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BREAKFAST

Saturday October 1st at Doc's Mt. Hawley Inn, 8412 N. Knoxville Avenue, around 8:00 AM. Doc's is just south and east of Mt. Hawley Airport. See you there!

OCTOBER

Our next Chapter meeting will be held at Leisure Acres Club House on Wednesday, October 12th at 7:30 p.m. Frank McCarty of Morris, Illinois will be our guest speaker.

Frank will relate his experiences with the "Flying Tigers" during WWII. During his three years in the service McCarty flew P 40's and later P 51's.

Frank has just recently returned from a reunion with some of his fellow "Flying Tigers" and undoubtedly will have many interesting stories.

NAGEL TO ATTEND

NASA has confirmed that Astronaut Steve Nagel will be available as a guest speaker at our Annual Chapter Christmas Luncheon.

We will meet at Cater Inn on Pioneer Parkway just south of Mt. Hawley Airport. Be sure to circle Saturday December 3rd on your calendar.

LAST MONTH

John Parks was our host at the "Wheels of Time" Museum. After the Chapter business meeting we toured the many exhibits, which included numerous forms of powered local motion.

There were several aviation related exhibits already on display and now there is another, as the Chapters' Flight Simulator, fresh from

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Eureka! We've heard from the EAA, and the check is in the mail. I know it's an old cliché, but Bob Mackey, from the chapter division assures me it is so. Our net profit will be \$1,350.00. I'm anxious to see the breakdown. That's terrific considering we had zip before the B-17 visit. Now, what do we do with the money? If there are any suggestions, please let me or any of the other officers know.

It's coming to that time of the year again when we nominate officers for the coming year. Al Phipps came across an excellent idea; Along with the regular officers, we should elect two at large delegates to serve on the board. These folks will be, more or less, officers in training. This will let people ease into the board without the responsibility of one of the main positions. Think about it!

We have received word from NASA that Astronaut Steve Nagel of Canton will be with us for our Annual Christmas Luncheon. It will be held on December 3rd at the Cater Inn on Pioneer Parkway just south of "17" at Mt. Hawley. Plan to attend and be sure to invite a guest!

The North Central Fly-in was absolutely perfect in almost every way. Saturday was a beautiful day with many airplanes. Someone said there were over 300 airplanes each day. Sunday was just as beautiful with one of the best breakfasts' of all the fly-ins I have been to, and I know breakfasts'. It was good to see our chapter so well represented.

From the rumor mill: There are supposed to be plans to build more hangars at 3MY. Let's hope this is more than a rumor.

Dennis, our news letter editor keeps soliciting articles, so if you have been somewhere that is interesting (like the Mooney gathering) please share those experiences.

Thanks,
Sam

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PROFILE... BRIAN BRIGGERMAN

by Joe Rex

Brian , EAA No. 94992, has been a member since the early 70's and is a charter member of Chapter 563, joining in February of 1976.

After being turned down for Air Force pilot training because he couldn't cross his eyes properly, honest!, Brian became a member of the 182nd Fighter Squadron at Greater Peoria, as a weapons mechanic. He spent one year in France with the St. Louis Guard unit in 1961.

Brian, who considers himself strictly a recreational flier, began taking flying lessons at the old Havana (IL) airport in 1959. His first flight was in a T-Craft and his first solo was in a Champ. He earned his private at the old Mt. Hawley Airport in 1960. Since then, Brian has earned his Commercial, Instrument, Multi-engine and CFII, while accumulating about 2300 flying hours.

During his years of flying, Brian has owned quite a list of airplanes, including; a '46 Luscombe 8A, a '66 Cessna 172, a '68 Cardinal, which he co-owned with Dave Cook, a '65 Cessna 150, a partnership on a Mooney and finally his current Mooney, which he owns himself and proudly hails as the only "homebuilt" Mooney in existence (Brian has spent a lot of time making this airplane nice).

Brian has worked for Caterpillar for 39 years. During that time he has worked in East Peoria, Mossville, Mapleton and at his current position in Morton.

During his time in Chapter 563, Brian has held all of the elected offices. He is a very active member of the Chapter, currently holding the position of Young Eagles Coordinator. Brian has been a driving force behind Chapter 563 since it began. With members like Brian, the future of Chapter 563 is indeed a bright one!

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a reconditioning by Morrie Caudill, is now on display at the museum. Many Thanks to John Parks for an interesting evening at the "Wheels of Time".

NORTH CENTRAL FLY-IN

The Eighth Annual North Central "Old Fashioned" EAA Regional Fly-In at Whiteside County Airport in Sterling-Rock Falls on the weekend of September 17th and 18th was a great success.

More visiting pilots and aircraft were registered during this years event than had ever before attended a NorthCentral Fly-In.. Featured were workshops, forums, exhibits and a large swap area. Camping was available on the field and the pancake breakfast on Sunday morning was particularly well attended.

AVIATION SAFETY - EDUCATION SEMINAR

There will be an Accident Prevention Program, Aviation Safety - Education Seminar on Thursday October 20th at the Bloomington - Normal Airport beginning at 7:00 p.m.

This program is for pilots, flights instructors and all interested persons. John Blohm, the Safety Program Manager from the Springfield, Illinois FSDO will discuss the "Pilot Proficiency Award Program" and "Fuel Smarts", personnel from Peoria Approach Control and the Bloomington Air Traffic Control Tower will present "Current IFR and VFR Procedures in Controlled Airspace" and Tom Emanuel from the Institute of Aviation at the University of Illinois will discuss "Takeoffs and Landings".


This Accident Prevention Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Aviation Administration and Clark Aviation, Inc. For further information contact: Jeff Warner, 309/663-2303 or John Blohm, FAA Springfield FSDO, 217/492-4238.

