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dedicated in the memory of

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Our Next Meeting...

Will be this Saturday, June 25, at the Vintage Wings hangar of Jordan and Niki Brown at Hulman Field. They are not only hosting the meeting, but also a cookout for us, so we'll eat at Noon and meet right after everybody gets their food. I find that you're much quieter when y'all are eatin'...

If you fly in, inform ground that you want to taxi to the north or exec ramp. They all know the drill. We have good controllers at HUF.

If you're driving in, enter the main entrance of the airport and take the first right. Vintage Wings is the third hangar on your left. Look for all the cars.

And Sunday, we're all going to Paris for their pancake breakfast, 7 to Noon, IL time. Dale B. said he's springing for two tickets for each Chapter 83 airplane that flies in. If you've never been, you're missing a good time.

The Last Meeting - Jeff Wellum

We last met on May 7 in the Vintage Wings Hangar. Members present included John Watler, Dale Barkley, Michael King, Jeff Wellum, Matt Throckmorton, Bill Foraker, Jordan Brown, Niki Brown, Kevin Davidson, Tim Peroli, Derek Smidler, George Bakken, Jerry Badger, JP Mellor, Jim Fisher, Eric Hettlinger, Cindi Hettlinger, Jerry Peterson, and Pete Peterson with his great, great grandson, Jacob. Some others were coming and going. I counted 19 and a half people present.

Member news:

Matt is working the bugs out of the Rocket and trying to find more speed. He flew to Greencastle for breakfast this morning and then made a run up to Wilson field. The tug has undergone a ring job and some new bearings. It seems to be running pretty good with a lot less smoke.

Meeting Guest Derek Smidler is an aviation student at ISU. His father built an RV several years ago in their basement. It sounds like a lot of digging and breaking of blocks was required to get it out, but it's flying now.

I was trying to follow the Rocket to Greencastle and Wilson field this morning in the Tiger. Unfortunately there was not much hope of keeping up. I have been making good progress on the empennage kit for the RV-8.

Kevin Davidson is progressing on the wings for his RV-7.

Nick Mahurin has been enjoying the deicing features of his Cessna 340 this winter.

Jordan Brown had his check out for the right seat of the B-25. He has completed his training and is getting ready for his type rating.

Jerry Badger is waiting on the FAA to review his paperwork.

Tim Peroli, our ATC buddy, just did his BFR and is current again. He has been flying out of Greencastle in a Diamond.

Pete Peterson turned 86 years old and still has his Cessna 175 based at Sky King.

Dale Barkley has been able to catch a few nice days to fly his light sport. He is working on building a Sonex motor glider. He reports the new north/south runway at PRG should be should be started this year.

John Watler has had two pictures published on Avweb.

JP Mellor is in the process of buying a 1971 Comanche 260C.

Bill Foraker reports that his aircraft re-registration went off smoothly. After all the traveling over the winter, he reports that he will be home for the near future. Bill gave a report on Fun and Sun including details of the severe weather that totaled so many aircraft.

Treasurer report:

John says we have money but it's time to pay membership dues! Please send your dues to John. \$10 if you want the newsletter via email, and \$15 if you want a paper version. John's address is:

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Web editor report:

The change in servers created a nightmare on work for Jeff Tucker. He is trying to get the site back up and running.

Newsletter:

Bill is contemplating different ways to get the newsletter out to everyone. One suggestion was to mail out a link to the newsletter on the website instead of actually sending the file.

Events:

May 14,15.....Indy Air show
May 21.....Frankfort pancake breakfast
May 21.....HUF open house.
May 22.....Indy air race meeting at Indy exec.
June 4.....Wings and Wheels at Sheridan
June 6-9.....Ford Tri-motor at HUF
June 10-12.....Frasca Fly-in
June 26.....Paris fly-in breakfast
July 8-9Kentland
July 25 – 31.....AIR VENTURE AT OSH
September 3.....Marion
September 17Brazil airport day

2011 meeting schedule: (to be confirmed)

June.....Vintage Wings
July.....Wilson field
August.....Casey
September.....Brazil, with a flyout to Winters' after the meeting
October.....Greencastle

November.....Sullivan
December meeting TBD, but it looks like we'll have a Christmas party again.

Possible fly-outs:

Sullivan
Mattoon
Bussarts
Wright Pat trip
Owensboro for BBQ
Sikeston to visit Lambert's Café
Rough River KY
Sporty's for hotdogs
Cleveland to visit the submarine museum
Danville
Ropkeys

Young Eagles: Possibly 3 events will be scheduled for fall.

Movie Nights: We hope to get them started soon. SOB is back and he's got the sound system.

