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**Breakfast** this month will be on Saturday the 4th from 8:00 till 9:00 AM. We can always use a little help at 7:00 setting up tables and getting ready. Don't be shy. We have an important item to vote on and we need a quorum to pass it.

**The Meeting** this month will be on the second Thursday, September the 9th, at 7:00 in the EAA Hangar 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.

## Secretaries Report

### MEETING MINUTES - 12 Aug 04

The meeting was called to order in the chapter hangar by President Jerry Pilon. Minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed, and there were no corrections to the financial report.

The Bylaw committee reported that our proposal has been approved by EAA HQ. After some discussion it was decided that we will hold a special chapter meeting after the breakfast on Saturday, September 4, for the purpose of voting on the proposed new bylaws. Turnouts for the monthly breakfasts have been quite good, and a quorum is easier to come by. The Committee also reports good progress in putting together the information required by the IRS for our tax-exempt status.

Young Eagles coordinator Morrie Caudill reports we will be flying a group of young people this coming Saturday. Also on Saturday the Hangar Makeover crew will be putting together cabinets and installing a stud wall to be the backup for our kitchen area.

Regarding projects, Al Lurie reported helping with a sheetmetal demo at Oshkosh. This brought the comment that we should look into

more hands-on programs like that here. On the Pilon Kitfox - the cowling is being reworked to fit, strobe lights have been purchased, and a preliminary weight-and-balance is scheduled.

There was no old business, but under New, there was extensive discussion on the new Sport Pilot and Light Sport Aircraft provisions. Consensus said there should be some improvements to the medical requirements.

The President appointed members of the committee to nominate officers for 2005. They are Al Phipps, Morrie Caudill and Dave Cook. Anyone willing to serve as an officer next year is urged to let one of them know. They will present their recommendations in the October "Beacon".

The possibility of a picnic was discussed, but since it was agreed that everybody enjoyed the last "chili dump" we had, Sam Sisk will coordinate another one for the early fall.

Our program presenter for the evening was Morrie, who discussed the failure of the generator coupling in his C150. When the red light came on during a recent flight, he headed back for 3MY, and after some detective work, found the problem. It turned out to be an expensive problem, because debris was circulated through the engine. He advises that, if you have a direct-drive generator or alternator, this area be inspected regularly. This led to a discussion on engine oil sampling, and the value of doing it properly.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## Young Eagles

Chapter 563 had a very nice Young Eagle Event on August 14th. We flew from the front yard of Avtec Aviation with six pilots participating. Many thanks to Bill Engle, Chuck Dailey, Bill Houndshell, Gerry Peacock, Larry Roberts, and Sam Sisk. We flew 30 kids in about two hours. Most of them had signed up for the ride at the open house held by the FBO several months ago. The total for the Chapter is now over 1300 YE's.

## **UPDATE on NEW BYLAWS**

The new Chapter bylaws have been approved by Oshkosh and a printed copy has been mailed to every member in good standing.

As you read in the mailing, the bylaws must be approved by a quorum of Chapter members before we can file for our new tax status.

**Please come to the breakfast Saturday morning so we can get past this point and apply to the IRS. We need to complete this work before the end of the year.**



## **Mt. Hawley Tenants:**

I believe the reconditioning of the taxi way at 3MY is complete. I see they were repainting the yellow center line markings today. (Monday) They also replaced the pavement around the gas pump making it the same level all the way around, replacing the broken area on the West side.

## **IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!**

We need to start thinking seriously about officers for next year. Whether you enjoy flying, or building, or the learning experiences at our meetings, or just "plane talk", why not consider volunteering your help to the chapter for a year? Some of our current officers have served the chapter for longer than we should expect of them.

Assuming that the proposed new bylaws are approved, we will be electing three more board members in addition to the usual four officers.

These new positions will not be trivial, because each board member will have some duties, and therefore the load on each person is reduced.

Clubs like ours depend entirely on the willingness of their members to take a turn at the plate. Is this the year for you to step up? The members of the Nominating Committee are Morrie Caudill, Dave Cook and Al Phipps - please give one of them a call.... SOON!

## **Hangar Improvement**

I'm proud to say the kitchen area, and the computer/flight simulator, library area, is complete. Thanks to the planning and work of Jeffery Meyer and his dad Rob, and the help of several of the Chapter members, a lot has been accomplished this month.

I'm certain you will agree when you see the results in person.

Pictures will be posted on the web site.



## Speaking of the web site

The web site has been updated several times this month. The Young Eagles page has pictures of the August 14th event and the hangar improvement page has pictures of the progress in the kitchen and computer/flight simulator area. New book shelves are in place, waiting for a volunteer librarian to stock the shelves.

## Wallpaper of The Month



## Donations

Your hangar rehab committee has overspent the amount of donations to the hangar improvement fund at this point in the plan. The only part remaining is to provide storage for the tenants. Those of you that have not donated, for whatever reason, need to step up and be counted. If you are waiting for the tax status change, it's moving along very well. We can't guarantee it will be complete by 1-1-05 but it is still possible. Our treasurer will have a complete tally at the next meeting.

## Coming Events 2004

### September

- 5 Hartenbowers Breakfast (2V3)
- 6 Kewanee Labor Day Bkfst. (EZI)
- 6 Olney Area Fall Fly-In (OLY)
- 6-12 Galesburg Stearman Fly-In (GBG)
- 11 Pancake Bkfst at Decatur (DEC)
- 11-12 Springfield Rendezvous (SPI)
- 18-19 North Central Fly-In )SQL
- 19 Ill. Valley Fly-In Brkfst. (VYS)
- 19 Pontiac Fly-In Brkfst. (PNT)
- 19 Taylorville Breakfast (TAZ)

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