



# **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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### **From Your President - Keith Welsh**

**Hello again everyone,**

Not too much to report this month except that the Terre Haute Air Fair was a hit again. The show, concert, and performers really did a fantastic job. The crowd size looked great on Saturday, but I felt a little down on Sunday. Jeff reported that many visitors stopped by the EAA tent where he passed out lots of material and signed up several Young Eagles. The Chapter airplanes on display included Foraker's Comanche, Jerry Badger's Mooney, John Watler's 172, my 170 and Quickie, Doc Throck's F-1 Rocket EVO, and Kelvin Roots' Cherokee Six. Our thanks to those who served on the Flight Line. Your help made the weekend go very smoothly, probably our best ever.

The meeting at the Winters' netted only one chapter plane flying in and that was Foraker who carried along Jeff and I. Ernie and Linda also had an open house that day and many friends were there as well, making for a nice gathering. The big event was when Billy Wirth arrived in his Pitts to give Jesse and Ernie an aerobatic ride. Boy is Billy a good pilot. About 20 of us enjoyed the private airshow. The food was again great and several new friends were made. Also arriving were two other airplanes one, the Chinese Nachang, which was at the Air Fair, and a 152. Afterwards SOB, Jeff and I flew to Greenwood to an Indiana chapters gathering hosted by the Greenwood chapter. It was mostly over by the time we got there but was told lots of good stuff was discussed from other chapters throughout Indiana. The Columbus chapter will host the event next year and we'll get the word out so any of you who want to attend can go.

Most of you have probably heard of the Central States Canard Association which is an organization of Rutan airplanes started in 1982. Each year, they have a fly-in

at Rough River St. Park in KY. This year I was able to fly the Quickie there and had a great time. About 65 Eze's and Cozy's, the E-Racer, and a Berkut, 5 Quickies, and a Dragonfly by Chapter 83 member Steve Lairbee attended. The wx was fantastic and I had a head wind both ways. Less though on Sunday's return trip.



October's gathering will be at the Mattoon airport and will be hosted by Steve Larabee. After lunch, we will be able to visit Steve's hangar to see his Dragonfly and his award winning 1939 Aeronca Chief. Also Jerry Cox has recently finished the rebuild of his Luscombe and will have his hangar open as well.

Since you're probably wondering, we will no longer be able to use Aero Plaines for Chapter gatherings. Our many thanks to Jim Gibson and Pete Peterson and their families who have been so gracious to have hosted us at their airstrip over the many years. Many good memories have been had there. I believe we had well over 20 planes attend on more than one occasion throughout the years. While I'm not sure but I believe we have meet there every October since they built the airstrip back in the 80's. The new co-owner is concerned about the liability and has declined to continue hosting a chapter event there.

And that about does it for me.

Blue skies,

Keith



**You think landing a taildragger is hard,  
try landing this baby...**

### **The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker**

As Keith mentioned, the last meeting at Winters was excellent. Not many members attended, but there was a big crowd of people we got to meet. The corn was cut so I could turn around without incident. There were about 7 aircraft flying in including a Pitts S2C that Ernie and Jesse flew in. When Jesse was going up, I flew a camera ship to get some shots of the Billy and the Pitts in action. I'll have them in a later newsletter. Jesse and Ernie both arrived back on earth with no chunks in the airplane and with smiles on their faces.

You too, can experience the thrill of aerobatic flight with Bill Werth. Just contact Billy Werth at [www.grayout.com](http://www.grayout.com) through the links on the contact us page. He'll be glad to come to your airport and make you sick... Seriously, it's the most fun I've ever had in an airplane... and get him to give you some upset training. I guarantee it will make you a better pilot.

Ernie and Linda again had some great vittles for us and all their friends. It was a fun meeting. Yaw should come next year.

### **Young Eagles Report – Adam Springmeyer**

Chapter 83 Young Eagle Day is October 27th. We will be at the Terre Haute International Airport - HUF. I

think we will start about 10:00 or so, and it would help us get organized if I could have everyone helping out arrive by 9:00. I am looking for pilots and people to help on the ground. If you have an airplane, however do now wish to fly, please bring it and show it off. If you have any questions please email me at [aspringmeyer@mymail.indstate.edu](mailto:aspringmeyer@mymail.indstate.edu).