Secretary ramblings:

We moved our Grumman Tiger to HUF last fall. Although we have one of the dreaded, north facing hangers, I really like our location at the east end of the hanger building. OK, the eight inches of ice in front of the door after that nasty storm was slightly annoying, especially when there was NO ice in front of the south facing hangers. However, I think the crew at HUF made a good effort with ice removal. A few minutes after Dad and I showed up to bust up the ice in front of our door, the maintenance guys came by to help out. It didn't take very long to make a path big enough for the tiger.

One recent improvement at the hangers was the opening of the hanger bathroom all winter. Previously the bathroom was closed during the winter to keep the pipes from freezing and it was amazing how long the drive to the terminal (and nearest bathroom) seemed sometimes. Thank you to all that have been maintaining the Hanger bathroom. I encourage everyone to help out with this so that it doesn't come down to one or two people providing supplies and doing all the work.

Overall I'm very happy with the move. It has definitely made me feel more connected to local flying group. It has also improved my comfort level and proficiency (I hope) when flying in controlled airspace.

Updates since the meeting (from SOB):

JP **BOUGHT** a 1971 Comanche 260C. He likes it so far. He got the last available T hanger at HUF. I'm sure he'll report more at the meeting on Saturday.

Bill and Jeff T (who???) have been talking about the web site. Jeff hopes to get to it soon (he has a new fancy fiancée) and EAA just came out with Plug and play chapter web sites. Jeff is checking them out and either way, we'll have a functional web site soon.

Jordan is all right seat checked out in the B-25. In fact, he flew it for the HUF open house. Matt was the bombardier and John W and I got to be the ordinance release technicians (we got to push the flour bags out the bomb bay hole). It was very cool. And yes, I was the one who hit the taxiway... twice! The evidence is still present. Jordan also flew to and in the Indy air show with his C-45. Indy had another 1 day rainout this year. They gotta move that show out of May. Did they learn nothing from all the Indy race probs???

And on the HUF open house, it was a nice event. I think we had over 20 member aircraft on display, several THAC aircraft and some fly-ins. I think the threat of rain kept some people home, but the rain held off until about noon.

Jerry B has received his FAA approval, and he is current and legal again. Hoo-ahh!

John Watler has had several pictures published by AVWeb. But no hat yet...

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Saturday, July 2, the Kokomo Wings and Wheels, Air and Car show at the Kokomo airport, OKK.

This year, Wings and Wheels welcomes back performers from past years: the Checkertail Clan's T-6 Texan and P-51 Mustang and many other WW II Warbirds, Greg Aldridge in his Super Chipmunk, Mike Wild in the Super Decathlon, and Bob Richards' amazing Pitts performance. We'll also have Dick Darlington in his Pitts S2, Al Hoover in his Stearman, and more! This year's show promises to be our best yet. For the 2011 show, we will be adding civilian jet acts! A pair of L-29 "Delfin" jet trainers and a CASA C-101 Aviojet will perform jet powered flying feats for your amazement.

Admission to the show is free! Breakfast and lunch tickets are available in advance or on the day of the show. Meal tickets cost \$5 in advance or \$7 day of show and are good for one breakfast or lunch plate. For information on obtaining meal tickets in advance, click here or visit the "Meal Tickets" link on the left. All proceeds go to aid the Western Marching Band.

If you're flying in, please check the NOTAMs as the airport will be closed during the show. Here's the tentative schedule: 8-11am - Pancake Breakfast; 11am-2pm – Lunch; 10am-2pm – Airshow. For more info: http://www.kokomowingsandwheels.net/Home_Page.html

Saturday, July 2, Fishers, IN. Indianapolis Metropolitan (KUMP). Airport Open House. Tom Wood Aviation is show casing the Indianapolis Metropolitan Airport on July 2, 2011. There will be static displays of World War II era war birds, static displays of corporate aircraft and more. The Tom Wood Aviation flight school will be giving airplane rides and be available for answering questions on flight training. Contact Alex Cook, 317-849-0840. For more info: <http://www.tomwoodaviation.com/news.htm>
it's worth going to the web site to see the picture...

Sunday, July 10, 2011 — Hanover, IN. Sinful Sunday - <http://www.LeeBottom.com>, Lee Bottom Flying Field Lee Bottom Flying Field will once again feature SINFUL SUNDAYS™. Join us for a sinful ice cream dessert. 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. Lunch served Noon - 2PM. Ice Cream served 1 - 3PM. Sign-up for our newsletter NORDO News to get the latest information. Contact: Ginger or Rich Davidson, info@leebottom.com

Recent Sightings – Member News

We had 5 Chapter aircraft go to the Sheridan fly-in. Good time and lots of cars. We didn't stay long as we had stuff to do and didn't want to get trapped by the air show. Derek flew up with Nick and back with Jordan in the C-45. Did he have a good day or what?

