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### **Idle Chatter**

Where did a month go? It seems like I was just writing this a few days ago. Well part of the month was my best vacation ever. Beth and I took a cruise on our Son's ship and had a ball. Stories in person. Matt and I worked the Grimes Field staging event for the Doolittle Reunion. We didn't get to Wright-Patt part of the event, but we had a great time pushing around old bombers, and Old Smokey – Matt's 1942 Clark tug – did a great job. This week we have the HUF open hangar event for some Rose students studying aviation, and many of us attended the FAA seminar two weeks ago at SIV. Matt has been working to arrange a Lycoming speaker in July and Jordan is in the Indy air show. Matt and I are planning to fly to Bridgeport, CT, to work the Corsairs over Connecticut show next weekend. We've got a B-17 coming to HUF in June and we're working to make our June meeting at Jordan's hangar and big fly in event. Right now, it doesn't look like we're getting either the EAA Trimotor or the Collings Foundation aircraft, but we'll try again next year for both. It's still shaping up to be a busy summer. So come on our and participate with us and have some flying fun.

### **The Last Meeting - Jeff Wellum**

Our last meeting was April 24, 2010, and the GREAT Vintage Wings Hanger at HUF on Executive Row. Jordan and Niki Brown were our hosts and they had the best meeting since the old bean dinners at Clinton. The food was only rivaled by Casey and Winters and the work they put in was outstanding. We're having our June meeting there again and going to make it an invite everyone fly-in. We'd like to get lots more aircraft to attend, and not only chapter members.

The meeting was called to order by some SOB and kicked off with the pledge to the flag. In attendance were Mike King, Eric Hettlinger, Alan Harder, Matt Throckmorton, Nick Mahurin, Jerry Badger, Dale Barkley, Larry Richter, George Bakken, Reed Usrey, Wayne Sanders, Kevin Davidson, Bill Foraker, Jim Fisher, John Watler, Jeff Wellum, Ken Lorenz, and of course our hosts, Jordan and Niki Brown and family (Moms, Dads, and Kids). There were other visitors and guests of the Browns at the meeting. I estimate that there were 30+ in attendance. Some of the chapter members actually stayed for lunch AND dinner. The food was THAT good!

Member news from the meeting included:

- Mike King was recently in Baton Rouge. He is having some autopilot issues repaired in the Cherokee 6.
- Eric Hettlinger made the flight to the B-25 gathering last Sunday at Grimes field in the Tiger. The previous week, he made the flight from the Sullivan fly-in breakfast to Bussart's field. He also made a flight into Bussart's with his father last week. I guess Don and Frank had lots to talk about. Imagine that? Turns out they actually flew from some of the same SEA airfields at the same times. I'll bet Frank goes with us next time.
- Alan Harder reports O-200 Case for the Chief is on its way back from Divco. Crank, rods, lifter bodies and hydraulics tested OK @ Aircraft Specialties & are on the way back with a reconditioned cam. Everything is ground, polished, hardened and balanced. Fabric and related supplies are purchased for the Chief fuselage.

Fixed a 2nd spot on the bug tank before we left on vacation. The Bug is almost ready to fly again.

-Matt Throckmorton and Bill Foraker made the trip to Grimes field in the motor home. They towed the 1942 Clarktor Tug to participate in the staging of the B-25's for the Doolittle reunion. They report an excellent time and were thrilled with the ride that they received in B-25, Take Off Time. They even got their pictures on the EAA web site in the photo album for the Doolittle Reunion article. Matt is making great progress on the Rocket and reports that it is ready for engine assembly. Estimate for time to take off: 3 weeks.

-Nick Mahurin and family recently made a trip to Gatlinburg in his beautiful V35A Bonanza.

-Jerry Badger flew to Grimes last Sunday accompanied by Matt and John in his Mooney 252.

-Dale Barkley reports that his granddaughter may be getting the aviation bug after a ride in his light sport Sky Ranger.

