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Our Next Meeting...

Will be at Vintage Wings, Jordan's and Niki's hangar, at Hulman Field on Saturday, May 12 at Noon. We'll meet after the boy scout activities. More on that later in the newsletter.

The Last Meeting – was so long ago, I can't remember anything about it – except that it was fun. Hopefully I'm back on track so we can get our monthly meetings going again.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Here are the three biggies. First, Saturday, May 12 from 9 to 11:30, we're hosting a boy scout aviation airport day. We hope to do Young Eagle rides if we have some pilots, and we're also going to set up several workstations for the scouts to get their aviation merit badge work done. I hope lots of us can attend. It should be fun with the kids. If you can help, please send me an email so I can begin to arrange the jobs. Let me know if you want to fly YE's or work a merit badge station. Thanks.

Second, on Sat and Sun, May 19 & 20, the Red Star Pilots Association is having formation clinic weekend at HUF. Jordan, Matt, and I are hosting and planning to fly with them too! This should be a fun event to watch and participate in, so sign up if you're interested in doing some formation training or just come out and watch. Here's a link to the info:

http://flyredstar.org/nli/events/index.php?P=ViewEvent&E_ID=195

The next big event is our bus trip to the US Air Force Museum at Wright Patt AFB. We need to pick a date so if you have any suggestions, please let me know. Otherwise we'll just pick one that looks good and have at it.

Also, on Friday, May 11, Wayne Sanders is hosting his annual Rose-Hulman student open hangar day from 3 to 5. So if you can, please come out, open your hangar for the students, and tell them stories about your aircraft. The general plan is to visit hangar 2 (old Ivy Tech), Vintage Wings (to see the C-45), and the T hangars.

I have compiled a list of the big aviation events in the area. I'll put it at the end of the newsletter so you can pick the shows and fly ins you want to attend...

Recent Sightings – Member News

Jeff and Rob Wellum are progressing nicely on the RV-8 project. The wings are nearly done and next is finishing the fuselage.

From Kevin Davidson:

Finished the RV7 fuel tanks this week and now skinning the RV7 left wing. Should have wings done in.... about three weeks. Slow build fuselage kit sitting in the garage. Pro-seal is now my friend (absence makes the heart grow fonder).

From Nick Mahurin:

Here's downtown Charlotte under the wing.



Many of you came out to the welcome reception for Bill McKown, our new HUF Exec Director, and for Darrel Zeck, our new HUF Director of Operations and Development. We had a good time and a great group of aircraft on the ramp. Thanks to all who brought their aircraft to show. Hopefully there will be a photo spread in the Sunday paper.

Here are some of the planes on the ramp:

