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The **first breakfast** will be held on the **First Saturday, November 1st**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The **regular meeting** will be held the **Second Thursday, November 13th** in the EAA Hangar at 7:00pm. Nomination and election of officers for next year will take place.

The **second breakfast** will be held on the **Third Saturday, November 15th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The **Directors meeting** will be held on the **Third Thursday, November 20th**, in the EAA Hangar starting at 7:00. **All members are welcome to attend.**

Secretary's Report

MEETING MINUTES – 15 October 2008

Our meeting was held one day early to avoid the FAA/AOPA seminar on Thursday.

In the absence of our President, Vice Pres. Barry Logan called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. There were no guests.

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

General Chair of the B-17 Visit, Barry, reported that the event was very successful, with good weather, very good attendance, and excellent sales. Some attendees had interesting stories to relate, and some made contributions to the chapter, or to keep Aluminum Overcast flying.

Barry thanked the various Chairs: Chris Tate, Al Phipps, Bill Engel, Sam Sisk, for organizing the needed activities, and also the many chapter members who volunteered their time to make things run smoothly. Barry himself was given a nice round of applause. The Secretary was asked to send thank you notes to

Byerly's and the Airport Authority.

Under New Business, the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee for 2009 directors was heard. Inasmuch as there were more candidates than positions, nominee Sam Sisk declined. Nominations from the floor will still be accepted up until the election next month.

We finished the evening with "hangar flying", coffee and cookies.

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 end cap. The chapter has been paying for the end cap 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

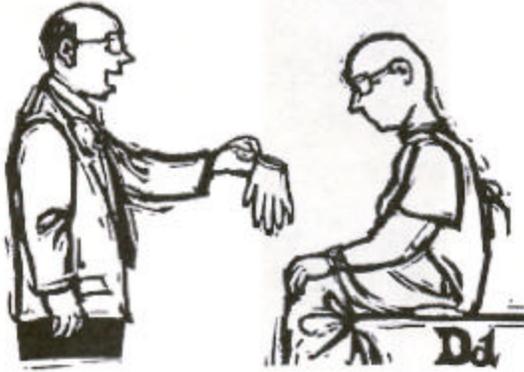
Chris Tate

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!

Just a Reminder

Looking ahead. There will be no regular meeting in December. The annual Christmas Dinner will be held at the Sky Harbor on Friday, December 5. More on this next newsletter.

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"Give a man an exam and he'll be healthy for a day; teach a man to examine himself and he'll be healthy for a lifetime."

(the cartoons on this page are from the New Yorker web site. These are one's that did not appear in the magazine)

Young Eagles

At the last breakfast, October 18, we had the pleasure of hosting another group of Boy Scouts. I don't have the details, Troop No., Scout Masters name, etc. But, like the last time we hosted boys from this group, we conducted a ground school while they were getting their YE ride.

About a dozen boys participated, and in groups of five or six, went through map reading and an extensive pre-flight of the C-150.

Jerry Peacock, Barry Logan, and Rob Meyer provided the aircraft for the flights.

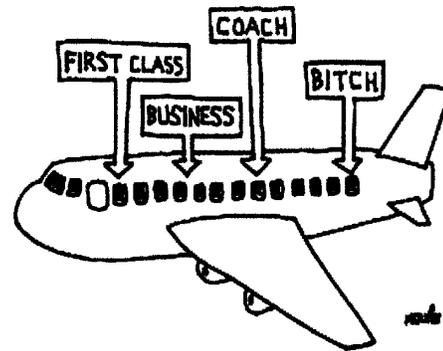
A comment by one of the Scout leaders is what it is all about. He asked one of his Senior Scouts; what was the highlight of his Scouting Career. And he named the Young Eagle experience and ground school that we gave him several years ago.

2009 Chapter Budget

It is time to write the Chapter 563 budget for next year. President Phipps will be appointing a committee to do this so it will be available for the next regular meeting on November 13th.

If you wish to be a part of this effort, please call Al Phipps or Jerry Pilon and let them know.

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