



EAA Chapter 83 Terre Haute, IN



A Social Organization operated for the Advancement of
Aviation Education, Homebuilt Aircraft, and Private Aviation
Dedicated in the memory of Garland Wadsworth and John Blouch

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From your
Vice President-
Keith Welsh

Our January meeting was very well attended with 21 members attending.

Meeting Minutes:

Our fearless leader Rick Ramsey leads the meeting.



After the Pledge of Allegiance Rick opened the meeting at the HUF Business center.

1. YE Coordinator Alan Harder reported that 100 YE event T-shirts were ordered and received.
2. Rick and Alice reported that work continues on the Chapter Club House, located in an endcap at the T-Hangars. Painting is about 90% done. The bathroom is well supplied, and they ask that users look over

the needs before purchasing more for now.

Maintenance has installed a new thermostat so now the AC / heater can hopefully work predictably, and the airport director has offered to put carpet in the room. Which would be very nice.

For those who may not be aware, your EAA Chapter was offered the endcap at the T's to use for chapter events and a pilot lounge for the T-hanger tenants several years ago. Work at cleaning and adapting the room for use had progressed very little over the past several years. The room included a baseboard heater and an AC unit making it ideal for tenants and EAA use. A lockable closet was added by maintenance for safe keeping of chapter items such as banners, books, YE items etc... and some furniture was donated including shelving the airport was no longer using. So, the makings were there, all that was needed was for that final push. About a year ago Rick and I discussed the possibility of moving forward and the work began. To Rick's credit he and Alice have contributed 95+% of the work. They have done all the painting, worked with maintenance on getting the thermostat replaced, arranging the shelving, and working on and painting the restroom. Now the endcap is getting close to being finished. When done it will be a nice four-season place for trip planning, studying and, with a capacity of roughly 10-15 people, it can be used for Chapter gatherings ... once we figure out how to work the gate thing.

3. Rick is to investigate the possibility of purchasing chapter logoed caps,
4. Blake is to investigate the possibility of purchasing pagers for YE events. They will be like those used by restaurants that light up and vibrate when calling YE's for their turn.
5. Allan reported that the "Our Chapter" emails seem to be working now.
6. Homebuilders generally collect quite an array of tools. A process for "checking out" tools is in the works which will allow chapter members to borrow needed tools from other members.
7. Safety Presentation by Laurance Cross: Being the instructor and pilot that he is Laurance made a very good presentation on aviation safety covering many areas of interest from documents, basic med, decision making, personal minimums, weather,

airport signage, traffic patterns, radio communications, airspace charts, prohibited areas and TFR's. Plus, passenger briefings, engine failures and the impossible turn. This all sounds confusing but is rather easy stuff to remember as most of it is based on common sense and flying frequently ... NOTE: FLYING FREQUENTLY!



Laurance giving his presentation.

Both of the following links have a ton of useful information. Many thanks to Laurance for the presentation.

The Impossible Turn

<https://www.faa.gov/files/gslac/library/documents/2018/Nov/164492/P-8740-44.pdf>

Slide Pack from Rusty Pilots

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1Jln7F02z0OoREcVUW4_Ppx87p9Z6UTTvx/edit#slide=id.p1

NOTAMS:

Young Eagles Report: Alan Harder

Thanks again to all of you who flew Young Eagles in 2023!

We have 3 "open" YE events on the calendar for 2024 (Listed below) and the possibility for some "closed" (i.e. non-publicized) events for specific groups. So, it's time to think ahead to pilot availability, especially for a potential "closed" event.

This would be for the extended Tiefel family--10 to 14 grandkids of Rick Tiefel, Blake Litchfield's co-worker. It would be similar to the closed event we did for the Boy Scouts in November--the family members would receive the link to the online YE registration, but we would not post it on the YE or Chapter websites.

I'd like to propose May 18th for this. That would work around our 4/20 Open YE event + rain dates, and Chapter fly-out meetings.

Brandon will be available on the 18th. If at least two more pilots are available, I'll get the EAA insurance and we can put it on the calendar.

Let me know about May 18th? (We'll get pilot commitments to the other events about 45 days out.)

YE Calendar as of now:

April 20th, rain dates Sunday the 21st through Sat the 27th

Tentative: May 18th, Rain date May 19th. (The following weekend is Memorial Day)

June 8th, (National YE Day) rain dates Sunday June 9th through Sat the 15th.

Oct 5th, (Clark Co 4H) rain dates Sun 10/5 through Sat 10/12.

