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### From Your President - Keith Welsh

Hello again everyone.

The meeting at Casey was a GREAT one again and capped by very nice weather to boot and we were treated to several good OSH reports from those who attended. The day started with a flight to Greencastle to the Victory Days meeting then on to Casey for the chapter meeting. As several of you know by now I flew the Quickie to Greencastle but not to Casey. About half way to 417 the engine appeared to pop like a miss fire. No big deal until it got to doing it more often. By the time I got there it was kind of like slobbering quite a bit while always responding to throttle input. So at least I new I had an engine. After checking the points etc... I headed West.

About half the way to Terre Haute it all started again but this time it worsened more rapidly sooo... no Casey today. Also notable is that it backfired a lot...I mean a lot when the throttle would be reduced to idle on final approach. Very unusual!! Also of note is that I put 100LL in the tank for the first time in many years since auto gas cannot be purchased w/o ethanol in either state anymore.

Was that the problem? Don't know, some suggested that it was and others not. Another Quickie builder suggested the coil after he had experienced the same problem earlier. In any case considering the age of my ignition system I replaced the whole thing, coil, wires, points and condenser about 224 in Onan dollars. The subsequent flight was quite different as the engine ran very well. The CHT's, which are normally about 20 degrees apart, were about

even this time, the backfiring was gone and I'm ready to go flyin'. SOB saved the day for me by stopping by HUF to give me a ride to Casey in his Comanche. The flight home was in the back seat of Doc Throck's F-1 Rocket. Man that thing is fast. Many thanks you guys.



Back to the meeting, our hosts at Casey treated us to a fantastic meal to which we are all very grateful. Casey is a very good setting for a gathering and we really appreciate their hospitality. Thank you so much. Read on for SOB's great reports including the meeting reports a Victory Days update and other news. I hope to see ya'll at Winters'.

Happy flyin',

Keith

### The Last Meeting - Bill Foraker

As Keith told you, we had a great meeting at the Casey aerodrome with Eleanor and Cleone

Markwell and Howie and Sandy as our hosts again. They had a great meal for us and then we had a nice meeting with 34 attendees. We had 12 aircraft on the ramp that had flown in for the meeting including Matt T. in his new F1 Rocket just returned from OSH, Steve L. in his Chief, Jerry C. in his Luscombe, George B. in his 172, Dave J. and Pete P. in their 175, Michael K. and Chat C. in a THAC 172, John R. in a Sky King 172, Kelvin R. and family in their Cherokee 6, Fish in his 182, Jerry B. in his Mooney, John W. in his 'other' 172, and me in my ratty old Comanche, also just back from a great trip to OSH.

The major topics of discussion were stories from Oshkosh (Matt and I worked the Warbird Jet Line with Dave Thomas) and the scoop on Victory Days. Victory Days is shaping up nicely and there are lots of ways to participate. Many of us are already signed up and others are interested. Check out the web site at <http://www.victorydays.org>.



This aircraft is scheduled to be at Victory Days along with his cousin Wickid Wabbit and nice compliment of other Warbirds

#### From Your Treasurer – John Watler

We are a solvent chapter and responsible with our funds (unlike Freddie Mac, Fannie Mae, Hilliard Lyons, Bear Stearns, Merrill Lynch, and others! Hey, maybe I should run Wall Street!) We recently received our profit sharing check from EAA for our work with the Ford Trimotor and the B-17, so we have even more money now. Please read SOB's item later on our contribution to the ISU Flight Team for their support of the aircraft visits.

#### Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

Our annual Honey Creek Middle School Young Eagle rally is scheduled for Saturday, October 11

at 10 am. Please attend if you can. We can use pilots with aircraft and ground crew. We could use 4-5 pilots/aircraft and the same number of ground crew. Most of you know that this rally is organized by Joyce Striclyn, the daughter of Garland Wadsworth, one of our founding members. The rain date is the following Saturday.

#### Recent Sightings – Member News

**After many years of build time, Wayne's RV has come home to Hulman Field! Congratulations Wayne! You can see an arrival video on our web site.**



Wayne's 6 at HUF

#### This from Jim Gibson about Aero Plaines

Among several things we have done to improve Aero Plaines, the most obvious is that we have cut down the trees on the east end of the airstrip several hundred feet back, and cleared all the trees on the Bono Road property line which substantially increases the useful length of the runway. We have a lot of tree clearing, mowing and other work yet to do, but anyone who wants to fly in or drive out to check our progress is welcome to do so. Both Estan and I will be working at the field during the first 2-3 weeks in October. Estan is there now and will be leaving 9/23. Plans include the sale of the entire 130 + acres OR the development of 5 (maximum), 5+ acre lots by subdividing the 30+/- acre bean field on the south side of the runway. If the latter option is adopted, we will use the money received from the sale of the first two lots to make the place into a beautiful LSA friendly residential flying field for five individuals or families (plus, perhaps, 2 more for Estan and I on the north side of the runway). However, we must sell two lots for this development option to proceed. The first two buyers will get a substantial discount on the purchase price of the lot, their choice of lots, their choice of plane location in the hangar, lifetime

free use of the hangar if desired (may build a hangar at their lot, of course) and will be on the governing board. We will consider selling the 1st 2 lots to one buyer if that buyer wishes to buy the lots or at least the 2nd lot as a speculative investment. We anticipate horseback riding, ATV and walking trails throughout the 130 acres. Anyone wishing to discuss the purchase of a lot or want additional info may call me at 863-397-5550 (cell). If an individual or a small group of individuals wish to buy the entire development, it is for sale now. There is timber of considerable value, the water well log shows two 4' veins of coal and the coal and all other mineral rights go with the property. We drilled a deep water well at the hangar and now have plenty of great tasting soft water. Toilet facilities are forthcoming. Also, there is plenty of firewood from the felled trees for anyone who wants it. It is free for the taking.

