

# HOIUL NEWSLETTER

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## Next Club Meeting

**Date:** March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005

**Place:** Schooners – Morton, IL

**Time:** 5:30 gather, 6 PM eat, 7 PM meeting

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## Officers

### Squadron Commander

Allan Mays

### Flight Leaders

Conrad Grembowicz

Steve Hendricks

### Treasurer

Richard Baner

### Secretary

Tom Eichhorn

### Webmaster/Newsletter Editor (not reporter)

Tom Eichhorn

## Meeting Minutes

By Tom Eichhorn

### February 2005

February's meeting was held at the Pizza Ranch in Morton, as last minute changes occurred when "Wild Bill's Steak House" closed for vacation.

Officers in attendance were: Rick Jones, Conrad Grembowicz and Greg Waxler.

Honored presence were: Gary Weiss and Steve Hendricks, both recovering from surgery and who have a 3-4 month recovery period.

The meeting began with old business, a show of hands as to those who were planning on attending the Safety Seminar and wanted to meet for breakfast in Lincoln at Steak and Shake at 7:30 AM.

Rick had contacted ASC about being a chapter and what insurance the club would be able to obtain. They require all officers to be members and a published list of dates of events. He will try to get a sample policy of the insurance for Dick Baner to look at and see its practicality to situation.

Waivers were collected from those pilots flying in and or out of Well's field. These are a liability release for pilots flying in and out of Wells field. Tim mentioned all hangar fees for pilots at Wells had been paid.

There is a search underway for a more durable windsock, as the one at Well's is shot. A group will see if the Safety Seminar has anything available. Dick Baner mentioned he had a larger windsock

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adapter and Rick Jones mentioned he had a possible stronger pole to mount it to. There were discussions about re-engineering the guy-wired support structure..ie in concrete to avoid mower blades.Ron Wright emailed the group, stating Tri-County Airport owner, Dave Shipley 309 742-8668, would be HAPPY to host a HOIUL Fun Fly-In, this year. Just contact him with the details and let him know how he can be of additional help.

Also, Jim Robinson from Erie Airpark emailed saying, "Hope to see you at the Safety seminar in Feb. I would like to get our two clubs to do an overnite" fly in/camp out" someplace. We should be able to find a place between Erie and your home field. If it sounds good, lets get'er done". Also he mentioned "We are

planing on having the "Challenger fly-in", the weekend of Sept 17th. He will have to clear this with Dave at QC. That is the weekend Sue and I have open as of now. They are also having a Car show and Fly-in in May (date not yet set).

The election of officers was next on the agenda. In a unique twist, there were no nominations put forth, however blank write in ballots were passed to all. I believe I heard Art Tattersall say he would be open to serving any office needed, he is that kind of fellow, however when the results were tallied, by Nancy Waxler, the results were:

**Squadron Commander:** Allan Mays

**Flight Leaders:** Conrad Grembowicz and Steve Hendricks

**Treasurer:** Dick Baner

**Secty\Web guy:** Tom Eichhorn

Rick Jones was congratulated on his job as outgoing Squadron Commander, a post he held for the last three years and the meeting was adjourned with note that the next meeting was scheduled for Schooners in Morton, IL, March 12<sup>th</sup> gathering at around 5:30-6 PM eating from 6-7 and meeting at 7 PM.

## Suit Viability

By Tom Eichhorn

I wrote about the viability of a ski suit for use as a flight suit in December's newsletter. Well, that was put to test on a day when my hangar doors were frozen shut, January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2005. Steve Hendricks and Allan Mays were at the field preparing for a flight and I was "frozen out of flight" with my Challenger.

Allan asked if I wanted a ride-along, which I thought would give a good test of the suit. I donned my suit, forgetting to insert the hand and feet warmers had brought along. They were chemical heat packets in a tea bag like paper envelope.

We buckled in and flew for about 45-55 minutes in the winter air, flying with Allan its hard to identify time, as I was busy looking at the winter landscape and absorbing the flight input and characteristics of the Pegasus trike in Allan's command. I have to admit after every flight with Allan, I always leave impressed with its handling, performance and speed and find myself looking very hard at buying a 2 place trike as my next craft.