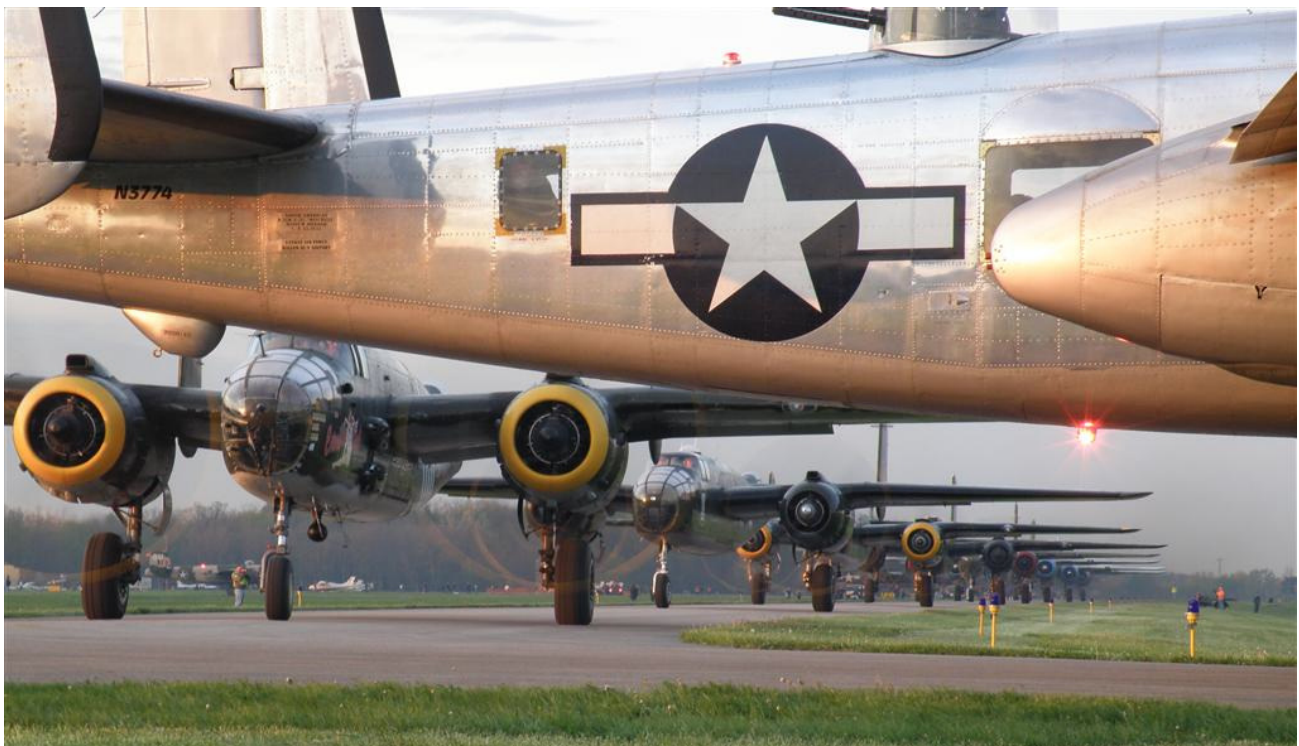


The Comanche sure looks small next to the T-6.

Matt and Bill worked the Doolittle Reunion and pushed B-25's all over. There were 20 B-25s along with 3 Mustangs, a Zero, a Corsair, and a P-40. It was quite a show. Matt even got to fly to the Air Force Museum and land at Wright Patt on Devil Dog. Ask him about that story. Very cool stuff.



Here are Matt and Bill hooking up Russian Ta Get Ya at Grimes. We're getting them in departure sequence order in the dark after the briefing. This was on Monday evening and 20 B-25s departed Grimes Field for Wright Patt starting at 0700 the following morning. It was quite a sight.



This is the departure. Matt was in Devil Dog and if you see that little orange spot on the bottom right of the picture? That is me. Still pretty cool.

Matt, Jordan, and Bill attended the Red Star Formation ground school in February and learned everything there is to know about formation flying. Now we just need practice...

Jordan is scheduled to take his B-25 type rating check ride next week.

Chat sent this along for our amusement:

<http://www.wimp.com/airplaneguy/>

Makes some of us rethink the whole 'lift' theory...

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

We still have a little money in the bank, but SOB is about to break us. We've paid for the bus for the Wright Patt trip, but need to take the trip so our passengers reimburse us to get some money back in the treasury. So go on the bus trip and pay me. Details to follow.

Also, you can pay your 2012 dues anytime. \$10 to keep us afloat.

ATIS (Communications)

Be careful if you're flying in the next few weeks. Lots of TFRs out there. One over Columbus Ohio soon, and two big ones over Camp David for the G-8 summit and around Chicago for the NATO meeting. Rumors are the Air Force has strong orders to keep little aircraft out of the area. That's not the kind of formation practice I want...

Idle Chatter

As you know, I've been a bad pres so far in 2012. I had no idea retirement would be so busy. For the near future, the real busy stuff is over so I hope to get back to some of my old routines. You should start getting weekend updates each week and also get regular newsletters.

But be thinking about this in September. Some of you who would like to be more involved with the Chapter are welcome to take this over.

On the bright side, just take a look at HUF and then think back 6 months. Are we making progress or what? We have two new (pilot) guys at the helm who comprise a great leadership team, we have a new FBO run by two of our own, the restaurant will be reopening soon for lunch on weekdays and 8 to 2 on weekends, ISU is still working to bring all or part of the flight school back to HUF, we have a great new (nonflying) mission at the 181st that is great for the airport and Terre Haute, and we're starting to see some new life in the event schedule at HUF. We're finally on the right trajectory.

So please be thinking of ideas for HUF – and not just flying events. Community events at HUF are a great way to get the public to the airport and to raise public awareness about our great asset.

