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## Breakfast

will be on the first Saturday of October, the 4th, 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 third Thursday, the 16th, at 7:00 in the EAA Hanger at Mount Hawley Airport. I'm taking it upon myself to change the meeting date because the AOPA Safety Meeting is on the 9th, at Byerly Aviation, and we all should attend that meeting as well. Come on time, at Mt. Hawley, so someone can let you in the drive through gate if you do not have a gate card. The first speaker will be Jeffery Meyer. He is the son of member Rob Meyer and the Chapter sponsored him at the Oshkosh Youth Academy this year with our Young Eagle credits. Jeffery had a fantastic experience, even flying in several different airplanes and wants to thank you and tell you about his experience.

### Secretaries Report

*Minutes by M. Caudill*

The meeting was opened by President Jerry Pilon.

Secretaries Report- The minutes of the August meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasures Report- The Treasurer is on vacation so there was no report but the return from EAA Headquarters for the B-17 sponsorship was mentioned as printed in the newsletter. The Chapter Picnic was also discussed and termed to have been successful.

Technical Advisor- Al Lurie reported on a Gyro Copter Event held at Shelbyville. He is planning on building one this winter. He is also restoring a '49 Buick.

The next order of business was to appoint a nominating committee. Al Lurie, Joe Fox, and Bill Engel will serve in this capacity and return a list of candidates at the October meeting.

The death of a long standing member, Pete Yaakoff was discussed. Good memories of Pete working on his airplane over the years were told by several members.

Jerry made a presentation on creating a

Chapter 563 Web Site. He has been in contact with a server company and the name, "EAA563.org" is available. There is a small annual charge to keep the name and a monthly (paid annually) charge for the server services. The total is expected to be approximately \$125.00 per year. There are several advantages. The cost will be less than we are spending for stamps and envelopes. The hassle of sizing the newsletter so it can be sent email will be avoided. The number of pages and pictures we can have on the web site are not limited and everyone will get the newsletter in **color**. The web site will be constructed by Jerry and maintained by the newsletter editor.

Two presentations were made. The first by Ken Grisham who is building a fiberglass plane. He showed a completed aileron that he and Jerry had worked on. The second was M. Caudill who explained the steps he took in building the Kitfox panel and the theory and methods he will use to complete the wiring and installation in the airplane. Jerry Pilon is now the sole owner of the Kitfox and solicited the members advice as he proceeds to finish the project. The Kitfox has moved back to the EAA hanger for this part of the construction.

## The Adventures of Jerry and Moi

Flying for food has never been better. The fall weather is perfect for temperature and visibility. This time the calendar of events gave us five different breakfast/lunches to go to.

We had Apple River, Sanger, Schamburg, Hinkley, and Illinois Valley in order of farthest to nearest.

Apple River is about 110 miles so we took that one. Apple River, Foster Field, is about as far North in Illinois as you can go without crossing the border into Wisconsin. It's located about 10 miles East of Galena, Illinois.

You know, I've read about the optical illusion you are supposed to get when landing on wide runways vs. narrow runways. Wide ones appear closer and narrow ones appear farther away. But I haven't experienced anything noticeable around here, not even between Greater Peoria (150 ft) and Mt. Hawley (60 ft).

When I looked up Apple River in the AOPA book, I didn't pay a lot of attention to the runway dimensions 18-36, 2996, X 30. But when we turned final on 18, that runway looked like a long version of my driveway. The illusion is definitely true, when the runway is about the same width as your wings, it really looks like it's farther away.

We had a great flight and the North Western area of Illinois is quite different than around here. The hills are rolling and as a result the fields are not symmetrical. There is more wooded area and of course the Mississippi River is always there on your left.

The airport is small and friendly. Breakfast was pancakes and sausage in the hanger. Young Eagles and a powered parachute were being flown. Parking on the grass from a one way runway (back taxi controlled by handheld). A nice mixture of airplanes all the way from a C-190 to ultralights. I bought car gas (first time in a long time) for \$1.85.

After departing, we flew over Galena and the surrounding countryside before navigating a few VOR's on the way back. It really is a beautiful area of the state.

## Calendar of Events 2003

### October

- 4 **EAA Hanger Breakfast**
- 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



**Young Eagles** will be on our agenda again this month. Joe Rex and Linda have a group of about 20 football players that want to fly on Saturday the 11th. Joe will fly the club plane from Lacon. We will conduct this one from the front of the FBO as usual.

I have a second group of 10 or 12 Boy Scouts that have requested a ground school to earn their merit badge, and a YE flight on the same day. The date for this one is Saturday, Oct. 18 in the afternoon. We will conduct this one from the EAA Hanger and fly them at the same time they are taking ground school.

**Two weeks ago** we flew the new class of Jr. ROTC from Peoria High School. They did it on the 100th anniversary of the Air Force which was on Thursday, the 18th of Sept.

They arrived in a bus and a van, all 70 of them. Their leader, Rick Dansizen, kept them busy while they were waiting for flights and with the help of the hard working ground crew, the morning went very well.

Marty Engel, her son Tim, and Dewy Fitch handled the paper work while pilots Gerry Peacock/Jerry Pilon, Al Lurie, Steve Bonfoey, Larry Roberts, and Bill Engel volunteered their time and gas to fly all seventy kids.



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**Wadaya Think About** discussing the idea of some sort of compensation for our YE pilots. Not everyone can afford to burn 10 gallons/hr. to fly YE's that may not be very high on their list of flying priorities. Out of the 70 kids I have flown I'd guess that 70% enjoyed the ride, 20% would have preferred to have been somewhere else, 5% did not appreciate our effort at all, 3% acted like it was it was owed to them, and 2% came back to aviation as new pilots or collage students.

It's those 2% we are after. That's why we do it. The look on their faces, the questions, the thrill they experience, reminds us veterans of what we felt the first time we flew. It's the only way you get to experience it over and over again.

There can only be one first time. You can't forget it, and neither will they.



**Find Any Cracks?**

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