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From Your President - Keith Welsh

As I sat around thinking about what to share with you this month I ran across an article in the Vintage Airplane magazine entitled "Are You Ready for a New Season?" by Doug Stewart, 2004 flight instructor of the year. He points out many of the deficiencies which can set in over the winter months like pilot currency, pilot proficiency, aircraft maintenance, and legal requirements.

As we all get excited to fly to that \$100 burger destination and whereas like the bicycle analogy (you never forget how to ride one) is indeed often true if you have not flown in the past 30 days, your piloting skills have probably deteriorated to a certain extent. It's not only stick and rudder skills that can get rusty but also taxiing skills as well. Do you remember to "dive away" from that quartering tailwind as you taxi to the runway? Or have you performed 3 takeoffs and landings (each to a full stop in a tailwheel airplane) in the previous 90 days before you can legally carry passengers? Do you remember the right of way rules?

Sometimes observing the antics that occur in the traffic patterns of nontowered airports makes one think that no one remembers the those rules or, worse yet, no longer cares about them. Or is it just as simple that pilots forget, during the long winter, that the best equipment for collision avoidance is our own two eyes?

At this time of year when your pilot skills might be their lowest, recurrent training via winter seminars and the FAA Wings Programs are excellent tools for individual proficiency and goes a long way to keeping the skies safer for everyone as we enjoy this gift of flight we Americans are so lucky to enjoy as private citizens. And remember this that every year there is a

rash of insurance losses called in right after the first nice weekend in the country. An engine failure or a pilot's rusty aviation skills are usually to blame. So let's all be careful out there and pull in the right direction for the good of aviation.

Lookin' forward to seeing you all at Sullivan. Keith

The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Well, everybody wants to go to Greencastle again, and soon. We had a great meal, tour, and meeting on a Saturday that had some rain forecast, but produced none. We had 24 members and guests attend, and 6 pilots flew in. Those flying included John Watler in his 172, Gary Rodgers in his (in)famous smoker RV-3A, Matt Throckmorton in his Super Decathlon, Jim Pelkie in his hot rod Mooney, and Betty DeBaun in her new 172. Mike Wonder had flown in too, but he had to leave early to go pack for Sun 'n Fun. Gary is already packed.

From John and his crew, we got a great tour of the facility and saw a wide variety of aircraft from



A Pair of Diamonds...

a Citation to several paragliders. They had a Seneca, a nice 182, an aerobatic ultralight, another ultralight for sale, and the highlight of the day was both of the Diamonds were out and open for our inspection. They were just too cool – beautiful, fast, and reasonably priced for their performance. After I sat in the little one, I wanted to buy it but couldn't get my wife on the phone, so I had to pass.

We found out that the Saturday brunch area at the FBO is now a regular restaurant too, open Tue-Fri 11-2 for lunch and Thurs-Sat 5-9:30 for dinner. We saw both menus and I think it'll become a regular stop on our Chock and Chomp circuit.

Our thanks to John Layne and the Dixie Chopper Crew for hosting a great visit for us. Check out more pictures of the meeting on our web site.

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

All bills are paid and we still have money in the bank. We have 59 paid members and we have 93 on the rolls. With a little math, you can see that we have 34 unpaid members. We talked about how to inform those who are not paid, and we decided to list the names of paid members. If you're not on the list to follow, this is your last newsletter. If you think you have been omitted incorrectly or want to pay your dues, contact John Watler, jlw@watler.com, call him at 478-4571, or send \$12 to John Watler, 2632 Farrington Street, Terre Haute, IN 47803

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

New items on the web site include some changes to the header, the addition of names, phone numbers, and email links to the officers on the "Contact Us" page, a Pilot Shop page from which you can pay your dues and will have other things soon, and some new pictures in the Photo Gallery pages including some from the Greencastle meeting. You can now read more back newsletters on that link, and we're still working on getting an airport web cam operating. Dennis said no way, José, for one at HUF, so we're talking with the big shots at the Sullivan airport now. We'll have one going soon. The email is now working on the .net site. You can either use the eaa83.net site as your home email server, or have it forward your chapter mail to another mailbox us regularly use. Just let Jeff know what you prefer.

Recent Sighting – Member News

Darrel Zeck is currently trying to find the least expensive way to put a stainless steel exhaust system on his t-craft. So far, he's found two people that will

make the exhaust, but the approval (paperwork) will be an extra \$300! He thinks he's still ahead doing it that way, but if someone knows of a 337 out there, he would appreciate the information. He's going to do it, one way or another, but the extra \$300 will be hard to swallow. Everyone tells him the stainless exhaust is the way to go, so now he's looking for procurement info. He would appreciate any info on the subject. Send to: Bendix49@aol.com

Ted Black is still working on installing the new fabric on his wings. He hopes to be done by fall – not really, but it is taking longer than he thought it would.

John Watler is flying again and going every chance he gets.

Jeff Tucker is without aircraft, but is doing a great job on the web site. More on that in the web report.

