



EAA Chapter 83 Terre Haute, IN



A Social Organization operated for the Advancement of
Aviation Education, Homebuilt Aircraft, and Private Aviation
Dedicated in the memory of Garland Wadsworth and John Blouch

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From your
Vice President-
Keith Welsh

Our March meeting was very well attended with 21 members signing the attendance sheet.

Meeting Minutes:

Chapter President Rick Ramsey lead the meeting and due to the absence of Charity, Alice Ramsey took the meeting notes.

The meeting was held at Williams Aviation with host Chad Williams.



Williams is an A&P with Inspection Authorization (IA) conducting maintenance and inspections on all types of GA aircraft. Chad has been in business some 14 years now and does all maintenance and inspections for the ISU fleet and many of the airport tenants as well as other areas surrounding the West Central Indiana area. He put on a program discussing maintenance for the aircraft owner.



Current projects include work for the Natl. Guard Base where he is working on painting the old pole barn and restoring the display aircraft with the F4 nearly completed and the F84 being next for repaint. When complete both aircraft will be returned to their pedestals at the entrance to the Guard Base. He also talked about his hangar and current projects and finally discussed engine maintenance. Naturally a topic that is near and dear to all our hearts. Many thanks to Chad for hosting our March Chapter meeting.

Treasurer Cathi reported that we have \$1850 in the Chapter account.

2024 Solar Eclipse on April 8th: Hoosier Aviation had asked if we would be interested in providing food for the many aircraft they are expecting. After discussion considering the volunteer count and other logistics, it was decided not to move forward with this offer.

Oshkosh 2024 Camping: Tom Milligan has again made the reservation for the Chapter camp. With six sites available all are spoken for at this time.

Young Eagles Report: Alan Harder

Thanks again to all of you who flew Young Eagles in 2023!

April is our first YE event of 2024 with 38 currently registered. There are 6 airplanes able to fly with three 4 seaters and two 2 seaters.

YE Calendar as of now:

April 20th, rain dates Sunday the 21st through Sat the 27th

Tentative: May 18th, Rain date May 19th. (The following weekend is Memorial Day)

June 8th, (National YE Day) rain dates Sunday June 9th through Sat the 15th.

Oct 5th, (Clark Co 4H) rain dates Sun 10/5 through Sat 10/12.

Terre Haute Airshow: June 1-2, 2024



Those who would like to volunteer to help with the June 1-2nd Airshow will need to fill out a volunteer form at the link found on the Chapter website at EAA83.org. As of now we are expecting the EAA Chapter to participate with static displays. The size of the area and number of airplanes to show has yet to be determined. The March 21st volunteer meeting recap will be later in this newsletter.

Folks, those of you who have experienced past Terre Haute Airshows and attended Oshkosh know that the caliber of performers coming are among the airshow industry elite. Every performer is a familiar name at AirVenture and we are so very fortunate to have them come to Terre Haute.

March Sport Aviation:

If you haven't seen it yet, in the March issue, the article on the P-51C Thunderbird and the 1949 Bendix Race a familiar name is mentioned. The owner and pilot of the Mosquito Capt. Don Bussart. Many of us know him and have landed at his strip in Dudley, IL which is west of Paris. You can find his amazing aviation history online. Just Google up his name. His is a lift worth remembering.

NOTAMS:

Terre Haute Airshow:

March 21st, Air Show Volunteer Meeting recap: From Donna Wilson, Volunteer Chair

We had a great turn out for this year's first volunteer meeting, and we thank everyone for attending. We also know that hard working people have jobs and commitments and can't always make our meetings, so we've provided this recap.

