



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

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### From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone.

I hope many of you have been able to enjoy flying during October. The transition month for mother nature usually provides some very pleasant flying conditions and scenery change as we roll closer to the winter months. I have only been able to fly a little, as I usually help my cousin with farming this time of year, which keeps me pretty busy. The one bit of flying I was able to do was to help fly Young Eagles for the Honey Creek middle school a few Saturdays ago along with SOB, Kelvin Roots and Adam Springmeyer. THAT was a very nice day with good weather and a lot of kids flown. Foraker will update you a little later.

Keith with a Honey Creek Young Eagle at HUF



In case some of you haven't been to The Hangar airport restaurant lately, you will be in for a treat. Recently Wanda changed her menu's and added new covers. Well when ole Foraker saw them his gears started turning and suggested replacing the dull cover picture with some variety. So he printed a new cover page which features, in color, cool aviation stuff including Chapter 83 airplanes. Each menu cover is different and what a difference they make. I've even received comments on the one which features the Quicke. So the next time you can stop in, enjoy a meal and check out the menu's. You'll see a sample later in the newsletter.



Matt flying to Greencastle for their Airport Day

Calendars: It's that time of year again for the chapter to submit the EAA calendar order for 2007. Ted announced them at the last meeting and took a few names. I would like to submit the order after the Nov. meeting so that we can have them by the first of the year. So if you would like to reserve one for yourself, I will give you a few ways for doing that. One is to show up at the next

meeting (preferred), two is to e-mail me at [kfly@juno.com](mailto:kfly@juno.com), or three is to call me at 812-230-2355 (cell) or 217-826-2967 (home). Please try to get in touch with me only so as to reduce the chance of missing someone because they asked someone else to forward a message. Right now the price will most likely be the same as last year at \$8.50.

And lastly I was unable to make the meeting at Aero Plaines in October...farming. With SOB missing as well, VP Ted Black ran the show and Jeff Tucker kept the notes. With Oct usually the month we have the election of officers for the coming year, ole Ted saw to it that the current officer group was reelected. Way to go Ted -- you \$#^\*!%. Anyway, I and the others are glad to serve the chapter again. In order to know us a little better I will try to put together a little info on each of us in coming issues.

I think that about does it for me. SOB will have the complete minutes, reports and lots of other stuff for your enjoyment as you read on. See ya at Greencastle.

Keep flyin'.

Keith

### The Last Meeting – Jeff Tucker

This report is from Jeff as SOB missed the meeting with some lame excuse...

Vice President Ted Black skillfully called the meeting to order at 12:28PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was said (the only flag present was on Pete's Hat).

Everyone introduced themselves. There were 3 visitors from Japan, an older lady and gentleman, and a little girl. That's a long way to go to attend a Chapter 83 meeting...

Wayne Sanders received the finishing kit for his RV this week. "I hope it is easier to assemble than it was to inventory!", he said.

Jim Gibson had a visitor with him also. We think it was his co-owner in the Hatz who flew in the Cabin Waco, but we're not sure. (Ed note – the Hatz is sold. Reportedly bought by some folks in Bloomfield at Shawnee. I'll bet Mike knows the story.)

Ted reported that there will be a young eagles rally on the 21st at Hulman. Pilot meeting at 9:30, flying starts at 10.

The Xmas party will be the first week of December. Some people requested a change in venue this year for some variety, so this year's party will be somewhere new. Two suggestions were Pino's or Kleptz. Let SOB Foraker know where you'd like to have this year's carrier landing party...

Elections were held in a record time. We moved, motioned, seconded and voted in the present slate of officers in about 30 seconds.

Jim Gibson announced that Aero Plaines was for sale. It is 130 acres, has 20 building sites for houses (17 of which have access to the air strip). The air strip is grandfathered with the FAA and INDOT. To get approval for such an airfield now would cost many thousand dollars. Jim pointed out also the amount of work they had done on the site making the air strip and the building sites. Jim and Pete are hoping a person, or persons will buy the property, and keep the airstrip open. They are entertaining the idea of selling "non-divisional" (condo type – you own the house, but not the property and support the commonly owned facilities) ownership starting at \$20,000 for the first five owners. For info call Jim at 800-452-3912.

Five aircraft flew in for the meeting. Weather was wind 12 at 280, temp 50 with bright sunshine.

Super Decaf (just think if it had caffeine)- Matt C-182 - Jim  
Luscombe – Mystery person  
C-120 - Ted  
Cabin Waco – Pete's buddy



The Cabin Waco at Aero Plaines. Check out the web site for lots more pictures from the meeting.

Gary Rodgers and Reed Usrey did several high speed passes in their RV's.

The food was excellent (especially the brats). A good time was had by all.

A big thanks to the Aero Plaines group, especially Pete and Jim, for their hospitality and a great meeting.

#### From Your Treasurer – John Watler

Some of you are starting to pay your 2007 dues. It's almost time so pay your \$12 to me anytime between now and when SOB takes you off the mailing list...

