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From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone.

The last meeting at Winters' fell on another good wx day. The attendance was somewhat small from normal due to other events in the area, primarily a Young Eagles event at Greencastle, in which a few Chapter 83 members assisted. And I was on the way home from a week camping at Dale Hollow Lake in Southern KY. Bill will have the meeting scoop later.

On the list of updates are the upcoming Dayton AF Museum trip and our Young Eagles rally at HUF. Bill will bring you up to date on the Dayton trip and Darrell the YE rally.

On a personal note everyone knows about my ongoing Quickie project. The airplane has been flying for some 15 years now and it seems I'll never get it done as issues seem to continue popping up. The early days dealt with over heating issues and constant engine problems to which there never seemed to be a solution. Then the radio problems, mine failed twice both times at HUF, then carburetion problems from an engine change to a newer model of the same manufacture, then design shortcomings of the electrical system and throw in the fact the company was sued out of business in 1986.

All in all, the Quickie is a fine little airplane. However, there were design oversights that led to a disservice to the builders in particular the firewall forward and the wiring design. But I believe I can now say that is behind me. The airplane just completed an uneventful trip to Sullivan, MO last weekend to the Quickie & Dragonfly Builders Association fly-in.

The distance is just over 200 nautical from Terre Haute and the plane performed flawlessly. I owe many thanks to Foraker for his help on the electrical and radio change and especially the time spent to help get the job done, Watler for the beautiful laser cut instrument panel, Throck for his help and the pro's like Bob Nuckolls' Aeroelectric Connection and buddy Quickie builder Terry Crouch from IA. I hope to begin having the plane out much more often as a result. Just what I've always wanted.



Keith's Q-Bird

See ya at Aero Plaines,
Keith

The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Well, we had another great day for a fly-in meeting at Winters' Airpark, but we had a smaller crowd than usual. We guessed there were just so many competing activities, that folks were spread out all over the state. Anyway, 16 people attended the

meeting along with 8 aircraft. The wind was from the east, so most folks used 36 to avoid the wires. Foraker had to try 2 landings as his first approach was obviously one of his HUF approaches and not suitable for a short, grass strip. But on his second try, he got it stopped. Matt made several passes, but all were un-inverted. Flying in were Ted Black, John Watler, Jim Fisher, Matt Throckmorton, Bruce Dallman, Mike Wonder, and SOB. Pete Peterson and Dave Jones were headed to the meeting, but were stopped by aircraft maintenance problems. Sorry they didn't make it.



Our Hosts, Ernie and Linda

As usual, Ernie and Linda rolled out the green carpet for us and we had a great meeting followed by a great meal. With a smaller number of more talkative members (excluding Foraker who is always talkative), we had great members reports.



Ted's Cessna lounging at Winters'

Ted gave us an update on Bob's situation and is checking in to the new Light Sport Pilot rules. We all wish Bob well in his recovery.

Mike has started on his Super 6. We all knew that a beautiful as his plane is he would have to go higher and faster...some others of us have that same disease. Mike also reported that the Black Otter restaurant at OSH is a good place. They offer a 120 oz steak and if you eat it all, the next one is free. Mike also told us that he and Reed are headed for Reno and the air races. They encouraged us to go along. I'm sure they'll have some great stories when they return.

Bruce reported that the Superior Engineering builder workshops at OSH were very good. He had lots of info on their products and future plans and it sounds good for GA.

Jim has just returned from a flying trip to Asheville, NC, to visit the Biltmore Estate. He told of his flying adventure with the mountains. Not scary, just interesting.



Ernie's Cool Meeting Tables

Linda told us that the house is for sale, so if you ever dreamed of owning a home with your very own grass strip, now's your chance. Linda and Ernie are keeping

the shop/hangar/new home and the strip, but whoever buys the house will have guaranteed use of the strip for as long as they own the house. And there's plenty of room to build a garage/hangar/meeting room...

There are many more pictures from the meeting on the web site. Check them out... You'll also find some other great new pictures and video clips.

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

All is well with your Chapter funds. We've paid for the bus to the Air Force Museum, so get your reservations in to Foraker so we fill the bus. Other than that, it's all quiet on the treasury front.

Young Eagles Report – Darrel Zeck

The big news is the Young Eagles Rally planned for Saturday, October 16, from 9 am to 1 pm, or until we run out of kids. We will again fly from HUF as that seems to be the preference of our pilots based on safety and convenience. All pilots are encouraged to participate if possible. This is the annual rally for Honey Creek Middle School and is organized at the school by Joyce Strickland, Garland Wadsworth's daughter. Most of you remember Garland and know that Chapter 83 would not be if it were not for the work and persistence of Garland. The weather date for the event is the following Saturday.

