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Breakfast this month will be on Saturday the 2nd from 8:00 till 9:00 AM. We can always use a little help at 7:00 setting up tables and getting ready for the crowd.

The Meeting this month will be on the second Thursday, October the 14th, 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 - 9 SEP 04

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the Chapter hangar by President Gerald Pilon. Minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the Beacon, and the August financial report presented by Treasurer Joe Ernst was approved as read.

The president called on Dave Cook, of the nominating committee, who reported that they have candidates for several of the slots. This year, under the new bylaws, they will also will be nominating for three Board positions. Anyone willing to serve should contact Dave, or Al Phipps or Maurie Caudill.

Dave also noted that plans should be made now if we want a holiday brunch or dinner. President Pilon asked Sam Sisk to chair the event, and Sam accepted. Sam also reminded us of the upcoming Chili party on September 26, 4 -7 pm.

Under Old Business, the president pointed out the fine work done on the hangar makeover, and called to the front Jeffrey Meyer, who with his dad and their crew of Scouts were largely responsible. Jeffrey was presented with a letter of thanks.

Members are reminded that Young Eagles pilots should be national EAA members, and of

course, the same is required of all chapter members.

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

From: the [Air & Space](#) [Smithsonian Magazine](#)

At the 2004 National Aviation Heritage Invitational Eastern Regional, held during the Dayton Air Show in Ohio last July, Bill and Jeanette Green, Groveland, Illinois, won the National Aviation Hall of Fame Peoples Choice Award. This award is voted by the spectators at the show for Bill's 1949 North American T-6G Texan. Way to go Bill.

Need a Reason to Fly?

Jenny, at Mid West Avtec, has a sign up sheet on the counter at Mt. Hawley Airport, to see if you need a good reason to go flying.

She is trying to organize a "flying activity" once a month. Lets all fly to breakfast on the third Saturday or Sunday each month. You get to vote on where we go and all suggestions are welcome.

If you are interested, please sign up, give your E-Mail address, or call Jenny @ 693-2372 or E-Mail her @ mwa@geckoct.com.

All is well in Mudville again

N2575J is alive and well once more. I put the first hour on the engine today since it was reconditioned. That's a nice word for completely disassembling the engine, magnefluxing all components, and re-assembling as if it had a prop strike or something more serious. Metal was found in the crank bearings, as expected, and the rest was O.K. Peace of mind is expensive.

The NEW BYLAWS

The rewritten bylaws have been voted on and accepted by the Chapter members and the National EAA Headquarters. The next step is underway, that is to apply to the IRS for our tax status. Steve Bonfoey and Bill Engel have devoted a lot of hours to this project. Don't forget to bring up the subject and thank them for their hard work.

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.

Your nominating committee is available and open to suggestions or volunteers for Chapter officers and executive board members for the coming year.

The positions on the executive board 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!

Chili Dump

The Chili Dump get together Sunday was a success. If you missed it, you will get another chance as this kind of social event for all aviation enthusiasts will be held more often now that Midwest Avtec is the FBO at Mt. Hawley Airport.

About 50 fire breathing chili eaters attended and a hot time was had by all. Don't miss the next one. The admission is only a can of your favorite chili and a story to share with the rest of the liars.

Hangar Improvement

The new kitchen area worked out just fine on the first Saturday breakfast. We were able to cook everything on electric griddles instead of turning on the old gas grill.

There has been concern about the gas grill having an open flame in the hangar and now it is no longer a threat.



Don't forget the flight simulators in the hangar. One is legal for IFR training and the one on the computer is good for navigation practice to keep you sharp up there.

Those of you who do not fly are welcome to use the equipment also. Any one who wants access to the hangar for this purpose can get the combination from any of the officers.

Next Years Dues

Yes- - - - Dues will be due once again in a couple of months.

And this year, when you pay your dues, you will be required to fill out an application in order for us to get all the pertinent information that we need to keep this Chapter humming.

It is required to be a national member in order to be a voting Chapter member. If you want to just be a visiting, guest, walk in off the street, type of member. That's up to you. I don't think anyone will be turned away.

I encourage you to go all the way. Jump in with both feet. Get involved with your Chapter and make it better for everyone. I does pay dividends.

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

October

- 2-3 AIRstravaganza Greenville (GRE)
- 3 Hartenbowers
- 16 EAA Chili Dinner, Decatur (DEC)
- 16 Breakfast Salem, IL (SLO)
- 17 Breakfast Taylorville (TAZ)

November

- 20 Breakfast Salem, IL (SLO)

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