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Our Next Meeting...

Will be at the Brazil Airport on Saturday, September 17, at 10:30 am. It's a fly-in, so bring your airplanes...

Before the meeting, we'll plan to fly to Greencastle for breakfast at 9ish. That should put us back at Clay County Airport by 10:30. It's been a while since I've been to a meeting, so I'm ready to hear your stories.

After the meeting, some of us plan to fly to Winter's Airpark for Linda's Fly-in, some are headed to Indy International for the Grace on Wings hog roast fly-in, and some are going to St. Louis for a WWII Hangar Dance at the CAF Wing hangar there.

The Last Meeting - Jeff Wellum

From SOB – This is actually for the last two meetings, because I'm a slacker and didn't get a newsletter done for the last one. Actually I've just been on the road too much. More in my column at the end...

The June Meeting – Jeff Wellum

June 25, 2011, Vintage Wings Hanger

After everyone was seated and enjoying the wonderful food provided by our hosts Jordan and Niki Brown, President Bill Foraker called the meeting to order. The microphone was passed around for the usual introductions and member news.

Present at the meeting:

Jordan, Niki, Jordan Ray, and Nick Brown, John Watler, Larry Heath, Wayne Sanders, Chad Williams (and daughter), Jeff Wellum, Kellie Wellum, Kevin Davidson, Sheila Davidson, Jordan Davidson, Brenda Rippy, Tim Piroli, Kelvin Roots, Jane Roots, George Bakken, Jim Fisher, Rob Schuller, Jerry Badger, Eric and Cindi Hettlinger, Roland Hettlinger, Michael King, Harold Plunkett, Darryl Zeck, Linda Winters, Mark Williamson, Nick Mahurin, Dale Mahurin, Caleb Zeutschel, Elliot Able, Dave Kimbler and spouse, Alan Harder, Will Foraker and Hannah Bornstein, Jerry Arney, Matt Throckmorton, Bill Foraker and Beth with Mochie, the flying spaniel.

I know that I missed a few people that didn't take the microphone, but my best guess is somewhere around 47 present! What a great turnout!!!

The officer reports were unremarkable.

Newsletter Report:

There were several emails returned to Bill due to the size of the newsletter. Bill reports that next month's newsletter will be sent out as link. This should help those who have email providers that limit the size of attachments.

Recent Events:

Bill covered the recent Tri-motor visit and the HUF open house. Thank you to all who participated in helping to make these activities a success. He also briefly talked about the Indy air show and the Fly-out to Sheridan.

Upcoming Events:

The Kokomo Air show is next weekend.

Jordan is flying Country Star Aaron Tippin from St. Louis to Rifle, Colorado, in the B-25 as part of Aaron's Red, White, and Loud tour. Should be a cool deal.

Program/Speaker:

Our local controller, Tim Piroli, brought us up to date on current airport news. The ILS will be out until after July 4th week end. The drilling at HUF is getting close to being back on schedule. It could possibly be finished by the middle of August.

One thing that was definitely hard to miss at the meeting was the Navy T-45 that was sitting on the ramp. Caleb Zeutschel is a Marine going through the Naval air training program. He has been training in the T-45 in Meridian Mississippi and was in Terre Haute for the weekend. Bill somehow managed to persuade Caleb to talk to us about his flying experiences. I'm sure there had to be some arm twisting going on or maybe it was the promised ride in the T-6?

Caleb shared some of his training history at Embry Riddle, Officer's candidate school, and his time flying T-34's. He will be finishing up instrument, formation, and tactical training and then hopefully move into a Prowler or F-18.

Thank you Jordan and Nike, or hosts for the meeting. As usual everything was perfect!

The July Meeting – SOB

For July, we met at Wilson's field on July 9 along with their chapter. There were only a few 83ers present, so we didn't actually have a meeting. We did set a new record for the number of aircraft flown into Wilson's field for an event. We were planning to fly from Wilson's to Kentland for their airport day, but it was cancelled, so we went to Greencastle for lunch.

The August Meeting – Jeff Wellum

After a great lunch, provided by our hosts at 1H8, the meeting was called to order by Vice President Jim Fisher.