Please let me know via email or phone (812-208-1398) if you can help. We need pilots and ground personnel. If the weather looks questionable, call me Friday night or Saturday morning at the above number.

I will be speaking to four classes on the 13th at the school in order to prepare the students for their flights, discuss the YE program, teach some physics, etc. Thanks to everyone in advance. The kids really appreciate this program.

Thanks,
Darrel



Also, I just got this from the EAA...

Dear EAA Member and Young Eagles supporter:

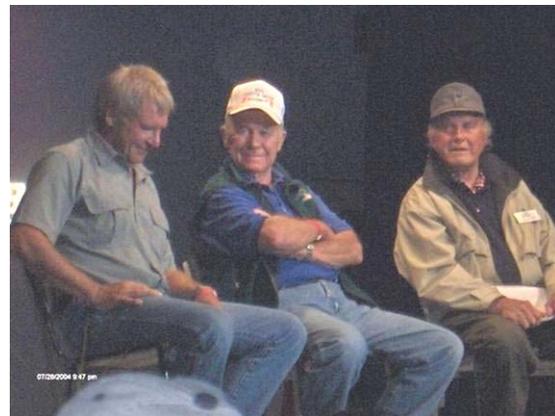
It has come to our attention that an individual or group has been contacting EAA members by telephone claiming to be conducting a survey on behalf of EAA in

support of the Young Eagles Program. The caller often inquires about the type of aircraft you fly, the certificates you hold and other information regarding your flying activities. EAA is NOT currently conducting any surveys of our membership regarding the Young Eagles program; however, we are asking for your assistance in helping us determine the extent of this apparently fraudulent activity and the motives behind it.

If you or someone you know has recently received a call of this nature or are contacted with something similar in the near future, please report the event immediately to the EAA Government Relations Department by replying to this e-mail or calling us directly at 920-426-6522. Please note the date and time of the survey call, the nature of the questions you are asked, and any other observations you may have about the call. Please also be sure to let us know how we can best contact you to follow up, if necessary.

EAA is dedicated to preserving the future of sport and recreational aviation and at the heart of that effort stands the Young Eagles Program. The commitment of our members to providing young people with their first flight experience demonstrates the very best that the recreational aviation community has to offer and we are justifiably proud of your collective achievements. We are deeply saddened that anyone would take advantage of such a positive youth program by invoking its name for some unauthorized intent and hope that you will continue to support the EAA Young Eagles Program and all the good it stands for well into the future.

Thank you for your support and assistance.



EAA Young Eagle Chairmen, present and past – Harrison Ford, Chuck Yeager, and Cliff Robertson.

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

Wow, is the web site ever active since our 1st place award. Just to give you some idea about our web activity, we have been visited by over 6000 users in the past 7 months. Those visitors were from countries all over the world including the US, Canada, Germany, Spain, England, Australia, Hong Kong, Mexico, South Korea, Poland, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Turkey, France Netherlands, Taiwan, and Belgium. Are we famous, or what?

On the local scene, there are a couple of you who have not paid for your yellow shirts you got before the air show. If you still owe me, I'm starting to get nervous. Please send \$18 bucks my way soon. And for those who don't owe money, if you would like another shirt, let me know. Several of you have ordered similar shirts in different colors and with other custom embroidery. I also have Chapter 83 T shirts, hats, and license plates for sale for \$10 each.

Our email capability through the web site has increased. If you would like an email account or a forwarding account, please email your request to me at jeff@aaa83.net

The Swap Meet page is online. If you have an airplane or related item for sale, or if there is something you are looking for, try the Swap meet page.

Recent Sightings – Member News

As you heard, Keith's Quickie is flying again after about a year off for maintenance. It sports new engine cooling baffles, a newly glassed cowling, newly installed cowl vent flaps, all new wiring, a new instrument panel, a new(er) radio, new switches and fuses, and other stuff I don't know. He test taxied and flew around HUF for three days and then flew to the big fly-In last weekend. Everyone was surprised and happy to see his little Q-bird and he spent two days telling people how he did this and why he did that, etc. So now he has two aircraft to choose from when he goes flying.

Jim Fisher made his first trip to Winters for the meeting. Since his relocation to Indiana, Jim is getting lots of grass strip experience with his first trips to Winters and Shawnee. Last weekend, he flew to watch a football game at his old college.

Matt continues to make progress on his F1 Rocket. The tail sections are coming along nicely. For a full

update, you can check his web site that is linked from ours in the member projects section. Just to keep busy, he still flies all over...