Most of you have heard, but Sky King airport sustained wind damage (again). We had several member aircraft damaged including Doug's Cub, George's 172, Eric and Cindi's Tiger, Curt's Champ, and some others. Bad deal. The roof was also ripped off the FBO building and the front wall collapsed. I understand aircraft and building repairs are underway.

Wellum Cookout

I was gone (did Jeff plan this cause I eat too much?), but all reports are that Jeff and Kelly put on a great cookout at the HUF T's last week. Over 30 people attended.

Marvona Welsh, known by many of you as the organizer behind our Terre Haute Air Fairs, has just begun working for the CAF as the Event Coordinator for the Red Tail Squadron. She organizes and promotes the CAF's Tuskegee Airmen P-51 and its display trailer to air shows and other aviation events around the country. Sounds like a job she's born to do. I have their flyer and if you'd like to see it, I can email it to you.

This just in... Jessica Campbell, former HUF CFII and ISU grad, is doing her last Embraer 145 sim session in Dallas on Friday, and then she's off to be based out of Miami. Tough gig...

Some of you may have heard, but Jordan has bought more airplanes. He just visited Atlanta and bought 3 more C-45s. Well, one TC-45H and 2 UC-45J to be accurate. Projects to be sure, but 3 more big twins... You gotta love it.

Rumor has it that Bruce Dallman, former TH resident, Chapter 83 member, Citabria owner, and kitbuilder, was here Friday. He had Chad do a prebuy inspection of an RV-6 which lives in South Carolina. He, Chad, and the owner did the work. I understand there were about six of supervisors watching them. Alan H. reported it looked like a nice plane, and that Bruce has made arrangements to buy it. Woo-Hoo for Bruce.

Chapter Business

From Alan and Jerry, our Trimotor Tour Stop Coordinators...

The Trimotor visit was well-supported by our members. I'd recite all the names, but as we were packing up, my notebook with all the names and times disappeared. (Has a Rose POLY decal on the front, if you get wind of it anywhere.)

The aircraft arrived about 10 am on Monday. Ticket sales weren't overwhelming. I believe there were 15 flights—3, 6 and 6 on the 3 days, respectively. All the EAA folks were great—Rand, Sherry, Darwin and Sunny. As they were leaving, I asked all of them what we could do next time to make the visit even better. Rand speculated that if it's another weekday, moving the hours of operation to include a later start and later finish would be good—allowing those who work 9-5 a chance to ride. (Cooler weather got a lot of votes too.)

We got great coverage from WTHI and the Trib-Star, and we'd like to thank our sponsors: The Terre Haute Convention and Visitors Bureau, The Terre Haute International Airport, and Mace Ford.

The ramp conditions made things a little awkward, as did the noise from the concrete ram, but that didn't discourage riders—just made it a little awkward for staff. Ted and the staff were great—especially Ted. Every need was attended to quickly. He even set up a nice tent for Sherry to sit under next to the merchandise trailer.

The music was a nice touch for background. I put a discman in the merchandise trailer and Sunny rotated through about 8 discs—Ellington, Glenn Miller, Ella, Billie Holiday, etc.

Idle Chatter

I missed a busy time in the Haute. Anybody who says there's nothing to do in Terre Haute needs to hang out with us. HUF open house, Trimotor visit, meeting at Vintage Wings, fly outs, tug work, jeep work, and all sorts of other carrying on. We have a pretty busy membership and I'm sure I missed other things that we've done.

As for me, I did my first landings in the T-6 and didn't wreck (Jordan saw to that), I flew the Comanche and the Citabria some, I drove to Akron, OH, and picked up another aircraft tug and load of tug parts (thanks to Jordan and Eric), I visited Battleship Cove in Fall River, Mass, the USS Intrepid Museum in NYC, and the US Navy Submarine Museum in Groton, CT, I toured the USS Nautilus, I attended a wedding on Cape Cod (and drank too much Jameson at the pre wedding party), spent a day on Martha's Vineyard, saw the sights at Provincetown, Mass at the end of the cape, got to look straight down out the open bomb bay doors of a B-25, saw Sister Act on Broadway, ate dinner across the street from the Ed Sullivan Theater (now the home of the Dave Letterman Show), and in general, had one heck of a month.

I think we have a great GA community in Terre Haute and I, for one, am very glad to be a part of it. I appreciate all the work and friendship of all y'all and I just want to say: Retirement is never having to know what day of the week it is...

See you Saturday!

And now, the pictures...



Some of the aftermath of the winds at Sky King...

Eric and Cindi's Tiger. Note the hangar door is laying on the ground.

And George B's 172 in a state nobody wants to see.



Some of our host and safety crew for the Trimotor, Alan, Jim, and Jerry looking their best.





Wayne starting and standing by the fire bottle...



Jerry, contemplating the mysterious inner workings of the radial engine



A nice shot of the Tin Goose

And a shot just some of those at the Wellum T hangar cookout. I can't believe I missed this!

