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Idle Chatter

Wow! I don't know where Dec and Jan went. They just flew by, and not in a good way. What's with all the snow and cold weather. We'd better have a great spring, summer, and fall to make up for this mess. As many of you know, until two weeks ago I had been in Delaware since November. And you think WE have snow! They have set a record for total snowfall and that was before the 8" they got last week. And they have 6-8 predicted for this week. They really can't catch a break.

Enough of that... back to the flying news. There isn't any!

Well, actually there is some that you'll see in the member news below, but you all know it's the slow season. So just keep warm until we can go flying again (and not freeze during the preflight).

The Last Meeting - SOB

Our last meeting was long ago, but not far away. We met at Williams aviation in Chad's new facility in the executive row at HUF. He is now a full-time aircraft maintenance shop and business is going well. Chad has worked on many of our aircraft and is a long time member, so think about going local for your maintenance needs. He's done my annuals and other work and I'm still flyin' smooth.

For our program, Rusty Bogue brought a Sport Cruiser for us to look at and also gave a nice presentation on the LSA scene. It was a great discussion including issues of LSA medical, aircraft restrictions, and other issues. Since that time, Piper has acquired the rights to the sport cruiser, so it's now the Piper Sport, and Rusty is a Piper dealer. He is still interested in doing some rides with us if the weather ever gets better. Maybe we'll schedule a flyout to Paris this spring. If you want to contact Rusty anytime, his email is bestinflight@gmail.com and his phone is 812 841-6201.

Big thanks to Chad and Misty for hosting our meeting and providing lunch. We had a great time. Next time we meet there I have to remember to tell everyone to bring a chair...

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

Bills are paid, 2010 dues are due, we filed our docs with EAA and have received our chapter renewal, so our insurance is in full force for 2010 for our events.

Speaking of dues, you can send them to me anytime:

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Or better yet, come to a meeting and pay in person. It's way more fun than buying a stamp. You may remember we went to a split dues deal last year, so if you want the email newsletter, your dues are \$10. If you want the paper version mailed to you, dues are \$15. When you pay, make sure you tell me or SOB which version of the newsletter you want and make sure we have your contact info so we can get them to you.

If you get the email version, you'll also get on his HUF Fliers list and will get weekly emails (mostly) about flying happenings in the area. But don't worry. He'll take you off the list if you like.

Recent Sightings – Member News

Matt and his crew are continuing to make progress on the tug. If you haven't heard the stories, some of them are good. He hopes to have the tug painted and running for the air show season this year. The plan is to take it to some shows, including Oshkosh, and tug some warbirds. You gotta love that.



Here's Jeff working on the tug trying to figure out the wiring. We had it running pretty good and then I left and some monkeys broke the flywheel. Actually, I think it happened before I left, but it needed to be changed anyway. New flywheel is here and we hope to get it installed later this week.

It sure is nice have the expertise of Jeff available. All his racing and other automotive experience has made him DA MAN on the tug project.

This picture still has the blue/old radiator, but the new, green one is installed now. Soon we'll be painting her OD and doing her USAAF lettering. She'll be 68 years old on her birthday, March 11.

From Alan Harder

We're back from FL with my O-200! Came complete with a pretty new set of Slicks, a Sky-tec starter and a lightweight B&C alternator. (The alt will have to go—not PMA'd or STC'd.)

News from Ohio is that the Chief fuselage is ready for fabric—just some days that are free enough to get up there and warm enough to work. I also UPS'd the old leaky Flut-r-Bug fuel tank up there to use as a pattern for a new aluminum tank.

The pics show the Chief before and after the first restoration. That's me left seat in the 'before' and my father standing next to it in the 'after.' I'm going for the same paint scheme this time.



From Vern Bothwell

Big doings at HUF this summer. As you may recall from earlier info, the National Intercollegiate Flying Association, NIFA, holds an annual flying safety and proficiency competition each year. This year the competition is being hosted by the ISU Aviation Department and will be held at HUF on May 17 to 23, 2010. More info on the web site:

<http://sites.google.com/site/nifasafecon2010/home>

You can find out more about NIFA at:

<http://www.nifa.us/index.htm>

This potentially involves us as they will need many judges and other support personnel to pull off this national event. I don't know many details, but you can judge for a day or several days. There is judge training before the event that will be held in Terre Haute. You can find out more about judging from the judging manual at:

http://www.nifa.us/judges_manual.htm

If you are interested in being a judge, email nifahq@hotmail.com and express your interest – the NIFA director's name is Gary Hemphill; he will handle the request, and get you more details.

This will be a fun and interesting event. I hope many of us can assist ISU in hosting and help Terre Haute successfully represent our city with another national collegiate event.

From SOB

May 15 is National Learn to Fly Day. Even though I'll be gone on a cruise to visit my son, I think the Chapter should partner with the Airport and the New FBO (if it's in business by then) to host and local Learn to Fly event. For more info, check out:

<http://learntoflyday.com>

Just think about this for now. We'll talk more later.

From Jordan Brown

Providing all goes well with the prepurchase inspection, I have purchased a Beech 18/C-45 and will be hangaring it at HUF. It was a military aircraft most of its life and I plan to repaint it in military colors. It has the executive transport interior and is a very nice aircraft. I hope to use it for chapter Young Eagle rides and other events, and also display it at air shows around the region. If all goes well, it should be in Terre Haute within 6 weeks or so. More details to follow. Here are some pics.



More Beech 18/C-45 Pictures...

Chapter Business

As noted earlier, we have completed our 2010 Chapter registration and certification, so our additional EAA liability insurance is in force for our meetings and flyouts as long as we file the proper forms for them... and we do.

ATIS (Communications)

I understand that negotiations continue to privatize the HUF FBO. I know we all hope that goes well and we soon have a new operator. We'll keep you posted.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

Not much this time of year, but you can think about the Doolittle Reunion scheduled for April 16-18, 2010. You can get more info here:

<http://www.nationalmuseum.af.mil/doolittle.asp>

Our Next Meeting...

Will be on Saturday, Feb 20, at NOON, in Room 105 of the Myers Technology Building on the ISU campus. This is the new building on 7th st across from the old post office. The best parking will be in the lot on the NW corner of Cherry and 6th street past the building.

We will have brunch at George's Café, directly across from the meeting building at 10:30.

Our presenter will be Dr. Steven Lima who is doing cutting edge research in aircraft bird strikes. We will have our short business meeting first followed by Dr. Lima's presentation. It should be very interesting.

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