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Breakfast Saturday, October 7th at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, beginning around 8:00 AM.

Once again there will be **Young Eagle flights** after breakfast. Chapter member Kathy Arkwell has scheduled flights of nine eaglets every half hour throughout the morning. That is three flights of three. We need volunteers to help with the ground activities and a pilot with an aircraft to fly.



Also on Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. there will be a smaller group of Young Eagles flown from Pekin Airport by chapter members Al Lurie and Morrie Caudill.

After the September breakfast a large squadron of Young Eagles from Metamora became airborne. We expect another large group for the October breakfast. Please contact Kathy Arkwell at 693-3198 or Joe Rex at 694-3792 if you can volunteer an aircraft or your time as a pilot or ground crew member, or if you know a Young Eagle who wants to fly. **See you at breakfast Saturday!**

EAA Air Academy this past summer. We paid 1/2 of his expenses to the EAA Air Academy. This fall Josh started college at Dubuque University, studying aviation.

Mt. Hawley has a new airport "**kitten**" and she is already a big hit. A Chapter member was heard to remark that when he dies, he wants to return reincarnated as an airport cat. All he would have to do all day is sleep, eat and play!

Hooterville (not to be confused with **Hooters**) is now closed for the winter, but the every Wednesday morning group will continue to meet in the 2nd floor conference room at Logan County Airport until spring.

Hangar Tenants Bill Van Mieghens' Kitfox no longer resides in the Chapter hangar. As mentioned in last month's newsletter, Mike Tillmans' Cessna 140A is now stored there.

Chicken George goes back to his Roots! Morrie Caudill has been logging quite a few hours lately in his Cessna 150. He will easily have more than 100 hours on the aircraft since it was majored last fall.

On a recent trip Morrie flew to the East edge of Tennessee, where he rented a car and drove over the mountains to North Carolina. There he located an abandoned farm house that at one time belonged to his grandfather.

Morrie promises to fill us in on his adventure during a future chapter meeting!

Ultralight Pilot Thumps Tower Usually, pilots who tangle with towers don't live to tell about it. But there's an



Aerial Tennis Anyone?



October Our next Chapter meeting will be on the **Second** Thursday of the month, **October 12th**, at 7:00 p.m. at our Chapter Hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport.

Last Month We assembled on Thursday, September 14th at 7:00 p.m. Treasurer Morrie Caudill called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapter hangar at Mt. Hawley.

A Nominating Committee was appointed to seek out volunteers to serve as Chapter officers in 2001. The committee consists of Don Wolcott, Sam Sisk, Joe Fox and Morrie Caudill. If you want to take a more active roll in Chapter affairs, please contact one of the members of the Nominating Committee. With additional people involved in leadership our Chapter will insure a strong future.

After an abbreviated business meeting, many members gravitated to Rosemary Emhoff and Linda Schum's hangar for the liquid refreshments (beer!), during an impromptu "Open Hangar" night at Mt. Hawley Airport.

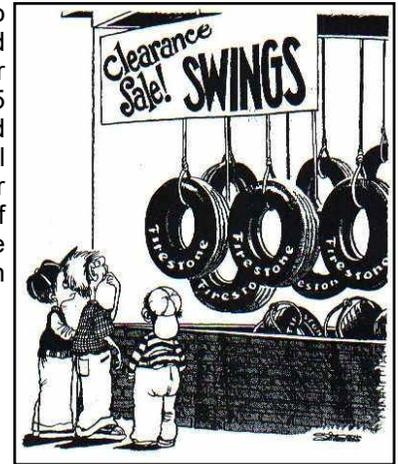
The Chapter received a nice "**Thank You**" note from Joshua Herget's father, for our sponsorship of Josh at the



Seen at AirVenture 2000 – a future Patty Wagstaff!

Chien and Al Phipps suggested that they no longer required a hard copy. Each newsletter cost approximately 65 cents to reproduce and mail. If you have an email address and no longer require a printed copy of the newsletter, please notify editor Dennis Mellen at

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ultralight pilot somewhere in the Midwest who has a doozy of a hangar tale. The pilot, according to the (Lafayette, In.) Journal and Courier, hit a 150-foot personal TV tower near West Point, Ind., last week after buzzing some of his friends. About 45 feet of the tower was sheared off including the Christmas tree star on the top, and three steel cables holding the tower in place were cut. Part of the tower fell onto the house below. Authorities haven't been able to find out who pegged the tower, but do have some clues: The pilot dropped a shoe, his compass, his sunglasses and a beer (Coors Light) in the impact. From AvWeb.

A Date to Remember – On October 14, 1947, Captain Chuck Yeager, a top U. S. Army fighter pilot, became the first man to break the sound barrier.

FLIGHT GUIDE – Airport and Frequency Manual

At Oshkosh this year Morrie Caudill found himself at the AirGuide Publications booth. He owns the Midwest and Eastern States volumes of this publication, but they were three or four years out of date. When you purchase a Guide there is a card in it which entitles you to a free upgrade. The AirGuide representative urged Morrie to send in his cards, requesting updates. They replaced the entire contents of both volumes. Caudill says these are great little books with lots of essential information.

Newsletters by e-mail For some months now the newsletter has been sent electronically to those members who provided email addresses. Recently members Bruce

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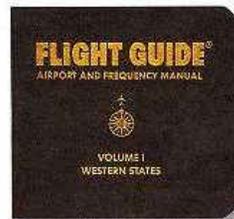
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