



# Illinois Valley Beacon

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**Breaking News:** North Point Aviation has been purchased by Midwest Avtech. They are currently in business at Illinois Valley Regional Airport in Peru, Ill. Chuck Studer and Tim Koster are the owners and are very busy getting up to speed at Mt. Hawley. Denny Driscoll and Mike Fish have moved on to better things, namely retirement. Mike Tillman, A&P/I, and Mike Hunter, A&P, are on duty to care for your airplane. Jerry Pilon and I talked briefly with Chuck and offered the Chapter volunteers to aid in any way we can to promote the airport. Our work with Boy Scouts and Young Eagles will continue and possibly a Fly In/ Drive In Breakfast is possible in the future.

Several changes have been or will be made this week. The old coffee machine that has served us well for many years will be replaced with a coffee maker, and the price of 100 LL has been reduced to \$2.66 including tax. How about that sports fans. At that price, you can't afford to fly 50 miles to buy it for less. I think we can all look forward to working with the new owners and the future of 3MY.

**Breakfast** will be on the first Saturday of March, 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. The speaker for the evening will be one of the new owners/operators of North Point Aviation. Come on time so someone can let you in the drive through gate if you do not have a gate card.

## Secretaries Report

### MEETING MINUTES - 12 FEB 04

The meeting was called to order at 7pm in the Chapter hangar by President Gerry Pilon.

Minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon.

Treasurer Joe Ernst presented the December and January financial reports, which were approved as read.

We had one guest and prospective new member, Andy Plouse, who discovered us on our new chapter website.

Regarding projects, Gerry reports good

progress on the Kitfox - one of the doors is mounted and the fuel system is installed. Also, Al Lurie reports his rotary wing project will incorporate a gear reduction rather than a belt drive.

President Pilon proposed that we should invest in some fire extinguishers for the hangar. Several suggestions were made that will be looked into. Gerry will contact member Sam Sisk, who has professional knowledge in this area.

Young Eagles coordinator Morrie Caudill recognized chapter members who each provided introductory educational flights to at least ten kids in 2003. They are: Barry Logan, Al Lurie, Bill Engel, Gerry Peacock, Joe Rex, Steve Bonfoey, Ric Woldow and Larry Roberts. EAA headquarters awarded to each of them some points which may be used to subsidize a young person's attendance at the EAA Air Academy this summer. It was decided that we will publicize the availability of this subsidy to local kids.

Speaking for the Bylaw Committee, Bill Engel outlined progress to date and speculated that we could be ready to vote on revised Articles of Incorporation at the March meeting.

President Pilon expressed disappointment over the receipts, or rather lack thereof, at the recent hangar breakfast. We wound up with a significant deficit. Those who forgot to pay are

urged to pony up.

Regarding programs, chairman Joe Fox reports that the April meeting will feature Metal Forming with the “English Wheel”, and our president is working on the program for March. Respectfully submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary  
**DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE!**

[Yes they are. Dues are our life blood, the heart of our very existence. Without them we will perish from the earth. So please pay your dues. \(We value your membership too\)](#)

At the beginning of every year we must register all our members, and renew our charter with national. We are also required to have every Chapter member also be a national member. **Please send your EAA No. , address, phone no., Email address, and aircraft or project information to Joe along with you dues so we can update our records.**

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## [Coming Events 2004](#)

- March 6 Chapter Breakfast
- 11 Chapter Meeting -
- 17 Safety Seminar– Mt. Hawley  
“Maneuvering Flight” hazardous to  
your health?
- April 13-19 Sun’n Fun, Lakeland, Fl
- 24-25 Charley Wells Fly-In/Drive-In Pan-  
cake Breakfast, Capital Airport,  
Springfield (SPI), IL, 7:00 am—  
noon

## [What’s New On The Website?](#)

Check it out. The March newsletter is posted and several other pages have been added.

One is our advertising page on which you will find an ad placed by Mac and Jean McLaughlin. They are downsizing their training program by selling some of the equipment. The Travelaire is the primary item this month.

Also I have added a page to Ken Grisham’s project site. There are pictures of his workshop and the all fiberglass Europa he is building. I hope we can include his shop in our project tour this year.

Here is a sample of what is on the web for you non websters.



## Local Fuel Prices

(copied from the Chapter 129 *FLYPAPER* )

Lincoln, IL	AAA	\$2.25
Springfield, IL	SPI	\$2.69
Pontiac, IL	PNT	\$2.75
Eagle Creek, IN	EYE	\$2.84
Bloomington, IL	BMI	\$2.90
Peoria, IL	3MY	\$2.66

## What Do You Think About—

Bloomington Chapter 129 printed a complete list of their members (149) in the last newsletter. They did not list EAA numbers or email addresses. We have never done that in order to protect your privacy.

1. Would you like to have a list like that so you know all your fellow members?
2. Would you want it mailed to members only?
3. Would you like to access it on the web site in a secure, members only section?

Give this some thought and we'll discuss it at the next meeting.

## For Sale



1949 140A, C90 engine, 10 SMOH, completely restored, beautiful aircraft, many new parts, fresh annual and new ELT installed upon sale. \$26,500  
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