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The first breakfast will be held on the First Saturday, August 2nd, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

There will NOT be a regular meeting this month. Instead we will have our **Second Annual cookout** at the hangar on **Friday, August 15** at 5:00 pm.

The second breakfast will be held on the Third Saturday, August 16th, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The Directors meeting will be held on the Third Thursday, August 21st, in the EAA Hangar starting at 7:00. All members are welcome to attend.

Secretary's Report

MEETING MINUTES –10 July 2008

President Al Phipps called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Guests included Paul Ernst, Wayne Pilger, and Frank Speener and his brother Jim. For his services in preparing the logo on our Chapter Coffee Mug, Frank was given a cup and a round of applause.

Minutes of the June meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon.

Members were reminded that after the Hangar Breakfast on Saturday July 19, we will hold another Performance Challenge (Sam Sisk has details) and also fly a few Young Eagles. Saturday July 26 is the date for the Mt. Hawley Open House, and Chapter members are invited to help out. On Friday August 15, by popular demand, we will hold our second Hangar Cookout.

Al announced his appointments to the Nominating Committee for 2009 Directors. They are Chris Tate, Dewey Fitch and Jerry Peacock. If you would like to volunteer for office, please let

one of them know.

Al also mentioned our hosting of the EAA B-17 on October 2 - 6, and urged members to commit to volunteering, as lots of ground support will be needed over the 4 days.

Program Chair Chris Tate introduced our speaker for the evening, Ty Plowman. Ty recently moved to Mt. Hawley to run a helicopter school. This program was particularly timely because helicopter operations at an airport are significantly different from fixed wing operations. Ty helped to ease some concerns that chopper operations seem pretty random.

To begin, Ty is from out west in mountain country. He spent about 15 years as an electrical engineer, got his fixed wing private license in 1995, and then went on to rotary wing ratings. He flies for Central Illinois Air of Mattoon, but he is based here. As ex-military pilots are retiring, there is much need to train new ones. Experienced rotary wing pilots currently earn about \$60,000 per year according to our speaker.

Ty pointed out the differences in controls between fixed wings and whirlybirds, the

difficulties of teaching approach and hover techniques, and why they maneuver at various locations at the field.

The point that was most important – there IS a traffic pattern for helos. It is different from that for fixed wings because of their big difference in pattern airspeeds. Unless otherwise specified for local peculiarities, the standard patterns at non-towered fields are, for fixed wings, left-hand pattern at 1000 AGL, and for rotary wings, right-hand pattern at 500 AGL. The critical time then, is when both craft are on base leg. That time, especially, is the time for busy eyeballs and radio COMMUNICATION.

Ty answered a lot of questions, and received our appreciative applause.

We finished the evening with cookies and coffee, and an inspection of Ty's bird. Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

Don't Forget

Coffee and conversation every Thursday morning at the Chapter Hangar. Some of us didn't go to Oshkosh and we will be there.

Open House at Mt. Hawley

It seemed like the people never would stop coming. Sam Sisk, Don Eckard, and Al Phipps kept the hot dogs and hamburgers coming and I kept scrounging up more meat. We did have an emergency when the catsup and mustard ran out but it was quickly resolved.

According to our figures, we served approx. 350 people.



At one time in the afternoon I counted 27 aircraft on the ramp.



Helios, single and double engine, and a jet.



This beauty was parked right out front. Barry and Karen Logan have every right to be proud of this RV-6A. It's a go places airplane.

EAA CHAPTER 563 - Membership Application for year 2008

NOTE - To be a chapter member you must hold a corresponding membership in EAA.
Phone 1.800.564.6322, with credit card handy, or they can tell you of other options.

Blanks with an asterisk must be filled in. Other information is optional. We do not disclose member information except for the basics required by EAA, and as may be required by law.

For NEW members only - **At your option**, we will prorate dues for remainder of year. See Treasurer or Secretary.

Regular Membership (individual over age 18) **\$25 per calendar year:**

NAME * _____ Spouse name _____
ADDRESS * _____
EAA Membership Number * _____ expiration date * _____
Home phone * _____ Work phone _____ Cellular phone _____
E-mail _____ (please provide this if you have one - it will save Chapter funds!)

Family Membership (spouse and/or children at home wishing to be included) **\$30 per calendar year:**

Please indicate each name as **Hus, Wife, Son, Dau** : EAA Family Membership Expiration Date * _____
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ADDRESS * _____
Home phone * _____ Work phone _____
Cellular phone(s) _____
E-mail(s) _____ (this info saves Chapter funds!)

Optional information that can help us serve the chapter better:

Approx. year you : first joined EAA _____ first joined Chapter 563 _____ had first plane ride _____
Other aviation org. memberships _____
Aviation-related licenses and ratings: _____
Mil. av. experience _____
Professional av. experience _____
Aircraft owned (N) now (P) past _____
Aircraft Construction (C) or Restoration (R) projects (F) Finished, (P) in Process, (T) Tabled, (D) Disposed of. _____
Future projects or interests _____
Recreational or occupational skills you could share _____
Other personal data you think useful _____
Any notable acquaintances? Ideas for programs? _____
May we call on you for help with a chapter event or project? _____

Please return this form with check **payable to EAA Chapter 563**

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BOARD MINUTES – 19 June 08

President Al Phipps called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Guests were Jerry Peacock, Marty Martin and Joe Ernst.

Minutes of the June Board meeting were approved as distributed.

The **Financial report** for June was accepted as presented by Treasurer Pilon.

Membership Chair Morrie Caudill noted that we have 49 paid for 2008, down slightly from last year. Morrie will make a hardcopy list available to Directors. The board okayed a complimentary one-year membership for Frank Speener, in appreciation of services rendered.

Our **Program** Chair, Chris Tate, was absent, but he sent a note that the September program will be on military history by Bradley prof, Phil Jones. There will be no meeting in August, because of the Hangar Cookout. Directors were reminded that nominations for 2009 directors are due before the October meeting, with elections in November.

Under **Properties & Safety**, the emergency door, guard post and signage are done, and "exit" light is forthcoming.

Special Events Chair Sam Sisk reminded that our Hangar Cookout will be held on Friday evening, August 15th. The next Performance Challenge will follow the Hangar Breakfast next Saturday. The Christmas Dinner is December 5, with Sky Harbor again reserved.

Youth Outreach Chair Bill Engel noted that we will have 3 Young Eagles to fly after breakfast this Saturday.

Under **NEW BUSINESS**, President Al

presented information on our hosting of the EAA B-17 this fall. The NEW DATES are Thursday, Oct 2 thru Monday, Oct 6. Now that we have a weekend, the prospects for a good turnout are much better. After digesting some of the info from Oshkosh, it was decided that Barry Logan would be General Chair, Al would take Promotions, with help from Jerry Pilon, et al, and Bill will be available each day for the sales booth. Insurance papers are already in hand. It was suggested that the weekend would be an ideal time to provide some Young Eagle rides. Bill will check into it.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

Chapter Membership Dues

Well, the time has come to fish or cut bait. Those of you that have not paid your 2008 Chapter dues are on the cusp. That means if you don't do so soon you will be dropped from the Chapter correspondence. Sixteen of you that were members last year are not yet this year.

The names are: **Allmond, Arkwell, Greshem, Hooker, Jones, Kreuger, Lepine, Novotny, Rice, Schupbachs, Youssi, Fox, Martini, Metska, Tillman.**

If you don't agree with my records, please contact Treasurer Jerry Pilon and update his records. That's where I get my information.

You really are important to the Chapter. We don't want to loose anyone.

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