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Chapter 67 Inc.
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After a more than usually enthusiastic conversational session the meeting was opened by our well-known President, Don Barnhart. He proceeded to read out some notices, including notes of the Fly-in at MERFI, Ohio, and a flyer from Monnett, Wis. announcing a sale, 10% below regular prices.

The Dayton Museum tour was reported with great enthusiasm, and is likely to become an annual event. The Aero Club of Indianapolis also had a meeting on Oct. 11th, with Paul Poberezny as speaker; Walt Fritz reported it was an excellent occasion.

Mention was made of Kirby's restaurant, said to be the first fly-in restaurant in the country, at the Airport, Elwood, Indiana. It is open 6am-7pm every day, and one can taxi to within TEN feet of the door! The prices are reasonable for the good food.

The Thomsons are on duty for hangar cleaning in Nov., volunteers are requested for each month in 1984. Bill Coutz, who was not present, has a "builder's patch" waiting for him, for his completed Q2.

Project Reports

Angus Thomson reported progress on the VW engine, and showed a few slides; Dick Ervin now has papers on his SNJ proving it was operated from Jacksonville, Fla., between '44 and '48. Designee John Adolfsen reported slow, but some, progress on the Chapter T-Craft.

Other Reports

Open House and Dad's Day at Vincennes, In., was great. Don Roberts praised the outstanding maintenance programme at the University. In the day's competitions our own Walt Fritz won in two classes! -1. the Short take-off, and 2. the precision power-off landing. Congratulations, Walt.

Joe Ferraro offered help on requests for insurance of experimental aircraft.

Angus Thomson showed an example of the proposed changed presentation of the official sectional maps. Anyone who has an opinion should write to the FAA to join their evaluation group.

Wayne Howery has just been re-assigned. He is now part of the Tactical Helicopter Patrol. Don Barnhart is interested in forming a flying club in connection with this Chapter -- would anyone interested please contact him.

New Business

A letter was read from our unofficial social organiser, suggesting a Christmas Party at the American Legion, Broad Ripple (the same place that we had the Valentine party in Feb.). If this was agreed we ought to book the date. Idea was approved, and

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33 people have already signed up. Please inform the Pres. or Sec; at the Dec. 5th meeting if you want to add your name &/or a companion. (We want to thank Joan Ervin for her very kind offer to use the Ervin house as the venue (!), but think more than 30, too many for any individual home). It was decided to ask Ed and Rusty Marlen to book DECEMBER 17th for us at the Legion. So every one, mark your calendars now! Thanks to Rusty Marlen for making a concrete proposal.

Swap or Sale

Drina Abel needs parts for a Continental 140 engine.

Ralph's Aeronca Chief is for sale at Boone County, \$ 7500.00

For sale: a new J3 Cub gas tank, and a new J3 engine mount.

Wayne Howery desperately needs photos, info., & parts for his 1941 Aeronca Chief. Also needs all the help he can get on the restoration of his bird.

Visitors

Drina Abel, our speaker, 1106 South Center St., Terre Haute, In. 47802

Pete Murphy, 525 N Bancroft, Indianapolis, In. 46201

Welcome to both of you, we hope you will join us again, sometime.

An Appeal

Don Roberts asks anyone who has old unwanted magazines to do with Aircraft, Flying, Engines, etc., to please bring them to the next meeting, with a view to donating them to his very enthusiastic pupils! (He will gladly collect them, if anybody has a great stack!)

Programme

Walt Fritz introduced Drina Abel, who gave a delightful talk on the life and history of her brother, Orin Welch, and the Welch Airplanes of Anderson, with many slides, both old and new. After much research, she has compiled, printed, and published a book, which she offered to those interested. Thank you, Drina, for a great presentation.

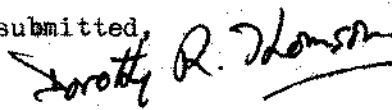
This was followed by an Allison film of very high speed, low level, helicopter flying, from both inside and outside the cockpit. Most impressive! Thank you very much, Walt.

Next Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5th, 7.30pm.

John Adolfsen has promised us a video tape of the last picnic, and selected short subjects! Everybody come, it's the last meeting of the year.

respectfully submitted,


Secretary.

- PS. Volunteers needed for 1985 programmes -- Jan. Feb. July. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec. "Help"--cry from Don Barnhart.
- Board Meeting took place on Nov. 12th, projects for 1984 were discussed. Tues. 15th, was the evening to catalogue the spare parts.
- * Sat. 19th was the day Don Dole, Walt Fritz, Tom Watkins, Frank Stewart, the Thomsons, Bill Thornberry, Joe Ferraro and several others worked on the hangar doors, and tar-painted the roof. Dick Ervin drilled some holes in the concrete, for anchor points for the air compressor. Though it is not yet finished, some work was definitely done -- let's hope the weather will let us finish it, before the ~~vall~~ winter arrives!