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Breakfast: The first Chapter breakfast was held on the third Saturday, January 15th. I bet you forgot. Only about a dozen of us were there to eat those delicious pancakes and sausage prepared by Chef Phipps. Remember we voted to begin having breakfast twice a month in order to raise a little more revenue for the Chapter. The breakfasts for February will be held on **February 5th and February 19th.** **Mark your calendars.** 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, February 10th. The speaker for the evening will be Niel Pobanz, from the Marshall County Airport, who will touch on several different topics. He mentioned problems with Lycoming engines, the repair shack at Oshkosh, and alternator problems. Refreshments will be provided by Morrie Caudill.

Executive Board Meeting:

There will be a meeting of the executive board on the third Thursday, February 17th.

The Presidents Column

What's going on in our chapter?

Linda Schumm, the regional manager for Cessna Aircraft, has invited EAA 563 members and other Mt. Hawley people to tour the Cessna plant in Independence, Missouri. Bill Hounshell is assisting Linda by taking names. If you are a pilot who wants to fly down for the tour, a driver who prefers to drive, or if you'd like to be a passenger in either conveyance, sign up at the bulletin board. The tour is scheduled for May 24th.

The Mt. Hawley FBO is sponsoring monthly fly-outs to local points of interest and hamburger joints. EAA members may be able to pick up a ride and a meal. If you don't have an airplane but would like to be a passenger on an FBO fly-out, tell me about it and I'll pass your name on to Jenny. No guarantees but we'll try to get you a ride. (Offering to pay for gas always helps!)

Jerry Pilon's Kitfox shows signs of completion early this year. His will be the first experimental to be completed and fly from our hanger and we hope the first of many.

Adama Allmond will utilize the hanger to teach a private pilot ground school. If you'd like to attend a future ground school or take flying lessons, contact him at (309) 258-1459. Adama is an EAA and Chapter 563 member but this is neither an EAA nor a Chapter 563 sponsored event. If you meet one of his students please make them welcome; they represent prime candidates for membership.

We have gone to twice monthly breakfasts because we need the money. Breakfast is now on the first and third Saturday of the month. See you February 5th!

The March membership meeting will be held

at Ken Gresham's workshop. Ken is building a Europa. The February membership meeting will be held as scheduled, February 10th in the hangar.

Your Secretary Reports The Meeting Minutes for 13 Jan 05

The meeting was called to order on a frigid evening in the chapter hangar by President Steve Bonfoey. Minutes of our last meeting in November were approved as printed in the Beacon. The secretary called attention to several fresh items posted on our new glass-shielded bulletin board kindly built by Morrie Caudill.

The financial report for December was unavailable, but Treasurer Joe Ernst said it will be presented at the Board meeting next week. In response to a query from the floor, he stated that the Holiday Luncheon finished in the black.

Steve mentioned that the January Board meeting will be next Thursday, January 20, at 7 pm in the hangar, and that any member is welcome to attend. We plan to post the Board agendas so chapter members can decide if they have an interest in attending a particular meeting. Steve voiced our intent to utilize Board meetings as much as possible for business, in order to free up more chapter meeting time for interesting programs and socializing.

V.P. Jerry Pilon stated that he has programs lined up for February and March. Also, he asked that anyone interested in helping with program planning please call him.

Bill Hounshell expounded on plans he is making for a group visit to one of the Cessna plants in Missouri. He showed a poster that will go up in the FBO which will solicit participation.

Steve noted that, with our new tax-exempt status, there are several new procedures to follow. We will post some of this information on the chapter web site.

Steve also ran through the proposed agenda for next week's board meeting.

Our program presenter for the evening was Al Lurie, who demonstrated GPS capabilities. He showed the differences between his 6-year old

Lowrance and his new one. The capabilities are mind-boggling, so, for effective use, lots of practice is recommended. Practice is made more feasible with the use of a simulation mode. After his talk Al invited the audience to step up and experiment.

Refreshments for the evening were courtesy of Jerry Pilon.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

And Your Board of Directors Minutes for 09 Dec 04

BOARD MINUTES - 20 Jan 05

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the hangar. Present were President Steve Bonfoey, Vice President Jerry Pilon, Secretary Bill Engel, Directors Dave Cook, Bill Hounshell and Morrie Caudill, and guest Adama Allmond.

Minutes of the December Board meeting were approved as printed, but December finances were not covered due to absence of Treasurer Joe Ernst.

It was agreed to move one item of New Business up front to oblige our guest. Adama would like to use the hangar several evenings a week for a class. This was well received because it fits in with "Flying Start" type of educational activities that are an important part of our charter. Some expense will be incurred for utilities, but we did not have figures at hand. President Steve will appoint a committee to determine a reasonable fee to charge for this use. The request by Sam Sisk for a few days of use will be treated similarly. The application by Jim Sturges for tenancy was deferred as some directors wanted more info on his needs.

Returning to the agenda, under Old Business, Morrie Caudill and Jerry Pilon will work together to get a suitable chapter calendar on our web site. For now, everyone is to submit calendar events to Steve Bonfoey, who will coordinate and send to Morrie.

