



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

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### **Our Next Meeting...**

Will be this Saturday, November 12, at Jordan's and Niki's Vintage Wings Hangar at Hulman Field. We'll meet at Noon, but may fly to breakfast and/or lunch before and after the meeting. I'll update you via email on flying activities as the weekend gets closer and we have a better handle on the weather.

The Vintage Wings hangar is to the west/right of the main entrance to Hulman Field. They are the third building from the airport main drive. If you get to the LifeLine helicopter building, you're one building too far.

Topics for this meeting include selecting officers for 2012, happenings at HUF (NEW FBO OPERATOR!!!), our bus trip to Wright Patt, HUF FAA news, and anything else y'all bring up.

Hope to see you Saturday.

### **The Last Meeting - Jeff Wellum**

Our last meeting was on September 17, 2011, at the Brazil-Clay County Airport.

#### **Attendance:**

John Watler (Cessna), Nick Mahurin, Jordan Brown (Bonanza), Jerry Badger (Mooney), Dale Barkley, Wayne Padgett with Kids, Emelie and Wayne, JP Mellor, Kathy Mellor (Comanche), Matt Throckmorton (Rocket), Don Layman (Tiger), Jeff Wellum (Tiger), Bill Foraker (Comanche).

#### **Member news:**

- John Watler flew in the gunners position in the AT-6D to Janesville, WI, with Matt.
- Nick Mahurin flew to Phoenix in his beautiful Cessna 340A.
- Jordan and Nikki Brown flew to Janesville in their C-45 for the airshow. Jordan also flew the AT-6D to the Stearman fly-in at Galesburg. He will soon be completing his check ride in the B-25.
- Jerry Badger flew his Mooney out west to the Badlands area. Crater Lake, McMinnville, and Gillette Wyoming were also stops that he made.
- Dale Barkley's granddaughter has been giving his airplane a work out. He reports that work is getting in the way of his new airplane project.
- JP has been racking up the hours in his newly purchased Comanche. He has been flying to and from Iowa for work this summer.

-Matt Throckmorton flew to the Janesville air show in the T-6 with ballast in the form of John Watler. Actually John did lots of flying from the back seat.  
-Bill Foraker flew in to the meeting with Wayne Padgett and crew. It sounds like he had a great trip out west. He also recently worked the Sacramento air show.

President Report: NA

VP Report: NA

Treasurer Report:

John states that the club is still solvent with money in the bank.

Secretary Report: NA

Young Eagle report:

Young Eagle event scheduled for Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>

Website: NA

Business Old and New:

Donations in the name of Phil Hatfield can be made to the Young Eagles Program.

Correspondence: NA

Next Meeting: TBA

Most everyone in attendance met for breakfast before the meeting at Greencastle. I believe there were 7 aircraft that came to the meeting although two of them were based at Brazil already.

### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Dave Wilson is having a Chili Cookout on Friday, Nov 11, Veterans' Day, from Noon till after dark, at his strip north of Rockville. If the weather is good, I might fly up.

### Recent Sightings – Updated Member News

Chapter 83 member Chat Chatterji attended an EAA-sponsored Light Sport Repairman school run by Rainbow Aviation at EAA-Oshkosh in September. He now holds an FAA-issued "Repairman Light Sport-Aircraft" license. This rating permits him to do maintenance and "Condition Inspections" ("Annuals" in LSA lingo) on S-LSA and E-LSA aircraft. Essentially, "S" means factory-built, and "E" means Experimental, under the ASTM standards.

Chat also went to ROTAX school in Lyons, Wisconsin and earned his Level-2 Rotax 912 "Maintenance" certificate. This rating gives him documentation, warranty, and factory support to repair and maintain 9-series Rotax engines and components, short of splitting the case.

Give Chat a call if you need work done on an ASTM LSA. He can be reached at 812-249-9955 and will gladly make house calls. As you may know, Chat is retired from the IT world and is happily living out his lifelong avocation. He works part-time at Williams Aviation and is working his way towards an A&P license and, as time permits, attends classes occasionally at VU's Aviation Training Center in Indy.

John Watler and JP Mellor just got their tailwheel endorsements. Woo-Hoo for taildraggers.

SOB just downloaded this new iPhone app and he says it's cool.

NReg is an iPhone app which displays N aircraft registration information, sourced from a hierarchical database. This database is derived from information published on a weekly basis by the FAA. The FAA data is published as a flat file spreadsheet. Our software organises this information into a structured database, which is accessible over the net from the NReg client app running on the iPhone.

For more info: <http://www.everyplane.com.au/Products/N/Nreg.htm>

From our buddies up at Wilson's, here's and aircraft for sale:

KR-2, Tri-cycle gear, VW engine, Has an Airworthiness Certificate, Hangared at DNV \$5000, call Scott Woodard at 765.366.9515

EAA Chapter 59 in Texas is raffling off a Wag Aero Sport Trainer (Cub like). Tickets are \$100 and they won't sell over 1500 of them. If you're interested: [http://eaa59.org/html/Wag-Aero\\_trainer.html](http://eaa59.org/html/Wag-Aero_trainer.html)

SOB, in trying to keep up with John, got a picture in AVWeb last week. [http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/potw/PictureOfTheWeek\\_205684-1.html](http://www.avweb.com/avwebflash/potw/PictureOfTheWeek_205684-1.html)

Here it is:



Matt is in the back seat of #51. EAA WOA President, Rick Siegfried, is flying #87. Woo boy are these guys good!

### Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

We had a great YE rally on Saturday, October 29, and flew every kid from Honey Creek Middle School who attended. We had 7 pilots/aircraft and plenty of ground support. Thanks to all who helped make this a success.

### ATIS (Communications)

EAA has several job openings if anyone is interested in relocating to Oshkosh. You'd probably get good parking for Airventure. Check them out at: <http://www.eaa.org/careers/>

## Idle Chatter

I have been a terrible president this year. I travel too much and when I'm here, I'm a slacker. I've missed meetings, missed newsletters, and been a general deadbeat. Anyone who would like to be president is welcome to give it a whirl. It's not too much work and you have a good support team in place. I'm gone frequently and very busy when I'm home. I know that's hard to believe since I'm self unemployed, but it's true. I don't know how I had time to work. Oh, yeah, I do. I wasn't having nearly this much fun.

And now, some pictures:

A nice shot of Nick's 340



And a nice shot of JP's Comanche 260C with Jeff W off his wing



And one off the wing of the T-6



Jordan in the T-6



And the T-6 flightline at the Elkhart Warbird Weekend



And Jordan and Billy off the T-6



A GREAT hot air balloon

