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New Website Completed

Thanks to Shawn Mahoney our new website is essentially completed. You can now get to it by going to the old, familiar URL, www.freemanfield.org. There are a few refinements yet to do. Editing it appears to be pretty easy, although nobody but Shawn has changed anything so far. At this point it would be helpful if FFFA members would go through the site pages and suggest any changes, corrections or updates that appear to be necessary. If you have anything to contribute to the website, so much the better. Let Larry Bothe know and he will get the changes and additions accomplished.

April FFFA Meeting

We talked about our upcoming Airport Awareness Day; September 26th. Jan Sipes will do advertising. After the meeting we learned that our previous food vendor, Bruce Goben, has another commitment for our weekend; he can't do food for us this year. Karen is working on an alternate vendor; perhaps one of the service organizations. If you have a good idea for a food vendor, let Karen know.

Airport News

Your editor missed an airport authority meeting for the first time in many moons. It turned out that the principal topic of discussion was the railroad siding, which doesn't have any direct affect on flight operations. And since the FAA has not

funded any grants it appears that our airport will be construction-free this summer.

Ford Tri-Motor Rides at BAK

EAA Chapter 729 at Columbus is sponsoring rides in the EAA's Ford Tri-Motor in June. Here's the ad as it will appear in the Columbus newspaper: ***Ford Tri-Motor Airplane Rides - Return to the Golden Age of Aviation. Ride the 1929 Ford Tri-Motor. This classic aircraft will again visit Columbus Municipal Airport this June 11th through 14th. Flights will begin mid-day on Thursday, the 11th and continue through Sunday, including Aviation Day on Saturday. Advance tickets are \$70 adults, kids 17 and under are \$50. Book your flight at www.flytheford.org or by calling 1-877-952-5395. Walk-up tickets are \$75 on the day of the flight. Ed. Note: I have ridden in the Tri-Motor. It's a neat experience.***

2015 Fly-In List

The fly-in list created by Rob & Bri Stoinoff, and edited/distributed by yours truly, has once again been updated for some late-breaking additions. It will be attached to the same e-mail that sends you this newsletter.

Museum Archives

The museum had 2 crews of helpers for the annual Seymour Day of Caring on May 12th. The United Way sponsored event matches volunteers from industry with recognized

charitable organizations to get a lot of necessary work accomplished. The Freeman Army Air Field Museum has been the beneficiary of this program for many years, and 2015 was no exception.

This year a group from Housing Partnership of Columbus repaired water damage to the inside of our annex building, and also fixed the cause of water getting into the building. They also worked on the overhead door in the main building; replacing side and bottom seals to keep out the wind, rain and worms. A separate group of volunteers from Cummins Engine painted numerous items in the annex building.

The museum is working on two new displays. The first is to get a recently donated "gray lady" (WW-II hospital volunteer) uniform dress on a mannequin. Mike and Linda Jordan donated a mannequin. Pat Brod cleaned and repaired the dress and headpiece, and donated a wig. Larry Bothe purchased white shoes and pantyhose. Now we need to put it all together.

We are also in the process of consolidating our display of demilitarized German aircraft machine guns and accessories into one large case. The wooden case, donated by Jack Hildreth (it belonged to his grandfather), with a rolling base built by Marty Schwab, has been painted a light color inside, and will soon have fluorescent lighting installed. Then we can figure out the exact placement of the 3 machine guns and other items. Larry Bothe is going to loan the museum his replica Luger pistol (like a German pilot might have carried) to further enhance the display.

Interesting Aviation Links

2009 Edwards AFB Open House. This is a link to the collection of pictures from that event taken by noted aviation photographer Bernard Zee. We have previously provided links to Zee photo collections from various aviation events, but this could be the best

single event collection Zee has ever done. It takes a while to look at all the pictures. You'll be sucked in. Pictures have captions. Some have sound files. From Robt. Wilmoth, 5/8/15.

