



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

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### **Idle Chatter**

Well, I don't have a clue where May went. We had a meeting at Don's, that we couldn't fly to, then the next thing I know – BOOM - it's the end of May. I flew a little, but I think I was at work too much. I am informed that 'No one ever was ever on their death bed wishing they had spent more time at the office.' I'm sure I agree. I need to get out more in June.

And I think I just might. Matt and I are working the Indy air show this weekend. We're both rookie Ramp Rats and are happy to get a chance to work with them. They are a great bunch of wing nuts and have developed great expertise and experience over the years of working shows. We are looking for some big fun this weekend.

Dave and Keith will be working the Army Wings and Wheels show in Poplar Grove, IL. I flew up with them last weekend for an organizational meeting with their management team and they are a great bunch of guys and gals. We had a great meeting and I think Keith and Dave will have a great time next weekend moving Warbirds. Maybe next year more of us can go and work the show too. They have a very compact site, but a good plan and ideas for growth. I'm sure Dave and Keith will have a good report on the show for us.

Some sad news... Some of you may have heard about the 182 that went down in Martinsville. The pilot was Dave Wilson's brother and Dave used to own the aircraft. It was an unfortunate incident, and no one was badly hurt, but it's a lesson to all of us how fast bad things can happen in the air, so let's all be real careful out there. I'll put some pictures later in the newsletter and more of the story too. Another lesson from this incident – don't trust the press to get the story correct. I know there are many good reporters out there, but there are also some who don't know enough to report a story and just seem to make up what they don't understand. If I hear one more reporter say that, "the aircraft entered a spin after the engine stalled," I'm going to start writing letters again... and you know how I get.

We the better weather here, there are more air shows and aviation events happening. Check out the list below. Jeff has put an events section on the main web page, and we'll start putting more info here for yaw. If you hear of something, let me know. I try to keep my ears open, but I know I miss stuff.

### **The Last Meeting - Jeff Wellum**

We met at Don Bussart's place on a windy day (and it wasn't because SOB was in rare Chater form). Prior to the meeting several of us toured Don's Hangers. Don has an exceptional collection of vintage aircraft. I definitely have to do some research on some of these planes. I have a feeling that some of the real significance of a few of these aircraft was lost in my ignorance about them. I think more visits to Bussart Field are in order and just maybe I can get Don to provide a little history about them.

Call to order by President Bill Foraker on a cool windy day in Don's back yard. Too windy to fly so this was a drive in meeting.

In attendance: Don and Kako Bussart, Doug and Linda Claybrook, Buddy Blades, Jeff Tucker, Jim Fisher, Jeff Wellum, Matt Throckmorton, Dale Barkley, George Bakken, Floyd Haumesser, Brad Haumesser, and Bill Foraker.

We had great member news reports that are included below, and a good report on the YE day planned. After the meeting, we adjourned to Don's living room and watched some videos on Air America. Don filled us in on the details the videos left out. Very interesting and what a bunch of aircraft and airfields...

Our great appreciation to Don and Kako for their hospitality. They are the best hosts ever.

### Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

The next young eagle event is scheduled for Saturday, June 13 with a rain date on June 20. This will be a chance for members of Boy Scout troupes 434 and 24 to obtain their aviation merit badges. George Bakken will be registered to sign off on the merit badges for the participants. Pilots and ground volunteers will be needed. George has 4 pilots signed up through the Boy Scouts and we'll need plenty of ground volunteers, so let Jeff know if you can help with this one.

### Web Report – Jeff Tucker

If you've visited recently, you noticed a new "Upcoming Events" section. SOB and I will be updated this frequently, so watch it for places to go. It has clickable links in it so you can typically get quick info on events.

I have also pruned some unused sections of the site and removed the pictures from the center section. Some members have fussed about losing the pictures, so I may reinstall them if space permits.

### From Jeff Tucker

Here is a picture my son-in-law took on Wednesday evening. He was standing in my yard, looking east across Hulman Field. It was his first time trying to photograph lightning and it took him about 15 minutes.



