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## Breakfast

Saturday, April 6th, at the hanger. Coffee is on at 7:30. Come early and help set up. Breakfast served at 8:00.

## MEETING

Thursday, April 11th. at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, beginning around 7:00 PM. Come early, Due to security regulations, someone will be at the gate to let you in until 7:15. Refreshments provider is Brian and Sheri Hoff **See you there!**



The program chairman for April is Jack Frost. Jack has done extensive research on the airships of the early 1900's. During a visit to Friedrichshafen

last year he was able to visit the Zeppelin museum and see first hand the remains of that great era of flight.

## Minutes of March Meeting

Submitted by Bill Engel, Secretary

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The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Pilon. There was some discussion on the various kinds of locks we could use on the hangar door. Jerry will pursue.

We discussed Chapter participation at the airshow planned at PIA in May. We will look into an information booth and maybe some static aircraft displays.

On Saturday March 16, weather permitting, we will fly Young Eagles, according to coordinator Morrie Caudill. Pilots, planes and ground support are needed. Please volunteer with Morrie.

Treasurer Jim Hooker gave the financial report and stated we currently have 54 paid members.

Our speaker was member Mike Martiny, who recalled his flying experiences, starting with his first lesson in 1941. He has enjoyed flying for family gatherings, vacations and business. Included in his remarks were tips he has learned on safety.

## TECH. NEWS

From the desk of Alan Lurie:

Tommy Milton  
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Tom is available to do the final inspection and approve for flight, completed home built aircraft. You must have "N" numbers on hand before his inspection. Tom charges \$300 plus travel expenses. (Rick Jones just paid \$600 to another inspector from Springfield. Tom was an A&P instructor for many years and is currently a board member of the Popular Rotor Craft Asso.



## Young Eagle Event

The 16th of March turned out to be a very nice day for the kids. The ceiling was about 2400 msl and in spite of the 10-12 wind the flying was smooth. The pilots were Bill Engel, Al Lurie, Jerry Peacock, and John Tidwell.



Marty Engel held down the registration table. Ron Wright kept the visitors entertained/educated while they were waiting to fly and Jerry Pilon patrolled the flight line to help load and

unload the aircraft. It took about 2 hours to fly the 24 YE's and 4 or 5 adults. A good time was had by all if you can judge from the smiles on the faces of the kids. One of the children was here from Haiti as part of the



Haitian Hearts Program conducted by Dr. Carrol, formally with St. Francis Hospital.

The event went very smoothly for the first one of the year but—we could have used a couple more hands to handle the

paper work. Don't think that you must be a pilot to

### Comprehending Engineers, -Take One

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A pastor, a doctor and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers. The engineer fumed, "What's with these guys? We must have been waiting for 15 minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such ineptitude!" The pastor said, "Hey, here comes the greenskeeper. Let's have a word with him.

"Hi, George. Say, what's with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?"

The greenskeeper replied, "Oh, yes, that's a group of blind firefighters. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime."

The group was silent for a moment. The pastor said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. And I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist buddy and see if there's anything he can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't these guys play at night?"

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### Comprehending Engineers-Take Two

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What is the difference between Mechanical Engineers and Civil Engineers?

Mechanical Engineers build weapons, Civil Engineers build targets.

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### Comprehending Engineers-Take Three

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The graduate with a Science degree asks,

"Why does it work?"

The graduate with an Engineering degree asks,

"How does it work?"

The graduate with an Accounting degree asks,

"How much will it cost?"

The graduate with a Liberal Arts degree asks,

"Do you want fries with that?"

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### Comprehending Engineers-Take Four

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Three engineering students were gathered together discussing the possible designers of the human body. One said, "It was a mechanical engineer. Just look at all the joints." Another said, "No, it was an electrical engineer. The nervous systems has many thousands of electrical connections." The last said, "Actually it was a civil engineer. Who else would run a toxic waste pipeline through a recreational area?"

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### Comprehending Engineers-Take Five

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An architect, an artist and an engineer were discussing whether it was better to spend time with the wife or a mistress. The architect said he enjoyed time with his wife, building a solid foundation for an enduring relationship. The artist said he enjoyed time with his mistress, because of the passion and mystery he found there.

The engineer said, "I like both. "Both?"

"Yeah. If you have a wife and a mistress, they will each assume you are spending time with the other woman, and you can go to the lab and get some work done."

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### Comprehending Engineers-Take Six

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An engineering student was walking across campus when another engineer rides up on a shiny new motorcycle.

"Where did you get such a great bike?" asked the first.

The second engineer replied "Well, I was walking along yesterday minding my own business when a beautiful woman rode up on this bike. She threw the bike to the ground, took off all her clothes and said, ' Take what you want.' " The second engineer nodded approvingly "Good choice; the clothes probably wouldn't have

fit."

**Perspective:** I don't want to steal any of Jack Frosts' thunder but in order to put you in the right frame of mind for the Zeppelin presentation consider the following:

Airships were popular in the years 1900 to 1937 when the Hindenberg crashed at Lakehurst, N.J..

In the year 1929 about midway through the period the Graf Zeppelin circumnavigated the globe. At that time these are some of the other things that were going on in the world.

