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## From Your President - Keith Welsh (New Call Sign - Kiwi - a flightless bird. -ED)

Hello again everyone. With the good wx here again...finally I trust you all are getting some air time in. Unfortunately though the last meeting was a flying bust due to the poor wx at Greencastle. I've learned that Doc Throck flew his new F-1 to Sun n Fun. While he did make it there things didn't exactly go as planned due to the wx. We will be interested in his and all your reports at the next gathering.



DocThrock in his new Rocket at MTO. John is smiling because he was the first person to ride in the back seat. He says it still has that new airplane smell, but it blows right out at 200 kts.

On another note I, for some reason which I don't remember cause I accidentally deleted the e-mail msg, crossed paths with the FAA Civil Aviation Registry at this address <https://amsrvs.registry.faa.gov/amsrvs/Logon.asp> I'm assuming many of you received the same message. It appears that since Feb 11, 2008 the FAA began issuing new pilot certificates with an English speaking endorsement. The dead line for

obtaining the new photo ID certificates, both pilot and repairman (for you homebuilders) is Mar 5, 2009. The cost is currently \$2 which will go to \$25 after the deadline I believe. What I found out while going through the process is that many of you, like me, have our SSN for our certificate number. Among the several options available to the certificate holder one is to change the number from the current SSN, which I did. The cost to change that and have issued a new certificate is nothin...nada...free. My repairman cert. however, does not use the SSN for it's number. For that one I had to pay the 2 bucks. Also I learned that the FAA site is a very good one and easy to navigate through. So for anyone of you who are interested and didn't get the e-mail msg go visit the above address and get your new certificates while you can...cheap. And that about does it for me. See ya all at MTO next Sat. Keith

## The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

April 11, 2008, Dixie Chopper FBO  
Putnam County Airport

The first news of the meeting was the weather. Global warming my big old fuzzy butt. It's the middle of April and we have a 20% chance of snow!?!?!? The weather was 4000 overcast, winds 23G32, with temp just above freezing. Needless to say, not even the bold pilots flew today. All 16 of us drove in, but it was still a good meeting. The hot topic of discussion was Mud 'n Fun, as it was described. I guess the parking lot was still mud by Wednesday. Most people thought both the crowds and the vendors were a little thin this year. We'll see what the final reports are. Matt took his first long cross country in 540MT to MnF. He flew with Mike Worth of Indiana RV fame and fortune. They spent 5 days

in transit and 2 days at the show. Somebody please tell me why they don't have SnF in October to miss the rainy and unstable spring weather? I'm sure there is a good reason, but it escapes me. Even if the weather is good in Florida, there seems to always be a front or 4 moving across the south that disrupts people coming and going. Anyway, all who attended still seemed to have a good time, and that's what counts.

One of the meeting highlights was the number of newer members. We had Ken Lorenz, Jeff Wellum, and George Bakken, all fairly new members. Ken is a new pilot building time and looking for the right aircraft. Jeff is still taking his lessons and has plans to build an experimental in the shop behind his house. George is flying and looking for a good 172 to take off the market. He's looked at some, but not found the right one yet. We had two members trying to get him interested in getting a tailwheel endorsement. Each of them, coincidentally, has a 170 for sale. Hmmmmmm. It's great to have some new members because often small clubs like ours die out for lack of membership growth and the new ideas and activity it stimulates. Thanks to you guys for coming. Let's the rest of us offer them rides to meetings until they get their own wings.

We also had Jimmy Wells, a guest from Paris/Edgar County airport. He invited us over about any time and told us they are planning an event. I'll get the news in the newsletter and in our weekly (mostly) fly out update.

#### From Your Treasurer – John Watler

John tells us our bills are paid and we are solvent. He also requests that we please pay our dues for 2008. Dues are still \$12, a bargain just for this high quality, informative, expertly done newsletter. How would you get your local flying news without me? Oh, yeah. There's that web site thing, but I don't think that internet fad will catch on. Anyway, please get your dues to John so we don't go broke.

John also does the cool new EAA Chapter 83 Monthly calendars. You can download yours from the web site thing. He makes them in several resolutions and Jeff puts them on the site for you to download. John also wants good pictures for the calendars. I've been on two already, and I'm sure he didn't have any options for the second one. He'd like air-to-air shots, but he'll take anything he can get. His email address is in the heading of the newsletter. Just email your pictures to him, and to me too if you want them in the wonderful, outstanding, overlooked by EAA, Chapter 83 newsletter.

#### Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

As I think I reported last month, Adam has taken a job with Piedmont Airlines, so he's leaving town soon. With his departure, Jeff, our esteemed webmaster, has assumed the YE coordinator duties. We don't have anything planned right now, but there is a scout troop and a Christian Academy who are both interested. I don't think I'll be allowed to work the Academy event, but I can teach some scouts a thing or three.



