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We Are Back To A Normal Schedule Once Again

Breakfast will be on the first Saturday of September, the 6th, as usual. We will start to set up around 7:30 and breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00.

The Meeting will be on the second Thursday, the 11th, at 7:00 in the EAA Hanger at Mount Hawley Airport. Come on time so someone can let you in the drive through gate if you do not have a gate card. The speaker, I am told, is me, your newsletter editor, who will tell you about the education I am getting constructing the panel for Jerry Pilons' Kitfox. The methods are a little radical compared to certified aircraft.

Secretaries Report

There were no minutes taken at the last assembly which was the Annual Picnic held at John Tidwells' cabin/lake.

Your editor could not be there but the feed back I received from several members was definitely good. I was told that it is a beautiful area for such an event and it comes complete with fishing, boating, a shooting range, and good food. You can't beat that with a stick.

Message From the Treasurer

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Subject: B-17 proceeds

Date: Thursday, August 21, 2003 5:40 PM

We received a check for \$1558.00 as our share of the pot.

Broken down as follows:

25% of Ground Tour admissions	\$ 273.00
\$30 for each flight Experience seat flown	\$1020.00
15% of Merchandise Sales	<u>\$ 265.00</u>
Total	\$1558.00

I put the check in the checking account and paid all bills to date that I know of.

I'll be on vacation from August 29 to September 14. Breakfast supplies should be OK but someone will need to take the sausage out of the freezer a few days before the breakfast.

Jim

(from your editor) We made an additional \$42 profit from the Pepsi sales that puts the grand total at \$1600.. The entire Pepsi setup was donated by Al Phipps Pepsi supplier.

Not bad for a middle of the week event following an Air Show and competing with the HOI Fair.

All of you that gave of your time and/or talents to make the Aluminum Overcast visit the success it was should feel good about your involvement. It will give our treasury a nice boost and perhaps enable us to make some improvements in our meeting place.

Election of Officers

Once again we come to that part of the year when we must prepare for the election of Chapter officers for the coming year. Our President will be appointing a nominating committee at this months meeting to suggest candidates. If called upon to be a candidate, please consider becoming a working member for the year 2004.

The Adventures of Jerry and Moi

I have to assume that no one else in this Chapter ever flies anywhere interesting. Because, if you did, and you wrote a few lines about your trip, and you E-mailed them to me, everyone would be reading about your trip instead of the FFF (flying for food) that Jerry and I do.

Anyway..... We connected with one good breakfast at Grandpa's Farm and aborted one other at Pontiac due to poor visibility.

Grandpa's Farm is located on the South side of Mendota. It has a rather rough grass strip but the crowd is always large and the food is very good. Ham, eggs, pancakes, and all the trimmings. Can't go wrong up there. Lots of airplanes to look at and people all over the place.

The Pontiac breakfast was sponsored by the Bloomington EAA Chapter and my previous experience over there is also very good. But the weather was a little marginal that morning. There was no effective ceiling but the visibility was given as five miles. You know how that is, it's five miles on the ground (if there weren't any trees) , and after you take off it's about three miles at 1500 feet, and then you turn East (up sun) and the visibility is about one mile over the nose and best straight down.

We flew about five miles toward Pontiac and decided we did not want to enter a pattern with other airplanes we would not be able to see. So we went back to 3MY and drove over to Cummings and Jerry did his end of the bargain and bought breakfast. I think I got the best end of the deal that morning.

We were both busy last Sunday, the 24th, and could not make the sweet corn, pork chop meal at Rochelle.

We made our usual Wednesday flight last week to AAA (Logan County) to meet with the Hooterville gang only to learn that the gentleman we all knew as "Doc" had passed away the week-end before. Doc had a lot of physical problems and it was difficult for him to get up and down the steps at Lincoln, but he always had a big smile and thoroughly enjoyed visiting and talking with other airplane nuts. I hope someone eats a doughnut for me when I can no longer make it to Hooterville.

