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The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

Our last meeting was at Winters' great strip. There were 41 people at the meeting, but not all were from Chapter 83. Ernie and Linda also had the Chapter 1374 meeting at their place and a great bunch of local folks also stopped in, some with very cool classic cars. In all, 9 aircraft flew in for the day, and a Cub and Taylorcraft did fly-overs.

We had a great meeting and discussed our upcoming Young Eagle rally, Victory Days, our receipt of the B-17 and TriMotor hosting check from EAA, our contribution to the ISU flight team for their help with the hosting, the Scott Hasler evening at Wilson's, some remaining Oshkosh reports, Lee Bottom and their big antique fly-in, FAST training at Mt. Comfort and their visit to Greencastle, and movie nights at HUF. Most of these items will be discussed in more detail later in the newsletter.

Flying in for the meeting were Jim Fisher, Matt Throckmorton, Billy Werth, Jack Underwood, Nash Rheinhold in his Skybolt, and me. Billy flew a few people and nobody got sick. Amazing...

Also attending our meeting from Chapter 1374 was Duane Skoog – President, Pat Bothwell – Treasurer, and Vern Bothwell, Sr. – Historian. We talked about holding a combined chapter meeting in the future.

The weather was good and the crops on the sides of the strip were cut, so it was good for landing and takeoffs. There was aerobatics by Billy and several low approaches by almost everyone. It was a great meeting.

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

Financially, we are fine. As SOB mentioned, we received our check from EAA for hosting the B-17 and TriMotor and we have also decided to make a \$500 contribution to the ISU flight team in recognition of their assistance to us in the hosting of the aircraft. The stipulation is that the students involved are to attend one of our meetings and receive the check in person. I believe they are planning to attend our next meeting at SIV, so we'll present the check then.

Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

We had an excellent Young Eagles rally on Saturday, October 10, 2008, at HUF. SOB and I went to Honey Creek Middle School on the previous Wednesday and got the kids ready to fly. Joyce Stricklyn did her typical great job of pre-organizing the rally and the kids. With our computer set-up, we print not only the registration forms, but also the flight certificates.



John and some Young Eagles

Many people worked on Saturday to make the event a success. The ground crew consisted of Jeff Wellum on certificates and pilot organization, Katie Tucker on sign-up sheets, Murrell Schriver on data entry, Joyce Stricklyn on greeting and organizing, Keith Welsh on ramp escort, Kelvin Roots on preflight briefings, Matt Throckmorton on ramp safety, and me printing certificates. Our pilots were Jerry Badger with his Mooney, Jim Fisher in his 182, John Watler in his 172, Larry Wheelock in his Mooney, and some SOB in a beat up Comanche.

In total, we flew 41 kids and could have done more with the set-up we had. Thanks to all who participated for giving the kids the rides of their lives.



The Young Eagle Crew

Recent Sightings – Member News

Ernie and Linda have their C-170 for sale, so if you're looking for a nice taildragger, check it out.

From Jim Fisher - Here is what I've been up to and the main reason I wasn't able to help out at Victory Days, though I really wanted to. I was just returning from my Second City cast reunion in Chicago -- other than the reporter diminishing my flooded house to a flooded basement and entirely leaving out the 28 years I spent in Hollywood writing with Jim Staahl -- it captured the evening. Some of us hadn't been together since we last performed together 40 years ago. We were very nervous until the first laugh, and then it was like old times! As we like to say in the biz, "we killed."

Then when I did get back home, our contractor was finishing the rebuild of our Allendale house, so Pat and I had to be there to make sure everything was done correctly. I did slip away for a bit and watched Saturday's afternoon VDays flybys from the West T's. Very impressive. And, I got some nice video and stills. Here's the web address for the article about the cast reunion.

http://leisureblogs.chicagotribune.com/the_theater_loop/2008/09/a-wild-night-at.html

From Billy Werth - We've got one more show to do this season, it's down at Greg Koontz's place in Alabama. Which by the way, is an awesome place to see an airshow. It's kind of a fly-in/airshow thing. Wonderful people, awesome setting, and some killer BBQ. It's a little far for a fly-in from Indiana, but it's worth it. I got my ground level waiver right after the Indy show, so I'm pretty excited about that. Next season is already coming together with a few shows. One of which is the Grissom airshow, on June 20-21. I'm sure there'll be fly-in stuff going on too, so mark your calendars. Anyway, if you have any questions for me, just let me know. It was great seeing all you guys at Ernie's. Thanks again for all the support.