<http://home.comcast.net/~bzee1a/Edwards09/Edwards09.html>

CARRIER OPS. 30-FOOT SEAS. Whoa - - This is exciting to watch! It is in two parts. This is very unnerving, landing with the deck pitching 30 feet, at night, low on fuel. Incredible. Turn on your sound and go full screen. The links below are two outstanding videos about F-18 carrier operations aboard the USS Nimitz during weather causing a severely pitching deck. Watch Part 1 first, then Part 2. Great videos. Part One:

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=4gGMI8d3vLs

Part Two:

http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=S0yj70QbBzg

Lancaster Bombers, 7000+ built, only 2 remaining flying, both together here. 4-min video. From Robt. Wilmoth, 5/10/2015. <https://www.youtube.com/v/50I2rem6d3g&autoplay=1&rel=0>

Ten-engine electric concept plane completes successful flight test. From Bill Lavigne, 5/12/15.

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/05/150505152624.htm>

Erickson Aircraft Collection, Madras, OR (apparently moved from the Tillamook Air Museum, Tillamook, OR). From by Dan Kiel, 5/17/2015. <http://www.ruudleeuw.com/usa14-ericksoncollection.htm>

Longest hoverboard flight, from Mike Breuckmann, 5/23/2015.

<http://www.grindtv.com/random/man-sets-guinness-world-record-for-farthest-hoverboard-flight/#Dpx2MmrMioOsiEL2.97>

Water-bombing forest fires. The view from the cockpit! What a lesson in coordination! Four hands, four feet, and six eyes - all working as one! Bombardier Aerospace Montreal made these aircraft.

They don't "motor around" to fill the tanks--they touch down at approach speed, open the fill scoops; add lots of power and the tanks fill in seconds. There's one scene in the film where you can see the two tank level gauges rapidly go up. The other neat thing is watching the magnitude of the flight control inputs, especially aileron, as they are maneuvering down low. Sometimes the pilot is literally going stop to stop. Real flying!
 From Robt. Wilmoth, 5/7/15
<http://player.vimeo.com/video/48642618>

Treasurer's Report

For the period: April, 2015

Opening bal, all funds	10,919.50
Opening bal, chkg acct	3,905.45
Income	
Dues	40.00
Other	
Total Income	40.00
Expenses	
Electric bill	59.10
Sewer bill	9.14
Water bill	14.87
Port-a-potty service	27.74
Other	7.14
Total Expenses	117.99
Transfer from MMF	
Transfer to MMF	
Closing bal, chkg acct	3,827.46
Mny Mrkt Fnd, opng bal	7,014.05
Checks written	
X-fer in from chckng	
Interest earned	0.18
End bal, MMF	7,014.23
Net change, all accounts	-77.81
Grand total, all funds	10,841.69

Member Accomplishments

Please welcome **Rob Smallwood** to the FFFA. Rob comes to us by way of Wash., DC where he was a police officer, and now he is the Walmart Fleet Safety Director for the Seymour distribution center. He holds a Private certificate and is currently renting from Cherry Hill Aviation.

Berl Grant has completed all of his paperwork to apply for the FAA Master Pilot award. The MP award is for pilots who have completed 50 years of flying as PIC. Larry has Berl's application and will be submitting it to the FAA shortly. Rumor has it that **Harry Knight** also qualifies for the same award. We need to get some documentation from Harry and submit an application for him as well.

At long last **Pat Brod** is finally having some deformities corrected on her right foot. Surgery is scheduled for June 4th. She won't be able to put any weight on it for 6 weeks so you won't find her out and about until after Oshkosh. Husband **Larry Bothe** will be taking over housework, cooking, shopping, etc., so he won't be out much either.

Local Event Calendar at a Glance

Jun 2 FFFA meeting, FFFA Bldg, 7 PM

Jun 13, BAK Airport Day

Jul 20-26, AirVenture (Oshkosh) 2015

Aug 1-2, ¼-scale R/C model airplane meet

Aug 15; Taildragger Rendezvous, Post Air

Aug 29; North Vernon Airport Awareness Day

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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Join FFFA: Dues are \$10 per year. Send a check, payable to FFFA, to Larry Bothe, 1082 Governors Ln, Seymour, IN 47274-1135. Include e-mail address and phone number. ½ price after the 4th of July.

Freeman Flash issues going back to 1999 are available if you contact the editor. A website archive is planned.

Sell – Buy

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