

*November 2014 Newsletter  
And Weekend Update  
EAA Chapter 83*



**Gone, but not forgotten. The Concorde on departure.**



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## Prez Sez

Here we go for a combined Weekend Update and Newsletter! When the Update and the Newsletter come out the same week, it's easier (and maybe less confusing?) to combine them, especially in the winter, because there's just not much to update!

**Friday, Nov 14th: Pizza, Pilots and Pleasantries at the new Rollies again.** It felt good to be back where "everybody knows your name" (and very likely, your usual order) didn't it!? It will be fun to watch as the finishing touches are applied. The runway markings laid into the floor tile are a nice touch!!

And that's it! I don't spot any other fly-ins, breakfasts, lunches or other goings-on this weekend.

We announced a couple of changes during the meeting last Saturday—they're covered in the minutes below. And speaking of the meeting, I posted some charts on the back wall to accumulate suggestions about topics for our winter meetings. We got kind of sidetracked reminiscing about days gone by after the meeting, and didn't get back to the charts. So---take advantage of email and let us know ideas! We're going to use 3 broad themes: Safety meeting; Wings Credit; Special program or speaker. Within those categories, let us know what you'd like to see.

I want to add one special note of thanks to Steve Brown and the Sky King crew. Steve's nephew (Janice's son) passed away last Thursday. Their gracious hosting happened in the wake of that loss and as they were preparing for the funeral to follow. Our deepest sympathy to Steve, Janice and the Sky King family.

Fly often, be safe!  
Alan



## VEEP'S PEEPS

The Winter Operations meeting at ISU Flight Academy on November 6th was very informative. The topics covered included how braking actions are measured and relayed to pilots, the rules governing local runway closures, the priorities concerning plowing runways, taxiways, ramp and T-hangar areas, the equipment we have available to clean those areas and how helpful PIREPS are to ATC in order to pass along to pilots. Along with hearing some helpful cold

weather operation tips we also learned that "Line Up and Wait" operations are not possible under wet or snowy conditions, but are available at other times given specific controller staffing conditions.

## Secretary's Minutes

### **EAA Chapter 83 Minutes 11/8/2014 Sky King Airport**

Meeting called to order by president, Alan Harder.  
Pledge of allegiance

Attendance: Alan Harder, Jim Fisher, John Watler, Michael King, Eric Hettlinger, Jerry Badger, Bill Foraker, Reed Usry, Tom Milligan, John Milligan, Lissa Milligan, Kevin Davidson, Jordan Davidson, George Bakken, Laura Bakken(with Fitzroy), Elliot Abel, Melanie Abel, Bob Brickley, Lisa Brickley, Dale Barkley, Betty DeBaun, Larry Richter, John VanEtten, Lynn VanEtten, Jeff Wellum, Chat Chatterji, Steve Brown(with Jake), Ryan Reeves, Bud Ross, Leah Ross, and Jon McKinney.

31 in attendance and 2 canines

#### Member news:

Bob and Lisa have not been flying their Cherokee 180 as much as they would like.

Larry Richter's bonanza unfortunately developed a fuel leak after its recent annual.

Elliot has kept busy flying a TBM and "a couple of jets"

Bill Foraker reports that we are still waiting for news on the possible AOPA fly-in for next year. They have also contracted to re-seal the asphalt at the west T hangers. The end cap on the SE corner of the south T-hangar row is being made into a half-sized hangar, and will be rented to hold the Quickie.

Dale Barkley has been getting time in the Xenos with Elliot. It sounds like he's not too far off from a solo flight.

Kevin Davidson is unpacking the fuselage kit for his RV-7. He has the tail and the wings completed.

Alan Harder has the repairs on the Chief almost done.

George and Laura Bakken did a presentation on how to secure "Mutt Muffs" to the ears of their dog Fitzroy.

Apparently there have been several complaints about the muffs not staying in place. George and Laura used the self adhesive medical gauze to wrap around the muffs and the head of a very tolerant Fitzroy.

#### Chapter news:

The Christmas open house will be at either the Hoosier hanger or Vintage wings.

