

HOIUL NEWSLETTER

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Next Club Meeting

Date: April 9th, 2005

Place: Wells Field – Deer Creek, IL

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

Officers

Squadron Commander

Allan Mays

Flight Leaders

Conrad Grembowicz

Steve Hendricks

Treasurer

Richard Baner

Secretary

Tom Eichhorn

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Meeting Minutes

By Tom Eichhorn

March 2005

March's meeting was held at Schooners in Morton. Officers in attendance were: Allan Mays, Dick Baner and Tom Eichhorn.

Guests arrived with new/old member Bill vanMieghem and wife attending.

The meeting began with old business: The club's windsock dilemma was taken care of by the donation of a windsock from Mark Greene. The sock fit with no modifications needed and works beautifully.

Members of the club who attended the safety seminar spoke well of the events and speakers.

The work done last year at Wells Field has left little or no maintenance needing to be done for this year. Allan thanked all those putting that effort into the club.

New business: Tom Eichhorn reminded club members that they were responsible for submitting photos for their individual pages and asked members for more active participation in the newsletters content.

The treasurers report was given by Dick Baner and the meeting concluded.

This was the first meeting held by the newly elected members and it is never enough to just thank those past elected members for all the work that they have given over all these years.

Rick Jones was club president for 3 years and who, with

a schedule that was very demanding. He was building a home in Mackinaw and in Missouri. Still, he always made time to assist the club when the crunch came (painting and re-roofing). Thank you, Rick.

Danny Marcy held the position of club treasurer for more years than anyone should have to serve. This while working weekends at Cat and building a home down in Missouri and personal health issues. Thank you, Danny.

Both Rick and Danny have not been flying for several years, as with all they had going, getting time to finish plane repairs, had kept both of them from enjoying their reason for joining the club, flying. Their sacrifices and service to the club were and are greatly appreciated. Thank you both.

Living Will

By Dick Baner

In view of the recent events on the news every day concerning death and dying I thought some in the club could benefit from some help in obtaining living wills and/or powers of attorney for health care to protect themselves from such tragic circumstances.

Therefore, I have obtained a supply of forms of both documents, which I will plan to bring to the next club regular meeting. If the members who do not have these documents already would like to obtain them, fill them out at the meeting and have them properly witnessed, please come to the meeting with your spouse if possible. We can go through filling them out and having them properly witnessed by other members.

I would expect this could be handled after the conclusion of the regular meeting. Several members at the Wednesday pilot briefing have already taken pairs of forms home for review and completion at the meeting and I hope others who have not already taken these steps can avail themselves of this opportunity to protect their families from the heartache we are hearing about daily.

It's Spring

By Tom Eichhorn

Although all the work at Wells field is under control this is when every club member should start gearing up for a Spring club safety inspection of all aircraft, the proposed date is May 14th between 2-4 prior to the club meeting at Wells Field. Club members having craft at Wells should have hangars open so members can do an inspection of each plane. Members are encouraged to bring a pad of paper and a pencil.

Our sport needs Airparks and all members are encouraged to keep this in the forefront of their minds. Whether it is talking to farmers, FAA, EAA, ASC, congressmen, local politicians or the governor. The government of each state, county and city holds property that could be used for such activities. LSA is mute until there are more organized Airparks to help gather, grow and facilitate the current demands of compliance.

The active or forced involvement of these agencies to help facilitate or establish Airparks is the balance to justify the sanctions and monies that they currently demand from our sport. Letting government create sanctions without a path of eased facilitation or facilities, is mere extortion, continued prejudice and forces an even broader illegality.

Flat Candy Revisited

BY Allan Mays

For those of you who weren't introduced to Flat Candy last year, I'll bring you up to speed with a quick review. A good friend of our family is a Kindergarten teacher at Towne Meadow Elementary School in Carmel, Indiana. Her name is Candy and her classes recently read a book titled Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. In the story Stanley is an ordinary boy until a large bulletin board falls on him and he, regrettably, becomes quite flattened. Stanley soon discovers that there are many things he can do while he is flat. He can fit under doors and be a kite for his brother. Best of all, Stanley finds he can travel many places by mailing himself. This imaginative story became the basis of a fun Kindergarten project. Each student (and the teacher) created a "flat" version of themselves which was then mailed off to visit a friend or relative in hopes of finding adventure. The flat traveler's hosts are asked to create a journal and take pictures in order to allow the kids to share their adventures with the class upon their return to school.

Last year when Flat Candy arrived in the mailbox it was decided that one of her adventures should be an introductory trike flight. She flew in the back seat, and although her facial expression never changed, we felt that she enjoyed the flight a great deal. She also spent a day at the ISU Child Care Center as a guest of my wife Barb, interacting with the 3 to 5 year olds. Another highlight included a trip to the top of a 65 foot tall indoor climbing route at a local rock gym, while safety pinned to my son Luke's shirt. I feel certain the rappel back down to the floor would have taken her breath away if it weren't for her flattened state of being! After experiencing a number of adventures, Flat Candy was safely tucked into a large envelope along

with her written journal and photos, then the U.S. Postal Service delivered her safe and sound back to her school.

This year when Flat Candy arrived in the mail for another visit, our family immediately began to think of new possibilities for adventure and exploration with us. It was decided that another trip to the ISU Child Care Center was in order. The children at the child care center discovered that while the front of Flat Candy had been detailed with clothing, a head of hair, and facial features; alas, the back side was completely devoid of clothing.....Oh my!!! Well to everyone's relief the children quickly remedied the situation by adding multicolored shapes of color for blouse detail and a good dose of glitter to the slacks. Sparkly pants.....now Flat Candy was stylin'! Her next adventure was to take another trike flight. However, since Flat Candy received an introductory flight in the back seat last year, she was no longer new to the world of ultralight aircraft. This year needed to be something more. So with the cooperation of HOIUL club member Steve Hendricks, Flat Candy took her first front seat instructional flight. As you can see in the photo, she looks quite at ease on the control bar while flying in Steve's beautiful Pegasus Supersport trike. The flight was a typical early flight training session, consisting of pre/post flight inspections, take-off/landing, climbs/descents, shallow banked turns and exposure to traffic pattern and radio procedures. Flat Candy absorbed all these new sensory inputs like.....well, a very thin sponge. To top off the experience, the flight concluded with an aerial view of a very nice sunset! Wow, what an ideal first lesson. If Flat Candy arrives in the mail again next year, how will we top this flight experience? Hmm....perhaps we'll start working on s-turns across a road and slow flight, yeah.....something to think about 'till next year.



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 us with news of their club fly-ins or links to their sites.

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

Any farmers that are interested in developing an airpark and creating a higher yield than a cash crop, please email us.

Email us at t.eichhorn@insightbb.com

2005 Flight Events

APRIL

- 9 **HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**
Plane inspection, 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
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