CHAPTER OFFICERS

Once again it is time to nominate Officers for the next year. The lifeblood of any organization is the involvement of its membership. If you have an interest in serving as a Chapter Officer, please contact any of the present Officers listed on the back of this newsletter.

CALENDAR

SEPT 29th thru OCTOBER 1st - ILLINOIS



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"All Illinois Air Tour". Contact; 708/331-2117.

SEPT 30th thru OCTOBER 2nd - CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS

Parks College of St. Louis University Open House/Fly-In. Includes Fly-In Breakfast, Experimental and Antique Displays, Fly-bys and an airshow. Contact: Nita Browning, 618/337-7575, ext. 206.

SEPT 30th thru OCTOBER 2nd - MOUNTAIN CITY, TN

Third Annual Mountain City Gyrocopter Meeting. Gyro flying, food, fly market, camping. Contact: Hardee Fly-In, 3832 Alderwood Drive, Kingsport, TN 37664, 615/246-2719, 7-9 p.m. EST ONLY!

OCTOBER 1st and 2nd - LYONS, OHIO

Fly-In at Newbury Field sponsored by EAA Chapter 149. Contact: Kent Judson, 419/826-3811.

OCTOBER 1st and 2nd - MUSKOGEE, OKLAHOMA

Airshow. Contact: Dan Van Alstine, 918/683-4581.

OCTOBER 1st thru 3rd - LAWRENCEVILLE, ILLINOIS

Tri-County Aero Club Model Aircraft Free Flight. Contact; 618/943-2076.

OCTOBER 2nd - McNABB, ILLINOIS

FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN Breakfast, Sponsored by EAA Chapter 948, the first Sunday of the month, from 7-11 A.M. at Hartenbauers Airport on McNabb Road, rain or shine. Contact: 815/882-2371.

OCTOBER 2nd - GREENVILLE, ILLINOIS

Open house sponsored by the Hangar Pilots Club. Contact; Chuck Bunting, 618/664-1535.

OCTOBER 2nd and 3rd - COLUMBUS, OHIO

The Bolton Field Gathering of Ghosts - WWII Airshow. Contact; 704/825-2888.

OCTOBER 6th thru 8th - KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

Great American Cessna Fly-In at Richards-Gebauer Airport. Contact: 1-800/737-3483.

OCTOBER 7th thru 9th - COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

KR Gathering. Awards dinner Saturday night. Contact; Bobby Juse, 615/790-5365.

OCTOBER 8th - MACOMB, ILLINOIS

Van's Air Force, Tri-State Wing RV Fly-In. Contact; 309/833-1203.

OCTOBER 8th - LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Bowman Field Airshow. Contact: Wayne Hettinger, 502/499-0259.

OCTOBER 9th - TOMAH, WISCONSIN

Annual Fly-In Breakfast 7 a.m. until ? at Bloyer Field. Contact; 608/372-3125.

OCTOBER 12th thru 17th - TULLAHOMA, TENNESSEE

1994 Staggerwing - Travel Air - Twin Beech Convention, sponsored by the Staggerwing Museum Foundation. Howard, Spartans and Twin Bonanzas are also welcome. Membership in the Staggerwing Museum required - for more information, call 615/455-1974.

OCTOBER 15th and 16th - WAUKEGAN, ILLINOIS

Lake County Family YMCA Air Fest. Contact; 708/360-9622.

NOVEMBER 5th and 6th - GLENDALE, ARIZONA

Thunderbird Balloon Classic and airshow. Contact; Chuck Hoover, 602/993-6107.

NOVEMBER 10th thru 13th - MESA, ARIZONA

1994 Copperstate Regional EAA Fly-IN. Williams Gateway Airport. 1-800/283-6372, Fax 602/827-0727.

JANUARY 1st - WARSAW, INDIANA

EAA Chapter 938, Third Annual Hangar Party and Fly-In at Warsaw Airport, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact; Larry Lamp, 219/453-4364.

APRIL 9th thru 15th - LAKELAND, FLORIDA

Sun'n Fun '95. Contact; 813/644-2431.

FLIGHT ADVISOR

With the success and growth of sport aviation, it has become increasingly important to have an organized support group for the early flights of homebuilt aircraft and vintage restorations. Building on the success of EAA's Technical Counselor Program and the informal network of advice available for those about to launch on a "first flight," EAA has announced the EAA Flight Advisors Program.

The EAA membership has so much flying experience that every pilot preparing to fly a new plane **of any kind** should be able to obtain assistance from a fellow member who can help him conduct a self evaluation and organize a safe flight test plan. That is what the EAA Flight Advisors Program is all about...making that experience available to everyone who needs it.

Simply, the Flight Advisor Program is aimed at providing service to EAA members and helping to improve sport aviation safety. Accidents in the early phases of flying a new airplane of any kind generally point to the same conclusion: pilot error due to inexperience or lack of currency in type.

The Flight Advisor will supply the experience that may be lacking and help the pilot evaluate both himself and the airplane he's about to fly. The Flight Advisor will be the mentor through the entire first flight or transition process be it in a Cessna 120, Glasair III or Pietenpol.

In their primary role, the Flight Advisor will advise and assist in making evaluations but they will make no final go, no-go decisions and they will do no flying.

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BIG TURNOUT FOR NORTHCENTRAL EAA FLY-IN

**OCTOBER MEETING AT LEISURE ACRES, WEDNESDAY
THE 12TH AT 7:30 P.M.**

**ASTRONAUT STEVE NAGEL TO ATTEND CHRISTMAS
LUNCHEON**