Calendar of Events 2003

September

- 1 Breakfast, Kewanee
- 1-7 Stearman Flyin, Galesburg
- 6 Chapter 563 Breakfast**
- 6 Stearman Daun Patrol, Canton
- 6 Breakfast, Decatur, IL
- 7 Breakfast, Hartenbaurs
- 7 Breakfast, Dubuque, Ia
- 11 Chapter 563 Meeting**
- 13 Breakfast, Taylorville
- 14 Breakfast, Ogle County, IL
- 13-14 North Central Flyin, Whiteside Co.
- 19-21 Springfield Air Rendezvous
- 20 Breakfast. Burlington, Ia
- 20 Breakfast, Freeport, IL
- 21 Breakfast/Lunch, Apple River, IL
- 21 Breakfast, Hinckley, IL
- 21 Breakfast, Illinois Valley
- 21 Annual Flyin, Meadow Creek, Monee, IL
- 20-21 Challenger 20th Anniversary Factory Fly In, Erie, IL
- 27 Wiener Roast, Canton
- 27 Hanover, IND Wood, Fabric, and Tailwheels, eat "Cajun Avgas"
- 28 Breakfast, Zelmer Memorial (5KI), Palmyra, IL

October

- 5 Breakfast, Hartenbaurs
- 11 Chilli Day, Decatur, IL
- 18 Fall Fest, Taylorville, IL
- 25 Breakfast, Mt. Vernon, IL

November

What a great month for a Chili FlyIn. What do you think?

December

- 17 Wright Brothers 100th Anniversary

EAA Airventure

2004	July 27-Aug. 2	Oshkosh
2005	July 26-Aug. 1	Oshkosh
2006	July 25-31	Oshkosh
2007	July 24-30	Oshkosh
2008	July 29-Aug 4	Oshkosh



A Few Scenes From Oshkosh



Bill Engle flying the Wright Flyer simulator. Your editor crashed it about four times. Just couldn't climb above those buildings.



I can't believe anyone would risk this beautiful, expensive, airplane over the mountains when it wasn't performing right. Absolutely the prettiest airplane ever built.



These two brothers are a delight to watch and listen to explain how they built the Wright engine replicas. They also ran a miniature radial engine their father built.



There is absolutely no excuse for running out of gas. I don't care how big the airplane is.



This is a fantastic invention. It appears to defy gravity. They have applied this technology to a wheelchair that climbs stairs, balancing on it's back wheels



**Here Honey, hold the stick while
I get out and restart the engine.**

Young Eagles will be on our agenda this month. The new class of Jr. ROTC at Peoria High School has requested to be flown. They want to do it on the 100th anniversary of the Air Force which is on **Thursday, the 18th of Sept.** The instructor said he expects to have a bus load.

Pilots and ground crew, please let me know as soon as possible if you can do it that day. If not we will have to go to the weekend.

Secondly, I have another request from a group of Boy Scouts (10) to do another ground school for their merit badge and also fly them as YE's. That date has not been set. Pilots and ground school instructors, please let me know if you are interested in doing this. The last group we did went very well. It was the first time they had access to this type of instruction.

Web Site ?

One of the items that will be discussed on the agenda at the next meeting is the formation of a Chapter 563 Web Site. A small cost is involved and the creation and maintenance is an ongoing thing.

The "pro's" are a long list of good things you can do on a web site that you cannot do in a newsletter without the size getting so large that it can't be downloaded in a reasonable amount of time.

That means more pictures in a more dense format so they can be enlarged, copied, or forwarded. We will have our Chapter meeting dates, activities, and speaker list on one page. Young Eagles on another. Builders activities on another. Fly Market on another, and so on.

The "con's" are few. Of course only those members with internet access can go to the web page. Currently there are only 29 receiving the paper newsletter and some of those have internet access but don't want to download a large newsletter. Be ready to discuss this idea at the next meeting.



Saw this car in the Netherlands. It's called the Smart Car. Made by Daimler/Chrysler. Gets 60 MPG. Cute.

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