



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

## **Terre Haute, IN.**



A Non-Profit Organization operated for the Advancement of Aviation Education, Homebuilt Aircraft, and Private Aviation and dedicated in the memory of John Blouch and Garland Wadsworth

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### **Sad News...**

**Chuck Rubeck**

21 Aug 1932 - 15 Sept 2005

Recently the chapter lost one of its most respected and long time members--Chuck Rubeck. Chuck was one of the signers of the reactivation of Chapter 83 on 8 March, 1970. Since then, he and Mary have missed very few meetings making them among our most prolific attendees, and they drove from Spencer, IN for most of them.

Chuck had served as Chapter Vice President in 1971, 1972 and then again in 1977. He then served the chapter as President in 1978 and had hosted several meetings during the 1970's.

Chuck was a quite fellow who loved to talk old airplanes -- especially Pietenpols -- and I'm not sure if he ever missed a Broadhead, WI event. I have several memories of airplane visits with Chuck over the years and there was no better on the subject of the Pietenpol airplane, its history, and Bernie Pietenpol himself. Chuck leaves a legacy for us all to respect and admire.

Perhaps Chuck is best known for his dedication to the Pietenpol airplane -- he built more than one over the years. His first was an Aircamper in the early 70's. At the meetings he hosted at his home in Spencer, he would show the plane's progress and films of various aviation related subjects. He also owned a 1937 J4-A Cub, and in the April '75 newsletter, he was trying to beg, borrow or buy an engine boot cowling and a fuselage boot cowl. I'll bet there is a good story there.

In the summer of '80 he finished rebuilding the Pietenpol (after a "firm landing" at the Shades St. Park) in time to make the Pietenpol meet at Broadhead, WI. In the fall of '80 he reported that his wife Mary had taken her first ride with him in the Pietenpol. He was also featured in the Sunday Tribune Star article "Up and Away" from May 30, 1982. The article mentioned "A carpenter that lived in Spencer who built a plane using his carpentry skills, then learned to fly it." His most recent creation is a replica of an original Piet powered by a Model A Ford engine. This was a project with Pete Peterson and Dave Jones.



**A Pietenpol Air Camper**

Chuck had served in the Army in Korea and was a carpenter by trade. He will be missed by those who loved him and admired him.

**Godspeed Chuck Rubeck and  
thanks for the memories.**

## From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone:

The meeting at Winters Air Park was very nice. The weather really straightened up about an hour prior to the meeting time and I was expecting several airplanes to fly in. It was not to be. My plane is down for maintenance, Foraker received a briefing from FSS which called for low ceilings, and all but Dallman and Throckmorton must have been busy that day as they were the only two to fly in from Terre Haute. Norm Patrum arrived in his Ercoupe about a half hour later. He came back from heading to Lee Bottom due to the visibility on South.

Including the Winters', there were nine of us who attended. The meeting was a casual affair on the lawn under a beautiful sun by a beautiful airstrip. Sorry you all had to miss it. The meal was GREAT and everyone had seconds and more, coney dogs, baked beans, salad, brownies, etc...etc ...Mmm...Mmm.

We will meet next at Aero Plaines on the 22nd.

## From Your Treasurer – John Watler

Everything is A-okay. Anyone who owes for shirts can pay anytime...They ended up costing \$23.00 with tax. We got a nice check from the EAA for our work on the B-17 Fuddy Duddy visit. This will allow us to not raise dues for the foreseeable future.



Russ taxis the Quickie...

## Recent Sighting – Member News

This is a short newsletter this month cause SOB was sick. He didn't send out his usual "tell me what's happening" message, so there is no member news to report.

## Young Eagles Report

**BIG YE Rally, Hulman Field, THAC FBO, Saturday, October 22, 9 to noon. Before the meeting...**

Foraker went to Honey Creek Middle School on Tuesday, October 11, and presented to 7 of Joyce Striclyn's (Garland Wadworth's daughter) science classes. Even with that frightening experience behind them, many are interested in taking a YE ride.

It looks like we may have as many as 50 kids, so please bring your plane and fly some if you can or help with the ground crewing if you can't fly... Let Foraker or Zeck know if you're planning to attend so we can plan.

## Chapter Business

As reported earlier, the chapter received its check for hosting Fuddy Duddy. Thanks to all who helped with the visit. Your work will keep our dues low for another year.

## Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

See the flyer on the next page...

## Our Next Meeting...

**October 22 -- Big Saturday Doings. YE Rally at HUF 9 am to noon. Please fly some kids if you can.**

**Meeting at Noon at Aero Plaines Air Park. 7 nm sw of HUF. Identifier is 5119. 9-27 grass strip 2450 long. Elevation – 570. Use Multicomm freq 122.9 for CTAF. The power line on the east end is now buried.**

If you're driving, take US 41 south of Terre Haute and turn east on either Eaton Road or Dallas Road. From either of these, turn south/right onto Bono road. After you cross the RR tracks (an adventure in itself) either of the next two turns to the east/left will take you to the field. Watch for the sign...

You can also turn east at Stuckey's/Harlan Road and turn north/left on Bono Road. The field will be on your right.

Call Keith at 230-2355 or Foraker at 208-4816 for more info.

Spread the Word! Please Post

Announcing Rudy Frasca's 9th Annual  
**Taildragger Fly-In**

*For all sorts of tail-dragger aircraft -  
but nose wheels are very welcome!*

OCTOBER 15 (SAT), 2005  
FRASCA FIELD  
C16 - URBANA, ILLINOIS

**10am - 5pm (?)**

Come early for donuts & coffee  
Lunch will start at noon



**A DAY OF FLYING, FUN & FASCINATION!**  
**GOOD FOOD • COMARADERIE & FUEL DISCOUNTS!**

**Among the many attractions at Frasca Field:**

- ✈️ Frasca Air Museum, featuring vintage aircraft, simulators and aviation artifacts.  
• New additions: Paul Poberezny's PT-23 and a 1909 Bleriot.
- ✈️ Warbirds & Fly-bys: See a 2,500 hp Rolls-Royce Griffin powered Spitfire up close! Also, Oshkosh Grand Champion P-40E used in the movie "1941", Wildcat used in movie "Midway", the only Russian powered Italian G-46 FIAT! And a replica Zero used in the movie "Tora, Tora, Tora" & an FW 190 and a Pitts Model 12 with a 360 HP M-14 under construction.
- ✈️ Lucille's Flying School & Hot Dog Stand, our clubhouse where we eat and talk about airplanes in an old airport atmosphere. It now has a big screen TV and entertainment center! Many new model aircraft too!
- ✈️ You, others like you and your fantastic fly-in aircraft!



Airport Info: 735 ft. elevation • 2 runways; 09/27 is 4,000' paved  
with parallel sod. 18/36 is 2,500' sod • Unicom: 122.8 • Bring your own tie-downs

**IMPORTANT! PLEASE HAVE ADEQUATE INSURANCE AND FLY SAFE!**



This might look like fun, but don't try this at home...

Oh, for a fixed gear now...



As Seen in Terre Haute  
The Red Baron Pizza Squadron

Big ole round engines...