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The Big News

Is that Matt is flying his F1 Rocket Evo, and that sob is fast! I'm not used to going flying with people and being the slow one, but now I am. I think as of this writing he has over 30 hours of his 40 hours in the 'box' before its open season on the whole country. I'll put a couple of pictures in this edition, but if you want the whole story, check out his web site at <http://www.dothroch.com/> Of course, you can always get to it through our great web site, address above. Just click on Member Projects.



Matt and Jim Winings flying next to the old Comanche – yeah, I was the slow one.

Chapter Status Update

Well, it's been awhile since the last newsletter or meeting, but it's been nasty and cold and I've

been busy. But flying season is nearly here, so I'm getting cranking again.

Keith is very busy with his new job and didn't do much flying last year. He doesn't see that changing in the near future, so we probably won't see much of him this summer. We may be needing a new president if anyone is interested... He sold his C-170 to Brian Manning, a FedEx pilot with excellent taildragger skills, so we may see Brian some around HUF. Keith still has some work to do on the Quickie, but he's even talking about selling it, so stand by for news...

Keith and your other officers got all the Chapter status info submitted to EAA last December, so we're in good standing in Oshkosh. I guess they like us so much that we are planning to be one of only three locations this summer that will host both the EAA's Ford Trimotor and Aluminum Overcast, the famous B-17. The Trimotor is coming in mid June and the B-17 is coming in mid July. I'll keep you posted and ask for your help in hosting these two great aircraft as the visits get closer, but this should be great fun. My plan is to get some right seat time in the Trimotor. I might even fly some of you around. You can also get the details from the web site. Did I mention that Jeff does an outstanding job on the web site?

The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Was in November and I can't remember back that far, but I'm sure we had fun. Actually, we met at Greencastle and just stayed in the restaurant. A good time was had by all...

Young Eagles Report

As you probably know, Adam Springmeyer is out YE coordinator, but he is an ISU senior and plans to graduate and take a job this May, so Jeff Tucker, yes the same Jeff Tucker from EAA 83 web site fame and fortune, has agreed to take over the YE job. Thanks to him and I know he'll do great.

He has already created a computer program to print not only the YE certificates, but also the permission slips. After the YE info and the pilot and aircraft info are entered, his program prints right on the EAA forms. Very cool. He used it for the Honey Creek event last year and it worked great.

A quick YE note...

Last weekend, Matt, Jerry Badger, and SOB did some flybys at a Boy Scout YE event held at Wilson's Field by Dave Wilson and Dean Brown. It was cold and snowing, but all reports are that the kids and parents enjoyed the approaches. Dean also flew 19 YE's until the snow started flying. We plan to have a meeting at Wilson's this year, so you'll get to know the place and Dave and Dean better then. They are great guys and we're looking forward to the meeting.



Here's John and Matt flying along with SOB at 180 mph. It's amazing how that cold winter air improves performance...

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

The web site has some new features. Most visible is the new monthly calendars that John Watler is doing. They are great and are offered in a variety of screen resolutions for your machine.

You will also notice a new search function on the site. It will help you find things you need. We also

have many new pictures in the gallery so check them out.

Watler, SOB, and I have been working on the on-line member database and soon it will take over the email list from the mess on SOB's computer. We'll keep you posted as that develops.

Recent Sightings – Member News

The big new is Matt flying Rocket as noted above. Keith sold his C-170.

Jeff bought plans for a Sonex, but he's now leaning toward a Rans S-19.

John Watler has moved his aircraft to Brazil and Jim Fisher has moved to HUF. Chat has his engine back and has rented a hangar at HUF. He's just waiting for better weather to get his aircraft together and fly to HUF.

Dennis Eiler, HUF tenant and aircraft agent, just bought the Black Cat PBX that was for sale on eBay for a client. He says it should be coming this way in a few months after the restoration is complete. That will be a cool aircraft to see up close.

Wayne Sanders is in Japan right now, but is making good progress on his RV. He hopes to be flying this summer.



One of the Presidential Choppers on the ramp at HUF recently

Chapter Business

Your officers have been kicking around a tentative schedule for 08 and here's what we have so far. Some of the meetings have been confirmed and some are pending, but this is what we're working toward.

2008 EAA Chapter 83 Meetings:

March - HUF/Rose-Hulman safety review meeting
April - Greencastle, Dixie Chopper FBO
May - MTO
June - Shawnee, already checked with Mike and he's looking for the date
July - Wilson's field, a new place for us, nice grass strip just north of Rockville
August - Casey
Sept - Winters'
Oct - SIV
Nov - BMG

Fly outs for food:

FRH
Columbus
Rick's at Eagle Creek
Muncie, great restaurant
MTO often...

Fly out events:

Don Bussarts place, I vote for June
Frasca's Fly in, usually summer
Rantoul museum
Wilson's Last Resort, a great place
Lee Bottom, Sinful Sunday's and the big show last Sat in Sept.
KZoo some Saturday
LST museum at EVV
Marion Fly in, usually early September
SIV airport day, when?
Greencastle airport day, when?
Y/E Honey Creek, usually October

If you have any ideas or information on these events, just let me know. We want to do lots of flying this year and I'll try to keep the weekly emails coming to you all about what's happening. Let me know if you're not on the weekly fly-out list and would like to be.



Dave Wilson's hangar extension – pretty deluxe.
Our meeting sight for July.

ATIS (Communications)

If you're a HUF hangar tenant, you know what's going on with the hangar lease situation. If you're interested, let me know and I'll fill you in.



Shawnee in February after lots of rain...
You know where the runway is!

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Sun n Fun, April 8-13. It's great, and warm too.



The Chapter 83 Squadron on the ramp at SIV in February...

Overheard in the FBO at SIV on the day the above picture was taken...

Pilot 1 (after going to the bathroom): Hey, guys, how do you keep the seat up when you're taking a leak in there.

Pilot 2 (also after using the facilities): You use the urinal.

Pilot 1 (puzzled): There isn't a urinal in there.

Pilot 2 (not puzzled): There IS in the Men's Room!

Lots of laughter...

The names have been obscured to protect the guilty (but I was there and can be bought).

Our Next Meeting...

Will be Saturday, March 22, at HUF. We'll eat in the Restaurant at noon and meet at 1. Our guest speaker will be Eric Dawson, an ATC guy from HUF. He'll give us the rundown on current ops and the latest HUF and FAA scoop.



The new hangars at SIV are making progress... This was taken in February, I think...



A Florida squirrel taken at Sun n Fun last year...