Rear Admiral Byrd made the first flight over the South Pole.

The Worlds Fair opened in Barcelona, Spain.

The Communists and Nazis were fighting in Berlin.

The Russians and Chinese were fighting at the border.

The U.S. stock market crashed October 29.

Herbert Hoover was sworn in as President.

Babe Ruth hits his 500th home run.

Color television is shown by Bell Labs.

Al Capone sentenced to a year in prison for carrying a concealed weapon.

The first Academy Awards banquet is held.

Construction starts on the Empire State Building.

Bobby Jones won the U.S. Open.

The Indy 500 was won by Ray Keech at 97.585 mph.

The World Series won by Philadelphia Athletics.

And I bet you remember the music too.

Ain't Misbehavin      An American in Paris

Huneyuckle Rose      Singin' in the Rain

Happy Days are Here Again      Star Dust

The average income      \$      2,062.00

New Car      \$      450.00

Loaf of Bread      \$      .09

Gallon of Gas      \$      .12

Gallon of Milk      \$      .58

Gold per Ounce      \$

20.67

Silver per Ounce      \$

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## Hot Off The Press

Quincy University has announced the establishment of a baccalaureate degree program in aviation. The program will launch in the fall of 2002. A partnership with Curtis Aviation will enable a degree program in aviation and aviation management. The new curriculum features three degree plans and two majors: an associate of science degree in aviation, and a bachelor of science in aviation management. The program is designed to provide students with flight training and professional preparation for a career in the field of aviation. Applications for admission and course registrations are currently being accepted.

Fifty five years ago Quincy College trained naval air cadets in ground school.

## Received in the Mail

All airport tenants received a notice in the mail announcing a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 3, 2002 at 2:00 PM, located in the lower level conference room at the PIA Terminal Building. The meeting is open to those interested in the up coming air show scheduled for May 11 & 12. They want to know if the air show will affect your operations and they also want to hear from any volunteers to work the show.

## FAA Will Hold On-Line Sport Pilot/Light-Sport Aircraft Forum April 1-19

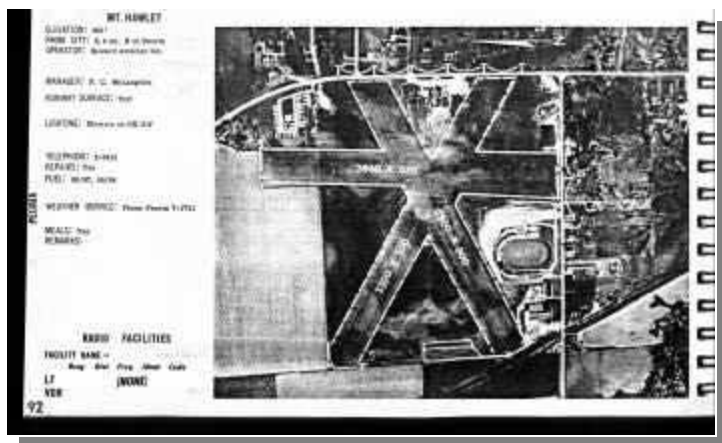
The FAA will host a first-ever public on-line forum to solicit questions and answers for the sport pilot/light-sport aircraft NPRM. The electronic Q & A is intended to supplement the traditional comment period, scheduled to run through May 6, 2002, to produce "a clear and comprehensive final rule." The forum opens at 9 a.m. EDT on April 1 and closes at 4:30 p.m. EDT on April 19, 2002. The URL for the forum area is [www.rulemakingpublicforum.com](http://www.rulemakingpublicforum.com).

**Don't miss** the

AOPA Safety Seminar to be held Wednesday, April 10, 2002 at North Point Aviation in the maintenance hanger from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.



How many of you remember Mt. Hawley Airport when it looked like this?



Notice the stock car race track about where the railroad tracks cross Pioneer Parkway now? The original hanger is now the Maloof Real Estate Office near the corner of Pioneer and Knoxville.

## Don't Miss This Program The 351 Bomb Group

A TV program called "The Color of War" will air again on April 7 and April 8, not sure of the times, on the History Channel. The program talks about the B-17 mission that



Joe Rex's dad was on, where they became the most decorated crew of War II. This is also the same unit Sam Sisk's uncle Sam was assigned to.

## Military Aircraft Nose Art Feature's Nation's Marching Orders

America's two-word marching order in the fight against terrorism is being displayed on various aircraft throughout the Air Force as a way of recognizing the heroes and victims of the Sept. 11 attacks on the United States. Todd Beamer, one of the heroic passengers on Flight 93, made the words famous when he and other passengers fought terrorists for control of Flight 93 before it crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania. He was overheard on a cellular phone reciting the Lord's Prayer and saying, "Let's roll!" as passengers charged the terrorists. "Let's roll!" has served as a rallying cry for this nation as we go forward in our war on terrorism," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We are proud to display this new nose art on our aircraft." The nose art design depicts an eagle soaring in front of the U.S. flag, with the words "Spirit of 9-11" on the top and "Let's roll!" on the bottom. Senior Airman Duane White, a journeyman from Air Combat Command's multimedia center at Langley Air Force Base, Virginia, created the design.



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