Present: Jim Fisher, John Watler, Jeff Wellum, Larry Wheelock, Matt Throckmorton, George Bakken, Laura Bakken, Ken Crane, Cleone Markwell, Eleanor Markwell, Howard Hunt, Sandy Stazack, Jerry Badger, Taylor White, Steve Larabee, Dwight Haumesser, Brad Holis, Lou Goeckler. I believe there were 19 present.

Low ceilings in the morning limited the number of planes flying to the meeting to a Cessna 152, George and Laura Bakken in the Cessna 172, Ken Crane in the Cherokee 6, and Steve Larabee in his dragonfly.

Member news:

Cleone Markwell has his Corvaire powered, Zenith Zodiac HD for sale as well as his 1978 Volkswagen Beetle convertible.

Ken Crane is flying the Cherokee six with new factory engine installed this year.

Howard and Sandy flew down to the Florida Keys earlier in the year.

Jeff Wellum made his first trip to Oshkosh.

Matt Throckmorton and Bill SOB Foraker spent the entire week of Oshkosh working the Warbird Ramp. Matt also described his first hand view of the two jet run offs at Oshkosh.

Ken Crane and Doug Claybrook went to Oshkosh.

Jerry Badger avoided the crowds at OSH and went to PA. He described his visit to an airstrip and museum.

Larry Wheelock gave a presentation at Osh to the Stinson forum, did instruction in one of the welding workshops, and went to the memorial service.

George Bakken relayed that there is ongoing study at HUF utilizing Bird detection radar.

Treasurers Report:

John reports that we made \$400.00 during the EAA Tri-motor visit.

The Chapter 83 website is slowly returning to a functional site thanks to the efforts of our very busy web editor.

Upcoming events:

Brazil airport is having their open house on September 17th

Thank you to everyone at Casey airport for another great lunch and for hosting the meeting.

A special thanks to Cleone and Eleanor Markwell for the food and Sandy and Howard for making space in the hanger for our meeting. We actually had a relatively cool meeting compared to the usual "meet in the heat" for our August meeting at Casey.

Local Notams (Upcoming Events)

There are lots of events in the near future. I'll just list the event names here and send details in the weekend updates. If you don't get weekend updates and would like to, simply send me an email to flyinsob@gmail.com and tell me you want to be on the list.

Sept 5-10, National Stearman Fly in, Galesburg airport, IL. <http://www.stearmanflyin.com/>

Sept 9-11, Canard Fly In, Marion, IL. <http://southernillinoisfieldofdreams.blogspot.com/>

Sept 9-11, Kentucky EAA Sport Aviation Weekend, Rough River State park, KY.
<http://kyaasportaviation.tripod.com/>

Sept 9-11, Midwest LSA Expo, Marion, IL. <http://www.midwestlsashow.com/>

Sept 10-11, Putnam County/Greencastle airport Day, Contact Duane Skoog, (765) 655-1658, [Send an Email](#)

Sept 13 & 14, EAA B-17 tour Stop at Danville, IL, hosted by EAA 622. www.b17.org

Sept 16, FAA Safety seminar at Sullivan airport, cookout at 5, seminar at 7.

Sept 16/17, MVPA (Military Vehicle Preservation Association) 2011 Regional Conference at Ropkey's Armor Museum in Crawfordsville. <http://www.ropkeyarmormuseum.com/>

Sept 17, OUR EAA CHAPTER MEETING AT BRAZIL/CLAY COUNTY AIRPORT

Sept 17, Winters Fly In, all day. Date on the web site is wrong. <http://www.wintersairport.info/>

Sept 17, Grace on Wings Hog Roast fly in, Indy Int'l, <http://www.graceonwings.org/news.html>

Sept 18, Taylorville EAA chapter fly in breakfast. It's a good one.

Sept 24, Wood, Fabric, Tailwheel fly in at Lee Bottom, The big one. <http://www.LeeBottom.com/>

Oct 1, Sullivan Airport Day, Billy Werth flying in the show.

