



# Illinois Valley Beacon

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**Breakfast** Saturday, November 2, at the hanger. Coffee is on at 7:30.

**MEETING** Thursday, November 14, in our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, beginning around 7:00 PM. Come early. Due to security regulations, we cannot leave the gate open. Please be on time.

At this meeting we will elect officers for the year 2003. The Nominating Committee offers the following slate of candidates:

President - Jerry Pilon  
Vice president - Steve Bonfoey  
Secretary - Bill Engel  
Treasurer - Jim Hooker

At this meeting nominations from the floor also will be welcomed.

The program arranger for the November meeting is Jim Hooker.

## **Minutes of the October Meeting**

MINUTES - OCTOBER 10, 2002

The meeting was called to order by President Jerry Pilon. Minutes for September were approved as printed in the Beacon. Treasurer Jim Hooker reported that our balance is slightly lower than last month. By consensus, our CD will be renewed for 12 months. Jim also stated that our membership now stands at 68. A question was raised about how to handle membership applications received late in the year. After some discussion it was agreed that we should discount the fee to half price for those applying in the last half of the year. Jerry briefly discussed his building progress, and Tech Advisor Al Lurie reported on an accident involving a powered parachute.

Young Eagles coordinator Morrie Caudill stated that the chapter has flown over 1000 kids to date.

Jerry reported on the chili party of last Saturday.

Everyone who was there agreed it was fun, and that it should be a yearly event.

Bruce Chien mentioned that there seems to be a lack

of interest in certain quarters in pushing for the proposed Sportsman pilot license. If this is important to you, he suggests some letter writing could be helpful.

The nominating committee for next year's officers consists of Jack Frost, Bill Engel and Al Lurie.

If you would like to be a candidate, please contact one of them. Nominees will be listed in the next Beacon, but nominations from the floor will also be taken at the election meeting in November.

After doing such a fine job in the past, Dave Cook was reappointed as chairman of the Christmas dinner. Finding a good speaker is a major focus, so if you have a suggestion please let Dave know. Consensus was that a Saturday noon in early December would again be good. The evening's program consisted of two speakers. Bill Engel spoke on, and answered questions about his experiences in contests sanctioned by the International Aerobatic Club. Al Phipps recalled his 300+ hours aloft in the C5A military transport plane. He was employed by Lockheed in Marietta GA 33 years ago as a flight test engineer. We learned something of the awesome numbers connected with a machine that large, and some of the periods of excitement, not all of which were planned.

## **Early Newsletter**

Pin this one up somewhere so you don't forget the breakfast and meeting. My wife and I are leaving town this weekend to do a little exploring in the West and won't be here for the breakfast. We are flying to Phoenix and driving around the mountains for a week and then returning from Las Vegas. It's finally cooling off out there.

**Please be aware that my Email address has changed to [flyvfr@horizon222.net](mailto:flyvfr@horizon222.net).**

## It Don't Get No Better'n This

Warm weather, warm friends, and warm pancakes and sausage.



## Young Eagles and Beyond

Tomorrow, Saturday the 26th, Bill Engel, Jerry Pilon, Joe Rex, and myself (your editor) will conduct a ground school for 16 Boy Scouts that were part of the Young Eagles fly in a few weeks ago. I was asked by their leader if we did anything like that since the boys were working on a merit badge in aviation.

We will give them the basics of flight, some map reading and course planning, and a more detailed walk around of the airplanes.

Sam Sisk obtained some great training material handouts from Sportys and Gleim that the boys can take with them.

I see this as a great opportunity to pass on our feeling about general aviation and dissolve some of the paranoia associated with small aircraft since 9-11.

## The Fly-in Breakfast That Wasn't

.Sunday, the 13th of October, Jerry Pilon and your editor planned a cross country to a pig roast. The only problem was I had the wrong date.

Anyway, the party is to be held on the 26th of October at Indianapolis Terry located near Naperville, Indiana.

We did fly over there Sunday in beautiful severe clear weather. We had a nice tail wind going over and a nice head wind coming back. It's a great comfort to fly over harvested bean fields. We had thousands of acres of emergency landing fields throughout the trip. Indianapolis Terry is a very nice airport with a long North\South runway and a very hospitable FBO. We used the crew car to go about 10 miles for lunch, bought gas (\$2.69), and returned. It was a little less than 2 hours going over and a little more than 2 hours coming back. All in all, a great day of flying and we will go back for the pig.

## How About A Shaggy Dog Story

A three legged dog walks into a saloon in the Old West. He slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."

### O.K.—One More

Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at them and says, "I'm sorry gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger."

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