### Recent Sightings – Member News

Jerry's Badger flew to French Lick last weekend to have lunch in the Dome, but it was closed. So beware, if you're going for the dome experience, call ahead. He still had a good time, but it was dome-free.

Our last Movie Night was very special. SOB says he was working late, so we met late, but it was very worth it. John Van Etten was a FAC in Vietnam and was actually lead FAC for two days of the BAT 21 rescue. So we watched the movie and he narrated. We'd watch a little then he would tell us what really happened. It was VERY cool. Now Eric Hettlinger has bought the History Channel program on FAC and BAT 21. John is checking it out and our next Movie Night will be his review. We may move the traditional Movie Night location to Allen Harder's hangar as it has less junk in it than SOB's. Stay tuned for details.

SOB did his best to goof up the FBO guys at Greenwood recently, but they bailed him out. He nominated them for FBO of the week on AVWeb and got it. He'll show you his new, FREE, hat if you ask. He's such a busybody...

Delphi, 119, is having a cookout at their airport the last Sunday of each month at 4 pm. I'll have more details for June and maybe some of us can buzz up for dinner...

Our good buddy, MAJOR Billy Werth, is flying his Pitts in the Indy Air Show. The air show management is keeping the Blue Angel pilots in a briefing when Billy flies, so they won't feel bad about their show... You can check out his web site at: <http://www.grayout.com/> for more details.

Here is a very cool web site about Don Bussart. <http://www.cnac.org/bussart01.htm>  
Don is a special guy. You should make every chance to visit with him.

Dale Barkley reports that he just completed 2 annuals in the last couple of weeks on his aircraft. He also informed the group of the up-coming Pancake breakfast at Edgar County Airport on June 28.

Jeff Tucker is trying out his new portable GPS that he purchased for less than three hundred dollars along with a new Lightspeed headset. He likes them both. So SOB's JeffTech 3000 has been upgraded to a JTK 4000 and is now direct coupled to GPS! SOB has all the latest gadgets in his old Comanche.

Jim Fisher reports that his 182 is currently in for annual and should be done in the next week or two. In fact, he got a new plug harness and rumor has it that it is installed and Jim is in business again.

Jeff Wellum reports that he has not been able to fly in the last couple of weeks, but has two cross country training flights scheduled for next week. We'll see if he's any match for the flat and featureless Indiana/Illinois countryside.

Matt reports that he has been doing a little re-wiring after acquiring new software and wiring diagrams for the EFIS in his rocket. He will also soon have a service bulletin resolved on his Garmin 480. He hopes to participate in the Air Venture Cup race this year.

This from Dave Wilson on the Martinsville Incident (Yank is the nickname for the 182 involved) AND THEY WALKED AWAY, Friday May 22, brother Steve and fellow Pilot Mike Ray experienced the worst that can happen to a flight, on an aborted landing and attempted go around, they caught high lines. Following a business flight to McDaniel's field, Martinsville, IN, Steve and Mike decided to do some pleasure flying and as you can see, it did not end well. Some of you are relatives, some of you have flown the Yank, some have taken their first flight in her, she will be sadly missed. The best part of this story is when the FAA stated that this crash was unbelievable to have survivors.

Steve was released from the hospital on Monday, I spent yesterday with Steve meeting the FAA and today with the insurance people, Steve is doing well physically and mentally, feeling very lucky to be alive, and can't wait to get back in the air.



Some sad pictures of Yank. The good news is that there were no serious injuries.

### ATIS (Communications)

We have been contacted by the local Humane Society about our willingness to fly dogs to other places. Apparently, TH has an excess of pooches and they are needed and wanted other places. If you are interested, let me know and I can get you some details. There is a good story about it on AVWeb.

