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December Events

The breakfast on the 2nd and the regular meeting on the 14th will not be held.

See page 2 for the details on the Annual Christmas Luncheon that will be held on the 2nd

The 2nd Saturday Breakfast will be held on the **Third Saturday**, the 16th of December at the usual time.

The Directors Meeting will be held on the **Third Thursday**, the 21st at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00P. All members are welcome to attend.

Secretaries Reports

MEETING MINUTES – 09 Nov 06

With our president out of town, the meeting was called to order by V.P. Al Phipps. Guests introduced were Bob Doktor and Bob

Statavich. Al noted that because our scheduled speaker, Randy Africano, was called away on business, we will need to reschedule him. Sentiment of those present was to not have a meeting in December for that. Our Holiday Luncheon in December usually replaces the meeting. Chairman Sam Sisk will publicize Luncheon details soon.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon. In the absence of the treasurer there was no financial report.

No one had any Old Business, so we proceeded to New.

Al raised the topic of possible EAA563 participation in the 2007 Prairie Airshow at PIA. The show's new Director, Brett Krause had made a convincing case to our Board, resulting in board endorsement of our participation. Consensus was that we should invite Brett to make his pitch to our membership as soon as possible.

The proposed 2007 Budget was discussed, and, without modification, was adopted.

Next, Al read off the Nominating Committee's recommendations for 2007 directors. There were no other nominations from the floor, so a motion to elect the slate by acclamation was passed. Our new directors are:

President – Steve Bonfoey
Vice Pres. – Al Phipps
Secretary – Bill Engel
Treasurer – Jerry Pilon
Director – Adama Allmond
Director – Morrie Caudill
Director – Chris Tate

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 14.

There being no other business, we adjourned to flying tales and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

Lets Try Something New

Sam and I were talking about talking. That's what you do while you are sitting around and drinking coffee and suckin down a sugar doughnut.

How about us, Chapter 563, starting a coffee klatch on Thursday morning around 8:00 am.

I have been going down to Hooterville, and then Lincoln, every flyable Wednesday morning for the last ten years, to sit around a table with other people interested in airplanes, politics, cars, guns, jokes, history, travel, and even a few lies. You must understand no subject is off limits and the rest of the group will either join in or tell you to change the subject. This has been one of the highlights of my aviation experience. I have met WWII fighter pilots, a B-17 prisoner of war, experimental aircraft builders, world wide travelers, and other conversations that were terrific.

Anyway——It doesn't matter where you do this, it's the people stupid.

Let's start something at 3MY that we will all remember. Our Chapter Treasurer, who has learned a lot about roasting and blending coffee beans, has a new goal, and that is to come up with a distinctive blend of "563 Joy Juice" for Thursday mornings that will have you begging for more.

Next Thursday is Thanksgiving, that is probably not a good day to start. So lets plan on the 30th, the last day of the month to kick it off. See you there.

Last Chance Members

If you would like to have your name added to the EAA 563 HONOR ROLL for 2006, please get your tax-deductible donation to Secretary Engel before the end of the year.

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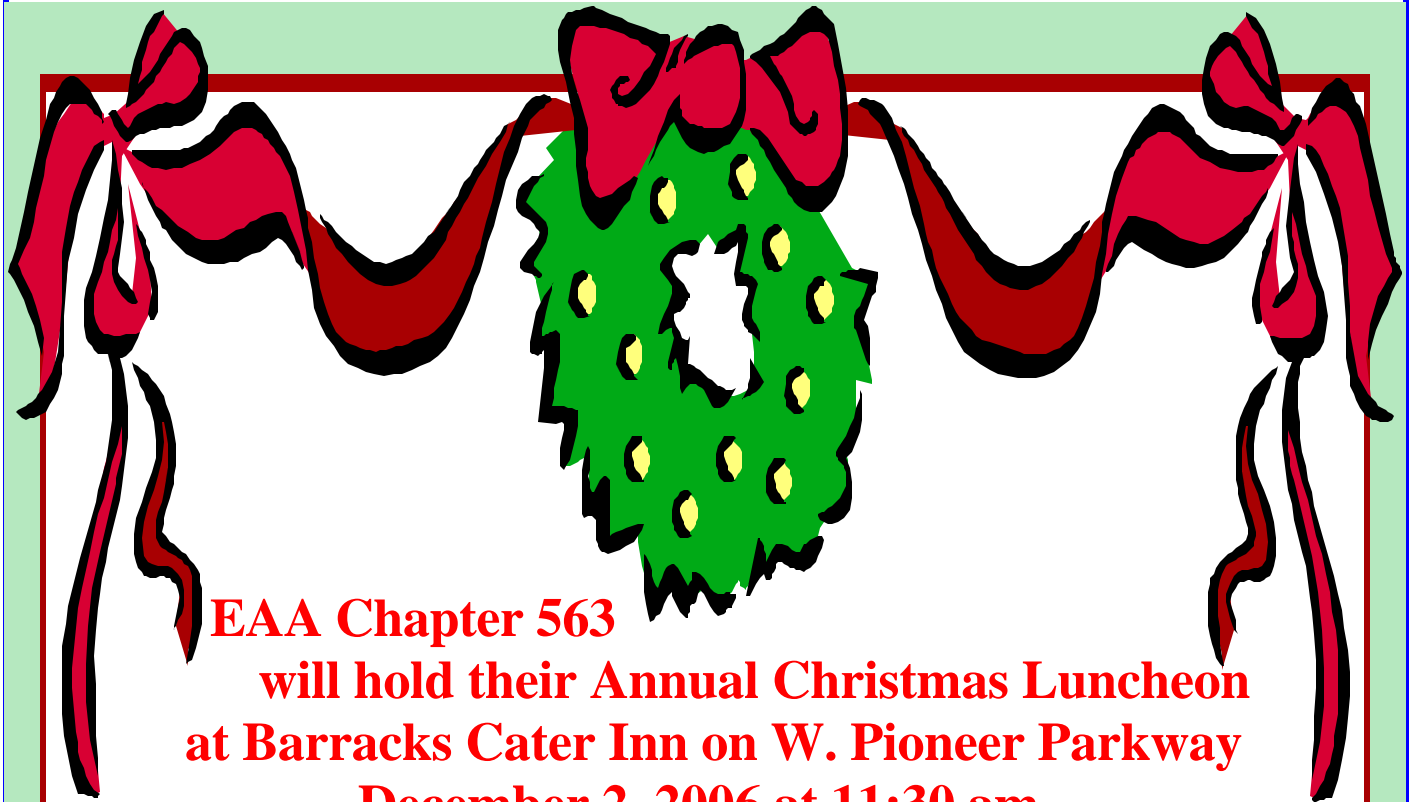
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Keeping in Touch