Chapter apparel should be available soon. Individuals will be able to go on line to order apparel with the chapter logo.

The current website, [www.eaa83.org](http://www.eaa83.org), is hosted by EAA. Chat, Jim, Jeff T. and Alan are working on the possibility of a different design and moving it to a different host. The current website is the best place to look for calendar updates, and for weather-driven changes in schedules and venues. If something changes at the last minute, the website will be updated as the change is made. Even when a new host and look is achieved for the website, the URL will remain the same: [www.eaa83.org](http://www.eaa83.org).

Alan asked if the current email format using MailChimp seemed to be working OK for everyone—there was agreement that it is.

The meeting format will be changed for next year. Instead of a fly-out meeting, we will have a local meeting with a possible fly-out after the meeting. Fly-outs may also be on different weekends than the meeting. The change in format will hopefully encourage some of our non-flying members to attend meetings.

The possibility of having more than one vice president was discussed. This would require a change in the bylaws. Instead, it was decided to appoint chair people to head up the areas that the co-VPs would oversee. Bill Foraker made the motion to allow the chapter officers to appoint chair people as they see fit. The motion was seconded by Jeff Wellum and passed with a majority vote.

A motion was made by Bill Foraker and seconded by Bob Brickley to retain the existing Chapter 83 officers for next year. Motion was passed with majority vote.  
Elliot Abel is applying to serve as a 2<sup>nd</sup> flight advisor for the chapter.

Welcome new member, Mike Brown! He is currently taking instruction from Jon McKinney. His son, Jacob was taking an introductory flight with Jon during the meeting. Alan Harder had the great idea to turn the ride into a Young Eagle experience.

HUF News:

The winter ops meeting was well attended with approximately 50 people in attendance.

The airport is looking for interested parties to open the restaurant in the terminal. Contact Bill Foraker if interested.

Hoosier aviation recently purchased a Beech Baron for twin engine training. The aircraft apparently has low time engines and props but is being sent out for avionics and interior upgrade.

Bill Foraker is coming to the end of his time as acting airport director of Terre Haute International Airport. The new airport director will be taking over in January of 2015.

The meeting was followed by a movie presentation narrated by Steve Brown. The movie was a compilation of home movies taken in the early 1950's featuring Local pilots and aircraft of the time. There were several shots of Paul Cox field which was located at the current location of Terre Haute South High School. Also included in the movie were many aerial views of the local terrain from the 1950's. It's amazing the amount of change in the last 60 years.

Thank you to Steve Brown for his presentation and hospitality.

Thank you to the Sky King bunch, Bud, Leah, and Ryan for helping to make the meeting possible.

Thank you to our President, Alan Harder for setting up the chili (again) and all the food!

Thank you to all that brought food.... Especially the cookies!

Jeff Wellum  
Secretary  
EAA Chapter 83

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Pictures from Chapter 83 Meeting at Sky King.



Alan checks on how much chili is being devoured in hopes he won't have to freeze what's left over to serve at the next meeting.



Others engage in hangar flying as they wait to get in line for lunch.

"Show and Tell" by George and Laura Bakken with their treat-induced volunteer, Fitzroy, demonstrate their method of insuring Mutt Muffs stay on Fitzroy's head. Clockwise, George fits "Mutt Muffs" over Fitzroy's ears. George brings out the adhesive medical gauze, while Fitzroy poses for the camera. Fitzroy getting 'taped. Lastly, Laura, holds a happy and Mutt Muff-ed Fitzroy.





Below, Chapter members and guests enjoy Steve Brown's home movies and narration from the early 1950's showing local pilots and aircraft from that period flying in and out of as well as around his family's private strip and Paul Cox field, now the home of Terre Haute South High School



*MEMBER NEWS*

The place to be at Noon on Fridays



YEAH!!! Chapter 83 members eagerly flock to the first pilot's lunch at Rollie's new location...



So many members and friends jammed Rollie's.

Some were relegated to the 'kid's table'.

*Upcoming Events/Places to Fly/Things to Do*

### Chapter 83 Calendar Upcoming Events

Dec 13th -- Holiday Open House - time and location will be announced.

*LOCAL EVENTS.*

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