Flying with a pilot that is at one with his craft is always an exhilarating to experience. I have flown with Allan Mays and Gene Ramsey. Pilots that know the capabilities of their craft and selves, give a rider an experience that they would never experience without time, perseverance and experimentation. In other words they create a benchmark to try and achieve.

Upon landing the only discomfort from the cold were my fingers and toes, I should have taken the time to fully outfit. So for \$40-60.00 take a look at eBay for a viable flight suit (especially now).





### **Notice to All Ultralight\Light Sport Aircraft Clubs**

We encourage any club or organization that is within a 180-mile radius of Peoria, Illinois to email HOIU with news of their club fly-ins.

We email our newsletter to other clubs (EAA, USUA, ASC or non-affiliated) in hopes of furthering the awareness of Ultralights and our profile within our communities.

Email us at [t.eichhorn@insightbb.com](mailto:t.eichhorn@insightbb.com)

## 2005 Flight Events

### MARCH

- 12 HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
Gather 5:30 PM eat 6 PM and meet 7 PM  
Schooner's - Morton, IL

### APRIL

- 9 HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
Cookout, Fly and Meeting after Dusk  
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL
- 12-18 Sun N Fun**  
Lakeland, FL
- 23-24 Charlie Wells Fly-In / Drive-In  
Pancake & Sausage Breakfast**  
(Sat & Sun)  
[www.wellsscholarship.com](http://www.wellsscholarship.com)  
All you can eat for only \$ 5:00 donation  
7:00 a.m. to 12 noon  
1st Class Air's Facilities (Hangar 1)  
Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport  
Springfield, Illinois  
Ground control will direct fly-Ins to parking

### MAY

- 14 HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
Cookout, Fly and Meeting after Dusk  
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL
- 14-15 Wig-Wag 2005 Competition**  
Boyer Flight Park  
Burnettsville, IN
- 15 EAA Chapter 1315 - Fly-in breakfast**  
Taylorville Airport, Taylorville, IL

### JUNE

- 5 Hartenbowers Hectares Fly-In Breakfast**  
Lostant, IL 815-882-2573
- 10-12 SAA**  
Frasca Field (C16)  
Urbana, IL
- 11 HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
Cookout, Fly and Meeting after Dusk  
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL
- 1 9 EAA Chapter 1315 - Fly-in breakfast**  
Taylorville Airport, Taylorville, IL

### JULY

- 3 Hartenbowers Hectares Fly-In Breakfast**  
Lostant, IL 815-882-2573
- 9 HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
Cookout, Fly and Meeting after Dusk  
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL

- 17 EAA Chapter 1315 - Fly-in breakfast**  
Taylorville Airport, Taylorville, IL

- 25-31 AirVenture**  
Oshkosh, WI

### AUGUST

- 7 Hartenbowers Hectares Fly-In Breakfast**  
Lostant, IL 815-882-2573
- 8-11 PPC Softwing Championship 2005**  
[Greenville, IL \(Near St. Louis\) Cost: \\$TBA](#)

- 13 HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
Cookout, Fly and Meeting after Dusk  
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL

- 21 EAA Chapter 1315 - Fly-in breakfast**  
Taylorville Airport, Taylorville, IL

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 Hartenbowers Hectares Fly-In Breakfast**  
Lostant, IL 815-882-2573
- 5-12 Stearman Fly-in**  
Galesburg Municipal Airport  
Galesburg, IL

- 10 HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
Cookout, Fly and Meeting after Dusk  
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL

- 18 EAA Chapter 1315 - Fly-in breakfast**  
Taylorville Airport, Taylorville, IL

### OCTOBER

- 2 Hartenbowers Hectares Fly-In Breakfast**  
Lostant, IL 815-882-2573
- 8 HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
ANNUAL WEINER ROAST  
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL
- 16 EAA Chapter 1315 - Fly-in breakfast**  
Taylorville Airport, Taylorville, IL

### NOVEMBER

- 12 Deer Creek Pancake & Sausage Dinner**  
Volunteers needed
- 19 HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**  
5 PM eat and meet 7 PM  
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL

### DECEMBER