Regional Air shows:

Sept 10-11, Janesville, WI <http://www.swairfest.org/>

Sept 17-18, Memphis, TN <http://www.memphisairshow.org/>

Sept 24-25, Wings over Halls, Halls, TN <http://www.dyaab.us/airshow2011.htm>

Oct 8/9, The CAF Huge Warbird air show, Midland, TX <http://www.airsho.org/>

Oct 12-13, The Great Georgia Air Show, Peachtree City, GA
http://thegreatgeorgiaairshow.com/Public_Default.aspx

And check this link out just for fun. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q5OZCWaJBdc>

Recent Sightings – Member News

Some SOB is on the HUF airport board now. I don't know what I'm doing yet, but I thought since I've been a persistent complainer for many years, ought to try to see if I can actually do anything constructive. I'd like to thank Mayor Bennett for the appointment and hope to be a worthy representative for local and GA aviators.

Matt is all checked out in the T-6 and with his help and tutelage, I'm getting there.

Jordan is right seat qualified and flying the CAF MO Wing B-25. Plans are for him to get his type rating soon and be flying from the left seat.

Jordan in the C-45 and Matt and I in the T-6, flew to, in, and over the parade in the Kokomo Air show. Fun was had by all. We also were static in the Mattoon Show last weekend.

Dale Barkley has been making progress on his Xenos motor glider by Sonex of Oshkosh. He says it can be registered as an Exp Light Sport or as a motor glider. The fuselage with motor mount is mostly done, V tail components ready to attach, and he's started on wings since Oshkosh. He ordered an Aerovee engine from

Sonex at Oshkosh, and is still on fence about the instrument panel. I hope I can put a picture later in the newsletter.

Jerry Badger just bought a finger clip on Pulse Oximeter. Specifically he bought the model PC-60B for \$29.99 plus \$2.56 for shipping. They have some more expensive models, but they do not provide anything we pilots would care about. Here's the link for anyone interested. <http://www.pulseoximetersplus.com/>

From Your Treasurer – John Watler

As you read earlier, we made \$400 on the TriMotor visit and we're paid up and in the black.

Young Eagles Report – Jeff Tucker

We are presently planning two Young Eagle Rallies for October. One for early in the month and one for later. I'm getting married in the middle of the month, so I need some time off. We're planning the Brown's Home School and the Honey Creek Middle School groups this fall. We'll follow them in the Spring of 2012 with a Home School group from Terre Haute and we're planning to do a rally for the kids of our Air Guard Unit at HUF. Details will follow soon.

Web Report – Jeff Tucker

The web site is coming back slowly. Once I get this wedding deal, the technical design for the WTHI building, and my daughter's birth of triplets under control, I'll have a bit more time to work on it.

ATIS (Communications)

We've been contacted by two Chapter to help fly Young Eagles. Knowing we have two rallies coming up in October, if you'd still like to fly more kids...

Putnam County Airport Days, Sept 10 and 11.
Grace on Wings, Indy International airport, Sept 17.

Idle Chatter

I can't believe summer is almost over. This retirement deal really makes time fly. Beth and I did 4 cruises to keep track of Will, we did a 3 week trip in June to Cape Cod and NYC, Matt and I worked OSH for 10 days in July, and then Beth, Moochie, and I did a 3 week trip in August out west. I missed lots of good flying, but had lots of fun too! I'll be working the big air show in Sacramento the weekend of Sept 10 & 11, but then not travelling for a while, so maybe I'll get cracking on my duties for the chapter.

We'll be having Chapter Officer Elections at our November meeting, so if any of you are interested in being an officer, just let any of us know and we'll get you on the slate. It's not a lot of work (at least the way I do it) and it's a fun way to stay in touch.

As an old (and not particularly good) nosewheel pilot, I never thought I'd have the opportunity to ever fly or own a T-6. I just want to say how thankful I am, especially to Jordan, Niki, and Matt, for making that possible for me.

and now, some pictures...

Dale Barkley in what will be his Sonex Motorglider. I can almost hear him making airplane noises.



A typical Chapter 83 Meeting Flightline...



Matt flying and Bill fooling around sitting sideways in the T-6 on the way to the MTO air show. The picture was taken by John through the eyebrow window of the C-45.



On approach to MTO for the show.