Our friend and past member Brian Briggerman has completed his Zenair 601 and the first flight was successful. As usual, there are a few bugs to work out and it hasn't been painted yet but the first flight is the most satisfying step after a long time building. Check out his project on his web site <http://www.members.cox.net/blb7037>.



**EAA Chapter 563
will hold their Annual Christmas Luncheon
at Barracks Cater Inn on W. Pioneer Parkway
December 2, 2006 at 11:30 am.**

**The menu will consist of turkey and all the trimmings
Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Please make your reservation
by November 30. Call Sam Sisk (309-243-5729/(309-453-2020)
or Steve Bonfoey (309-692-6272/309-339-2843)**

The program will feature Dr. Susan Shea, the Director of the Division of Aeronautics for the Illinois Department of Transportation.



Dr. Shea is a former educator, with extensive experience in administration and personnel. She is the former Chairman of the Springfield Airport Authority Board, for which she served as the Finance Commissioner from 1993 - 2005, with fiscal oversight responsibility for \$64 million in revenue and assets. In June 2005, she was selected as the first female Director of the Division of Aeronautics for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

BOARD MINUTES – 16 Nov 06

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President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon. Present were Directors Bonfoey, Caudill, Engel, Phipps, Sisk, Tate, Wolcott. Because the treasurer was absent, approval of finances was postponed.

We were reminded that the Christmas Luncheon will be Saturday, December 2nd. Because of that, there will be no hangar breakfast that morning, and we will have no membership meeting in December. However we WILL serve breakfast as usual on the 3rd Saturday, and the Board WILL meet on Thursday the 21st.

Reports of Standing Committees

Membership: We need to improve the way we get updated roster information to Board members.

Program: We will attempt to juggle schedules so that in January the members will hear why we should participate in Prairie Airshow 2007, and also hear from Randy Africano on the subject of Buying/Selling Aircraft. Chairman Chris Tate hopes to get Neil Pobanz, Marshall County FBO, for February.

Properties & Safety: Morrie Caudill will start construction of a heavy-duty container for our tent.

Publications: Morrie states the Beacon will go out on November 20th, a little earlier than usual so we can adequately publicize the Luncheon.

Special Events Chairman Sam Sisk reported on progress for the Christmas Luncheon. A Calling Committee will phone folks to urge attendance. To speed things up at the door, volunteers Bon-

foey, Pilon & Wolcott will man the registration table. Your Secretary will provide 2007 membership applications.

Sam further suggested that we try a weekly Thursday morning “Coffee Break”, say 8 am to ?? We will consider purchase of a 2-carafe coffee maker and giving it a try. We’ll poll the members soon.

Youth Outreach: We have one potential Young Eagle to fly.

New Business: In accord with Oshkosh recommendation (and common sense) we conducted a review of chapter rules and director responsibilities. Following that, these committee assignments were made:

Membership – Adama Allmond

Properties & Safety – Al Phipps

Program – Chris Tate

Public Relations – Jerry Pilon

Publications – Morrie Caudill

Special Events – Steve Bonfoey

Youth Outreach – Morrie Caudill

It was emphasized that these folks are chairmen, that they do not have to carry the whole load, that they are free to appoint helpers as they see fit.

There being no further business, we adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

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