankfort

ATIS (Communications)

On a Sad Note

September 8, will be the last flight of an F-16 at HUF. This will be the end of a long and proud era of military aviation at Hulman Field. There may be some kind of event, so we'll keep listening and keep you posted.

Other News

SIV now has Pilot Operated runway and taxiway lights, 3 clicks for on, 5 clicks for bright, and 7 clicks for laser blindness bright. SIV is also planning to build some additional T hangars. They hope to have them up by fall, but the asphalt may not be done right away.

The Clinton Airport has plans to move forward with donating the existing strip to the County, then building a new runway making the existing runway a taxiway. They have also already bought a used T hanger building with 8-40 ft and 2-44 ft hangars. They hope to erect the new hangars soon.

There is a nice RV-4 for sale at SIV. Talk to Reed for the details.

SIV will be having its open house again this year and would like our chapter so assist, especially with Young Eagle Flights. Please contact Bob McCammon if you have ideas to make the YE flights go better.



Reed, Ted, and Bob – Our SIV Hosts

On Communication Procedure

The next time you hear this on the radio, now you can remind people about the dreaded "any traffic please advise" is specifically recommended against in the Airman's Information Manual part 4-1-9-G-1:

1. General. Self-announce is a procedure whereby pilots broadcast their position or intended flight activity or ground operation on the designated CTAF. This procedure is used primarily at airports which do not have an FSS on the airport. The self-announce procedure should also be used if a pilot is unable to communicate with the FSS on the designated CTAF. Pilots stating, "*Traffic in the area, please advise*" is not a recognized Self-Announce Position and/or Intention phrase and should not be used under any condition.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Sunday, June 3, 2007 EAA Chapter 1304 Drive-in, fly-in Breakfast at Olney/Noble Airport, OLY. Pancakes, Sausage, Biscuits, & Gravy, 08:00 AM - 11:00 am. For More Info Contact: Tom Baker, 618-393-2967

Sunday, Jun 3, 2007 — Winchester, IN. 57th Annual Fly-In Breakfast. Randolph County (I22), 57TH ANNUAL FLY-IN BREAKFAST 6:00AM TILL NOON. EGGS SAUSAGE TOAST \$6 ADULTS. Contact: ERIC LIVINGSTON 765-584-3611, ericlivingston@hotmail.com

Sat & Sun, June 9 & 10, Midwest M20 Grand Opening Fly-In. FOA Flora Municipal Airport Flora, Illinois, Midwest M20 Mooney Factory Authorized Service Center Grand Opening. Contact: Dave Thompson/Tonya Anderson dthomps@bspeedy.com 618-662-3377 <http://www.midwestmooney.com>

Sunday, Jun 10, 2007 Sinful Sunday at Lee Bottom - <http://www.leebottom.com>, Lee Bottom Flying Field (64I). In 2007, Lee Bottom Flying Field will once again feature "SINFUL SUNDAYS™". Join us for a "sinful" dessert. There might be Hot Fudge Sundaes, Shakes, Sodas, or whatever else strikes our fancy. These events are very relaxed in nature and intended to give you a place to go for a Sunday afternoon flight. Contact: Ginger or Rich Davidson 812-866-3211, info@leebottom.com

June 11th thru 13th, BAK, Columbus, IN, hosting the EAA Ford Tri-Motor. A short flight and you can see or take a ride on this famous aircraft. They will be doing rides from later Monday (11th) thru late evening on Wednesday (13th). To register for a ride, you can call 1-800-843-3612 or via the internet at: <http://www.flytheford.com/>

Sunday, Jun 17, 2007 — Connersville, IN. 6th Annual Father's Day Fly-in. Mettel Field (KCEV), 7:30 to 5:pm. Eat breakfast and/or lunch, watch planes, take a ride, listen to music...bring Dad! Contact: Wayne B White 765-827-1305, WayneBARR@aol.com

Sunday, June 24th Edgar County Airport, Paris, IL. We are having our 2007 pancake and sausage breakfast at Edgar County Airport from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. This is sponsored by the Edgar County Airport Booster Club. Anyone that can fly this way is welcome.

BMG hosting the The EAA B-17 September 11 & 12. They will need some assistance with this event, so if you can spend some time helping in Bloomington, contact John Hayes or ask Mike Wonder – he will probably know who to contact.



A Nice Cabin Waco at Frankfort

Our Next Meeting... Shawnee Field

Our next meeting on Saturday, June 9, is the always excellent fly-in to Shawnee Field, 113, hosted by Mike Wonder and his rowdy friends in Bloomfield, Indiana. It is a short flight from anywhere (28 nm from HUF, course 150) and not only will Chapter 83 be there, but it is a joint meeting with Chapter 650 from Bloomington, and the IndyRV Air Wing, so there is always lots of aircraft. In addition, this year Mike is inviting the ABATE group, so there will be lots of Harleys and other bikes to see. We'll try to eat at 11 am and meet at Noon, but Shawnee meetings have a history of getting out of hand – too many distractions. Mike always has great food and we will even fly some Young Eagles. You do not want to miss this one...



Mixmaster Nose Art at Frankfort



PT-26 at Frankfort – I told you there were lots of cool aircraft there...

From last year's Terre Haute Air Fair. There is another great show in the planning stages right now...



This is just a cool airplane...



A Man and His Motor...



Matt putting a BIG motor on a small airplane. Think he wants to go fast?



Because Sandies are just cool...