#### Young Eagles Report – Adam Springmeyer

Honey Creek Middle School Science Classes  
Young Eagles Rally, Saturday, October 21, 2006

We had like the best Young Eagles Rally ever... The weather was near perfect with temps in the upper 50's and low 60's, great visibility, blue sky, and low winds – at least until about 1 pm. Then it got a little bumpy.

The kids from Honey Creek Middle School started arriving about 9:30 and by 1:30, we had flown 60. As usual, Joyce Striclyn did a great job of having the kids prepared for the day. They knew the parts of the aircraft and we very courteous. The kids were very nice in spite of the fact that SOB had visited their classes on Tuesday before and given them his version of an introduction to aviation...

Here is a Dad loading his son into Kelvin's Airplane. The boy had two broken legs. A good story – ask SOB...



Flying Young Eagles were Kelvin Roots with 21 flown, SOB flew 17 fearless youngun's, your pres, Keith Welsh, flew 12, and Adam Springmeyer flew 10.

The big news is that nobody got sick. The pilots were so good and the air was so smooth (most of the day) that nobody even got the pre-urp, burps...

Doing a great job with all the paperwork on the ground were Pete Peterson, Kevin Davidson, Jeff Tucker, Tony Valentic, and Matt Throckmorton. I think the ground guys are actually waaaay busier than the pilots, and we couldn't do it without them.

In addition to the Honey Creek kids, we had a few extras. While manning our Chapter 83 tent at the 2006 Terre Haute Air Fair, our famous webmaster, Jeff Tucker, took names and addresses of people interested in the chapter and Young Eagle flights. He sent letters with the rally info to all of them and we picked up a few more kids...

#### Web Report – Jeff Tucker

The web site is busier and better than ever. Last month, the site had 3,391 visitors, an average 144 per day! They were probably on to look at all the new pictures from Lee Bottom, the Young Eagles Rally, and other new stuff...

#### Recent Sightings – Member News

##### SOB and the Pitts

As everybody who will not run away has heard, SOB flew with Billy Werth in the Pitts last week. He says it was the most fun he ever had flying. Billy still isn't talking...

For your time in the Pitts, check out Grayout.com for all the info on Billy's AeroSports web site. You can be like SOB and do rolls, loops, split S's, Immelman's, hammerheads, inverted flight, upset training, Cuban 8's, and lots of other cool stuff that Foraker can't do. He says the 4 G pulls are interesting, but you should go find out for yourself.

Bruce Dallman is relocated to Kansas. He and his Citabria have found a new home. He says we should all come visit as there are lots cool places to go.





Bruce at his new grass strip in Kansas

From Pat Adams  
KY is for Lovers!

It's official, I was offered and accepted, a position at Louisville, Standiford, Tower. Effective, December 24, 2006, I'll be their newest Supervisor.

Deb and I will head down the frozen Alcan highway in December... leaving the snow behind us (and the \$5.50 beers).

I'm going to learn to play golf.  
So, we will be seeing ya'll very soon.

### ATIS (Communications)

There are several knowledgeable and hard working students at Rose-Hulman who are looking to work on some kit planes, so if anyone is interested in having some assistance with their kits, please let SOB know. These students are members of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics chapter at Rose and many have building and flying experience. Here's your chance to get some good labor...

### Some interesting safety stats for 2005

US Motor vehicle fatal traffic crashes: 39,189  
Total number of traffic accident fatalities: 43,443

US Aircraft fatal accidents: 347  
Total Aviation fatalities: 615

- Air carriers, part 121, fatal accidents: 3
- Air carriers, part 121, fatalities: 22
- Air carriers, part 135, fatal accidents: 11
- Air carriers, part 135, fatalities: 18
- GA fatal accidents: 321
- GA fatalities: 562

And it is true that for the year 2005, more people died from falling in their bathtubs than died in aviation accidents... Interesting stuff.

### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

SOB snooped all his sources and couldn't find a single flying event in November in the area. I guess it's officially winter...

### Our Next Meeting...

On Saturday, November 11, we will be at the Dixie Chopper FBO at Greencastle, Indiana. Fly or drive to Putnam County Airport, 417, just east of Greencastle – 25 miles from HUF on a 065 heading. If you've been, you know the place is just super. We're going to eat at 10 am to catch their great breakfast buffet and meet in their conference room at 11 am.

Putnam County is a 5000 wide runway with a CTAF on 122.8. They are working hard on the new full length taxiway, but I don't know if it's done yet. I understand the south end is complete, but last I heard, they were still working on the middle section. Look or ask on your way in.

If you're driving, head east out of Greencastle on 240/Old Indianapolis Road and watch for the signs on the right for the airport. You'll turn right/south on Ballard Road and follow it to the airport.

See you Saturday morning.



Three fearless future pilots with SOB in the Comanche.

# The Hangar



OPEN DAILY  
7 am - 2 pm

Call for Carry Out  
812 877-6777

A sample of the new HUF menu covers...



Coolness...



Seen two weeks ago at HUF

A V-22 Osprey and two T-38's

Check out the Osprey take off with the Air Center Aircraft in the picture...