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## **The 1st Breakfast** is on the **First**

**Saturday**, the **5th** of November, at the Chapter 563 Hangar. See you there, don't miss it. Breakfast for everyone is compliments of Rob Meyer. His son will be presented with an Eagle Scout badge in a ceremony after breakfast. Young Eagle flights will be conducted for the attending Scouts.

## **The Membership Meeting**

Will be held on the **Second Thursday**, the **10th** of November, at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00P. Boy Scout leaders will speak about starting a Chapter 563 sponsored Explorers Post.

## **The Directors Meeting** will

be held on the **Third Thursday**, the **17th**, at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00P.

## **The 2nd Breakfast** will be on

the **third Saturday**, the **19th** of October at the usual time. Don't miss it.

## **Secretaries Report**

### **MEETING MINUTES – 13 OCT 05**

In the absence of President Bonfoey and Vice President Pilon, the meeting was called to order by Secretary Bill Engel. Two guests were welcomed, Roger Harris and Pat Carrol.

Those present were reminded of our next hangar breakfast, this Saturday, Oct. 15; and that our Christmas Luncheon will be held Saturday noon, December 3 (not Dec. 4). At that event the winner of a raffle for a handsome man's leather jacket will be announced.

Young Eagles coordinator Morrie Caudill said we have two events coming up: On Oct. 22 we expect to have a large group of kids from Jerry

Peacock's church. Pilots and ground help will be needed. And, on Nov. 5, after the hangar breakfast, we will fly a group of Scouts.

Builders were asked about their project progress. JPilon was not present, but he has been doing taxi testing. Ken Gresham reported work has kept him too busy to make much progress on his Europa. The Chapter's BD-5 has been set up, plans are being reviewed, and materials being organized.

The Nominating Committee presented the following for 2006 Directors: President – Steve Bonfoey, Vice President – Al Phipps, Secretary – Bill Engel, Treasurer – Jerry Pilon. There were no other nominations at this time, but we need three more directors. Nominations remain open until the election in November.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned in favor of our speaker, Dr. Bruce Chien.

Bruce, a CFII and AME, gave us insight into the workings of the FAA medical establishment. The current budget crunch has hit them hard, resulting in big delays in getting some airmen's approvals. Bruce gave some examples of pilots who handled their application process correctly, and some who didn't. If you have any suspicions that you might not pass your Third (e.g.) Class Medical, get some medical advice **BEFORE** you start filling out the form. If you want to keep flying, your application must not be rejected. But, you can let your Medical expire and continue flying under Sport Pilot rules. Bruce said that several AOPA websites have a lot of pertinent information. One is <http://forums.aopa.org>, and another useful forum site is [www.pilotsofamerica.com](http://www.pilotsofamerica.com). You can email him a question at [bbchien@insightbb.com](mailto:bbchien@insightbb.com) and he can refer you to other helpful resources.

The meeting concluded with coffee and cookies courtesy of Morrie.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## BOARD MINUTES – 20 OCT. 05

President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the chapter hangar. Present were Directors Bonfoey, Caudill, Engel, Ernst, Hounshell and Pilon. We had one guest, Rob Meyer. Minutes of the last meeting were not on hand. Finances for September were approved as presented. After lengthy discussion we decided to adopt Quicken™ for financial reporting in 2006.

**OLD BUSINESS.** Everything appears in order for our application for the B-17 visit.

Rob Meyer submitted information on Explorer Scouts, which is for kids age 14-21, coed, and is career-oriented. An Aviation Explorer post would need a sponsor and a meeting place, but the kids would plan and pay for their activities. This sounded interesting enough that we plan to have a representative come to present more as our speaker for the November chapter meeting.

The Properties Chair stated that more BD-5 parts have been uncovered and organized for an early start to building.

Under Special Events, there is a Chili Bash planned for 3MY next month. We will help with tables & chairs, and more if requested.

Youth Outreach Chair Morrie reminded that we would fly kids on Oct. 22 and Nov. 5.

### NEW BUSINESS.

After a brief discussion we voted to adopt last year's budget for 2006.

Morrie presented his layout of raffle tickets to be used for the handsome leather jacket. If there are no comments he will print them up as shown. The Board unanimously agreed that we waive the raffle manager's bond.

There was consensus that we not activate an audit committee this year, whereupon we adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## Chapter 563 Raffle !!

From the desk of the president:

Oshkosh has donated a \$400 leather jacket to our chapter! The EAA uses raffles to raise money and donated one jacket to encourage us to do the same. It is very high quality, soft Corinthian leather, warm and windproof for the coming winter. Sparring no expense, the EAA originally ordered these jackets as special appreciation awards for passing potentates and those who perform services or make donations to the EAA. It has never been offered in the EAA store or catalog. If you win the jacket you will be in exclusive company!

The drawing will take place at the annual Xmas party on December 3rd. We have about 60 members and hope all participate but some will not -- the odds of winning are very good. The price of the raffle tickets will be announced soon. You need not be present to win but we hope you will be. The back of the jacket is shown below.



**When I was a boy, I was told that anyone could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.**

— C. Darrow

**Jenkinsons's law: It won't work**

## What is happening at Mt. Hawley?

It's difficult to believe the state of affairs at our home base. About a year ago the ownership of the FBO changed. That in its self was the best thing to happen to Mt. Hawley in many years. Midwest Avtech, Inc. made major changes that improved the facility. They painted, cleaned, rearranged, organized and staffed the business until it looked and operated like an upscale operation.

Then things began to slide. Adama Allmond and his wife, the flight instructors, were fired and the rental aircraft were put up for sale.

