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Lets start November with Breakfast

together on the 1st Saturday which happens to be the 1st of November. If you come to the EAA Hanger around 7:30 you can help set up the tables and if you show up around 8:00 you will smell pancakes and sausage cooking.

The meeting will take place on the 2nd Thursday, the 13th of November in the EAA Hanger at 7:00 PM. Please be prompt due to the problem with letting non card carrying members in the security gate.

The primary item on the agenda will be the election of officers for 2004. Better be there to protect yourself from being shanghaied.

Secretaries Report

Minutes by Steve Bonfoey

The meeting was opened by President Jerry Pilon and the minutes of the September meeting were approved as printed in the newsletter.

Treasurer's report: Total paid members, 59. Outstanding bills: None.

Jerry thanked Morrie Caudill for the extensive amount of personal assistance Morrie has contributed to Jerry and John's Kitfox.

Technical Advisor Al Lurie brought us up to speed on his Gyro Copter project.

Jerry Pilon is working on the design of the chapter's website. Currently he is changing web hosts to ensure we have good support. The cost of the host computer is estimated at \$12.95 per month plus \$14 per year.

Morrie reviewed plans for Young Eagle flight for the following Saturday.

This winter the chapter plans to revamp the hanger, consolidating the food preparation area and improving the layout of workbenches for those working on projects.

Dave Cook is working on the Christmas dinner and has plans to hold it at Wildlife Prairie Park on December 6th. Cost estimated at \$15.00 per person. This has always been an enjoyable occasion and if you haven't attended it before, I urge you to do so!

Jerry then opened discussion on nominations for chapter officers for the next year. We have volunteers for Vice President (Steve Bonfoey), Treasurer (Joe Ernst), Newsletter Editor (Morrie Caudill). Jerry is hoping someone will take over as president for the upcoming year and if you are interested please come to his rescue.

Last year the chapter sponsored Jeffrey Meyer, age 14, at the EAA Air Academy. Jeffrey was the featured speaker for the evening. He did a great job describing the activities of himself and 50 other students from all over the U.S. and Canada who attended the EAA academy July 8 – 13 of this year. Highlight of his training was his flight in an RV-6.

Volunteer

Why does everyone seem to avoid this word? It's defined as: *one who offers to enter into any service of his own free will.*

That's another way to say, "Someone has to do it, it might as well be me." Of course there is the other side that says, "Somebody has to do it but it sure as hell won't be me."

Note that the definition does not say there is no reward for the service you provide. In most cases the reward is in the doing. If you "get no satisfaction" out of doing for others then it probably "sure as hell won't be you."

NOMINATIONS FOR 2004 OFFICERS

Submitted by Bill Engel

This year's Nominating Committee, consisting of Joe Fox, Al Lurie and Bill Engel, offers the following slate for the coming year:

President - Jerry Pilon,
Vice President - Steve Bonfoey,
Secretary - Bill Engel,
Treasurer - Joe Ernst.

The election will take place at the November Chapter meeting. Nominations from the floor will also be welcomed at that time. If you are wondering why some of the same names appear on the list repeatedly, maybe it should be a hint for YOU to volunteer your services for a year... it would really be appreciated!

The Adventures of Jerry and Moi



Jerry and I haven't been to any where exotic in the last couple of weeks. The weather, Jerry's trip to Branson, my grandchildren visit, Young Eagles, and working on the Kitfox took their toll on the available time for flying.

We did attend the gathering of the Hooters at AAA (Logan County) last week and a good time was had by all.

We missed Dewey Fitch at that one. I believe he has flown the coup for the cold season. But what an interesting session was had answering questions posed by the local A&P concerning the FAR's. For instance, most of the situations involved an incident or accident and the question was, "Was it required to be reported to the FAA?"

This was related to be a true story that happened at AAA. During an air show a Cessna 337 was circling a group of parachutists, as they usually do at the beginning of a show, when the wing of the plane collided with a parachute.

The chute wrapped over the wing with the jumper trapped under the wing. The wing lost lift and the plane began a steep spiral. The jumper was thinking and he released himself from the first chute and opened his secondary to land safely. The chute wrapped around the wing slid off when it was released and the plane recovered and landed safely also.

Question: Was it mandatory to report this mid-air collision to the FAA?

According to the A&P the definition of mid air does not include a parachuting person and since no death or injury occurred it was not necessary to report.

If you are more familiar with the FAR's than I, and wish to dispute this finding, please Email your editor and site the rule.

Jerry and I did fly to one neat event that I almost forgot about. The Tail Dragger Flyin at Frasca Field. They really put on a cool air show down there. Many war birds, Rudy's Spit-



fire, an Avenger, a slew of T6's, a P-40, a Wild Cat, a Mustang, and too many old tail draggers to mention.



A very good barbeque lunch was served, for the price of a donation, and soon after Rudy Frasca took off in the Spitfire and made repeated low passes. Beautiful airplane, beautiful sound.



Calendar of Events 2003

November

- 1 Chapter 563 Breakfast
- 13 Chapter 563 Meeting
- What a great month for a Chili Fly-In. 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 were in the spotlight in September and October. Last months newsletter reported the flights of the 70 Jr. ROTC members from Central High School and this month we add another 51.

On Saturday the 18th, after lunch, we held a ground school in the hanger for 11 Boy Scouts and their leaders. Seven of them were flown as YE's. Dewey Fitch and I applied to the Scout Council to become advisors in the field of aviation so we can sign the merit badge cards in the future. I believe we are the only source of this merit badge in this area.

In the evening, same day, Joe and Linda Rex brought 40 students to the FBO and another 11 Home Schoolers from Chillicothe came by my invitation and we flew 51 more. Grand total is 128 in the last two months and there were a couple other groups earlier in the year.

Many thanks to the ground crews and pilots who participate. *See "Volunteer" on page one.* My job as coordinator is made much easier when you folks enjoy what you do enough to spend your time (and money) giving these kids a new experience. Feed back from the ROTC leaders says that we have no idea what an impact this event had on the students. For some, it has been the highlight of their lives. It became more evident as they discussed the flights in the class room. I've been asked to come to the school in the spring and give a sort of ground school to the ROTC classes. I'll be asking for a , pardon the expression, *volunteer*, to assist me in that.

Speaking of Volunteers

The election of Chapter Officers has become a bi-annual event. Oh I know we have elections every year as required by the by laws, but most officers serve for two years at a time. The first year the office is new and takes a little effort on their part and the second year is pretty much coasting to the end.

I'm speaking primarily of the President and Vice President positions and the last couple of times the President has had to resign , leaving the Chapter in a bad position, forcing someone to take the position. Others like Secretary, Treasurer, and Editor have been carried for more than two years because once you get organized in the office it doesn't make sense to do it all over again every two years.

I'm of the opinion that this Chapter will not exist very long without a President. It doesn't require a lot of work and anyone taking the position needs no prerequisites in organization or public speaking. After all, we are a small active group, the same faces every month, and we share the same interests or we wouldn't come back, would we.

Some of you may not realize it but some of the members have held the Chapter offices several times, simply because those of you that haven't held an office, refuse to *volunteer*. Aside from the time spent at the meeting, it doesn't take but an hour or two per month to do the job.

Everyone in this Chapter has something unique to offer to the group. We proved that last year by having a member responsible for the meeting speaker each month. More often than not, the member responsible became the speaker himself and a new experience was shared with the rest.

Don't hold back, be a *volunteer*, The rewards are there for the taking.

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