



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

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### **The President's Report – Keith Welsh**

Hello again everyone:

First I'd like to thank you all for coming to the SIV meeting. Your attendance and number of aircraft you all flew in was a real treat. There were thirty three who signed in and that didn't include those who manned the food tables outside. The hospitality by our hosts, the meal preparation, and meeting location was fantastic. Many thanks goes to Ted Black, Bob McCammon and deserving others, and especially to Dennis Meng for the use of his hangar and all the other preparation things he did. It was great atmosphere for an aviators gathering. Thanks much!

On the business side of things we were treated to a lively discussion of the success and memories from the Victory Days event at HUF. I understand that the plan is go for next year on the same first weekend in October as this year.

The ISU flight team was presented a \$500 check from Chapter 83 for their help with the B-17 visit and coordinator Vern Bothwell gave a very informative look at ISU's flight team program. I was very surprised at all I didn't know. These kids and faculty give allot to make this happen. They really deserve our support.

The numbers from the Ford Tri-motor and B-17 visits were discussed. Nice check there too.

The funeral and aerial tribute to Curt DeBaun was shared with everyone who couldn't be there. It was a very nice funeral and was supported by your EAA Chapter 83 members in honor of a beloved chapter member of many years. I was

asked to participate in the eulogy at the funeral home service but the most impressive part for all was the aerial tribute flying a finger tip strong right formation performing the missing man. The aviators Wayne Sanders (solo in Curt and Betty's 172), John Watler (lead), Jim Fisher (LT wing), Matt Throckmorton (RT wing), and Bill Foraker (slot) w/ Matt performing the missing man. The alignment and timing was right on. Those guys did a terrific job that will have a lasting memory for the family.

EAA calendars. I will take orders through the November meeting. If we have enough orders the chapter will again put in a bulk order. For 6-23 calendars the cost is \$8.50 per calendar and for 24-47 calendars the cost is \$7.50. Just send me an e-mail at [kfly@juno.com](mailto:kfly@juno.com) before the meeting date or order at the meeting.

We are at that time again when we will need to elect the chapter officers for the coming year. This year we will have two spots to fill. The first is our Vice President and the second is the chapter Secretary/Newsletter editor. I wish to thank both Ted Black and Bill Foraker for their service the past few years. I hope to have at least one of the positions filled by the Nov. meeting. In the case of the Secretary/Newsletter editor, in the event that I am unable to fill that position we will need to discuss the direction the chapter will need to go to fill that void. Please send me a message if any of you would like to volunteer to serve your chapter prior to the meeting so that we can discuss it. Obviously I'd much prefer volunteers over appointments. Again my e-mail is [kfly@juno.com](mailto:kfly@juno.com)

Oh, and the Q flies GREAT w/ the new ignition system. I've always kept good maintenance on it by replacing the plugs, wires, points and condenser on a regular basis but this the first I replaced the whole thing at one time including the coil. What a difference.

See ya'll in November

Fair skis  
Keith

### The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

As Keith mentioned, we had a GREAT meeting at SIV. Aircraft on the ramp included a Quickie, a Comanche, 3 C-172s, a C-182, a C-152, a C-175, a Spacewalker, an F-1 Rocket Evo, a Super Decathlon, 2 Mooneys, a Cherokee 6 an Ercoupe, a Luscombe, a Cub, and a very cool L-5, a Stinson bird dog. That's quite a ramp! We always seem to have a good turnout at Sullivan. I wonder if it's the hosts or the food? Maybe both!

With the comings and goings and some late arrivals, we probably had over 40 people at the meeting. It's great to see so many and lots of aircraft too.

Keith covered the meeting items very well, so that's all for this month.

SOB

### From Your Treasurer – John Watler

We're doing fine, especially with the addition of the B-17/Tri-Motor hosting check added to our account, so we don't see any need presently to increase your dues. We have had some discussion about changing the dues to a 2-tier structure, one for e-newsletter recipients and one for paper newsletters (for example, \$10 for e newsletters and \$15 for paper). The paper newsletters are a significant cost to the chapter, and we're thinking of a way to minimize our mailing costs. This is mostly because SOB is a lazy SOB and doesn't want to mess with a big mailing each month. He has more on that issue later in the newsletter.

If you have thoughts on this matter, please let any of your officers know and we'll talk about it at the next meeting.

### Recent Sightings – Member News

Nick Mahurin just bought a V-tail Bonanza, 285 hp turbo with a portable O2 system. I haven't seen it yet, but rumor says it's arrived at HUF and is in

the former CAP hangar. We haven't seen much of Nick at T hangar area, but we may see more of him now, or at least in the spring. He'll be flying fast and high.

Jeff McNabb is close to buying a 172 straight tail, so we may have another local flyer soon. Jeff is the Associate Dean in the College of Technology at ISU and is a great guy. He and his wife, Pam, are also excellent musicians and are known as Stars at Night. They are playing at Pino's restaurant this Friday night, so if you want some good eats and great music, check them out.

Matt may have decided on a paint scheme for his Rocket, so if you have more suggestions, you are running out of time to get them in...

Jerry Badger is taking this retirement stuff very seriously and flying all over the country. Recently he went to the northern great plains, and now he's off somewhere again. Ask him about his exploits and hear some great stories.

Jeff Tucker has done his first 2 landings in the Comanche and he's already better at it than SOB is.

