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Airport Awareness Day 2015 will be on Saturday, September 26th

We had been waiting to confirm that Lee Bottom would go with the 3rd Saturday in September again in 2015. They are, so now we'll have our event on the 4th Saturday. As of now (3/20), the only other aviation event even remotely close by on that day is a fly-in at Zanesville, OH. While it is true that the primary purpose of AAD is for Seymour and surrounding townsfolk to come out to the airport, we need planes for them to come see. We didn't want to do our day in conflict with other big draws in the area. Now we need to get to work and line up a food vendor and other selected exhibitors.

Now that we know the date for AAD we need to set up our committees and start the ball rolling. Karen will likely act as overall chairman again. Larry will do the rides (round up planes and pilots, collect pilot info, obtain FAA permission, give safety briefing) again. We'll have to see who is going to do the rest of it. Last year Jan Sipes did advertising, Matt Vieck did vendors, and Ben Higginbotham did safety/parking.

March FFFA Meeting

The FFFA March meeting consisted of the screening of the documentary movie *The Bob Hoover Project, Flying on the Feathered Edge*. After a brief technical problem involving speakers (Larry ran home and got

a set) the movie ran just fine. Thanks to Karen for getting the DVD. We had about 15 people in attendance.

Airport News

The maintenance crew did a good job removing snow (as they always do) during our recent deep-freeze spell.

The porto-let at the northeast T-hangars has been cleaned and refreshed for the spring airplane maintenance season. The porto-let is provided by the Freeman Field Flying Association for the convenience of all the pilots up at the northeast T's.

Justin Drake of the Southern Indiana Flying Eagles (R/C flying club) appeared before the airport authority to advise of their 2015 event schedule. They will have 3 pylon racing events, 5/5, 6/5, and 9/12. Pylon racing usually draws 8 to 15 participants from surrounding counties. On June 7 they will have a swap meet and fun-fly. That draws 60 to 150 participants. Finally, on August 1 & 2 they will host the regional quarter-scale (think BIG models!) qualifying event. Quarter-scale modelers from 5 states will be here. In 2014 there were 21 planes. There are already nearly that many pre-registered for this year's event. The total could reach 30 to 35 planes. Come out and see the big ones fly!

2015 Fly-In List

Rob & Brianna Stoinoff have completed their first pass at this year's fly-in list. We have a few dates to clear up, and then I'll be sending it out to everybody, separate from this newsletter. After this first one there will likely be at least one more, in a month or so, as we learn of additional events in our region.

Museum Archives

Several museum projects are really coming together. The vintage drill press is painted and in final assembly. The Franklin aircraft engine has been painted and is also being assembled. After a bit of trial and error with various models of alarm panels, Dave McIntire has gotten one that will provide the security we need in the way we need it to operate. We have uniforms on all our mannequins; they look good. The women's area has been reorganized with a more appropriate glass display case.

The airport authority was kind enough to provide programmable thermostats for all four HVAC units in the two museum buildings. Proper programming will prevent the heating or cooling from being left on at human comfort level when nobody is in the buildings. In times past the systems were inadvertently left running, and the bills mount up fast.

Museum Needs Steel Shelving

The museum has a lot of dug-up artifacts (parts of WW-II enemy aircraft) that were excavated back in the late 90's but never cleaned or identified. Right now they are in a jumbled mess on the floor of an old furnace room. We would like to get some heavy-duty, industrial-grade steel shelving so we can get the parts up off the floor, sorted by type of part, and then identified. We thought we had steel shelving in storage from a gift about 10 years ago, but it has disappeared. A conversation with the person who delivered it to the field (2 pickup truck loads) indicates that it was put into one of

the small rooms in the old Base Operations building (aka CAP building), which was torn down several years ago. Nobody knows where the shelving went.

What we need is about 24 running feet of shelving 18" deep by about 6 feet high, 4 shelves, including the one at the top. It doesn't have to look like much; we'll be erecting it in the same furnace room with the dig parts. It won't be seen by the public. If you know of some place where we could acquire any such shelving, either for free or at low cost, please let Larry Bothe or Dan Kiel know about it.

Treasurer's Report

For the period: February, 2015	
Opening bal, all funds	12,143.89
Opening bal, chkg acct	5,129.84
Income	
Dues	60.00
Other	
Total Income	60.00
Expenses	
Electric bill	139.46
Sewer bill	9.14
Water bill	14.72
Museum donation	1,000.00
Other	
Total Expenses	1,163.32
Transfer from MMF	
Transfer to MMF	
Closing bal, chkg acct	4,026.52
Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal	7,014.05
Checks written	
X-fer in from chckng	
Interest earned	
End bal, MMF	7,014.05
Net change, all accounts	-1,103.32
Grand total, all funds	11,040.57

Aviation Humor

Nobody submitted any aviation jokes, but two of the aviation links listed below (the first and next-to-last ones) are pretty funny. Watch and laugh. And send me some aviation jokes already!

Interesting Aviation Links

Gotta love this man's way of **dealing with problems with airlines**. His music is great too. Good listen and laugh. From Mike Breuckmann, 2/23/2015.

Dave spent over 9 months trying to get United to pay for damages caused by baggage handlers to his custom Taylor guitar. During his final exchange with the United Customer Relations Manager, he stated that he was left with no choice other than to create a music video for YouTube exposing their lack of cooperation. The Manager responded: "Good luck with that one, pal."

