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**Breakfast:** The breakfasts for March will be held on **March 5th and March 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, March 10th.** The meeting is a project visit, the first in many years, to Ken Greshams home and workshop near Delavan, IL. See page 4 for travel information. It's about a 40 minute drive so plan on being there by 7:30. Ken is building a Europa, which is a all fiberglass airplane. The plane is well along and his shop is really nice. You all need to see this one.

## Executive Board Meeting:

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

## **The Presidents Column**

by Steve Bonfoey

I know many people who are in poor health or who have lost loved ones, some of them relatively young. Recently our family lost a member to cancer and others are in poor

health. I regularly review the list of things I'd like to experience while I'm able.

EAA Chapter 563 is what the academics call an "affinity group", meaning we have a natural liking for flying or building aircraft or repairing aircraft and an inclination toward those with similar interests. We network with each other and sometimes get together to work on a project or go somewhere. My wife, not an academic, calls my friends "co-conspirators" or 'perps'.

What would you think about stimulating networking by posting your interests on the bulletin board? I'm thinking of a list titled "You know, I wouldn't mind". On this list I'd post a message stating that I'd like to trace the trail of Lewis and Clark from the air. I might also state that I toy with the idea of building a Glastar Sportsman. Rules for the use of the list would be necessary such as:

1. Readers should understand that a posting is not a commitment; members may later claim it is not their handwriting.
2. Readers should understand the posting may have been made without the approval of the member's wife or husband.
3. There is a danger that discussing the posting and encouraging our members may lead to a request for an investment.
4. Members should refrain from posting desires for lewd or lascivious activities.

**5. If Murphy's law produces unintended results, Chapter 563 and the EAA will say: "Never heard of them!"**

Let me know if you would support a "You know, I wouldn't mind ...." list.

## **Your Secretary Reports The Meeting Minutes for 10 Feb 05**

### **MEETING MINUTES - 10 Feb 05**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm in the hangar by President Steve Bonfoey. We welcomed one guest, Chris Tate. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon, and the financial reports for December and January were approved as passed around by Treasurer Joe Ernst.

President Steve remarked on several items: let him know if you want a gate card so we can get your name on the approved list. The March meeting will not be at the hangar, but at Ken Gresham's shop, where we will see the progress on his FRP homebuilt (look for details in the next Beacon). Reminder - we now serve delicious hot breakfasts on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Be there at 8 am - and bring a friend or two.

Al Lurie reported that Byerly Aviation has apparently been sold - not many details known yet.

Steve introduced our speaker for the evening, a man well-known to most of us, Neil Pobanz, FBO at Marshall County Airport. Neil touched on a broad range of subjects covering aircraft building, maintenance and repair. He is, or has been, a CFI, A&P, IA, DAR, Mech Examiner among other things. He has worked on Cessna service difficulties, and currently is working on Beech Bonanza, Baron and Mentor wing spar problems. He states that his FAA Committee on Aging Aircraft has a philosophy of "keep em flyin", rather than caving in to suggestions that old planes be grounded by rule. For instance, they are trying to make it easier for older planes to use newer improved parts rather than those originally specified.

Every year Neil spends his Oshkosh Fly-in

time at the Repair Barn, where any experimental can pull in for help. Started years ago by Chapter 75 at Rockford, manned by some great volunteers, and with tools provided by SnapOn, they have earned the gratitude of countless pilots.

Among the tips Neil gave for homebuilders - TIG welds can look beautiful and still be flawed, so see him for a good reference. Also, keep meticulous logs, take lots of pictures of your progress, and be extra thorough if your project is composite, noting times, temps, and humidity.

The evening concluded with coffee, conversation, and cookies from the talented baker Morrie Caudill.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## **And The Board of Directors Minutes for 18 Feb. 04**

### **BOARD MINUTES - 17 Feb 05**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Present were President Steve Bonfoey, Secretary Bill Engel, Director Morrie Caudill, Director Bill Hounshell and guest Jim Sturges.

Minutes of the January Board meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon, but there was no financial report due to absence of the treasurer.

President Steve showed us his first results of constructing a chapter calendar. The board discussed at some length the best means of implementing it.

Under **Old Business** the secretary showed the material he promised to get from Oshkosh on the many aspects of chapter administration. We will order some of their most intriguing "white papers".

