



# EAA CHAPTER 83

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### From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone:

What a day for a meeting at a place like the Winters', nice, dry and cozy. That was inside. Outside was rainy, overcast, and nasty. A lousy day by any measure. We did have fourteen people sign the attendance sheet and had two guests attend. One guest was a new faculty at Rose-Hulman, Allen White, who will be joining our chapter soon.



Our Hosts – Ernie and Linda Winters

Those who braved the weather talked about OSH and especially the Terre Haute Air Fair -- and boy did we eat good. Notice I wasted little time getting to the food, Bar-B-Que ribs, sloppy Joe's etc.... and for desert cake and ice cream! Yum Yum! Sure hated to see ya'll miss out.

Our thanks again to Ernie, Linda and Jesse for having us on what was to be such a terrible wx day. That makes two years in a row we've had bad weather for Winters' meeting. Next year will be better.

Will see ya next month at Aero Plaines.

Keith

### Young Eagles Report – Adam Springmeyer

We will be having the Honey Creek Middle School Young Eagle day on Oct 21 starting at 10:00 at HUF. As you know, we do this rally each year and get a good turnout. We need all the support that we can get. If you would like to display your aircraft please come down. We also will need help at the registration table. A general briefing will be held at 9:30. I will be getting all the aircraft special transponder codes and call signs and I will explain the route and procedure then. Thanks for your help.

### Web Report – Jeff Tucker

Check out all the cool new pictures on the site...



## Mike Vaughn's Howard DGA

### Recent Sightings – Member News

#### From Pat Adams

It's official, I was offered, and accepted, a position at Louisville, Standiford, Tower. Effective, December 24, 2006, I'll be their newest Supervisor. Deb and I will head down the frozen Alcan highway in December...leaving the snow behind us (and the \$5.50 beers). I'm going to learn to play golf.

So, we will be seeing ya'll very soon.

#### From Jeff Tucker

Here are some of the details on the Putnam Co. Airport Appreciation Days:

- 197 young eagles were flown by 6 pilots
- 68 antique cars were there
- Keith's Quickie won best experimental
- Mike Vaughn won best Antique with his Howard

There were lots of aircraft and even more cars to see. It was a great time.



Keith flying his Quickie to Putnam County

#### Jessie Winters Summer Oshkosh Report:

As you may have heard, this year I applied and was accepted to be a Junior Councilor at Aircamp. I was at OSH for 2.5 months and washed a lot of dishes, but I also got 16 hours flight time in an RV6 and a Glastar III, had 5 sets of AirVenture flight line passes to give away (I made some new friends!!), met Burt Rutan at the new Spaceship 1 exhibit in the Museum, got to fly in a B-17, and heard the Beach Boys in Concert. All in all, quite the summer vacation. I had a great time and had some great aviation experiences.

#### From Eric Parker

I took a bunch of pictures at the 2006 Terre Haute Air and gave out CD's with 3000 pictures to some lucky folks at the last meeting.

#### From Eric Pitts

The 2006 KR gathering was a great success again this year with a total of 20 Aircraft showing up from as far away as California and members from England. The weather was a little on the cool side and a few drops fell now and then, but all in all some great flying and great looking aircraft showed up. We had 92 people at the banquet Saturday night and the membership voted to hold the KR gathering at Mount Vernon again next year. The local Airport was great in helping everyone from food to showers, and put on a presentation requesting we consider Mt. Vernon for holding the gathering every year.



#### From SOB, Pete, and Jeff

Question: Where can you go in Indiana and see the following aircraft that all flew in to an event? Stearman, Waco, and Swallow Biplanes; a DC-3; an L-5 Stinson; a Pietenpol Aircamper, a Stinson Reliant; a Wittman Tailwind; a Straight tail 172; a Zenair Zodiac; a Sonex; a Glasair IIFT; a Globe Swift; a Spartan Executive, several Cubs, Supercubs, and Champs; a Piper Family Crusier, Supercrusier, and Clipper; a Howard DGA, a Great Lakes, a YAK (or NaChang, I can't tell the difference); a Tiger Moth, a V-tail Bonanza; a C-140, several RVs; a C-180 on floats; a Stolp Storch; a BT-19; a BT-26; a variety of newer aircraft, 2 Comanches, and a bunch of stuff I forgot.

Answer: The annual Lee Bottom Fly In just south of Madison, Indiana.



The DC-3 taxiing at Lee Bottom

What a great time we had. Pete, Jeff, and SOB flew down in great weather with a 30 kt tailwind. We looked at all these aircraft and more. When we thought we'd seen it all, the DC-3 started up and taxied out for take off on this 3000 ft grass strip with hills and rivers all around. He took off and then did about 6 low passes with gear up and down, and on one pass with the gear down, he planted the left main on the grass and held it there down the entire length. He then landed after dragging the mains through the corn at the approach end. And while he was out flying around, a B-17 flew overhead...

You can see many pictures of these aircraft, along with the corn in the DC-3 gear on our great web site. Jeff took all the pictures and uploaded them last week. You really should go next year.