So he posted a retaliatory video on YouTube. The video has since received over 6 million hits. United Airlines contacted the musician and attempted settlement in exchange for pulling the video. Naturally, his response was: "Good luck with that one, pal."

Taylor Guitars sent the musician 2 new custom guitars in appreciation for the product recognition from the video that has led to a sharp increase in orders.

[Http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=5YGc4zOgOzo](http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=5YGc4zOgOzo)

The cornfield bomber, from Robert Wilmoth, 2/11/15. I ran a link about this story a few years ago, but this one is different. It is the story as told by the pilot who flew the plane. <http://youtu.be/7d0mtZtFRFs>

Russian AN-225, one very BIG airplane. From Dirk Vallo, sometime in early Feb. <http://gelio.livejournal.com/193025.html>

Last mass bomber attack of WW-II. This is spectacular live footage of the 3,000 mile round trip air assault upon the Japanese mainland, with 3 bomber wings and a host of P-51's. No matter what war footage you ever saw before, this is the real deal and will keep your undivided attention. The P-51 & B-29 footage is remarkable. The strafing

runs by the P-51 pilots were incredible. Note that there are several "breaks" as the film canisters are changed, just wait for the countdown. 36 minutes in all. FANTASTIC! (View Full Screen/Sound On) B-29/P-51 actual WWII footage. From Mike Breuckmann, 3/4/15.

<http://www.archive.org/details/TheLastBomb1945>

PBY-5A CATALINA (Strawberry 5) discovery and restoration for the US Navy museum in San Diego. It was the only remaining intact PBY 5 Catalina remaining in the world; discovered in South Africa. The PBY "Strawberry 5" was the plane that found the Japanese carriers at the Battle of Midway, which became the turning point in the Pacific Theater of WWII. From Mike Breuckmann, 3/5/15.

<http://www.nxtbook.com/fx/media/ooyala/index.php?w=640&h=360&embedCode=I5cnRrBjoBGoU3i9mNk2WnlSwfvifrIA>

During the Vietnam War, a contractor-operated DC-8 landed at the wrong airport in South Vietnam. The control tower cleared the DC-8 to land at Da Nang Air Base, and by mistake the co-pilot landed the plane at Marble Mountain Airfield – a remote operating location near Da Nang with a 3200 foot runway. This event is pretty well known in history among the "Non-Sched" flight crews flying the MAC charters in and out of Viet Nam. When Seaboard World Flight Operations got the word on what happened they contacted Douglas Aircraft Corp for advice. Douglas said "take the aircraft apart and ship it home". FAA said the same thing.

Instead, the pilot and co-pilot elected to try and get airborne on a less than adequate length runway – and succeeded, getting in the air about 300 feet from the end. For safety concerns, the flight hostesses were left behind at the remote airstrip – to the delight of the GI's who hadn't seen a Round-Eye Female up close in months. From Robert Wilmoth, 3/9/15.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6bvK6enoQDg>

British Airways flight 5390 decompression accident, from several years ago. This is a film of the reconstruction of the accident, 45 min. long. Your editor watched only the first few minutes. From Don Miller, 3/15/2015.

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=OIQOhqpVY80>

Living the dream (humor), on being an airline pilot, from Rich Davidson, 3/17/2015.
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rNxz2hhSXuY&feature=player_embedded

Van's Air Force Flyover: As you know, budget cuts have eliminated the military flyovers at large events. Well, there's a group of guys in Kansas City who do some formation flying in their own planes and decided they'd volunteer to pick up the slack. They invited a couple of other groups to join them and before they knew it they had 49 guys with their homemade RV airplanes signing up to join in. The folks from the Guinness Book were there and are expected to confirm it as the largest formation flight ever. From Floyd Hollandbeck, 3/16/2015.

<http://www.youtube.com/embed/VImNBuJW3sQ?rel=0>

Member Accomplishments

The FFFA welcomes **new member Jim Zazas**. Jim is from Carthage, NC (east of Charlotte) and flies the Boeing 757/767 series for US Airways. He joined because a friend, who is not an FFFA member, sent him a copy of the January newsletter, and Jim liked it. Our newsletter apparently gets around well beyond the 100 or so people to whom we distribute it directly. Jim owns a J-3 Cub and a Luscombe 8A, and also flies warbirds; AT-6 up through the B-17. He is the author of the book, *The Last of the Combat B-17 Drivers*. Welcome, Jim.

Lance Wood, one of Larry Bothe's students at Cherry Hill Aviation, soloed on 2/25/15.

Larry Bothe got his CFI renewed, and his DPE renewal is in progress. No problem; his

current designation is good through the end of April.

FFFA Dues Follow-Up

Another half a dozen members have paid their dues, and our snowbird contingent will soon be back to pay theirs. After the snowbirds there are 7 remaining people who have not paid for 2015. I'll send them another email to jog their memory.

Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Apr 7, FFFA meeting, FFFA Bldg, 7:00 PM
Apr 18; Thunder over Louisville
Apr 21-26, 2015, Sun 'n Fun, Lakeland, FL
Apr 25, Museum Open house, 10-3
Jun 13, BAK Airport Day
Jul 20-26, AirVenture (Oshkosh) 2015
Aug 1-2, 1/4-scale R/C model airplane meet
Aug 15; Taildragger Rendezvous, Post Air
Sep 19 Wood, Fabric & Tailwheels, Lee Bottom
Sep 20 Madison free Air Show

Sep 26, Seymour Airport Awareness Day

Airport Authority meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:15 PM, terminal building conference room.

Museum Board meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month, 6 PM, main museum building library room.

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