Lots of information to share- Some key points to start with:

- **The final Volunteer meeting where packets and T-Shirts will be handed out is on Tuesday May 28th. More information coming soon on both of those meetings.**
- **There have been some tweaks made to our volunteer work areas. See the below information and if after your review, you need to request a change in work assignments, please email me at: donnalynnwilson@gmail.com**
- **Our Marketing department needs you to get on all your social media accounts and share, share, share about the Terre Haute Air Show.**
- **There are posters now available at Hoosier Aviation located on the first floor of the airport, please consider stopping by the airport and picking up posters to distribute in your work and community public spaces.**
- **If your local group, team or agency wants to work together for a donation or to complete community service hours, please reply to this email.**

March 21st, Meeting Review

Meet your Air Show Leadership Volunteer Team -

Jordon Brown - Executive Committee - President

Rick Burger - Executive Committee - Vice - President

Dan Conley - Executive Committee - Vice-President

Nicole Brown- Hospitality and many other hats

Kara McIntosh-Jet team (Blue Angels) liaison and many other hats

Joseph Pearson-Site Ops Chair

Kelsey Veatch-Accounting

Donna Wilson-Volunteer manager

Air Show "Staff"

Air Show Director- Dennis Dunbar

Air Boss-Jim "Cookie" Crum

Announcer-Rob Reider

Sound-Dave Olmstead

Flight Line Ops- Bill Foraker-Airdales & Josh Thompson-

Hoosier Aviation

Smoke and Engine Oil- Troy Fitting

Fuel- Josh Thompson-Hoosier Aviation

Lindy Linebaugh- Marketing and Public relations

Parking-Jeff Shapiro, Solutions Event Services

Ticketing-John Haak, Event Sprout

Master concessionaire-Sharon Shortt, Puffs and Stuff

Air Show overview-

Show is Saturday and Sunday-June 1st and 2nd (the weekend after Memorial Day)

- 9:00am official published gate opening-8:30 Parking lots and admission gates actually open.
- 12:00pm Air Show Start time-nonstop until 4:00pm
- Thursday and Friday May 30th and 31st- Rehearsal days (noon-4) and set up day. Not open to the public but some volunteers will be needed for set up.
- Site Set-Up and Tear Down- Friday May 24th-June 4th- this is dependent upon your assignment.

There is a Volunteer Handbook located on our web page for you to download and review. Lots of key information!
[Volunteers | Terre Haute Air Show](#)

Below are areas that still need volunteers!

Volunteer Services- Volunteer Manager - Donna Wilson
 These volunteers work directly for Volunteer Manager Care and feeding of volunteers.
 Credentialing and signing in of all volunteers.
 Blue T-Shirts

Guest Services- Guest Services Chair and volunteers still needed for this area - The Chair position reports to Volunteer Manager and is available.

- Oversee information tent.
- Oversee Lost and Found tent.
- Assists in handling missing children and adults.
- Coordinates public portable water station.
- Royal Blue T-shirts

Admissions- Admission chair- Beth Dailey

- scanning tickets at gates (3 gates)
- High Volunteer need
- Kelly Green- T-Shirts

Parking- Parking Chair- Pending Confirmation

- Works closely with Solutions Event Services
- Assists with set-up and signage.
- Huge need for volunteers in this area
- Neon Green -T-Shirts

Parking note-This year we have contracted the services of Jeff Shapiro with Solutions Event Services they have a proven track record of solving parking and traffic issues. They have covered all areas of concern- Flow, capacity, lot improvements, Ingress strategies, Egress strategies, organizational charting, traffic control points, equipment summaries.

Site Operations- Site Ops Chair- Joe Pearison

- Set up and tear down.
- Setting up crowd line
- Grounds safety
- Address venue issues of need.
- High Volunteer need in this area.
- Brown T-Shirts

Flight Line Operations- FLO chair- Bill Foraker & Josh Thompson

- This area is responsible for the safety of aircraft and our guests at the show.
- Works closely with Air Show Director
- Aircraft roping and chocks.
- Aircraft marshalling
- Ensure guests aren't mishandling aircraft or smoking around aircraft.
- Ensure guests remain FAA approved distance away.
- Volunteers with an aviation or prior FLO background preferred.
- Orange T-Shirts

Hospitality- Hospitality Chair Nicole Brown
Chalet Chair- Cathi Sweatt - Reports to Hospitality Chair

