

**INDY FLYERS  
NEWSLETTER WOULD  
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INFORMATION!



**NEXT MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY MAY  
12TH 6:30PM



**WORK GROUP**  
THURSDAYS 6-9  
DINNER IN THE PILOT  
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**CHAPTER 1527**  
NEWS AND UPDATES

# INDY FLYER

## April Showers Bring Green Landing Strips

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time and skills to flattening our landing strip for use this season!!

## Member Fleet Spotlight

If you visit the Westfield Airport it's hard to miss the Aeronca L-3. It has a history with Westfield and has done its duty to our country as well. According to its owner, John Waymire, the L-3 was built in June of 1942 in Middletown, OH. It was originally designated as "The Defender" but later re-designated as the L-3. In WW2 these planes would have served as artillery spotters, been used for training and were known as liaison planes (used to transport commanders and messages).

The Aeronca L-3 at Westfield was stationed in the United States during the war. It traveled throughout the South, including Louisiana and Alabama. It has had multiple owners over the years but came into John's hands in 1975. It wasn't airworthy when he bought it, but like many of us do, John found a little help from his friends. The L3 was disassembled and taken to Lou Pence. Lou was a teacher at Arsenal Technical High School and for nearly a year, a team worked to restore it. They were able to do the welding, as well as the engine and fabric work required to get it back in the air, by the spring of 1976.

It has traveled much of the world from our grass strip. John has flown it everywhere from Canada to Mexico. He has written stories about some of his adventures in the L3 that can be found on his website [www.biobio.com](http://www.biobio.com), in the



**"I compare every plane I fly  
with this plane." John  
Waymire**

Travel Stories section. The 65 hp engine has powered the L-3 on trips to **Sun and Fun** in Florida or at **OshKosh**. John has camped under its wing on many occasions. He is currently most interested in sharing the love for flying with young people and would like us to know this plane is available for use in instruction. You can speak to Tom Beckenbauer if you know an interested student.

## Indy Flyers Pancake Breakfast Fast Approaching

Our annual Pancake Breakfast and Spring Walk-around is coming up on April 24th from 7:30a - 11a (or while supplies last). The local EAA Chapters have been invited via Facebook and email but please share the event posts you see on social media to increase awareness of this year's event.

Weather permitting, the Kokomo chapter will be selling rides, and Tom Beckenbauer will be bringing the GEM.

## Newsletter Needs

In order to make the newsletter more effective, we are asking for your submissions. We would love to hear about your project updates! If you are buying or selling a plane, it's part of our member fleet and we want to know about it! If you are trying something new in this "experimental" world, we definitely want to hear the story! Call or text Amy Solomon at 317-903-6887 and she will follow up with you for the details.

## *AirVenture 2021 Tickets Available Now*

**AirVenture 2021  
dates:**

**Monday, July 26-  
Sunday, August 1**



Getting involved is the best way to get what you want out of the club experience. Lending a hand can be a positive way to gain a partner in your project! Contact Monty Bolinger if you're interested.