EAA Chapter 94 in Mason City, IA, is hosting an Aircraft Electrical Systems seminar, to be held June 27-28 at the Mason City Airport (MCW). The presenter is Bob Nuckolls, author of the AeroElectric Connection, a reference book which has been used widely by the homebuilt community for over 20 years. This information is also available on the EAA website at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org) Click on Calendar of Events. For more info, contact: Tom Barter, EAA Chapter 94, [kesleyelectric@chooseblue.coop](mailto:kesleyelectric@chooseblue.coop)

### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

June 5-7, The Indy Air show featuring Matt, SOB, Billy Werth, and the Blue Angels. Mt. Comfort airport.

June 6 & 7, Army Wings and Wheels WWII reenactor weekend at Poplar Grove airport by Rockford IL. Like a baby Victory Days.

June 13, Saturday, EAA 83 and BSA Young Eagle Event at HUF. Please work if you can. We hope to have lots of happy scouts on our hands that day.

June 14, Sunday, Noon to 3 pm, Sinful Sunday

Lee Bottom Flying Field will once again feature 'SINFUL SUNDAYS™'. Scheduled for the 2nd Sunday of every month (no rain date) during the months of June, July, and August. 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. We've also found that if you mention ICE CREAM, it is usually easy to entice someone else to go with you. Now also serving lunch from 12PM - 2PM (or until we run out). Be sure to sign-up for our newsletter (NORDO News) to get up-to-date information on the airport and events.

June 20, Saturday, 0900 to 1600, at KOVO, North Vernon Airport in Indiana

5th Annual Bishop Aviation Airshow & Fly-in. We are proud to announce our 5th annual airshow & Fly-in! Q: What can I expect? A: Aircraft acro demonstrations, food, entertainment and more Q: If I am flying in... when should I get there? A: Pilots are more than welcome to fly in at anytime. Whether it is the day before or the day of the event. Q: If I fly in... will I be grounded until the end of the show? A: NO! Pilots will be allowed to leave between airshow acts WITH the coordination of the ground crew. If you have any other questions that are not mentioned, please feel free to contact us!

June 20, Saturday, 0800 to noon, at Noblesville airport, I80

EAA Chapter 67 Pancake Breakfast, Fly In/Drive In Pancake Breakfast Chapter 67 event open to the public. Normally a nice mix of Experimental, Vintage, Warbird and Production Aircraft. Great grass roots flying at a 3200 ft well maintained grass airfield. come enjoy some real home down flying and friendly people.

June 20, Saturday, all day. From our buddy, Greg Gruninger... The folks in EAA Chapter 110 would like to get the word out that they have the Ford Tri-motor coming to Louisville (LOU). They would like to have as many airplanes as possible come for a static display as well.

June 27, Saturday, 0800 to 1300, at Logansport/Cass County Airport, GGP

Logansport/Cass County Airport Open House / Fly-In. All you can eat pancake breakfast served from 8:00 am to 11:30 am (pancakes, sausage, juice & coffee) \$6.00 adults / \$3.00 kids (10 & under). All proceeds to benefit Cass County Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Dedication Ceremony for the new Airport Operations Center to be held at 10:30am. New aircraft from Cessna, Piper and Diamond on display along with airplane rides.

June 27, Saturday, Frankfort Muni, FKR, 4 to 8 pm.

Fly In Open House and Fundraiser. Join Montgomery Aviation and the Frankfort Police Dept. to fight autism! Open House features planes on display, remote control model planes and much more. Fish fry supper (\$7 adults and \$5 children) proceeds benefit Generation Rescue to conquer autism. Door prizes and surprises!

June 27, Saturday, Taildraggers' Rendezvous. Post Air (7L8), Chapter 900 Fly In, Young Eagle Flights, Door Prizes and Raffle Drawings, Continental Breakfast and Lunch Cookout, General Aviation Invited

### Our Next Meeting...

Will be Saturday, June 6, at BMG, in combination with Chapter 650 in Bloomington. They are having a cookout/fly-in so there may be a big crowd on hand. I don't know if there will be much opportunity for a formal meeting at Noon, but the officers in charge will do what the situation allows. It will be a good chance to visit our friends in 650 and see some aircraft too.