Billy in his Pitts

Jesse Beyer is now in the ISU aviation program and liking it. He's more interested than ever in bumming airplane rides, so if you're going somewhere and have a seat empty, call him. SOB has his number (and everyone else's too.)

Harry Foy made his first meeting in a while and displaying great courage, rode with SOB. Harry says he had a great time, but I think he's still nervous from the flying. Harry did tell us of some of his flying exploits. Turns out he flew mostly multiengine aircraft in the military, but his favorite of all the aircraft he flew is the F6F.

Dave Thomas worked the warbird line again at OSH for the unteenth year and is now an NDT specialist working for AAR in the former United facility in Indy.

Vern Bothwell told us of his exploits flying the Martin B-26 in combat in Africa in WWII. After his combat time was over, they demoted him to P-51 instructor pilot – the poor guy.
Chapter Business

Keith Welsh has received the info about the 2009 EAA World of Flight calendars. Orders are now going in and the cost is \$8.50 ea. for 6-23 calendars, and the price drops to \$7.50 each for purchases of 24-47 calendars. Shipping charges are an additional \$8.50 for 6-23 or \$10.25 for orders of 24-47. Keith is taking orders through the November meeting and then place the chapter order if there is enough interest.

ATIS (Communications)

I will be leaving my duties as newsletter editor and secretary at the end of 2008. Anyone interested in taking over any or all of this should let Keith Welsh know so he can set a slate for the election at the November meeting.

Victory Days is the big news since the last meeting. The event was great – a great ramp of warbirds, a great reenactor encampment, and a great home front collection of exhibits. The dances were excellent and the band was great. The shortcomings were in general organization and the lack of attendance. The plans are still on for next year, so we'll see how the organization develops.



Your Victory Days Flight Line Crew

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

I'll email events to the fly out list each week, but the flying activity season is slowing in Indiana... if you are not on the email list and would like to be, but send me an email.

We are planning what will probably be our last movie night at HUF for this Saturday. The feature

is scheduled to be Hells Angels, the classic Howard Hughes movie.

On a very sad note...

One of our founding members, Curt DeBaun, Jr. passed away last Sunday. His visitation is Wednesday from 3 to 8 pm and his service will be at the DeBaun Springhill Chapel on Thursday at 10:30 am, followed by a short committal service at New Harmony Cemetery on IN-63 about 2 miles southwest of Praireton. SOB (as Curt called him) is organizing a fly-over missing man tribute. If you are interested in participating, please email or call Bill as soon as possible.



Curt and Betty at his hangar party at HUF in 2007.

Our Next Meeting...

Will be at the Sullivan County Airport on Saturday, October 18, at Noon. Dennis Meng has again offered us his hangar, so we'll get to see what he's done lately. If you've not been there, just look for the crowd. If you're flying in, SIV is a nice, 18/36 with a full length taxiway to the east of the runway. Park on the ramp and walk south to Dennis' hangar. If you're driving, take US 41 to Sullivan. Turn West on W Frakes Road and it will take you right to the airport.

Ron says he will have a pot of sausage gravy on with biscuits if you get there for breakfast. Several of us visited for breakfast last weekend and it was great.



The P-51 line at Victory Days. Seven, count 'em, 7 P-51s on the ramp at HUF. You just gotta like that.

An FM-2, 2 P-47s, and an A-26.
What a ramp.



And here's the heavy line-up. A B-17, 2 B-25s, and a C-47. What you don't see is 3 more DC-3/C-47s, and AT-11, 2 TBMs, T-6's, L birds and other stuff.