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Happy Holidays from Chapter 563



The Internal Revenue Service of the United States is pleased to inform us that as of October 16, 2004 we are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions to us are deductible under section 170 of the code. We are also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code. Organizations exempt under section 501 (c) (3) of the Code are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. The IRS determined that we are a public charity under the Code section(s) listing in the heading of their letter. There's a lot more detail attached to their letter but that's the gist of it.

Congratulations guys!!!

Steve

Breakfast: Saturday is New Years Day so **the first Chapter breakfast will be on the third Saturday, January 15th.** Remember we voted to begin having breakfast twice a month in order to raise a little more revenue for the Chapter. We will be serving pancakes and sausage from 8:00 till 9:00. Come early and stay late.

Regular Meeting: **The regular members meeting will be on the second Thursday, January 13th.** The speaker for the evening will be Al Lurie who will demonstrate his new GPS. Refreshments will be provided by Jerry Pilon.

Executive Board Meeting: **There will be a meeting of the executive board on the third Thursday, January 20th.**

Secretaries Report

There was no regular meeting in December due to having our annual Christmas Luncheon. My observation from the back of the room was that good food and an enjoyable time was had by all. Our thanks go to Linda and Rose who entertained us with some of their experiences while learning to fly and their air racing days.

Board Minutes - 09 Dec 04

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the hangar. Present were President Steve Bonfoey, Vice President Jerry Pilon, Secretary Bill Engel, Treasurer Joe Ernst, Directors Bill Hounshell and Morrie Caudill, and two chapter members, Ken Gresham and John Minor.

Minutes of the November Board meeting were approved as printed, and November finances were approved as presented by Joe.

Steve mentioned that he has not heard back from the IRS on our application for tax exemption. Also that the January members' meeting will be on Thursday the 13th, and in accord with the decision to try two breakfasts per month, the first breakfast of the new year will be Saturday, January 15.

Thereafter, breakfasts are scheduled for the first and third Saturdays at 8 a.m. Y'ALL COME!
And bring a friend!

A major topic of discussion was insurance. EAA HQ requires that we get certain liability insurance through them. However, they will not send us a policy, so we only have sketchy knowledge of what we are paying for.

Considerable resentment was expressed about this, and it was suggested that we look into the legality of such a requirement. A motion to pay for basic coverage at \$400 and registration at \$40 was approved. Additional coverage from HQ was deemed overly expensive. We will solicit quotes from local agents on additional coverage.

The need for a calendar, quickly updatable, readily accessible by members (and especially by directors), was discussed. Differing software and hardware of members is a difficulty. For now, we will each pass our input to President Steve, who will compile it and disseminate it by e-mail. Eventually, we hope to have something suitable on the web site.

Director Caudill's request for Board agreement to hang some aviation pictures on the new kitchen wall was enthusiastically approved. Other hangar improvements, such as tool cabinets and floor coating were discussed, but will be postponed until finances permit.

One of our members had an invitation from a Cessna rep to tour the plant in Independence KS. She said that groups are welcome, and that sometime in May might be a good time. Although such a trip will not be chapter sponsored, we will investigate further and let folks know what we find.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

Fly Out

The next fly out will be planned in January. No date has been set but stop at the FBO desk and sign up to fly or ride. Jenny will be contacting everyone when a date and destination is chosen.

2005 Dues

When you pay your dues, please fill out a membership form so we can have complete information on each member. Your editor has to make up a new email list and a new paper mail list so we can keep you all informed.

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, a 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. It does pay dividends.

Please fill out a membership application and turn it in to Joe Ernst, out Treasurer.

Need a Reason to Fly?

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

She is organizing the second "flying activity" which will be held once a month. You get to vote on where we go and all suggestions are welcome. See the first "Fly Out" report on page 4 of this publication.

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

Gate Passes

Gate passes are available to Chapter 563 members now. You must be a Chapter and/or family member to retain the pass. A reservation fee of \$5.00 is required when you sign up for the pass at the FBO. Stop at the FBO desk and Jenny will sign you up.

Where Do You Live

You live in California when:

1. You make over \$250,000 and you still can't afford to buy a house.
2. You know how to eat an artichoke.

You live in the Deep South when:

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "Ya'll" is singular and "all ya'll" is plural.
3. Everyone has two first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, etc.

You live in the Midwest when:

1. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.
2. You have to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.

You live in Florida when:

1. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.
2. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
3. Cars in front of you are often driven by headless people.

You live in Arizona when:

1. You are willing to park three blocks away because you found shade.
2. You can open and drive your car without touching the car door or the steering wheel.
3. You've experienced condensation on your butt from the hot water in the toilet bowl.

Country Wisdom

Don't name a pig you are going to eat.

Did you hear the one about the guy that was drinking at a bar and when he got up to go home he fell flat on his face.

He crawled out of the place and went from lamp post to lamp post all the way home. He fell down on the front porch and had to crawl up the stairs and finally fell into bed.

His wife woke him up in the morning and accused him of coming home drunk. He of course denied it but she had the final say.

"The tavern called and said you left your wheel chair down there."



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