Matt's Super Decathlon at home among lots of other taildraggers at Lee Bottom...

Bruce has got his RV-6 project hauled into the shop and is beginning to buck some rivets. The first work he had to do involved the conversion from a 6A to a 6 which changes some of the structure in the aft fuselage. He's not quite ready for the paint booth yet, but he's making progress.



Bruce Departing from Lee Bottom...

SOB has been buzzing all over. Weekend before last, he flew to the Paoli Airport Fly-In and won a door prize. Last weekend, he went to Lee Bottom on Saturday and to Monticello, White County on Sunday. He has also made 2 trips to Lafayette and one to dinner at MTO just for fun.

Lee Bottom was a great fly in with lots of classic aircraft. He estimates that 75% of the aircraft there were taildraggers and that 65% were over 40 years old. Lots of biplanes, a bevy of Swifts, several Cubs in different styles and colors, a big flock of RV's, and only one poor old Comanche. You'll see some images from Lee Bottom in the newsletter and there are more on

the web site. Next year, plan to go to this one. It's always the last Saturday in September...

ATIS (Communications)

Anyone interested in taking some nice air-to-air pictures of their aircraft. SOB knows several good photographers who would take some pictures, but we'll have to buy them breakfast and pay for processing. But as you can figure out, you need two airplanes to do this and even Foraker can't fly and take pictures at the same time. Come to think of it, he can barely talk on the radio and fly at the same time.



Just a sample of what you can see at the new Air and Space Museum Udvar-Hazy Center at Dulles Airport in Wash, DC. This shot shows a Concorde, a Boeing 307 – the passenger conversion of the B-17, the prototype 707 that did the roll during its demo flight, a Chipmunk, some type of trimotor, and lots of other stuff I can't make out...

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

By the time you get this, we will either have gone or be ready to go to the U.S. Air Force Museum at Wright-Patterson AFB. Next month's newsletter will have a report, unfortunately, from SOB. But he promises pictures.

And here's another interesting event...

Wicks AirCenter Open House/Fly-In, St. Jacob, IL, October 16, 2004. Wicks Aircraft Supply is sponsoring an open House/Fly-In on October 16, 2004 to announce its newest location at Shafer/Metro-East Airport (3K6 – 124 nm WSW or HUF at 250). Wicks AirCenter is a premier Builder Education Center, offering invaluable assistance to individuals wishing to

build their own plane but lacking the space, tools, or knowledge resources to do so. By representing a number of fine aircraft such as the Titan Tornado, Titan T-51, Express 2000FT, Sting Sport, and Star Sport, Wicks AirCenter can help you obtain the aircraft of your dreams sooner rather than later. The facility also features an extensive pilot shop and pick-up counter for orders placed with Wicks Aircraft Supply.

The event begins at 0800 with a free pancake breakfast. Complimentary hamburgers and bratwurst will be served at 1100. There will be a number of static displays, aircraft rides, spot-landing and flour bomb contests, aerobatic performances, and much, much more. The pilot shop will be open with deep discounts on most items. Also featured is a list of items from Wicks Aircraft Supply, perfect for your homebuilding project. Contact Name: Jim Kaiser
Contact Phone: 800-221-9425

Our Next Meeting...

Saturday, October 9, we'll meet at Aero Plains Airpark for our annual trek to the grass strip in Youngstown on the south side of Terre Haute. The field is just east of the Ivy Tech campus south of Terre Haute. The meeting has been changed to October 9 from a later date.

Originally, we were trying to wait for the power lines to get buried, but that's not gonna happen in time, so we're going ahead. So watch for the power lines on the east end and the trees on the west. There are plans to bury the east power lines and remove all the trees on the east end also, so next year should be easier. Also, watch out for deer on the runway. Several deer have been seen recently crossing the runway to the adjacent bean field. On the plus side, the porta-potty is arranged for. As in the past, our hosts will be the Peterson's and the Jones'. Thanks again to Pete and Dave.

Driving directions: Go to Stuckey's and turn east. Go across the tracks and turn north (left) on Bono road. It will be the first left after the tracks. Then take the first right, Clarks lane (look for the For Sale sign) takes you to the strip. Go east on Clarks lane a few hundred feet and then turn left (north) to the barn and you're there.

If you're flying in: It's 5119, runway 9/27, 2450 x 200 feet grass, field elevation is 570 ft., use 122.9 for CTAF. For more info, go to:
<http://www.airnav.com/airport/5119>
See you there...



Just what you don't want to see out the window when you're flying along. Got Screws?

An Emergency catch of an F-14. This has to be an exciting time on the flight deck...



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