-George Bakken has new tires on his Cessna 172

-Reed Usrey has an RV-7 for sale that is 90 percent done.

-Wayne Sanders reports a good flight to Texas in the RV-6A although had difficulty locating a facility that had the proper sectional available for his trip.

-Kevin Davidson has the wing kit for his RV-7 that he is in the process of building. He says that work has to wait until he finishes remodeling the basement.

-Jim Fisher was recently a star on the local news station. He provided a bird's eye view from his Cessna 182 of the 641 bypass that is under construction.

-John Watler made the trip to Grimes in Jerry's Mooney. He was also along with SOB for the emergency landing in the Comanche in Wisconsin last month. John also made the flight in his 1965 Skyhawk from the Sullivan breakfast to Bussart's field two weeks ago. No flat tire this time.

-Jeff Wellum bummed a ride with SOB to Grimes field last Sunday in the Comanche to check out the B-25's. He flew his Tiger from Sullivan to Bussart's the week before for his first ever grass landing.

-Bill Foraker recounted his emergency landing incident after his Comanche developed a hole in the oil line feeding the oil pressure gauge. There was lots of smoke but a safe landing was made and the issue was fixed. The Comanche has been seen doing a little formation flying with the C-45 and also made the flight to Bussart's field from the Sullivan breakfast a couple weeks ago with Bill and Alan Harder aboard. Bill and Matt worked the ramp at Grimes field for the staging of the B-25's for the Doolittle reunion. His newest acquisition, a 1951 Jeep, was on hand for the meeting all decked out with new flags. The flags are excellent, notwithstanding some criticism from some jealous members, but they do flap and make lots of noise over 35 mph.

Our Guest Speaker was Tim Peroli from HUF ATC. Tim has been a controller at HUF for the last 3 years. He covered some topics and questions from the group that included airport movement areas, taxi procedures, radar issues, and a change in runway crossing clearance procedures at HUF.

Thanks Tim for your time and expertise!!

We then THANKED the HOSTS again. If Jordan and Niki are trying to spoil us, they are doing a great job. For those that did not attend, you missed a great spread of food. The Brown family went above and beyond in preparation for the meeting.

Thank you Jordan and Niki!!!!

With no new pressing business or news, the consensus was to scrub the remainder of the agenda for the meeting and graze on all that food.

## Recent Sightings – Member News

Since Jeff is doing such a great job of putting member news in the meeting report, I'm just going to put stuff here that happened since the last meeting.

From Alan Harder

Took a great train trip to the Grand Canyon and visited the Planes of Fame Museum. Great trip. You can see the photos at:

[http://aandm.smugmug.com/Vacation/Grand-Canyon-2010/12029440\\_KTNQn#853490244\\_EMFKS](http://aandm.smugmug.com/Vacation/Grand-Canyon-2010/12029440_KTNQn#853490244_EMFKS)

Matt is making good progress on the Rocket. Wiring is nearing completion and he'll be ready to hang the engine soon.

## Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Looks like the CAF's B-17 Sentimental Journey will be at HUF in June. Stay tuned for details.

Sandy tells me about their fly in at Casey. Here are the details. Fly the National Road! June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2010, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Casey Municipal Airport - 1H8. Lunch provided by the Casey Historical Society from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a Paper Airplane contest for kids at 1:00, and a prize for the best Vintage Aircraft.

Dale Barkley reports the Edgar Co Airport Boosters Pancake Breakfast will be on June 27. They put on a great breakfast and it's always fun, so plan to make this one at Paris.

#### **Our Next Meeting...**

Will be at The Greencastle/Putnam County airport in the Dixie Chopper Conference Room at Noon on Saturday, May 22. We will meet to eat at 10:30 and have our Chapter meeting at NOON. We have lots to talk about so here's hoping for good weather so we can fly to the meeting.

Okay, I give up. Every time I try to add pictures to this newsletter, the POS Microsoft Word quits, so I'm sending this without pictures this month. I'll try to figure out what's up with the software (besides the fact that it's a microsoft product) and add pictures next month.