Oh, we flew home through the rain with a 30 kt headwind, but at least SOB didn't scare us too badly with his "landings."



A Pietenpol Air Camper at Lee Bottom

#### ATIS (Communications)

From Dennis Dunbar

We have the opportunity to host a T-6 training and certification course the week of Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> 2006. This involves about 6 hours of T-6 training with lots of flying time. You can get a tailwheel endorsement and a T-6 rating if you like. The price will depend on how many sign up, but it will be no more than \$3,000. Anyone interested should contact me at

#### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

##### Saturday, October 21

MVN, Mt. Vernon IL -- The Tenth Annual Little Egypt Fly-IN and Veterans Reunion.

This innovative event introduces youth to aviation through the EAA Young Eagles Program and allows veterans an opportunity to share their stories at the

veterans reunion. See vintage warbirds, current U.S. Military aircraft, as well as production and experimental GA aircraft.

##### Saturday, October 28

Halloween fly-in and pancake breakfast at the Mentone airport, C92, in north central Indiana. The pancake breakfast will begin at 8:00AM local (1300 GMT), and will continue so long as there is food to serve. Sausage, eggs, orange juice, and coffee will also be served. A very small fee will be charged for breakfast. Everyone is welcome to attend - PPC, ultralight, fixed wing, gyro, etc.

#### From Pete Peterson

Some years ago, Chuck Rubeck built the fuselage including the tail section and wings for a 1/2 scale Pietenpol Air Camper. Pete wanted to donate the model to the Air Power Museum, so he contacted them. They have since made the transfer with the hopes that the wonderful model will be finished and displayed at the Museum.

#### Our Next Meeting...

Is our annual gathering at Aero Plaines, 5II9, in Youngstown, IN, just south of Terre Haute, on Saturday, Oct 14, at NOON. It's a great little grass strip that you could own. Pete and Jim are selling the place and you could have your very own strip, a huge hangar, and lots of room to expand. If you're interested, come to the meeting and hear more.

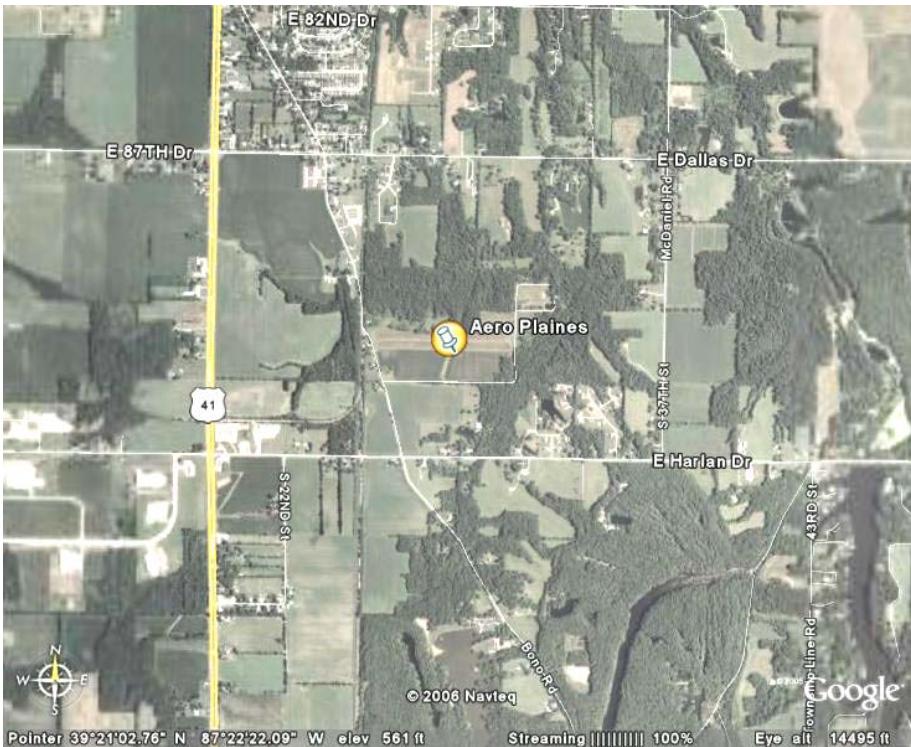
If you're driving, take 41 south to Bono Road and exit to your left on Bono Road. It's where the gas station used to be across from Ivy Tech. Talk Bono road SE past Dallas road and over some RR tracks. After you cross the tracks, go .17 miles and turn left on to the airport drive which is also Connor Court. If you get to Harlan Road, you went too far.

From the air, the strip is about 7 miles SW of HUF on a course of 207. I'll put an aerial photo with



the pictures.

More Lee Bottom aircraft...



Aero Plaines from the air...

This is from Google Earth and if you don't know about it, ask Jeff or me. It is too cool...

When you get it, check out Davis-Monthan AFB and the boneyard, Edwards AFB, Rantoul, Newport, Crane, Pearl Harbor, and lots of other cool places...



More pictures from Lee Bottom.

A Stolp Storch and

A Great Lakes...