Member Spotlight: Treasurer, Charity Clark



This month you get to meet your new Treasurer, Charity Clark. Although she hails originally from Casey, Marshall sports arch enemy which is where I'm from, I find her to be a very nice person with whom I can be friends. 😊

When Charity Clark thinks of home, she thinks of Casey, Illinois. Although she spent equal parts of her childhood split between Casey and various places in Northern Illinois, she refers to herself as a "small town country girl at heart" who enjoys open land, open water...and of course open skies. She enjoys being outdoors, and, more recently, opening her Flightradar24 app to see what planes are overhead.

Outside of aviation, Charity has a background in Psychology and Social Work, and she is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Charity worked as a therapist before deciding to start her own LLC in 2023. Pinwheel Alliance LLC was created with the primary purpose of educating parents and other professionals about the impact of trauma and attachment. She also works at FedEx Ground in Terre Haute as an Operations Manager.

Charity has always enjoyed watching airplanes but would say she's a "newbie" when it comes to aviation. Getting a pilot's license has been in the back of her mind for 20+ years, but it wasn't until recently that she realized obtaining her license could be more than a pipe dream. Her boyfriend Blake, or lifetime co-pilot, gets credit for this. Blake has talked about getting his pilot's license since the two met, and he uses his flight simulator often.



Setting your sights a little high?

After discussing all the options for obtaining a pilot's license, she was enticed by Blake into attending

AirVenture 2023 at Oshkosh. That sealed the deal. Charity

decided she was going to get her pilot's license one way or another sometime in the near future.



Now this is more like it.



FISK operations

I've never taken the time to go out there, but they drove to Fisk to observe the FAA operations there. Anyone who has flown to OSH is very familiar with FISK.

After AirVenture, Charity agreed she and Blake needed to get connected with other aviators and so, they both joined EAA Chapter 83. Charity readily jumped in with Blake to help with Young Eagles events and looks forward to growing this program so that youth are made aware of all the opportunities available to them in aviation. She also enjoys learning from other pilots and is currently working through the Sporty's ground school program. Her long-term goal is to obtain her Private Pilot's license and to purchase a plane with her co-pilot so they can travel the country by air.



Practicing on their Flight Simulator

And she also does a great job with the Chapter's meeting minutes. Welcome aboard Charity and Blake! We're so happy to have you become part of the EAA family.

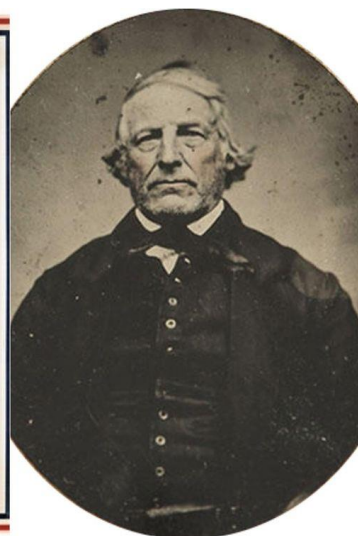
ATIS: Communications

Who Was Uncle Sam?

You may not have known that Uncle Sam was a real person! In case your unfamiliar, "Uncle Sam" is the famous patriotic character we see on the poster that reads "I Want You for U.S. Army".

Born Samuel Wilson in 1766, the real-life Uncle Sam worked as a meat packer in Troy, New York. During the War of 1812, he supplied troops with meat that he shipped in barrels. The barrels contained the branding "U.S." short for "United States", but people often joked that it actually stood for "Uncle Sam". The trope eventually spread far and wide and the rest is history (literally).

This photo of Wilson was taken some time in the 1850's and is the only known photograph of him.



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Next Chapter Meeting:

9 March 10:00 IN time.

We will meet next at Williams Aviation at HUF. Chad will have the program.

Hope to see ya'll on the 9th.
Fair Sky's: Keith



Jim Gibson EAA 20620
April 23, 1928 – February 16, 2024



Jim and his L-16

Jim was a long-time member of the EAA and of Chapter 83 having served as Chapter Vice President in 1979 and President in 1980 and a charter member when the chapter reorganized in June of 1970. He and friend and co-owner of Aero Plaines Pete Peterson hosted many chapter meetings throughout the years. The idea for our flyout meetings actually started at Aero Plaines. He was also the newsletter editor and past President of Lakeland FL EAA Chapter 454. He and Kathy retired to Florida 26 years ago.

Jim was Born in Jasonville IN. He graduated from Midland High School in Midland Indiana. He then enrolled in the Army Air Corps. and was on a train to pilot training when train was stopped and they were told the war (WWII) was winding down and no more pilots were needed. He decided to go to radar school and ended up in Biloxi, MS as a radar instructor, never leaving the States. He was honorably discharged in April 1949 as a Staff Sargent.