Next item was the building of our membership database; better information exchange between those directors involved must be implemented to get a satisfactory result. Morrie will light a fire where needed.

Regarding additional liability insurance, at least for directors, it was felt that the best course would be leaving it to individual discretion. Several people already have an "umbrella" policy over their homeowner policy which affords additional protection (including for Officers & Directors of Non-Profits) at modest cost.

Morrie will add to our web site some information the IRS requires tax-exempts to make public. Also, Morrie and Jerry will cooperate on setting up a Members-Only section on the web site.

Under New Business, Membership Committee member Don Wolcott presented some plans for building chapter membership. He recommends name badges for members and tags for guests (something we have used well in the past). He plans to send out invitations to prospective members, and will work with Morrie in following up on Young Eagles the chapter has flown.

Program Chair Pilon was given a long list of prospective speaker contacts. He reports that March is lined up, and he is working on February. Secretary Bill noted that, for any of our committees, the EAA web site is loaded with helpful ideas. Bill will compile a list to distribute at next Board meeting.

Properties & Safety Chair Engel asks for volunteers to review boxes of old chapter records and memorabilia so we can keep what is important -- call Bill at 691-6466. Hangar improvements will continue, with high priority going to new storage cabinets, work benches, etc. Lower priority will go to floor finish. The gas grill and 16mm projector are candidates for disposal - any ideas? Public Relations Chair Dave Cook will prepare a flier on what our chapter is about, and distribute it to Chamber of Commerce, Convention & Visitors Bureau, etc., and to businesses that might be persuaded to consider tax-deductible donations.

Regarding Special Events, Chair Bill Hounshell updated us on the Cessna plant visit. Other ideas discussed were: picnic, poker flyout, pumpkin bombing (not allowed by EAA), Spirit visit, etc.

On Youth Outreach, Chair Caudill reports he will troll for prospects by putting fliers on bulletin boards of other organizations, such as R/C Modelers.

DUES ARE DUE! Please fill out the form and

send your check to the treasurer!

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

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.

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.

Things To Consider

This is for all members to consider. The Chapter has some surplus equipment that needs a good home. One is a practically new 16 mm. film projector. There isn't much demand for them any more but this one would be great for some group that has a lot of old films to show. Also since our new kitchen is 100% electric, the gas grill that has served us so well for the last few years, is not being used any more. We need your suggestions.

From your membership chairman

To continue to have a viable local EAA chapter it is necessary that we continue to grow in number of active members. If you are a member and haven't come to a breakfast or meeting recently we would like to see you. Some changes have been made to our regular Thursday evening meetings. By conducting most necessary dull and boring chapter business at regular scheduled directors meetings we have provided more time for speakers and interesting activities on our Thursday evening meetings.

How about inviting someone to breakfast? This might be a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker or even someone from other activities you are involved in. You never know where there might be someone that has a latent interest in aviation but has never had the opportunity to get involved. This is what the EAA and our local chapter is all about, promoting General Aviation. Give someone a call and offer to buy them a breakfast. Hope to see you there with a friend.

EAA's Aviation Services

EAA members are one call, email or letter away from a wide range of technical aviation services available from the Aviation Services Department at EAA. First and foremost, the Aviation Services Team is responsible for answering member technical inquiries relating to pilot and aircraft issues. This one-on-one consulting covers everything from "How do I register my homebuilt?" to "What's involved in the A&P exam" to "How do I convert my ultralight for the new sport pilot rule?" and more.

Experienced pilots, aircraft owners, homebuilders, ultralighters and sport pilot specialists staff the department. Their personal and professional experience enable them to field just about any technical aviation question that comes their way. And if they can't answer your question right away, they'll do the research needed to help guide you to the right resource or solution. EAA's in-house library is an additional resource the Aviation Services team counts on for information and the library is also available to members visiting the Oshkosh headquarters offices.

The Aviation Services Department supplies a great deal of the technical information found on the Members Only portion of EAA's website at www.eaa.org. The Homebuilders Headquarters section on the site provides a wealth of information on building, maintaining and flying an experimental amateur built aircraft. A significant amount of the content on EAA's Sport Pilot website page is also developed by the Aviation Services team.

Two of the most popular "hands on" offerings from the Aviation Services Department are the Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor programs. There's a network of over 1,000 EAA members across the US who are registered EAA Technical Counselors that will come to your homebuilding location to provide in-progress inspection of your project. The Flight Advisor program has several hundred EAA members who will provide advice and assistance on taking that first flight in your new homebuilt aircraft.

FAA Medical assistance is one of the individual offerings also available from the department. If a member needs assistance receiving a special issuance from the FAA, Aviation Services personnel will track the application all the through the process until approval to ensure that nothing derails your application. In addition, we have a network of doctors that are AMEs and EAA members who volunteer their services to help other members retain or regain their medical.

For more information on your EAA Technical Services offerings please call 1-800 – EAA-INFO. They're ready for your questions!



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