Legacy Aviation, a flight school/club on the airport, became more prominent, moving from a hangar operation to renting an office in the terminal building. Legacy is operated by Linda Schumm and Rose Emhoff, who also work for Cessna and Phillips 66, and their club flies new Cessna's.

Adama purchased a C-152, rented a hangar, and continued to operate as Allmond Aviation, LLC.

Of course, as you expected, there is competition between the two flight schools. It is considerably less expensive to take flight lessons in a \$18,000 C-152 than a new C-172 costing ten times as much.

**Now the plot thickens and it all begins to sound like a soap opera.**

FBO employees, and others, were accused of improper conduct.

Maintenance manager quit. Ramp person fired. Receptionist fired.

Complaints to the Greater Peoria Airport Authority result in an unscheduled hangar inspection which "must be completed in two days", documenting aircraft numbers and searching for **large fuel containers**.

Will Midwest Avtec prosper?

Will Dave and Mike survive?

Will Adama overcome adversity?

Will it become mandatory to buy all your fuel at 3MY?

Will Sport Pilot aircraft be banned because they burn (bad word) car gas?

Tune in tomorrow, don't miss the next episode.

## 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

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

Raffle tickets are included with your newsletter in this mailing. Sell or buy as many as you can.



Fill out the back side of the tickets and return them with the money to the our treasurer Joe Ernst. Address on back of ticket.

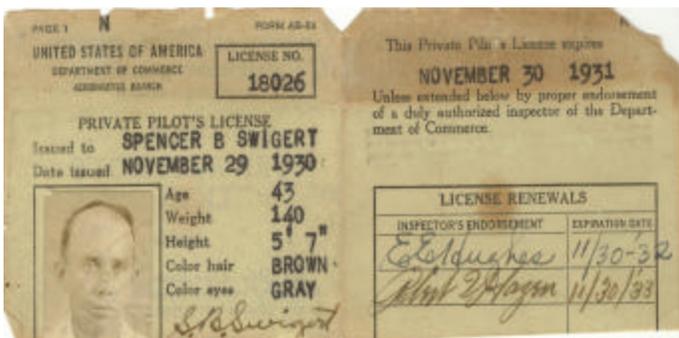
**In A Hierarchy Every Employee Rises To His Level Of Incompetence**

# The Unknown History of N2575J

Your editor had a phone call from Austin, Texas last week that started, "Please don't think this is a prank call but do you still own N2575J?"



It turned out to be Ed Blanton, the grandson of Spencer Buchanan Swigert who owned/flew my airplane in 1967 when it was practically brand new. Ed's grandfather was quite a guy. Born in 1887, he got his first pilots license in 1930. See below.



He owned an Indian motorcycle and a Fairchild in his younger years. He was a general contractor and built 60% of the post WWII buildings on the Baylor University campus in Waco. After retiring, he owned the largest herd of

registered Angus cattle in the U.S. Paul Harvey did a story on him on the radio.

Spence stopped flying after a while and renewed his pilots license in 1966 when he was 79 years old.

Ed went up to the Limestone County Airport at Mexia, Texas, and talked to Buddy Miller and his brother Les. They were both at



Miller Aircraft in the 60's and remembered his grandfather and 75J. They bought five new 150's back then and ferried them back from Kansas. Only one had a radio. He was glad to know the plane was still flying. They said one of their employees, Dean Manler (spelling?), was an instructor for Miller Aircraft and eventually became chief pilot for Caterpillar Inc. Small world.

Ed had a chance to visit his grandfathers grave in Waco and recall a lot of pleasant memories of his grandfather who inspired him to fly a C-172.

I did some research on the bill of sales on 75J and I don't think Spence ever "owned" the airplane but the Millers said he wrote a big check to give him the exclusive right to fly it. That's one way to avoid the problems with ownership.

**Bureaucracy defends the status quo long after the time when the quo has lost its status**

# 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 Boy Scout Leaders Discuss Aviation Explorer Post
April - Gerry Peacock	August –Chapter Picnic	December - Christmas Luncheon

## Christmas Luncheon

Look forward to the Christmas Luncheon. It will be held at Wild Life Prairie Park on Dec. 3, the first Saturday. Of course the food will be good, catered by Barracks, and the entertainment will be stage, screen, and radio performer, Mike Dentino, who has appeared on stage at local theaters for many years. It promises to be an entertaining afternoon.

Your program director writes:

Mike Dentino is a well known Peoria native and Caterpillar Executive who is best known in the area for his local theater accomplishments. He has appeared in many Caterpillar mixer chorus productions as well as Peoria Players, Cornstock theater, Conklin Dinner Theater.

His talents go back as far as I can remember when he and my brother Ron appeared together in many comedy routines that they wrote and performed. He is a stand up comic and Director of shows such as Godspell. He's a song and dance man and many have said that he could have made his mark in legitimate theater. It is our pleasure to bring him to our Christmas luncheon to make us laugh and help us have a good time.

Jerry Pilon.

**All that is necessary for the triumph of  
evil is that good men do nothing**  
—E. Burke

## Email Received Last Week

Locked your keys in your car????

If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone on your cell phone.

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the other person at your home press the unlock button of your key fob (clicker), holding it near the phone on their end.

Your car doors will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you.

Distance is no object you could be hundreds of miles away, and if you can reach someone who has the other "remote" for your car, you can unlock the doors (or the trunk!).

Editor's Note \*

It works fine! We tried it out, and it unlocked our car over a cell phone!

Mike's Note \*

I locked the car had my youngest daughter call me while I was far away from the car. I clicked open into the phone and I could hear the car doors unlock through her cell phone. My daughter confirmed that sure enough the doors opened.

Pass this one on to your friends...

**O.K you mythbusters.**  
**Does it work or doesn't it.**

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