And now here is the list of area aviation events I've compiled. I know it's not complete, but just look so far and see how busy our flying schedule could be!

May 5/6, Sound of Speed Air Show, STJ, St Joseph, MO

<http://soundofspeedairshow.com/index.html>

May 12/13, The Great Tennessee Airshow, MQY, Smyrna, TN

<http://www2.greattennesseeairshow.com/>

Big show with the Blue Angels

May 26/27, Salute to Veterans 24th Annual Celebration, COU, Columbia, MO

<http://www.salute.org/index.html>

Big show.

May 26-27, Southern Wisconsin AirFEST, Janesville, WI
<http://www.swairfest.org/>

June 1-03, 22nd Annual World War II Weekend - "A Gathering of Warbirds", RDG, Reading, PA
<http://maam.org/maamwwii.html>
The big dog of WWII warbird shows

June 2-3, Thunder on the Lakeshore (Manitowoc), MTW, Manitowoc, WI
<http://www.manitowocairshow.com/>

June 2-3, Rockford AirFest 2012, RFD, Rockford, IL
<http://flyrfd.com/airfest.html>
Big show and they don't show a T-6 on static

June 9, Wings and Wheels, OKK, Kokomo, IN
http://kokomowingsandwheels.net/Home_Page.html

June 8-9, Prairie Air Show, PIA, Peoria, IL
<http://www.prairieair.com/index.html>

June 9-10, Evansville Freedom Festival, EVV, Evansville, IN
<http://www.shrinersfest.org/>
Matt Younkin performing, remote show over the river

June 22-24, Indianapolis Air Show, MQJ, Indianapolis, IN
<http://www.indyairshow.com/index.aspx>

June 30 – July 1, Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show & Balloon Festival, BTL, Battle Creek, MI
<http://www.bcballoons.com/home.html>
Big show, Billy performing

July 4 (Wednesday), Fair St Louis Airshow, CPS, St Louis, MO
<http://fairsaintlouis.org/fair-saint-louis/air-show/>
web site is crap, but ICAS lists a big show with Matt Younkin performing. Remote show over the river

July 6-8, Gary's South Shore Air Show, GYY, Gary, IN
<http://www.southshorecva.com/airshow/>
remote show over the water

July 7-8, Vectren Dayton Air Show, DAY, Dayton, OH
<http://www.daytonairshow.com/>
big show with the Blue Angels

July 14, Wheels & Wings Fly-In, 5I4, Sheridan, IN
http://sheridanairport.com/Wheels_Wings_Fly-In.html

July 23-29, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2012, OSH, Oshkosh, WI
<http://www.airventure.org/>

August 4-5, Thunder Over Michigan, YIP, Ypsilanti, MI
<http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow/>
Big warbird show. 17 Mustangs and some other cool warbirds. Here's the list:
http://www.yankeeairmuseum.org/airshow/performers_attractions.php

August 18-19, City of Chicago Air & Water Show, Chicago, IL
http://www.explorechicago.org/city/en/supporting_narrative/events_special_events/special_events/mose/chicago_air_and_water.html
terrible web site. remote show over the lake

August 25, Airshow 12, MTO, Mattoon, IL
<http://www.colescountyairport.com/airshow.htm>

August 25, Owensboro Air Show, OWB, Owensboro, KY
<http://www.owensboroairshow.com/>
Billy listed to fly.

August 25-26, MERFI Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-In 2012, I74, Urbana, OH
<http://www.merfiurbana.com>

Sept 1, 22nd Annual Marion Fly/In Cruise/In, MZZ, Marion, IN
<http://www.flyincruisein.com/>

Sept 1-2, Fort Wayne Airshow/Open House, FWA, Fort Wayne, IN
No web site, only ICAS info: <http://www.airshows.aero/OrgProfile/26819>
Show Billy flying and the F-22 tach demo

Sept 15-16, Scott AFB Air Show 2012, Scott AFB, IL
<http://www.scott.af.mil/Airshow2012.asp>
T birds

Sept 21-23, Glenndale Days, 8I3, Kokomo, IN
<http://www.glenndale.net/days/>
2,000 ft grass strip

October 20, American Heroes Air Show, St Louis, MO
On ICAS schedule but no event shown on web site
<http://www.heroes-airshow.com/stlouis/>