A couple of cool aircraft on the ramp at MTO when we visited a couple of weeks ago.

#### Web Report – Jeff Tucker

Check out the new features on the web site including the new downloadable monthly calendars, the link to info on the Ford Tri-Motor and B-17 stops in Terre Haute, and N number look-up feature. There's always something new on our site.

#### Future Note

Mike Wonder called me with a date for June. We will meet at Shawnee on Saturday, June 14, 2008. As you know, this is a big fly in with us, the Indiana RV Wing, EAA Chapter 650 from Bloomington, and Mike's biker buddies all attending.

## Recent Sightings – Member News

George Bakken, aka, N7560E, sent this in... I now have a white/yellow/orange 1979 Cessna 172N, for better or worse, as of last Tuesday. Now, If I can just learn to land it at Sky King ...

Matt and Kelvin flew to a great fly-in last weekend at Moraine airport in Dayton. They report there were lots of aircraft and other good stuff to see.

Matt and John visited Ropkey's Armor museum in Crawfordsville last week. I have done some flyovers and it looks like an interesting strip. They report that it is okay, but you might get the local knowledge report from them before going in. The museum is excellent with wall-to-wall tanks and other green vehicles. They even have a few aircraft and are planning to get more. We'll be going there soon.

Ernie and Linda report that they are selling their house which comes with lifetime use of the airstrip. As most of you know, they live near Indy off the Eminence exit from I-70. BIG house and your backyard is a runway. Gotta love that! They are also selling their very nice C-170 for those of you who just have to have a tail wheel...

Vern Bothwell is also selling his C-170. So you have two in the chapter to choose from.

## Chapter Business

The planning is going well for the Tri-Motor and B-17 visits. Darrel Zeck is the tour stop coordinator for the Tri-Motor, and Jerry Badger is heading up the B-17 stop. We'll have more info as the dates get closer, but you should start to see info in the news... You can always check out the web site for details as they develop.

## ATIS (Communications)

Grissom ARB should be open for civil traffic soon. Dan Montgomery, who runs the FBOs at Indy Exec and Frankfort, is opening one at Grissom. As soon as he gets his fuel permit from the State, he'll be open, and we'll get to land on the longest runway in Indiana. I won't have to use the brakes to get stopped...

This from Larry Wheelock in Texas: On April 10, 11, and 12 our Rotary Club hosted a GSE (Group Study Exchange) team from Spain. Norma and I hosted Jaume Vives Roig from Blanes, Spain, who is an Industrial Technical engineer. The highlight of his visit was the 1/5

hour air tour I took him on. He really liked flying in a small aircraft.



Jaume smiling after his Stinson ride.

## Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Matt reports: There was a note on the wall at MTO about a benefit fly in at Frasca on May 17. I'll do some checking and get more info.

Linda and Ernie send the following: Just a short note to let you know we are planning a pitch-in lunch on Memorial Day (Monday, May 26th) -- plan to eat around 1:00. Tall corn won't be problem; but, rain might. Hopefully, it will be a nice day with LOTS of flyin' goin' on. If you are in touch with any other chapters in the area, please pass the word.

## Our Next Meeting...

will be on Saturday, May 10, at the Coles County Airport in Mattoon/Charleston, IL. We'll eat at Noon IL time/1 pm IN time in the restaurant, and meet after that. After the meeting, we'll wander east and tour the hangars and see some of the cool aircraft the MTO pilots/owners have. Last year it was rainy, so we're hoping for good weather to see some excellent aircraft. Steve Larabee and Jerry Cox will be our hosts and make all the arrangements. If you are driving over, the airport is about halfway between Charleston and Mattoon on the main road between them. You can't miss it...



Finally, here's a picture of Wayne in his RV. It's about ready to fly...



This is Dale Barkley's Sky Ranger. He sent me this a while back, but I just found it.

A very cool formation...



And as a bonus for the email subscribers, here are some interesting web sites to visit:

This is the best video I've seen for a long while:  
[Click here: YouTube - Harrison Ford: Just another pilot](#)

Have a barf bag handy for this one. It's Patty flying with in cockpit camera:  
[http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/exclusivevids/ExclusiveVideo\\_PattyWagstaff\\_SunNFun2008\\_197789-1.html](http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/exclusivevids/ExclusiveVideo_PattyWagstaff_SunNFun2008_197789-1.html)

The 777 assembly process in high speed:  
[http://www.nmedia.com/777-200LR\\_Boeing.wmv](http://www.nmedia.com/777-200LR_Boeing.wmv)

Good stuff about the Blackbird. Make sure you scroll down for the family portrait.  
<http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-vetscor/1981814/posts>