Eric Parker has finished his A&P but has yet to take the test. He has a web site with hundreds of pictures of all types of aircraft at www.ericparker.net. Go check it out.

Jack of Diamonds...I think he's hooked.



Gary Rodgers is packed and ready to head for Lakeland. He reported that the new medical evacuation helicopter service is up and running at Brazil International Airport. They have their own fuel farm, and new hangar, and their own staff facility.

Matt Throckmorton hopes to get his kit in the next 3 weeks. It's clearing customs now and he's ready to get started. He announced that his Super D should be for sale about this time next year as he expects to be test flying the F1 Rocket Evo by then. If he's going to finish it in a year, we aren't going to see much of him for a while.

Jim Pelkie has put 11 hours on his Mooney in the first 10 days of April, and at mach .4, that's a lot of territory covered.

Jim Fisher is a new member who has just moved here from California. He's a mostly retired TV and film writer and is just unusual enough to fit right in our chapter. He's already landed at Shawnee in the peak of the flood season, so he's ready for anything.

Ernie Winters isn't doing anything special that he would tell us about, but has the 170 all ready for the flying season.

Betty and Curt DeBaun are getting used to their new 172. It's going in for radios soon cause they were spoiled by their old airplane.

Roger and Ann Fecher were over from Indy but didn't fly their Mooney. They were meeting with Barry Farbrother, a former member who now lives in Findlay, Ohio.

Dennis Shirley flew his RV down from the north. It was good to see him again and he brought a guest with him.

Larry Wheelock reports he had between 30 and 40 Chapter EAA members and friends at his "Fly-in Drive-in" at his hangar and airport in the deep south of Texas. Included on the list of fly in visitors was Chapter 83 member Leon Williams and his friend Beth. They had a beautiful day in the 80s with light winds. Larry did some flying in his Stinson 108 and there was also an RC model C-210 buzzing around.

Ken Campbell is doing the last finishing items to his Long EZ. His test flight time is flown off and very soon we're going to have 2 flying canards in the chapter.

Jack and Deb Kleiss (disputed pronunciation) were over on 4 wheels. The 150 is airworthy, but they didn't like the forecast. Jack REALLY liked the Little Diamond and won the "Most Questions Asked" award.

Vern and Pat Bothwell went through the list of their aircraft, an Ercoupe, the Woodie Pusher, a C-170, an Aeronca Chief, and 2 more he couldn't think of. I think if you have more aircraft than you can keep straight, you should be flying more...Pat is the treasurer of the Greencastle EAA Chapter 1374.

Bill Foraker is all grumpy because his airplane is at Mike's getting some AD work done and Mike went to SnF. Actually, the parts just came in, so it shouldn't be much longer.
Late breaking news...

Bruce Dallman has purchased an RV-6 kit. He found one partially completed by an aeronautical engineer who has done excellent work, so he has a head start, but he's still got plenty to do. He expects to start riveting in a month or so when he gets his new tools and has read all the manuals. This also means that a very nice Citabria will be for sale soon. Let the bidding begin...

Chapter Business

Terre Haute Air Fair Update-
Keith is heading up the Ramp Patrol committee again this year, so he is looking for 30 or so good volunteers. As you know, we have had great Ramp Patrols in past years, and Keith wants to keep our reputation high, so if you're interested in being a ramp rat this year, let him know.

The plan for the Chapter display is still taking shape, but it looks like we may get the NW corner of the intersection of Charlie and the main ramp to show our aircraft. This will be a secure, roped off area and we plan to have at least 2 chapter members on security duty at all times. We'll need 4 members in the display: 2 for security and 2 more to answer questions about the EAA and our chapter, so if you're interested in working part of the day in the Chapter tent, let me know. Also, we're looking for aircraft to display in our area, so if you would like to show yours, please let Keith or I know.



Ted and Curt looking over a prospect at Greencastle. Curt is pulling down so hard that he's squishing the front tire. What big muscles he must have...

We have decided to go to the Air Force Museum in September. We hope to avoid the busy summer and still have nice weather. Jack and Deb went on the Chapter 1374 trip last month and had a great time. Foraker has arranged with The Star of Indiana charter

company for our bus service and it will cost us \$25 each round trip from HUF. He'll make sure we can park in the airport parking lot for the day and we'll leave from there. This is the same bus company that Greencastle just used and they had a great time.

Foraker will schedule the NOAA facility visit as soon as possible and we'll make it a fly-out trip.

Also, fly-out season is starting and you know Foraker sends out emails to coordinate, so if you are interested in getting the messages, get your email address to him at bill.Foraker@rose-hulman.edu right away.

