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The first breakfast will be held on the **First Saturday, October 4th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The regular meeting this month will be held the **second Wednesday, October 8th** in the EAA Hangar at 7:00pm to avoid conflict with the safety meeting at Mt. Hawley on Thursday night. Nomination of officers for next year will take place.

The second breakfast will be held on the **Third Saturday, October 18th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The Directors meeting will be held on the **Third Thursday, October 16th**, in the EAA Hangar starting at 7:00. **All members are welcome to attend.**

Secretary's Report

MEETING MINUTES –11 Sep 2008

President Al Phipps called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar.

Minutes of the July meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon. (There was no Aug meeting)

Co-chairs of the B-17 visit Oct 2-6, Al Phipps and Barry Logan, urged members to commit to volunteering, as lots of ground support will be needed over the 4 days. Posters were handed out to put up in public places.

We were pleased to learn that two of our young members have recently earned their Private Pilot licenses. Congratulations to Cecelia Ernst and Jeff Meyer!

Our speaker for the evening was Professor Phil Jones of Bradley U. Phil, an EAA563 member and builder of his own aircraft, offered us a choice of topics, and we chose the air wars. Phil started with the value of hot air balloons for forward observation in the Civil War, continued with WWI fighter planes, and told how, afterward, interservice rivalries and politics shaped our

military, and indeed, world history. He described the conflicting philosophies of the proponents of a strong navy vs a strong airforce, artillery vs aerial bombing, etc. Phil's command of the subject matter held everyone in rapt attention to the very end. After a round of appreciative applause, we concluded the evening with cookies by Sally Fitch, and coffee.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

BOARD MINUTES – 18 Sep 08

President Al Phipps called the meeting to order at 8 am in the chapter hangar. The time was chosen just for today so we could have a quorum present.

Minutes of the August Board meeting were approved as distributed.

Treasurer Pilon was absent, so his **Financial report** for August, as emailed to directors, was received and filed for approval at a later date.

Our **Program Chair**, Chris Tate, was out of town, so we are waiting to learn of the programs for October and November. Typically there is no December meeting.

Under **Properties & Safety**, Al, Morrie & Bill were thanked for cleaning and rearranging the hangar. It was decided to move the extinguisher now located by the rear exit to the front of the hangar, and at the back, hang our other extinguisher, which is more suitable for kitchen-type fires.

A number of low-usage items were moved to our endcap. The chapter has been paying for the endcap for several months, and it was felt that members who want to store some personal items could do so, with board approval, but should contribute toward the rent.

Publications Chair Caudill noted that the next Beacon will come out on Sep 30, so the Nominating Committee must have their selections ready for publication.

Special Events Chair Sam Sisk reminded us that the next Hangar Cookout would be on Friday, Sep 26. The Christmas Dinner is firmed for Friday Dec 5 at Sky Harbor.

If there are to be any more Performance Challenges this year, they would be sponsored by the FBO and open to all 3MY tenants, as wider participation is desirable.

Youth Outreach Chair Engel noted that we would have about 15 Young Eagles to fly after breakfast on Oct 18.

B-17 Visit. Event chairmen Al Phipps and Barry Logan filled us in on the latest. They have most concerns already covered, but volunteers to man the exhibit are still wanted. Because of recent bad weather, the Bomber was not able to fulfill commitments for rides in the Chicago area, so on Friday Oct 3, after doing morning rides here, it will head back up there and return in the evening for our Saturday activities. EAA will compensate us for the revenue we will lose while the plane is gone.

NEW BUSINESS- - there being none, we adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

NOMINATIONS FOR 2009 CHAPTER DIRECTORS

This year's Nominating Committee, consisting of Jerry Peacock, Chris Tate and Dewey Fitch, after careful deliberation, offers the following names for 2009 Chapter Directorships:

President - Al Phipps

Vice Pres - Bob Young

Secretary - Don Wolcott

Treasurer - Jerry Pilon

Class II Directors - Morrie Caudill

Barry Logan

Vern (Marty) Martin

Sam Sisk

Chris Tate

Note that the committee presents a total of nine candidates for seven positions - - for the first time in recent memory we will have an actual contest! Furthermore, nominations from the floor will be accepted at the October meeting - - Be there and make your preferences known!

It's official, it's scheduled, it will happen.

The B-17, Aluminum Overcast, will come to Peoria on October 3 through 5. EAA Chapter 563 will sponsor the aircraft while it is here. The Chapter needs the help of all it's members to man the site. Please contact one of your officers to volunteer.



Reserve your seat today! Call 800-359-6217 or visit our website at www.b17.org.

EAA's "Salute to Veterans" B-17 Tour may be coming to **a town near you** soon! The tour brings the beautifully restored B-17 Flying Fortress **Aluminum Overcast** to a local airport for flight experiences and walk-through tours. Out of over 12,000 that were built, this aircraft is one of a handful of airworthy B-17s still flying.

EAA invites you to reserve a seat for a flight aboard this rare WW II bomber and experience "the ride of a lifetime."

Tour Stops

September 26 - 28 West Bend, WI West Bend Municipal Airport	September 29 Racine, WI John H. Batten Airport
October 3 - 5 Peoria, IL Greater Peoria Regional Airport	

You can learn more about the flight experience, history and operation of our B-17 at www.b17.org

Pre-booked flights cost \$359 for EAA Members, and \$399 for non-Members. Walk-up prices are \$385 for EAA Members and \$425 for non-Members. Seats are filling up fast, so pre-book your flight today and save \$26 off the walk-up price! It's a great experience you won't want to miss ... plus you'll be helping to support the preservation of aviation history and supporting aviation in your local community.

SECOND ANNUAL DINNER IN THE HANGAR

WILL BE HELD THIS FRIDAY NIGHT

THE 26TH OF SEPTEMBER

We will dine in the elegant main room of the EAA Chapter 563 Hangar. The evening will begin with drinks of your choice. (anything other than tea or lemonade must be provided by you)

The Chapter will provide the entrées, tea and lemonade. Please bring something to pass around.

Come about 6:00 pm and we will eat when the burgers and brats are ready.

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