### From SOB

Most of you probably know this by now, but Victoria Dunbar, the former Chief Flight Instructor and Manager of the TH Air Center and Flight School, has just accepted a position as a full time faculty member in the Aerospace Technology Department at Indiana State University. She will be a great addition to their faculty ranks, and I know we all wish her well. Most of you also know that she and Dennis are proud new parents and the little rascal is doing well. Think he'll be a pilot?

### More from SOB/Chatter (is anyone surprised?)

I found myself in DC lately with a couple of hours to kill, so I stopped into the Udvar-Hazy Center of the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport in VA. Since I was there last, they have added lots of aircraft and the space building is now open too, with a shuttle on display. It is quite a place and well worth the time if you're in the area.



Wear your air show shoes because the building is almost 1,000 ft long and a football field wide, and 10 stories high (about the size of a CVA flight deck). Here's the web site with just the aircraft on display:  
<http://www.nasm.si.edu/collections/objectsondisplay.cfm?view=alpha&type=air&loc=uhc>  
You can find more on the museum from this web page.

So the next day I find myself driving home through Ohio with a couple hours to spare and before I know it, the car is turning toward Wright-Patt. Before I know it, I'm at the Air Force Museum, so I had to go in for a while. All in all, a pretty good trip.

### Chapter Business

We have received our check from the EAA for our hosting of the TriMotor and the B-17. It was about \$2,500. Now we have to decide how much to donate to the ISU Flight Team for their great support of us on the visits. If you can't attend the meeting at Winters', please let me/Bill/SOB, another officer, or someone else who is attending know your thoughts on this before the meeting so we can discuss this and vote.

### Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

October 3, 4, 5, Hulman Field, Terre Haute Victory Days is coming in about 3 weeks. There are still some volunteer jobs open if you would like to participate. You can sign up on the web and also find out lots of details about the show. Matt and the warbird guys have lined up a great bunch of aircraft. Ask him about it to get the most current story.

Fri-Sat, Sept 19-20, 8 am to 6 pm  
KMVN, Mount Vernon Airport, Mount Vernon, IL  
KR Annual Gathering 2008  
Join us at our annual gathering of KR builders, flyers and friends. We will have engine and airframe seminars and flying KR's. Great food served at breakfast, lunch and dinner.  
Distance from HUF – 99 nm

Sat, Sept 20, 8 am to 4 pm  
Paoli Airport Aviation Day  
142 Paoli Municipal, Paoli, IN  
Paoli airport aviation day  
Fly in event. US Army ceremonial mounted color guard will do opening ceremonies. Free food and drink for all pilots plus we will have door prize drawings for pilots. WUME radio live broadcast. Vendors on the field. Contact: Bill Greffe 812-723-

4019 or email the airport at:  
paoliairport@yahoo.com  
Distance from HUF – 65 nm

Sat-Sun, Sept 20/21  
Scott Air Force Base, MidAmerica Airport,  
Belleville, IL, KBLV  
Airpower Over The Midwest  
Featuring the Air Force Thunderbirds.  
Distance from HUF – 129 nm

Fri-Sun, Sept 19-21  
1WF, Waco Field Airport, Troy, Ohio  
2008 Waco fly-in  
This is the place to be for all Waco owners and  
enthusiasts.  
147 nm from HUF

Sat, Sept 27  
64I, Lee Bottom Airport, Hanover, IN  
Wood, Fabric, & Tailwheels Fly-In  
This is what "grass roots" is supposed to be. Lee  
Bottom Flying Field is home to the regions favorite  
antique & classic fly-in. Intended to be a relaxed  
event for pilots, you'll find beautiful scenery, great  
planes, and wonderful people.  
99.9 nm from HUF  
For more on this great fly in:  
[http://www.leebottom.com/event\\_schedule.htm](http://www.leebottom.com/event_schedule.htm)

## Our Next Meeting...

Our next meeting will be a Winters' Air Park  
in Monrovia, IN. on Saturday, Sept 20.  
Winters' is on the sectional and if you need  
driving directions, call or email me. We'll eat  
at noon and meet just after. You know Ernie  
and Linda always have a great meeting and  
are excellent hosts. They always have a great  
meal too. This year Jesse is starting in  
Aviation Technology at ISU, so he may not be  
around, but he may make it back for our big  
meeting.

Billy Werth is planning to be around again  
with his very cool Pitts S2C, offering  
aerobatic rides, so if you want to try out your  
aerobatic wings, bring your checkbook.  
Flying with Billy is the most fun (and very  
instructive) time I've ever had in an airplane!  
There are already a couple of people  
planning to fly with Billy Saturday morning.



Billy's Pitts that you too can fly upside down

Also, the Greencastle Chapter is having their  
September meeting at Winters the 20th; but,  
they are morning people so their meeting is  
going to be at 10:00. If you want to get in on  
their meeting, go early.



This flying stuff is going to the dogs...