



# EAA CHAPTER 83

## Terre Haute, IN.



A Non-Pro 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  
President -  
Keith Welsh

Hello everyone.

Welcome to the Chapter 83 newsletter. You are receiving this via the email we have for you on file. Let me know if there are any changes that need to be made by sending to my email address above so that the newsletter can be received as you would like. The newsletter can also be viewed on the Chapter website at [EAA83.org](http://EAA83.org)

Beginning with our August meeting I have made arrangements to meet at local airports through our October meeting from the comments I've received, after all flying is what we do. This is something the Chapter had done for many years in the past and has been blessed, as it is now, with a rather large aircraft owner base so it seemed like the natural thing to do. More on the meeting details later.

EAA Chapter 83 has been around since 1960 through the efforts of our founder Garland Wadsworth. That history is much to broad to discuss here however I encourage you to learn about it by visiting the Chapter website at [EAA83.org](http://EAA83.org) and visiting the Chapter History page. I think you will be impressed and proud to be a part of EAA Chapter 83.

With that being said one thing I hope to include in the newsletter on a regular basis, along with schedules, events, member reports, meeting minutes and updates is a "Member Profile" featuring those who have played a roll in the life of your chapter through the years. Many thanks to Bruce Dallman for his work putting together a chapter history many years ago which will be put to good use.

So Thank you and I hope you enjoy your newsletter.

### NOTAMS: Up Coming Events

#### AirVenture Oshkosh:

With AirVenture FAST approaching I want to thank again Tom Milligan for arranging for the Chapter Camp. It is a great way to enjoy the show with friends. For all going this year HAVE A GREAT TIME and I hope to run into as many of you as possible.

### EAA AirVenture Tips for those Flying into AirVenture 2022 Webinar

Learn all about the 2022 Air Venture NOTAM arrival procedures. EAA's volunteer NOTAM Chairman, Fred Stadler, describes FAA required procedures and shares useful tips for reducing pilot workload when flying into Oshkosh, Wisconsin for AirVenture 2022. Watch it here. Flying in or not this is a good watch.

<https://www.eaa.org/Videos/Webinars/EAA-Programs/6308572492112>

### EAA AirVenture 2022 Features and Attractions Webinar

Rick Larsen, EAA Vice President of Communities, Member Programs and AirVenture Features and Attractions, and our own Dennis Dunbar, Director of Airshow Operations will discuss the latest news on what to expect at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022. Watch it here.

<https://www.eaa.org/Videos/Webinars/6308787492112>

### Coles Co. Airport KMT0 Airshow 2022 August 20th, 2022

Free admission and parking – limited handicapped parking available, donations accepted

Air Show hours – 11am gates open, air show 12-3

Children's area – bounce houses (not free), toy airplane rides (free, donations accepted)

Monster Truck Rides, Helicopter Rides, Stearman Rides

Food vendors open at 11am – fair/carnival type food

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Bring blanket and lawn chairs – coolers ok, no alcohol,  
no glass containers, no tents  
NO PETS and NO SMOKING

**Performing Aircraft/Acts:**

U.S. Air Force- A10 Demo  
Cliff Robinson- Stearman  
Erik Edgren- Taylorcraft  
P51 Heritage Flight  
Michael Vaknin-Extra 300  
VanGuard Performance Squad  
AG Demo

**Aircraft giving rides:**

Stearman Airplane  
UH1 Huey \$110 6-8 Minutes (\$100 For Veterans)  
AH1 Cobra Helicopters \$625 8-10 Minutes  
B-25 \$425  
TBM Avenger \$925

**Static Display Only:**

TBM, B25, L19 Bird Dog, Skyraider,  
PT-26, BT-13, SNB Navy Twin Beech  
And I imagine any experimental that may happen along  
For additional information call 217-234-7120

**Marion IN Fly-in Cruise-in**

The 31st Annual Fly/In Cruise/In will be held Saturday, September 3rd, 2022 at the Marion, Indiana Municipal Airport (MZZ). The action starts early at 7:00am and runs until 2:00pm. This annual event features antique, classic, homebuilt, ultralight, rotorcraft and warbird aircraft as well as vintage cars, trucks, motorcycles, fire trucks, autocycles, military vehicles and tractors. An all-you-can-eat Pancake Breakfast is served!

