



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

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### **The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker**

Our October meeting was at MTO, and it was a great one. You should have been there. Our hosts were Steve Larabee and Jerry Cox, and they had a great plan.

We had a good turnout with 14 members and at least 12 guests. Flying in were SOB with Jeff Tucker and Ken Lorenz, John Watler with Matt Throckmorton, Ken Crane, Doug Claybrook, Michael King with Chat, Pete Peterson and Dave Jones, and Mark Owens with Jack Vandeventer in Jack's 'new' Cardinal.

We ate around Noon in the side room. After yaking, we started our walking tour on the ramp where we saw a very cool LSA. We then went to the main hangars where we saw a very nice polished Luscombe, and Ag Cat, 2 Robinson R-44's, a Super Viking, an Aerostar, and a nice Tcraft.

We then wandered to the T's where we met Giles Henderson and saw his beautiful Cassutt (picture below) and his air show modified TaylorCub.



Here is Giles' air show modified Taylor Cub and his Cassutt. Yeah, the Cassutt is THAT small.

We then saw a variety of powered parachutes, another nice Tcraft, and RV under construction, and then the Golden Eagle undergoing repair. The Golden Eagle (below) is a great story. Ask one of the MTO guys when you're there next time.



We then walked around to see Mike Vaughn's outstanding Howard DGA, then Steve's Dragonfly and Chief and Jerry's Luscombe.



Here is the panel of the Golden Eagle.



Mike's Howard DGA and the panel below...



We also saw a great Hatz and other stuff I'm sure I forgot.

Anyway you cut it, it was a great meeting. Our thanks to all the MTO guys who opened up their hangars and told us all about their aircraft. We're going back next year!

**From Your Treasurer – John Watler**  
 Many of you are beginning to pay your 2008 dues. Thanks for that. Dues for next year are still \$12 – the best deal in aviation. Please send them to me or see me at a meeting. I can also be found often at Matt's hangar keeping him from working on his airplane (or helping sometimes...) HUF hangar 11.

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**Young Eagles Report – Adam Springmeyer**  
 We had an excellent YE rally last Saturday, mostly for Joyce Striclyn kids from Honey Creek Middle School. We had 5 pilots/aircraft, Jim Fisher, Kelvin Roots, Keith Welsh, Ernie Winters, and SOB, and we didn't lose any kids or crash any planes. I flew TV2 people and Keith and SOB flew TV10 people so we even got a little air time for our air time. We also had a nice article in the paper with a couple of pictures. Jeff has a cool program written to print both the registration forms and the pilot certificates, and he brought his computers and printer to do the work. We had a smooth operation (except for SOB forgetting the forms). Thanks to all who participated. The kids had a great time.

**Recent Sightings – Member News**

**From Matt Throckmorton**  
 I'm happy to report that my F1 Rocket has had engine start and actually been taxied around at HUF. The papers are in the works and hopefully I'll get a visit from FSDO for an airworthiness inspection. Fingers crossed, but the work continues. I hope to be in the air before the snow flies. Are these things EVER "finished"?

**ED note:** Matt continues to make fantastic progress. He has taxied with the tail up, has the wing root fairings mounted, has the radio stack installed, and has the empty weight determined.



Matt's Rocket running outside the hangar at HUF. Can you see him grinning?



Here's a shot taken by Jim Fisher over the covered bridge festival, aka West Central Indiana Flea Market. I think this is one of the parking lots at Mansfield.

### Chapter Business

If you have any ideas for the location of our Christmas party/December meeting, please let Keith or SOB know. Also, your officers will be planning next year's schedule in the next couple of months, so get your ideas to them.

### ATIS (Communications)

Looking for a great RV? Well, here's your chance. Dave Cobbs is selling his beautiful RV-4. The price is \$51,500 and I have pictures and details. Call or email your favorite SOB if you want the scoop.

### From Denny Harmon:

A friend just called me and said the Indiana Military Museum in Vincennes has two forward sections from two C-47s. The owner of the museum, Judge Shake, wants to restore one of them (and one for parts) to its original military condition. He wants to place it in his museum and for children to be able to sit in it as if they were flying it. He wants someone to take the bull by the horns and get it done. I thought possibly someone in the T.H. Chapter of the EAA might be interested. Can you pass the word around? Thanks. Denny Harmon, 812-268-0312 home, 812-239-9055 cell, dharm0n@aol.com

### From Tom Powers (in Indy)

If anyone is looking for a good trainer, I put my friends Piper Tomahawk in Barnstormers today for sale. 1979, 125 hp stc, \$24,000.

<http://www.barnstormers.com/cat.php?mode=search>

Pick Piper from the list on the left, and then pick PA-38 Tomahawk from the Piper list. It's the one in Greenwood.



Here's a picture of one of the Presidential contingent Blackhawks. It stopped at HUF for fuel going between St. Louis and Cincinnati. I talked with the pilots and they told me I could take pictures but not of any open doors or of the tail. I wonder what's in the tail...

From Warbird Fan Shannon (a note through our web site)

I have some news I hope will be of interest. I'm a Hoosier writer and former member of AFROTC Det. 218 at ISU who is currently working on a book about Warbirds. Right now I'm looking to interview anyone who shares my love of these magnificent machines and would like to be included in the book. It's due out next spring. If anyone is interested, they can contact me via email or visit my blog at [warbirdlegacy.blogspot.com](http://warbirdlegacy.blogspot.com). I hope to hear from members of Chapter 83. Keep 'em flying!

### Our Next Meeting...

Our next meeting will be on Saturday, November 17, at the Putnam County/Greencastle Airport, 417. We'll be in the Dixie Chopper FBO meeting room. We'll eat at 11 and MEET at NOON. Right now, the weather looks good for Saturday.

If you're driving, go east out of Greencastle on Route 240, Veterans Memorial Highway, or on Washington Street/Indianapolis Road. About 1/2 mile after Indianapolis Road and 240/Veterans Highway join, turn right/south on Ballard Lane and follow it to the parking lot.



Here is a picture taken right after the 2007 THAF. It shows the burn marks from the record setting Wall of Fire. You can see the burns start just west of A-1 and go all the way to A-3. If you do a Google Earth and measure this distance, you'll see it's over 6,200 ft or about 1.25 miles... You are looking SW down A along 23. You can see the Guard base at the lower left.



Steve Larabee's Dragonfly as seen at the MTO meeting. You can also see the right side of his Chief.



Here is the line up at the EAA Tent at the 2007 THAF. Matt's Rocket was flanked by Keith's two aircraft. Around the corner was John's 172, and across the walkway was Kelvin's Six, Jerry's Mooney, and SOB's Comanche. Dennis Eiler also brought out several very interesting aircraft.