Membership Chair Steve, who is working on a member database, was offered some helpful suggestions by those present. Morrie gave some statistics on member renewals (and lack thereof) which led to the suggestion that, for building membership, one of the most rewarding efforts could be personal contacts with those who have not renewed.

Program Chair Jerry Pilon was not present, but most arrangements are in place for the March meeting at Ken Gresham's place, where we will see his Europa project. We suggest carpooling

with a nearby member, or better yet, bring a friend or prospective member. Directions will appear in the Beacon.

Properties & Safety Chair Engel showed the latest hangar priority list. Members who anticipate a need for hangar space should contact him to get on the list. Member Jim Sturges presented a good description of his craft, which he calls a Trike, and of his space requirements. Considering how it can be disassembled for storage in minimal space, we felt his tenancy would be a good fit for us all, so his application was approved. The board further discussed tenant rental fees: the recent increase to \$125 for tenants was generally agreed to be relatively high for those requiring small spaces. Thus, it was approved that the fee be set at \$75 for [Sturges](#) and for Jim Hanneman, as long as his space requirement remains small. As we were voicing our financial concerns, Jim Sturges interjected that he might be able to provide us information on a good income producing activity.

We discussed the draft of a new Rule for Casual Use of the hangar. After a thorough discussion it was decided that the Board recommend to the members passage of the [draft](#). The proposed Standing [Rule 11](#) will be distributed with the next Beacon, and voted on at the March meeting.

Anticipating passage of that rule, the Board voted to set the minimum fee for casual usage at \$8 per day. Steve will contact our two prior casual users about this action.

Publications Chair Morrie has the task of developing a “members only” section for our web site. So far a suitable means has not been found. However, Jim Sturges mentioned he has experience with ways to do this, at no cost, by using aids from Yahoo.com. Morrie and Jim will pursue.

Public Relations Chair Dave Cook wasn't present, but we understand he is working up a chapter publicity brochure for distribution to local businesses, C of C, etc. It may suggest we are a great place for donations because of our tax exemption.

Special Events Chair Bill Hounshell updated us on the planned visit to the Cessna plant

in May. He also stated that he will contact Oshkosh for information on possible visits to Peoria by the B-17 and/or the Spirit of St. Louis replica. These are great opportunities to bring in much-needed revenue, provided we again can get out the necessary chapter volunteers.

Regarding Youth Outreach, there was considerable discussion on ways to increase our Young Eagles activity. Several suggestions were made, but no conclusions were reached.

The only item of **New Business** was the presentation to the chapter [of](#) a donation. An experimental aircraft kit, a BD-5A was offered by Bill Engel, who wishes that it be built for educational purposes, i.e. providing members (and maybe kids) hands-on experience in aircraft construction. When finished it will be used for ground demonstrations only. The board voted to accept the offer.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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, our 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. You must request the pass from Steve Bonfoey who will pass the information on to the FBO. A reservation fee of \$5.00 is required when you pick up the pass at the FBO.

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**The March membership meeting will be held at Ken Greshams' work shop, about 2.5 miles West of Delavan, IL on State Route 122. His address is 17150 State Route 122, Delavan, IL 309-244-7190**

Ken has a very nice work shop and is pretty far along on the fiberglass phase of the construction. We haven't had a project visit for several years and this gives us all a chance to see what is involved in this type of construction. Ken says he needs help at this point. He's facing the wiring and engine installation soon and will listen to any suggestions you may have. Like every first time builder, his experience ends where the next step in construction begins. It's really a learn by doing method and all you can expect is to not make the same mistake twice.

The directions to Kens are pretty simple. There are three ways you can go.

Take I74 to Morton, I155 to Rt.122 (Delavan exit), and continue on Rt. 122 through the town of Delavan and about 2,5 miles out to the West side. His house is out there all by itself on the North side of the road.

Take Rt. 29 through Pekin and continue until you hit Rt. 122. Turn left (East) toward Delavan and drive about 2 miles to Tower Line Rd., Rt. 11. Kens house will be on your left near that intersection. He will have a sign out front.

Take Springfield Road out of E. Peoria and continue until you hit Rt. 122. Turn West toward Delavan and continue as in No. 1. There are only about 4 miles difference between the shortest and longest way. The trip takes about 40 minutes either way so lets try to all be there by 7:30.