All proceeds from the Fly/In Cruise/In benefits the Grant County Rescue Mission here in Marion, Indiana



Making it's first appearance at the Fly/In Cruise/In will be this 1942 Douglas C-53-DO Skytrooper "Beach City Baby" flown in by Vintage Wings Inc. from Franklin, PA. This beautiful aircraft has recently undergone a major 6 year restoration by an all-volunteer crew after being discovered in Beach City, Ohio where it sat outside neglected for over 20 years. Come and see the amazing work done inside and outside and learn about the aircraft's fascinating history as well as that of the crews that flew her during World War II. For more information about "Beach City Baby" and Vintage Wings Inc., please visit [www.vintagewingsinc.com](http://www.vintagewingsinc.com)

**SAVE THE DATES!**

Terre Haute  
**BALLOON FESTIVAL**

September 23 -24, 2022



**More information to come!**

Terre Haute Regional Airport | 581 S. Airport St.



TERRE HAUTE, Ind. (WAWV/WTWO) – Chance and Services for Youth (CASY) has plans to welcome their inaugural Hot Air Balloon Festival.

The two-day event will take September 23rd and 24th at the Terre Haute Regional Airport.

The festival will feature live music, vendors, and food trucks on one of the airports runways.

Proceeds from the event will go towards CASY projects. Chief Operating Officer for CASY Brandon Halleck said they expect three to four thousand people each night.

“We really want everyone to bring their kids out and enjoy the airport,” Halleck said. “You may not normally get the chance to look at balloons, so we plan to make it a fun weekend for everybody.”

For ticket information visit the link below. Tickets will not be available the day of the event and will go up \$5 Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> and must be purchased online.

<https://casonline.networkforgood.com/events/45122-terre-haute-balloon-festival>

**ATIS (Communications)**

Plans have been confirmed that we will have at least a second airport meeting in 2022. This one planned for September 10th at the Sullivan Co. Airport KSIV in Sullivan, IN.

We have had many meetings there in the past. Some may remember Chapter 83 member Dennis Harmon from years ago, his son Pat is the airport manager and one of two A&P IA's on the field. Also a BIG surprise is the family of long time member Bob McCammon will be our host's and in his memory they will have a surprise for us.



## Member Spotlight:

Our first featured member is none other than our founder  
Garland Wadsworth



Garland's love for aviation, especially recreational aviation, was evident to all who crossed his path. Garland was perhaps most responsible for the existence of EAA Chapter 83. He was among four individuals who sent letters to area pilots inviting them to attend an organizational meeting to form a Chapter in the New Experimental Aircraft Association. Approximately 75 people attended this first meeting. That was in early 1960. Only a few homebuilt aircraft plans and almost no kits were available at that time. Attendance dipped as pilots joined with others and formed partnerships, flying clubs, and bought used aircraft. A few remained interested and Chapter 83 was Chartered on March 1, 1960. Garland was one of the 10 original Charter members. Three additional meetings were held before all activity ceased. In March of 1970, Garland again mailed a notice to all area pilots and others interested in reorganizing Chapter 83. They met in his shop on Sunday afternoon, March 8, 1970, from 3 until 5 pm. A list of those interested and the minutes of the meeting were sent to the EAA Office in June and the Chapter received its reissued Charter on June 24 1970. For many years following, Chapter 83 meetings were held at Garland's shop on south 7<sup>th</sup> Street with regular membership numbers around 24. Even after Garland was no longer able to fly, he still attended Chapter meetings. He was happy to see his legacy carried on by a new generation of pilots.

The following is from Dean Wadsworth, one of Garland's son's. Our chapter received it shortly after Garland's passing.

I would like to thank EAA Chapter 83 and all the fine folks who made Garland Wadsworth (Dad) proud to be a member of your Chapter. Dad liked to fly and talk about flying. He has influenced and/or infected a lot of people with the aviation bug. I am the oldest of 5 brothers who all have their Private Pilot Certificates. Harley and Van also have instrument ratings. Between us, we currently have 6 airplanes, not counting Dad's Ercoupe and the VolksPlane project. I also have 3 sisters, none of whom

have their pilot's license. Sister Joyce has been a promoter of aviation though, along with your help. She is a science teacher at Honey Creek Middle School and has provided a lot of the kids for the Young Eagles flights that Chapter 83 has been so faithful in providing every year. I believe the world would be a better place to live in if every kid "believed he could fly."



