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Next Club Meeting

Date: August 13th, 2005

Place: Wells Field – Deer Creek, IL

Time: Gather any time, 5 PM barbecue, fly, meeting before or after flying

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

July 2005

July's meeting was held at Wells Field in Deer Creek. Officers in attendance were: Allan Mays, Steve Hendricks, Conrad Grembowicz, Dick Baner and Tom Eichhorn.

Though the weather was very cooperative and temperatures mild a good turnout was seen for the barbecue.

The treasurer's report was given by Dick Baner.

Old business:

A special project is done.

The extra propane tank was filled.

New business:

Tom Eichhorn mentioned we were about out of the little airplanes we hand out to the kids who come to the field and suggested we purchase upgraded the planes to create a better image. He brought pictures and prices of models available. An allocation of funds for the specific model was approved.

Discussion as to who was planning on going to Oshkosh and various fly-ins was discussed.

With that the meeting was adjourned and flying began. A good time was had by all.

The next meeting will be at Wells Field, August 13th.

Weather is improving Saturday barbecues and all members are encouraged to participate in the food, fun and conversation before and after flying.

Saturday barbecues are a great time to bring all family members, a main dish and a side dish.

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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. Let us know if you are flying in on a Saturday and we will have food for all.

We also encourage local resident that see us flying to stop by, sit and watch the activity from our picnic tables.

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

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Jake's First Trike Flight

By Tim Fishel

Last year about this time in the flying season my 7 year old son Jake and I began to discuss the idea of him taking a flight in my trike with me. I did this in a low key manner as not to excite him to much because his mom (Amber) was not totally sold on the idea. I was not completely ready either because I had to come up with a way to support his feet since his legs were not long enough to reach the standard passenger foot pegs. So that year I just planted the seed in Jake and Amber's mind in preparation for the following flying season. I also used the opportunity to set some basic rules in Jake's mind and once gave him a ride up and down the airstrip in my trike without the wing attached.

This year Jake is now 8 and in my mind was mature enough to handle the adventure of a trike flight, so I stopped by the local motorcycle shop to see what they had in the way of foot pegs. It turned out they had exactly what I needed and I purchased some foot pegs that clamped around tubing. I drove to the hanger that same evening and clamped the foot pegs onto the tubing that made up the frame for my seats. The whole thing worked out perfectly and a trial fit of Jake in the passenger seat the next day proved that it would work out nicely.

Now it was time to put the plan in motion. Guys, you know the best way to push a plan through with your wife is to have as many options for success as possible, hope the stars are correctly aligned, let it be her decision or *grovel*. My tactic was this (the old "Wine and Dine" technique): Get Amber and the kids to go to the next HOI Ultralight club meeting/cookout and convince her it would be a good time for Jake to take his first trike flight with me. Of course the other important tactic was to let Jake in on the idea so he could help convince his mom to let him go. I would fly to Deer Creek from my hanger spot in Chillicothe and meet up with them at the cookout. I figured that with the support of all of the club members to witness this event that they would help ease Amber's mind and make it a bit easier. At this point she was going along with the whole idea but was still apprehensive about seeing her little boy fly.

The stage was set, the weather was perfect, and after Jake, I and the family enjoyed the cookout we went to begin making preparations for the flight. I asked Jake "What is the number 1 rule?" He answered "Don't mess with the seat belt." "What is the number 2 rule?" Jake said "Sit still and don't reach back toward the engine or exhaust muffler." "Number 3?" "Keep my feet on the foot pegs and away from the cruise throttle". I proceeded to explain to him that we would take off, make a complete loop around the runway, and then land facing the same direction that we took off. That was all we would do the first time and if he liked it we could go again.

What a joy it was to hear Jake proclaim "This is cool!" as we climbed out on take off for the first time. On flight #2 we flew around the area for a while and Steve Hendricks let my wife Amber talk to Jake on the radio from the ground. I had to relay Jake's replies to his Mom and I think this helped the comfort level for both of them. On flight #3 we pushed the envelope a bit further and flew around a bit farther from the airstrip. As sunset was soon approaching, I still needed to fly home, so Jake's first flying experience had to come to an end. He absolutely loved the whole experience and said "Dad, I want to fly home with you." I had to let him know that he wasn't ready for that yet but we would go flying again real soon. Someone asked Jake how he liked it and if he wanted to go again, and he replied with "Yeah, right now!"