Thanks,  
Adam



**If you hit this in the air,  
does it count as a bird strike???**

### **Recent Sightings – Member News**

Matt is continuing to progress on his Rocket. In fact, a major milestone was passed last Sunday as the big ole IO-540 was started for the first time. It ran a little rough at first as it was burning all the junk out of the lines and cylinders, but then it smoothed out nicely.

And what a sound with no mufflers... sounds like an airborne Harley...

Jerry Badger has his hot rod Mooney back with all sorts of new gadgets. 3 GPSes, terrain avoidance and satellite weather, autopilot with autoland, and all kinds of goodies. Ask him to show it to you sometime. You'll be impressed.

### **Local Notams (Upcoming Events)**

**Saturday, October 13, 2007 - Greenwood Airport Open House, Parade and Static Aircraft Displays**  
Greenwood IN Municipal Airport, HFY, 8 am – 4 pm  
Parade @ 9 am begins at the Greenwood Park Mall  
Breakfast \$5.00, 8 am – 10 am Lunch \$5.00 11 am – 1 pm, Admission is Free, all meal proceeds and donations benefit Youth Aviation Educational Programs. FREE Airplane Rides for Kids ages 8 to 17 yrs old 10 am – 3:30 pm, Bring out the entire family! Fun and Food for Everyone. WWII Re-Inactors, Military Vehicle Displays Military Aircraft, USAF KC-135 Flight Simulator, Modern Aircraft, Radio Controlled Aircraft, Motorcycles and Antique Cars Classic Car Show 10 am – 1 pm, Contact Information: Roger

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**SATURDAY, October 20, 2007, Robinson Community Airport Open House**, KRSV, Robinson Municipal Airport Robinson, Illinois, USA  
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Young Eagle rides, Static Displays. Plane rides Lunch: Burger, Brats, Hotdogs, Chips, Drinks, our friends Howie and Sandy who run the Casey FBO are now also running the FBO at Robinson. Contact: Howard Hunt: 618 586 2121 skysthelimitrsv@springnet1.com



**One of the famous Bussart Hangars...**

**Saturday, October 20, 2007, 08:00 AM - 05:00 PM Eleventh Annual Little Egypt Fly-In and Veterans Reunion sponsored by EAA Chapter 1155.** Mt. Vernon Outland Airport, MVN, - Mt. Vernon, IL  
The free event combines EAA Young Eagle Rides for the youth and provides area Veterans a venue to share stories with their peers as well as younger generations. All general aviation aircraft are encouraged to fly-in. Many Warbirds and current U.S. Military aircraft will be on display. Good food will be available. Come and experience a great day of aviation at one of the finest airports in the Midwest!  
For More Information Contact: Chris Collins (618) 242-7016  
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**Floyd Haumesser's High Max at Don's Place**

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

Will be at the Coles County Airport on Saturday, October 13, 2007. We've all been to MTO, but this time we'll get to see inside the hangars and there is some cool stuff there.

Our meeting will start at the restaurant at Noon Indiana time, 11 am Illinois time. We will have brunch/lunch first followed by a short meeting. I think we'll be in the side room of the restaurant, but Steve is still working on it.

Then the fun starts... Steve Larabee is arranging a walking tour of the MTO hangar area that will include three prewar airplanes that have received national grand champion awards. They also have at least six award winning experimental airplanes and several aerobatic airplanes. With a little arranging, the owners/pilots will answer question about their airplanes after lunch. Also, we can look over Jerry Cox's total restoration of his Luscombe. We may also be able to look at a 1928 Golden Eagle - the only one left of ten that were built.

**Make plans now. This will be a good meeting.**



**The Flightline at Bussart Air Ranch.  
Note 2 Wacos, a beautiful C-195, a TCraft, and lots of other stuff.**



**The aforementioned Classic Cessna – as nice inside as out...**



**WHAT??? I had two engines and only one  
airframe. And my bike needed a new engine, so...**