Garlands Cessna 170B

We grew up expecting to fly and I don't think Dad made any of us do it. In fact, I remember having to be pretty persistent about wanting to fly in order to get to do it. I think Dad was afraid I was going to wear out his Champ, I tried too! When I was a teenager, I remember flying places in it with Dad. He always did the flying when he was in the airplane. While at the destination though, Dad would be on the ground talking to people and I would be out shooting landings. In April of this year, I was visiting Mom and Dad in Terre Haute when I decided it would be nice to go circulate the oil in the Ercoupe since it had been sitting for several months. Dad was recovering from having a pacemaker installed and was not supposed to be doing anything strenuous. I thought about just sneaking out and flying the bird then telling Dad about it later. I knew he would be disappointed though if I didn't tell him first. When I was about ready to go, I mentioned it to him, kind of in passing. Boy did he light up! He was going to go too. I reminded him that he probably couldn't get in the front seat of the van to ride to the airport. He said he thought he could get in the back seat and he did with much effort. I reminded him that he could not get in the airplane and back out in his condition. That didn't matter -- he said he would just watch. We took his scooter along. When we got to Sky King Airport, he'd get on the scooter and rode around supervising my every detail of preflight and told me again how to take off and land an Ercoupe. It was toward evening and the weather was nice with a gentle breeze. I took off and flew around for about 15 minutes and then started making a series of landings. All the time Dad was out between the hangars and the runway on his scooter watching. After I had made a landing or two, I noticed Brownie (Herman Brown) was over by Dad talking to him. Brownie had been out for his evening ride around the airport on his bicycle. After an hour of shooting landings, they were still talking when I landed and put the plane back in the hangar. I thought?, things haven't changed. Dad has inspired a lot of people to fly because his excitement for flying was so contagious. Anybody who has talked to him for very long has talked with him about airplanes. [ed note...Just about when I thought my flying was going to be over I ran into Garland after flying one day at Sky King...that's when I learned about the EAA,

attended OSH 1980, and the rest is history. It was from that conversation with Garland on one summer day that I am still flying to this day].

Even the nurses in the hospital had to endure a little hangar flying. He always carried pictures of his airplane with him and showed them to anyone who would listen. Curt DeBaun told me recently that Chapter 83 would not exist if not for Dad. Dad never mentioned or boasted about that to me. The comments he made to me about Chapter 83 was that there were a lot of people in it who liked to fly and that the membership had grown to about 100 members. He was excited about the success of the Chapter and the people who had been a spark plug for the Chapter. He said not all of them are homebuilders, but they all like to fly. I know he was thrilled to be a part of such an active chapter.



Garland's Champ before and after restoration

Garland owned 4 different aircraft. An Aeronca Champ, an Aeronca Chief, a Cessna 170B, and at the time of his death, he owned an Ercoupe. He also had a VolksPlane kit, which he never completed. I guess making a living to support 8 kids got in the way. Growing up, we were relatively poor, but had a Champ and a belief that we could fly.

#### C. Dean Wadsworth

Ed note....

I looked up both N-Numbers and found that the Champ N1928E is currently owned by Tom Wadsworth in Roswell, NM and the C-170B N4498B is currently owned by Single Track Aviation LLC in Brecksville, OH. So it's nice to know both airplanes are still around and one still in the family. And only a few of you probably know that it was Garland who designed our Chapter Logo.

## Web Editor Report

Jeff Tucker was on vacation at the time of this newsletter. His report will have to wait until next month.

## Young Eagles Report

This is an area we need to work on. I will be looking for and asking for volunteers to begin looking at ways for coordinating, promoting and scheduling YE events.

## From Your Treasurer – John Watler

All is well with the treasury. Currently we have approx 25 paid members for 2022. Be sure to hook up with me at the next meeting to make sure you are current.

## Our Next Meeting...

We will meet next at the Crawford Co. Airport KRSV near Robinson, IL.

Saturday August 13<sup>th</sup> at 1100 cst for you Illinois folks or 1200 est for those in Indiana. Sandy and Howie of Sky's the Limit will by our host.

Lunch will be served. In order to properly prepare I will need RSVP's by Wednesday Aug. 11<sup>th</sup>.

Fire off a text to me at 812-230-2355 or email at [kw544@juno.com](mailto:kw544@juno.com)

I think most of us have been there a time or two and know it to be a great facility with excellent runways.

And don't forget to bring your AirVenture stories because you WILL be asked!! :)

I'm looking forward to our first airport meeting in quite a while so lets hope the weather gods are good to us and EAA Chapter 83 has a great turn out.

See ya on the 13<sup>th</sup>  
Fair Sky's  
Keith