I would like to thank all of the club members for assisting in this event and making it special for my family. I knew I could count on your support. That's why I chose to share this moment with you. A special thanks to Steve Hendricks for taking the pictures and letting my wife Amber talk to Jake on his radio. A special thanks to Tom Eichhorn too who surprised me on my flight home with a call on the radio from both Jake and my 5 year old daughter Cameron. A quote from Tom: *"After you took off he said what do you fly, so I showed him my plane. The first question was, can I sit in it. He pointed to my radio hookup and asked what is this? I told him it was for my radio and asked do you want to talk to your dad. His joy in sitting in the plane suddenly was second to talking to dad up in the air. That's the beauty of children, discovery and pure joy at the small things that are truly important."*

Thanks to all who I didn't mention that were a part of Jake's first trike flight. A time in his life that he and I will always remember.

See pictures on following page



Aviation Adages

By Tim Kraft

Basic Flying Rules: "Try to stay in the middle of the air. Do not go near the edges of it. The edges of the air can be recognized by the appearance of ground, buildings, sea, trees and interstellar space. It is much more difficult to fly there."

"Never trade luck for skill."

"Mankind has a perfect record in aviation; we never left one up there!"

As the test pilot climbs out of the experimental aircraft, having torn off the wings and tail in the crash landing, the crash truck arrives, the rescuer sees a bloodied pilot and asks "What happened?". The pilot's reply; "I don't know, I just got here myself!"

"Though I Fly Through the Valley of Death ... I Shall Fear No Evil. For I am at 80,000 Feet and Climbing."
At the entrance to the old SR-71 operating base Kadena, Japan

"The only time you have too much fuel is when you're on fire."

"When a flight is proceeding incredibly well, something was forgotten."

2005 Flight Events

JUNE

- 18 **EAA Chapter 563- Fly-In Breakfast**
Mt. Hawley - 0730 - 0900
- 18 **Greenville Pilots Association**
Pancake Breakfast Fly-in
8am-12 - Greenville, IL GRE
tank up at Tommy Georges
ultralight friendly - 100 mi approx
Ritz - 618-664-0926 gaa@ezeeweb.com
- 19 **EAA Chapter 1315 - Fly-in breakfast**
Taylorville Airport, Taylorville, IL
- 19 **Lacon – Fly-in breakfast**
Lacon airport
- 25 **Fly-in\Drive-in**
11am - ??
N40 18' 138" W89 07' 421" – 123.45
Holland Field - McLean, IL

JULY

- 2 **EAA Chapter 563- Fly-In Breakfast**
Mt. Hawley Airport, Peoria 0730
- 3 **Hartenbowers Hectares Fly-In Breakfast**
Lostant, IL 815-882-2573
- 9 **HOIU meeting - Dinner Meeting**
Cookout, Fly and Meeting
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL
- 16 **EAA Chapter 563- Fly-In Breakfast**
Mt. Hawley - 0730 - 0900
- 17 **EAA Chapter 1315 - Fly-in breakfast**
Taylorville Airport, Taylorville, IL
- 25-31 **AirVenture**
Oshkosh, WI

AUGUST

- 6 **EAA Chapter 563- Fly-In Breakfast**
Mt. Hawley Airport, Peoria 0730
- 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
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL

- 20 **EAA Chapter 563- Fly-In Breakfast**
Mt. Hawley - 0730 - 0900

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

- 26-28 **Tommy Georges Rendezvous Fly-in**
122.8 - 18/36 - N39*39'04" - W089*27'31"
Food, camping

SEPTEMBER

- 3 **EAA Chapter 563- Fly-In Breakfast**
Mt. Hawley Airport, Peoria 0730
- 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
Wells Field - Deer Creek, IL

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

OCTOBER

- 1 **EAA Chapter 563- Fly-In Breakfast**
Mt. Hawley Airport, Peoria 0730
- 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