ATIS (Communications)

Inquiring minds want to know, and I know you all have inquiring minds, so here is some interesting info:

Total Pilots in US – 661,358

Total Pilots in IN – 11,406

Total Pilots in IL – 20,763

IN/IL Pilots by county

Vigo – 209

Sullivan – 55

Vermillion – 27

Clay – 63

Clark – 35

Edgar – 31

Total US Airports – 13,282

Total US Active GA Piston Aircraft – 162,740

Total Indiana Active GA Piston A/C – 5,419

Total Illinois Active GA Piston A/C – 7,911

IN/IL Registered Aircraft by County

Vigo – 115

Sullivan – 38

Vermillion – 22

Clay – 25

Clark – 25

Edgar – 32

THAC – 19

Brown's – 24

Don Bussart – 9

EAA Chapter 83 members - 60

Transportation Fatalities by Mode – 2001

Highway – 41,730

Air Carrier – 606

General Aviation – 553

Marine – 767

Railroad – 795

Other – 7

The number of certificated one-eyed pilots in the US - 3000 (guess who gave me this figure?)

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

May 1 in Batavia, OH. Clermont County (I69) 146 nm from HUF on 099 heading. Sporty's Spring Open House. 11 AM to 3 PM at the Cessna Delivery Hanger. Come see the 2004 Cessna aircraft and the area's first showing of the Garmin G-1000 glass cockpit. Representatives from Cessna, Cessna Finance Corp., Garmin, and Telex will be on hand. Lunch and refreshments.. Contact Charlie Masters, 513.735.9100 ext 239

Also starting May 1 Sporty's Hot Dog Fly In. Batavia, OH. Clermont County (I69) Sporty's serves free hot dogs every Saturday from noon until 2 PM all summer. Contact Mike Lack, 513.735.9100 Ext 303

May 2 in Dayton, Chapter 48 Fly-In Breakfast, Moraine Air Park, I73, 143 nm from HUF on 084 heading. Our focus will be on a relaxing breakfast fly-in where we can enjoy the comradeship between EAA members--especially those of us who build and/or restore our own aircraft. Our plan is to showcase these flying masterpieces at show center, so all in attendance can see them and talk with their owners. The best thing is the event is free, so you should have money to buy breakfast or something at our Fly Market during your visit. Contact Information: Michael Williams 937-878-2647 Email Address: eaa48@aol.com

May 15, in Decatur, IL. Chapter 274 Fly In Breakfast, Decatur Municipal, KDEC, 76 nm from HUF on 288 heading. Contact Information: Gary VandeVoorde, (217) 795-2393. Email Address: vamair65@aol.com

May 14, 15, 16 - 2nd Annual Midwest Aeronca Festival, Kewanee Municipal Airport, EZI, 161 nm from HUF on 311 heading. Contact Information: Jody Wittmeyer (309) 853-8141, Email Address: jodydeb@earthlink.net Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/stars4/aeroncafest>

May 22, Cincinnati, OH. Blue Ash Airport (ISZ) 136 nm from HUF on 095 heading. Spring Pancake fly in. Alpha Eta Rho hosts the first annual spring pancake breakfast fly in. Come enjoy all you can eat pancakes and get your airplane washed while you eat pancakes. \$5 for breakfast \$50 for airplane wash and degrease. Breakfast served from 8am until 1pm. Contact Jeff Measamer, 513/608-0534

Our Next Meeting...

Saturday, May 8, at the Sullivan Airport (SIV).
Meeting at Noon. This is one of our favorite places, and last November, we filled the ramp with aircraft. You will want to arrive early to hear some Sun 'n Fun stories and tell a few yourself. Gary's got some good

ones and ask Mike about getting run into at Homestead, Fl., on the ground. What a deal? The first fly-out meetings are always fun because you can see how rusty everybody's landings get because of the winter months off, so go practice a few before you get your first score of 2004.

Here are the members paid through this year and beyond. If your name isn't on this list, this is your last newsletter... If you think you have been omitted incorrectly or want to pay your dues, contact John Watler, jlw@watler.com, or call him at 478-4571.

Pat Adams
Bill Ax
Dallas Benham
Ted Black
Vern Bothwell, Jr.
Vern Bothwell, Sr.
Ken Brewer
Chat Chatteri
Ken Crane
Bill Cress
Kevin Cress
Tom Cross
Dale Cunningham
Bruce Dallman
Kevin Davidson
Betty DeBaun
Curt DeBaun
Bunny Evans
Dean Evinger
Roger Fecher

Jim Fisher
Chris Fitzgerald
Tom Flock
Bill Foraker
Bob Fullenwider
Jim Gibson
Lewis Goekler
Tom Havercamp
Bob Holmes
Ed Huddleston
Dave Jones
Jack Kleiss
Vern Knock
Don Lehman
Bob McCammon
Frank McEachran
Dennis Meng
Eric Parker
Norm Patrum
Jim Pelkie

Pete Peterson
Eric Pitts
Ben Ranum
Larry Richter
Gary Rodgers
Wayne Sanders
Dennis Shirley
Matt Throckmorton
Jeff Tucker
Reed Usrey
Tony Valentic
Bill Vaughn
John Watler
Keith Welsh
Larry Wheat
Leon Williams
Ernie Winters
Mike Wonder
Darrel Zeck

When you need to get a big helicopter to Iraq, what do you do? Pack it up and ship it in an Airplane...



Ensign, If you're going to drive the boat for aircraft recoveries, you have to slow down and go straight. You keep screwing up the pilots on final...

