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**The 1st Breakfast** was on the **First Saturday**, the 1st of October, at the Chapter 563 Hangar. The newsletter didn't make it out before the breakfast. Hope you remembered and didn't miss it.

## The Membership Meeting

Will be held on the **Second Thursday**, the 13th of October, at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00P.

Dr. Bruce Chien will be the speaker for the evening discussing the ins and outs of your medical. This is the chance to find out how to "**Avoid loosing (being denied) your medical**" so you can go on to the Sport Pilot Program. The obvious way is to let it expire

As you may or may not know, **if you have been denied a medical for any reason, you cannot fly in the Sport Pilot Program** until you clear up your problem with the FAA and are issued a medical. Under the current ruling, someone with the identical condition as yours can be a Sport Pilot (train to fly on a drivers license) if they have never had a medical. Duh

**The Directors Meeting** will be held on the **Third Thursday**, the 20th, at the Chapter Hangar.

**The 2nd Breakfast** will be on the **third Saturday**, the 15th of October. Don't miss it.

## Secretaries Reports

### MEETING MINUTES – 08 Sep 05

President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the chapter hangar. Steve introduced one guest. Because the August meeting was replaced by a picnic, minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed. The August financial report was distributed to Board members after the meeting.

President Steve showed a beautiful man's leather jacket (large) that EAA HQ sent us for use as a fundraiser. We could either raffle or auction it.

We were reminded that the October meeting will present nominees for 2006 officers, and anyone who feels like making an appreciated effort for the chapter should not be bashful.

Steve also mentioned that next week's board meeting will address requirements for our application for the B-17 visit next summer.

We took a poll of members present regarding throwing a chili bash. The consensus was to wait and help with one that the FBO expects to hold in November.

Our speaker for the evening was Lt. Col. Scott Decker, an avid flyer since age 16, and owner of not one, but two ancient Aeroncas. Scott served in the first Gulf War in fighter jets, and has recently completed two tours in Iraq with the Illinois Guard, flying C130s. All six of the locally-based C130s, and all their support personnel & equipment took part. They carried people, supplies, and some really heavy equipment to wherever needed. Scott gave us a slide show, where we could almost feel the intense heat, the blowing powdery sand, and the crowded living in tents. He gave some examples of how the guys cleverly improvised ways to make their quarters more home-like, and mentioned how much they appreciated packages from home, and visits by USO.

Scott received a warm round of applause for his efforts.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

### **BOARD MINUTES – Sep 15, 05**

President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the chapter hangar. Present were directors Bonfoey, Caudill, Engel, Hounshell and Pilon. Minutes of the August board meeting were approved as printed. A copy of the August finances was reviewed and approved. There has been no activity on an improved form of financial reporting, but several alternatives were discussed, and J. Pilon will pursue.

The primary part of **Old Business** was discussing our application for a B-17 visit next year.

We determined what items should be discussed tomorrow at a meeting with GPAA and Byerly personnel, and which items are more appropriate for later. Special Events Chair Bill Hounshell volunteered to write up a summary of that meeting.

Our **Program** for the October meeting will be a presentation by Dr. Bruce Chien on passing your airman's medical exam. Also, the Nominating Committee will present their suggestions for 2006 directors. If you are interested in a board slot, please don't be bashful.

Regarding **Properties & Safety**, some of our tables are in bad shape, and an overhead projector and some cabinets would be very useful. The Chair was asked to post on the bulletin board a "wish list" of things we need.

Under **Special Events**, our Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday December 4 at Wildlife Prairie Park. The entertainment is being looked into. The beautiful man's leather jacket donated by Oshkosh will be raffled off then.

Our **Youth Outreach** will be furthered by a Young Eagles group from Jerry Peacock's church on October 22.

There being no **New Business**, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## **BD-5 UPDATE**

This is one of a series of articles that will describe progress on the build of our "personal fighter plane", which was donated to the chapter for educational and promotional purposes. So far, a rolling stand has been built to hold the plans, some common parts like rivets, and a few tools. The "bedplate" table has arrived, and the fuselage sections have been assembled on it.

Next we will review the work done to date, by going through the detailed step-by-step plans so we know how best to proceed.

Anyone who would like to participate is welcome. Just indicate your interest by giving your email address to Bill Engel (engelwk@mtco.com) and you will be kept informed. We plan to set a casual schedule, make sure everyone who "wants in" understands what's needed, and let them pick out a portion of the project to work on. Onward and upward!

### **B-17 MEETING WITH PIA AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND FBO**

Steve Bonfoey, Morrie Caudill and Bill Hounshell met with Solomon Balraj and Chuck Atkins (FBO Line Services Manager) on September 16 to discuss our proposed application to have the EAA B-17 visit PIA next summer. They were both very supportive of the event. Solomon offered a number of helpful suggestions. He volunteered to advertise our event on the PIA flight monitor screens located in the terminal building and on the PIA website. He also offered to work with our Promotion Chairman to take advantage of the Airport Authority media connections. Chuck Atkins offered to make the FBO north ramp available, to provide electrical hookups for the EAA trailers and to provide a fuel discount for the B-17. He will look into the use of an FBO crew car for the B-17 crew. All issues were discussed: Security, communications, insurance, crowd control, B-17 flight coordination with regular airline ops, parking, soft drink sales, sanitary facilities and trash disposal. Each issue was considered

manageable with help from the Airport Authority and the FBO. Steve submitted our application to EAA on September 20. We should be advised if PIA will be included on the tour sometime early in 2006.

## **Chapter Hangar Wish List**

large screen TV  
rolling TV stand - 42 in. high approx  
DVD player  
printer/copier/scanner  
laptop computer(s) for financial records, etc.  
long, folding breakfast tables  
large round meeting table  
blackboard or whiteboard  
overhead projector  
large cabinets on casters

Can you help us obtain any of these?

Please call the Properties Chm.

Thanks!

Bill Engel - 691.6466

## **Check Out The Leather**

**Jacket** on the next page. The EAA has donated this one to the Chapter to raffle off for a Chapter fund raiser. More information at the next meeting.



# Calendar of Events 2005

	<u>Breakfasts</u>	<u>Membership Meetings</u>	<u>Directors Meetings</u>
January	1 and 15	13	
February	5 and 19	10	17
March	5 and 19	10	17
April	2 and 16	14	21
May	7 and 21	12	19
June	4 and 18	9	16
July	2 and 16	14	21
August	6 and 20	11	18
September	3 and 17	8	15
October	1 and 15	13	20
November	5 and 19	10	17
December	3 and 17	8	15

## Speakers/Presentations/Activities:

January - Alan Lurie ( GPS )	May –Jim and Kurt Hannemann	September—Scott Decker
February -Niel Pobanz	June –Adama Allmond	October - Bruce Chien “How to avoid failing your medical” Nomination of Officers
March –Project Visit	July - Chapter Round Table	November– Election of Officers
April - Gerry Peacock	August –Chapter Picnic	December - Christmas Luncheon

Flying: 3MY Fly Outs every month.

## Fly-in Events for 2005

October 6	Safety Meeting at Mt. Hawley
16	Taylorville Fly-In Breakfast
22	Young Eagles at Mt. Hawley

### Future Oshkosh Dates:

July 25 - 31, 2006  
July 24 - 30, 2007  
July 29 - August 4, 2008  
July 27 - August 2, 2009  
July 26 - August 1, 2010  
July 25 - 31, 2011  
July 23 - 29, 2012

## F/A-22 Raptor



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