### Chapter Business

Keith Welsh has received the info about the 2009 EAA World of Flight calendars. Orders are now going in and the cost is \$8.50 ea. for 6-23 calendars, and the price drops to \$7.50 each for purchases of 24-47 calendars. Shipping charges are an additional \$8.50 for 6-23 or \$10.25 for orders of 24-47. Keith is taking orders through the November meeting and then place the chapter order if there is enough interest.

### ATIS (Communications)

Okay, so I'm a jerk. Last month I said I was stepping down as newsletter editor, and if anyone wants the job, I still will. But after discussions with several of you, I have been shown the light.

My big beef was the time and hassle of getting 35 newsletters printed, stamped, addressed, tabbed and mailed each month. I don't mind doing the newsletter. In fact, I enjoy it, but the mailing was a bother, and it always seemed to happen at a busy time each month.

So... at the suggestion of several of you, I reviewed the mailing list and found that only 10 of the newsletters I was mailing were going to members who actually PAID there dues. The others were sent to past members, other chapters, and the EAA Chapter Office. So, I'm

dropping anyone who hasn't paid dues in 2008 immediately. If you paid 2008 dues, I'll keep sending them until after the first two meeting in 2009, then drop any non-paid members. With this small number to mail, it becomes much less trouble.

But again, if anyone wants the newsletter job, just speak up and it's yours.

Also, as you read in the Treasurer section, we are thinking about a two tier dues system. Let us know what you think, but I plan to propose it at the Nov meeting. Adding the cost of copying, the tabs, the stamps, the labels, and other supplies, the newsletters cost over 80 cents to produce and mail. That's about \$10 a year just for printed newsletters. The email versions cost nothing to print and distribute, so there is a significant difference in costs, thus the thinking about the two tier system.

Victory Days is still in the news. As most of you know, it was a great event that didn't cover its costs. The principals in the Victory Days organization would like to try again in 09, and to that end, they are making plans and moving forward with a new organizational plan and a new board. I'll keep you updated as I can, but the news looks good so far.

### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Nada, nothing, ynet. We had some plans this weekend, but the weather didn't cooperate. I'll keep checking the wire for ideas and you keep sending me stuff. I'll continue to send my weekly (or so) emails of flying activities, but with winter setting in, the prospects get slim.

I am planning to have Dr. Keith Baird speak at Rose-Hulman sometime in early December. Some of you may remember Dr. Baird as the lead flight surgeon for Apollo 13. He's actually in the movie too. He was a flight surgeon for all the Apollo flights except the first and last ones, and he has great experiences to share. As I get the meeting confirmed, I'll send an email. The presentation will be open to the public, or at least to my buddies...

This is not an upcoming event, but it was fun. A couple of weeks ago, several of us went to Decatur for brunch. The restaurant is reopened and is as good as ever. On the way home, Matt and I decided to do a flyover of Don Bussart's place and as we approached, we saw 11 T-6's there. So we did our low approach and then landed to find that a bunch of the T-6 guys had stopped at Don's to say hi. Vlado was there along with Rick

Siegfried, the Pres of Warbirds of America. Many of the pilots were P-51 guys out with their T-6 buddies. We spent all afternoon there and it was a great day. This is just one more reason you should hang around with Matt and I. We do cool stuff.

And Matt has the story on the PBY Black Cat that was seen over HUF a couple of weeks ago. It has been purchased by a Bloomington pilot and is now hangared at BMG. We may see more of it in the spring.

### HUF Business

One of the new HUF supervisors is working up a petition to reinstate 'position and hold' at HUF. If any of you would like to write in support of this, he'd like to have our input. Just let me know via email, and I'll send you more info.

### Other Items

If you're in the market for either an interior or need some painting, here are some contacts.

Rick Billbe of Covington, IN, runs, R&T's Aircraft and Custom Paint, an aircraft painting and touch up service out of his home. He has been painting aircraft for years and now brings this service to you. He brings everything to your hangar and does the work there, so no moving your airplane. He uses portable ventilation equipment and sets up whatever paint booth he needs for your job. His phone is 765 585-3263

And for interiors, you can look in to MJ Aircraft in Anderson, IN. They are experienced at all sorts of interior work. You can call them at 800 736-2134.

### Our Next Meeting...

Will be at the Brazil/Clay County airport on Saturday, November 22, at NOON. John Watler is our host and we'll meet in one of the heated hangars on the east side of the ramp.

The big business of the meeting will be the election of officers for next year, so please attend if you can.

Also, if you're in the market for a very nice hangar, you might look at Gary Rogers' hangar while you are there. It's for sale and is very nice. If you're looking for a big hangar that is heated and air conditioned and has lots of storage, this might be it for you.

And now, some pictures I've been saving up...



Here are a few shots of the T-6 gathering at Don Bussarts. What a fun day. Hard to believe this beautiful day was just two weeks ago.

After we landed, we parked next to Steve Larabee's Champ.



And they all made low approaches on departure. It was very cool...



Your Victory Days Warbird Flight Line crew with the jump ship, the Black Sparrow.

A very cool shot of HUF in the background looking through number 3 on the Ford Tri-Motor.



SOB drooling in somebody's SNJ. Actually, it was Rick Siegfried's T-6, and it is very cool.

Also at Don's was Tom Wood's T-6 with the gold plated controls. They call it the flying whorehouse...

Here are a couple of shots of Vlado Lench, P-51 and Heritage Flight pilot, in Matt's Rocket at Don's place. He loved it.



Here is Dennis Eiler flying the new Black Cat PBY in town. He is now type rated. How cool is that?



Here is Jim Fisher with some Young Eagles at our last rally.

