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Idle Chatter

Well, much has happened to me since the last newsletter. I am no longer working and have been spending much of my time looking for my next adventure. Consequently, we didn't have an October meeting or newsletter. I was too caught up in a flurry of activities to put a meeting together and without one, I didn't do a newsletter. So this month is some catch-up along with new news.

Since some of the news I had was old, I took the liberty of updated to keep it current.

The Last Meeting - Jeff Wellum

September 19, 2009 at Winter's Airpark

Attending were Jack Kleiss, Debbie Kleiss, John Watler, Alan Burrows and wife "Sparky", Vern Bothwell (secretary chapter 1374), Bill Rody, Gerry Rody, Jeff Wellum, Jim Fisher, Jeff Tucker, Jay Hooper, Linda Winters, Jessie Winters, Dave Thomas, Doug Claybrook, Linda Claybrook, Jack Sutton (VP chapter 1374), Pat Bothwell (Treasurer chapter 1374), Bill Foraker. There were 20 present at the actual meeting but several more were wandering around.

Flying in for the meeting was Jim Fisher in his Cessna, Doug and Linda Claybrook in their 182 RG, and Jay Hooper and John Watler one of John's fleet 172's.

Member reports:

John Watler relayed the story of acquisition of Matt's aircraft Tug.

Vern Bothwell told us all about his experience hunting frogs in Africa and undesirable results of eating under cooked frog legs.

Jack Sutton reported that Chapter 1374 provided 175 young eagle rides over a 2 day period at Putnam County airport.

Pat Bothwell shared the story of Vern's failed test flight and resultant facial injuries that she claims he never recovered from! She also relayed the story of Vern's recent first flight in a hot air balloon. Apparently there were a few close brushes with trees and Vern had the hickory nuts in his pocket to prove it!

SOB reports that the Comanche is down with electrical issues. (Bill and Jeff have since troubleshot the problem and it's all repaired.)

Bill, Matt, John, and Dave Thomas worked the Crawfordsville air show and had a fun day.

Bill also relayed the story of Matt's Tug retrieval and his recent experience working the air show in Sacramento, CA.

Bill reports that he is still sending out about 12 paper newsletters per month. The shift in dues to the \$10/\$15 did exactly what we expected and wanted. The job is now very manageable.

Past events:

Linda Winters says that the rented house at Oshkosh worked out great. She plans to rent it again next year. If anyone is going to Oshkosh next year, get in touch with Linda. She will have beds and camping spots available for rent.

Dave Thomas ran the "Warbird Jet Line" at AirVenture Oshkosh this year. He did an exceptional job overseeing the crew that included our own Matt Throckmorton and Bill Foraker. The final score: Successful airshows – 7; Bent Airplanes – 0. Bill and Matt did lots of tugging too. Ask them the stories about Warbirds in Review.

During Oshkosh there was a very nice memorial for Ernie Winters.

Upcoming events: Check the web site for events

September 26th and 27th -----Lee Bottom

October 3rd -----Paoli Municipal airport (I42) fly in.

October 1st- 3rd -----Mount Vernon LSA Expo

October 11th-----Noblesville chapter 67

New Business:

2010 EAA calendars are available

Bill has submitted the application for hosting the EAA Tri motor again next year

Bill is also checking into a bus trip to the Air force Museum at Wright-Patt.

Donations are being requested for the Ernie Winters Memorial Scholarship.

Thank you to the Winters' family for Hosting this meeting. What a great place to meet!!

Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

We had a great young eagle event for Honey Creek Junior High on October 10th. Our pilots were Jim Fisher, Jerry Badger, Kelvin Roots, Michael King, Nick Mahurin, and we had many others working ground ops. The kids arrived and got checked in, then got hooked up with their pilot and got their YE ride. Upon their return, they were presented with their flight certificate, their first log book, a cockpit poster, and several other items. They then had the opportunity to take a tour of the HUF tower.

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

There have been 42,130 visits to the Chapter 83 web site this year. Average of 83 per day. That's pretty good for our little group.

Recent Sightings – Member News

Alan Harder sent me the newsletter from Chapter 21 in Evansville. They do a think call the scrambled egg fly out. It is similar to our weekend trips for brunch. We'll try to coordinate one in the spring to see what they are up to. They actually get airborne on some of theirs and decide on 122.75 where to go eat.

At the right is a picture of Alan's granddaughter in the Flutterbug. He said she couldn't see over the panel, so she had to file...

And here's a fly-out report from Alan:

Well, the day just demanded that it be flown in so I did! Headed down to Skylane airport in Evansville and what a treat that was!! Les Bryan, the airport manager, came out to shake my hand before I'd even climbed out of the cockpit. He knew the plane was a Stits, and almost got "Flut-r-bug" out. Two more fellows came up behind him (I'm still in the cockpit) and knew exactly what it was! Wasn't long till there were a half-dozen gathered around grinning and asking questions.



As most of you know, Eric and Cindi Hettlinger have opened Rollie's Pizza. It's on Wabash/US40 just east of Hunt Road, and directly across the street from Lost Creek Elementary School. We have been having our Friday Pilot lunches there since they opened and it's working great. Business is good and they should be serving beer soon, which is a major development for pilots (well, maybe not at lunch...). They are open every evening for dinner, but only open on Friday's for lunch. Try the double crust pizza – it's my favorite, but everything is good. At the right is a picture from our first Pilot lunch at Rollie's.



Our Next Meeting...

It will be Saturday, November 14, at noon, at Williams Aviation. As you may know, Chad Williams is opening a new maintenance shop in the building next to/west of Mills Aviation at HUF. It's the former Medivac chopper hangar. He's offered to host the meeting and he'll be telling us about his new venture. Chad and his wife will have a big Subway sandwich, cookies, and drinks for us, so if that works for you, just show up at Williams Aviation at 11 or so. If you need more lunch than that, some will eat at the HUF restaurant at 10:30.

We also plan to have 2 LSAs on hand for display and demo rides. Rusty Bogue is bringing a Sport Cruiser and Chris is bringing an Aerotrek, or at least that's the plan. I'll also contact John Layne and see if we might coax him into bringing a Diamond over too.