# Calendar of Events 2005

	<u>Breakfasts</u>	<u>Membership Meetings</u>	<u>Directors Meetings</u>
<b>January</b>	<b>1 and 15</b>	<b>13</b>	
<b>February</b>	<b>5 and 19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>March</b>	<b>5 and 19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>April</b>	<b>2 and 16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>May</b>	<b>7 and 21</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>4 and 18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>2 and 16</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>6 and 20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>3 and 17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>1 and 15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>5 and 19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>3 and 17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>

**Speakers/Presentations:**

<b><u>January</u></b> - Alan Lurie ( GPS)	<b>May</b> (Scott Decker, C-130)	<b>September</b>
<b>February</b> (Niel Pobanz)	<b>June</b> (Adama Allmond, Training)	<b>October</b>
<b>March</b> (Project Visit)	<b>July</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>April</b> (Jim Hannemann, Irac)	<b>August</b> Picnic	<b>December</b> Luncheon

**Flying:** AOPA Safety Seminar, Mt. Hawley, March 17. Cessna Plant tour, May 24.

**Comments:** Your Board of Directors has been working hard to improve the membership meetings by conducting as much business as possible at the Directors meeting so the membership can have more time for speakers and presentations. We intend to fill the programs for the rest of the year in the hope that more of you will attend the membership meetings. The speakers we have had so far have been excellent and deserve a larger audience. If you want to hear the business discussions, you are welcome to attend the Directors meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Come to the next meeting and hear and see what you are missing.

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## To members of EAA Chapter 563:

Our chapter has had several requests from people, besides the regular tenants, to use our hangar for varying periods of time and varying purposes. In order to have a fair and consistent policy about this, we decided that a new rule would be appropriate.

At its February 17, 2005 meeting, your Board of Directors highly recommended that the following proposal be adopted by a chapter vote at the March meeting.

If you have any questions please call the Secretary, Bill Engel at 691-6466. Thanks!

( P R O P O S A L 2/ 19/ 05 )

### EAA Chapter 563

#### STANDING RULE No. 11

#### HANGAR CASUAL USAGE

- A. All usage of the Chapter Hangar shall comply with the chapter's lease and insurance agreements.
- B. The hangar is managed by the Chapter Board of Directors, with advice from the Properties & Safety Standing Committee. Each application for casual use must be evaluated by the Board, and if that use is approved, the Board will charge the appropriate casual user fee, which is payable on demand.
- C. Any applicant for casual use must be a Chapter member and an EAA member in good standing.
- D. Casual users, and their guests if any, shall hold harmless EAA, the Chapter, its directors, members, and their agents for any loss, damage or injury incurred in conjunction with their usage of the hangar.
- E. Casual users shall be responsible for any damage to Chapter or tenant property. If a tenant's property is to be moved, casual user must first obtain tenant's consent. Casual user may ask for temporary removal of tenant's property, but consent to either request is entirely at tenant's discretion.
- F. A casual user shall promptly rectify any inconvenience to a tenant if asked. Access to, or passage of, tenant aircraft may not be restricted, unless user remains on-site to quickly provide access or passage.
- G. Smoking, or use of combustion heaters or spray painting equipment are not permitted. Processes involving sparks, open flame, release of vapors, or processes producing fallout, such as grinding or sanding, are questionable in regard to safety and/or courtesy to others, so are best conducted away from the hangar.
- H. Casual users shall be responsible for cleanup of the areas and equipment they use, for safe usage of materials and equipment, and for security of their own property.

I. Users shall be conservative of utilities and see that heat, lights, fans, appliances, are off before leaving.

J. Whenever unlocked, the hangar shall never be left unattended, even briefly.

K. No usage stipulations, oral or written, other than as provided herein, shall be enforceable.

Applicant \_\_\_\_\_ Reason for use \_\_\_\_\_

When Wanted \_\_\_\_\_

Rate Set by Board \_\_\_\_\_ Pmt. to be received \_\_\_\_\_

Special conditions of use, if any \_\_\_\_\_

I accept these conditions \_\_\_\_\_ applicant. Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Original to Secretary for Chapter records, copy for applicant)

## More Things To Consider

This is for all members to consider. The Chapter has some needs. We haven't finished up the hangar improvement project. We still need to sort out the library books and place them in the book cases.

### Volunteers Needed.

And, we need several cabinets for the tenants to store their aircraft supplies. It would really help the Chapter if we can do this without spending a lot of money.

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