- Chalet Volunteers assist in coordinating sponsor chalets.
- White T-Shirts

Security- Security Chair- Jeff Fisher

- Supervises entry control points, (stationary volunteer positions)
- roving teams-our trouble shooters and the eyes and ears. (mobile volunteer positions)
- this is not a law enforcement position-
- Yellow T-Shirts

Exhibitors Chair- Erin Powell

- Coordinates with all exhibitors
- On site exhibitor support
- credentialing distribution
- Royal Blue T-Shirt

F.O.D. Squad- F.O.D squad chair- Marc Christle (F.O.D- Foreign Object Debris = Foreign Object Damage)

- coordinates with Site Ops on receptacle placement
- ensures clean/safe facility-
- Purple-T-Shirt

Food and Beverage- Concessions Chair- Cindi Hettlinger

- Works with local suppliers and vendors
- recruits volunteer groups to work the food and beverage stands.
- Iceman works with this chair.
- High need for volunteers
- White T-shirts

Again, Thank You for being a part of the Terre Haute Air Show Family!
 Donna Wilson
 Volunteer Manager

ATIS: Communications:



As we begin to make those summer travel plans you may not want to forget one of your EAA member benefits.

EAA Member Featured Affinity Benefit – ASTC

Did you know that EAA members can present their membership card at nearly 400 museum and science centers worldwide for free admission, thanks to a partnership with the Association of Science and Technology Centers and its ASTC Travel Passport Program.

Taking advantage of the ASTC Travel Passport Program is easy. Show your EAA membership card at the admissions area of the participating museum you are visiting to gain access to their facilities for free.

Enjoy free admission to museums worldwide with your EAA membership! For more information go the link below.

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Our Next Chapter Meeting:

13 April at 10:00 IN time. We will meet next at the **HUF Business Center beside the Corsair Restaurant in the terminal.** Laurance Cross will be presenting a safety program.

Just who is this Laurance Cross guy? ... well ...

Laurance's interest in flying began early but did not materialize until later in life...

After working in the manufacturing world making aircraft engine components for 40 years, the ability to learn to fly became irresistible.

Early in 2013 the official logging of flight time began. After obtaining a Private Pilot Certificate in the fall of 2013, twin granddaughters were born in Nashville, TN and the flights began. This drove the need and ability to move on to gain an Instrument Certificate 6 months later.

Business life and family travel added the hours quickly in the following years.

Shortly thereafter, Multi training and Certification were gained along with Commercial privileges in Multi and Single Engine Land.

After a couple years of flying all over the country on business and pleasure trips, the desire to help others materialized into a Flight Instructor Certification and after a short time an Instrument Instructor was additionally added.

The years of assisting others to gain the skill and certification to pilot an aircraft were very enjoyable and busy. "I have been very fortunate to work with others of all levels to gain the skills needed to fly and hone other students' skills in flying and advancing their certificates. Many great friendships have developed from the time spent with others in an airplane!"

The desire to gain the ability to train in a multi engine environment developed into the purchase of a Beechcraft Baron in 2021 and shortly thereafter the addition of Multi Engine Instructor Certification was obtained.



As in much of life, opportunities come about from those around you. In the fall of 2021, a local company purchased a turboprop aircraft, moving up from a Cirrus, and needed assistance in staffing. This brought about the transition to professional pilot. Beginning as a contract pilot for this organization, and multiple others flying the same aircraft type, for the next year. The following fall, he became full time with this organization as Aviation Operations Manager and Pilot. This opportunity has taken him all over the country, north of the boarder and to the Bahamas on a few occasions.

These professional pilot operations have brought about annual training at professional sources in simulators where you can gain experience with reduced risk. Structured processes and techniques have been learned and developed.

“Not as much instruction takes place these days. I feel that students should be given a strong commitment to their learning process and with my schedule being very flexible I cannot commit to a student’s needed schedule. Assisting with advanced training (Commercial, Instrument and Instructor) is taking place as time allows.”



“Overall, I have been very fortunate in my aviation adventure. Although starting later in life, I have been blessed with a great experience and look forward to many more great experiences in the sky!”



Looking forward to seeing y'all on the 13th.
Fair sky's
Keith