



# **EAA CHAPTER 83**

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Note from SOB – This is a very short newsletter and I'm sorry. With the air show and several other complicating factors, I just haven't had time to get to this. I promise to have some great pictures next month.

From Your President - Keith Welsh

The Casey meeting was a very nice one again and the wx was beautiful. The Markwell's, the White's, and Sandy and Howie did a really great job hosting us. Having ridden my motorcycle, I had to rely on others for their observations of Casey's new runway. Absolutely fabulous was the word. I'm looking forward to landing on it. We had 23 sign the attendance sheet and (as indicated on the attendance sheet) nine aircraft flew in. As normal, the actual numbers are a little larger as the sheet doesn't always find everyone. The business amounted to going around the room and hearing the reports from those who attended Oshkosh. W/o our newsletter editor there I'm not sure their stories got written down. I do remember that the Winters' attended several EAA chapter related events and were very impressed.

As far as the AirFair, is coming SOB has been working very hard at lining up the ramp patrol and I'm told all the commitments have been made and we are ready to go. Our web editor Jeff has taken the roll of chairing the EAA exhibit this year and is doing a fantastic job. Again the EAA chapter office, Brenda Anderson, has been great to work with and we will have an abundance of materials to hand out again this year. And as usual we need airplanes. With this years show being attended by the Discovery Channel and the Smithsonian Air & Space for video taping, it would be great to have a large display of local aircraft. So polish that bird

and contact Jeff at the address above to exhibit your aircraft.

TH Air Fair 2007 Update

Our chapter had a great tent and display thanks to Jeff Tucker who set up and manned the tent, and to the pilots who brought their aircraft out for display. Aircraft we showed were Matt's Rocket, John's C-172, Keith's Quickie and C-170, Jerry's Mooney, Kelvin's Cherokee six, and SOB's junky old Comanche. The aircraft were around and on the ramp across from the tent, so they got lots of spectator traffic.

In addition to our aircraft, Dennis Eiler brought his Stearman, Baron, Citation Jet, and Beech SNB-1 (one of two flying). We also had a very nice LSA, a Starduster, a Lake Amphib, a Howard DGA, and a Cessna 140. Warbirds on the ramp included 2 T-38's, a C-47, a USAF T-1, a Canadian Air Force King Air 90, a very nice T-34, a T-6, 4 excellent Yaks/CJ-6's, a Blackhawk, a C-130, and a KC-135. This was all in addition to the flying aircraft.

And here's some detail on the Jet truck. It has 3 Buckeye Navy Trainer A model jet engines generating 25,000 combined thrust. The cab has no floor and the engines draw intake through the cab which sucks truck to the ground. The aft wing keeps the back end down. They actually have no idea how much downforce the 7,000 lb actually generates, but they estimate it is several tons. The Michelin radials are good for about 150 runs before the sidewalls start to stretch. The tires grow about 6 inches during a 350 mph run.

In Terre Haute, their speeds were 356 mph on Saturday, and 347 mph on Sunday. These times were clocked by a Indiana State Police radar gun.

We think will meet next at SIV for October not Aero Plaines as expected. SOB will have the explanation a little later. Hope to see ya then.

Keith

### The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

I didn't go so you got all the report you're gettin' from Keith's column.

### From Your Treasurer – John Watler

Pay up or else. We don't know or else WHAT, but it's 12 bucks, come on... SOB can't get it done for this newsletter, but we'll have a list of paid members next month.

### 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. Thanks, Adam

### Web Report – Jeff Tucker

SOB and I are working on compiling an email list from the web site and his list. As soon as we get this done, we'll start sending the news and such through the web site.

### Recent Sightings – Member News

From Matt Throckmorton - My Rocket is resting comfortably in it's new home at Hulman field. The wings are nearly finished, and I should have the wheel assemblies installed in time to roll the plane out for static display at the airshow. I have a long way to go before I even start the engine, but it IS starting to look like an airplane! I'm seeing some light at the end of the tunnel! YIPPEE!

Additional note from SOB: Matt's Rocket is AWESOME. If you haven't seen it, you need to. Great kit, great craftsmanship, great selection of options.

Keith Welsh is selling his very nice Cessna 170. I don't know the details, but he does. I've flown in it often and it's a great plane if you can't own a Comanche. Call or email Keith if you're

interested. He'd like it to stay local so he can pet it once in a while.

### ATIS (Communications)

The restaurant at HUF has had a face lift. It has new paint and carpet, but the new HUF director doesn't want our newsletter on the window, so it's gone. But don't blame me – tell him. I asked him what his plan was to display our newsletter (thinking bulletin board, reading rack, etc), but he didn't know at the time. We'll see what he comes up with.

Oh, and that brings up the news that the new airport director has started at HUF. His name is Tom Long and he comes here from North Carolina, very close to Kill Devil Hills.

### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

From Eric Pitts - The annual KR gathering will be held @ Mt Vernon, IL, MVN, on Sept 21-22nd. Go to [www.krgathering.org](http://www.krgathering.org) for more info.

### Our Next Meeting...

Is at Winters AirPark on Saturday, September 22, at 11 am. We are moving the meeting up slightly so we go the Indiana EAA statewide meeting at Greenwood (details below). Winters in on the sectional just southwest of Indy. Just follow the extended centerlines of runways 23L and 23R just outside the outer ring and you'll see it. The corn has been cut so I'll be able to turn around without incident...

For more details, here's this from Linda...

We have FINALLY moved to the barn! Hooray!!! Therefore, this year's fly-in will be a one special for us.

Also making it a special day is: Billy Werth will be coming to visit us. The house will then be officially for sale. It's Ernie's birthday!!!

Jesse will be flying with Billy after 2 p.m. so we are planning on making a day of it. I'm sure Billy would be happy to talk to other Chapter members about going upside down so anyone who has been considering doing some really FUN flying should check out his website ([www.grayout.com](http://www.grayout.com)).

Once again, we will provide coney dogs, and drinks, with a few trimmings; any side dishes or desserts brought would be appreciated.

BTW, the corn has been harvested so the guys that don't like landing between the rows won't get that challenge this year.

Look for this to be the best year yet!!!!  
See you Saturday,

Linda

And after the meeting...

We'll meet at Ernie's and then Keith and I (at least) are headed to Greenwood to the Indiana EAA event. Here are the details on it.

Saturday, Sept 22, 11 to 2

Central Indiana EAA Chapter Get Together  
All EAA Chapter members and especially the officers are invited to an ALL EAA event. Bring your chapter activities and be prepared to talk about what you chapter does. We hope to have this meeting annually and would like it to move around the state. This year, we expect members from Avon, Anderson, Bloomington, Columbus, Ft. Wayne, Greencastle, Greenwood, Indy 900, Indy 1121, North Vernon, Terre Haute, and possibly Noblesville. For more info, call Alan Gluff, Vice President, EAA 1354, home phone 317-535-4079, cell 317-690-2907

The following are NOT pictures from our air show, but we had each of the following aircraft here and flying in our show...





A cool shot from the 787 Dreamliner roll out – The Boeing line from 707 to 777, Right to Left



Did you even know there was a WWII Battleship USS Indiana? It was BB-58.