He then returned to Indiana and went to Indiana University to get a degree in Geology. He worked in Montana and the western states for a few years as a geologist, then tired of that he went to Indianapolis where he worked for Allison Transmissions. While there he invented covers for jet engines and was paid \$75, Allison's got the credit. You can still see the exact cover to this day on airplane engines. He designed cars, and designed a crash cushion that he tried to patent but the patent lawyer thought he was ahead of his time and did not think it was worth a patent fee. He went ahead to design many things. Kathy has several excellent drawings. He decided to quit Allison's and went to work for New York Life where he worked for over 40 years. In the meantime, he went back to school getting designations CLU and CHFC. In 1963 he married Doris Kathleen Kittle in Terre Haute IN. They were married 60 years. Amelia Lozano, Okeechobee FL, James Ross Gibson, Jr. San Clemente CA Charles Gibson, Beacon NY are his children. He is survived by his wife Kathy, children and 5 grandchildren. He died peacefully in Lakeland FL at Good Shepherd Hospice House Feb 16, 2024.

As many of you know he was an aviation enthusiast! He loved airplanes owning seven in all with his last, and most cherished one a completely restored 1949 Stinson Station Wagon. He gave up flying at age 82. He loved his air strip and hangar he shared with Dr. Deward (Pete) Peterson

at Youngstown IN. He spent many happy hours there either mowing the strip, visiting with friends, hosting EAA fly/ins and flying his and Pete's L-16.

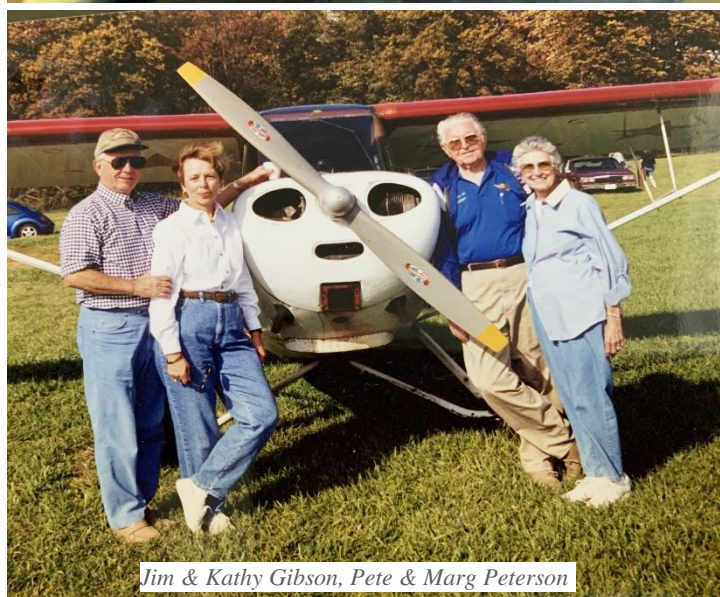


"We attended EAA Conventions at Rockford, IL and Oshkosh WI for 35 consecutive years. He also volunteered at Sun N Fun for over 20 years. He and I have lived across the lake from Kermit Weeks Fantasy of Flight and enjoyed immensely all the activity there for 26 years. He was a good father, delightful, wonderful husband, and grandfather. He will be missed greatly." Kathy Gibson





*Typical Group Photo taken by Curt DeBaun
How many of you know everyone in the photo?*



Jim & Kathy Gibson, Pete & Marg Peterson

Those of us who may remember, Jim was very talented at drawing. He got the idea to build a kid's pedal version of Delmar Benjamin's GeeBee R-2. He designed and built the mini-Gee Bee you see in the photo. For a period of time Montana farmer Delmar Benjamin flew his Gee Bee at several AirVenture's during the 90's and early 2000's as several of us will remember. His Gee Bee is currently in Kermit Weeks Fantasy of Flight with Jim's model. I remember well that year at OSH helping Jim sell plans in his booth in one of the old exhibit buildings.



Jim also had a deep appreciation for warbirds in fact so much so that he created a Mustang and a Corvette to commemorate two of the more famous fighters of WWII.



*This Mustang was created to honor WWII Ace Bud Anderson's
OLD CROW P-51 Mustang fighter.*



This Corvette is styled in honor of the Flying Tigers of WWII



Relaxing & enjoying Sun-N-Fun

Jim was a valuable member of EAA Chapter 83 for many years. I remember well the many times we flew together in our planes, even once flying to Sandusky, OH landing at the Put-In-Bay airport. He experienced a stuck valve and the L-16 stayed there. I flew home alone in my Aeronca Chief dead reckoning. Don't think I'll do that again.

Thanks for the memories. God Speed Jim Gibson

