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The **First Breakfast** will be held on the **First Saturday, May 2nd**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The **Regular Meeting** will be held on the **Second Thursday, May 14th**, in the EAA Hangar beginning at 7:00 pm.

The **Second Breakfast** will be held on the **Third Saturday, May 16th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00

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

Minutes of EAA 563 Membership Meeting April 9th at the Chapter Hangar

The April membership meeting of Chapter 563 was held at the Chapter Hangar. The meeting was opened at 7:00 by Vice President Robert Young. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as published in the April newsletter. There was no New or Old Business to discuss so the meeting was given to our speaker for the evening, Harrell Timmons.

Harrell Timmons from Jet Air, Inc., located in Galesburg, spoke at our April 9, 2009 meeting. He shared many interesting stories from his days of building time by flying to remote locations to repossess aircraft. He spoke to us on his views concerning new students' reliance on high-tech equipment and their resulting need for improvement with flying skills. Harrell also implied that now is a great time to buy aircraft due to their depressed values. Harrell recently spent time in Oregon where he learned the systems on a new Epic aircraft that his client purchased. Jet Air has expanded its operations to Burlington, IA.

The meeting was adjourned followed by coffee and cookies provided by Bob Young.

Respectfully Submitted by Robert Young

Minutes of EAA 563 Board Meeting April 16th at the Chapter Hangar

President Al Phipps called the meeting to order at 7:05. Those in attendance were Al Phipps, Jerry Pilon, Bob Young, Morrie Caudill and Donald Wolcott

The minutes for last month, March 19th board meeting, were approved as posted in the newsletter.

Treasures Report:

Jerry Pilon provided the treasures report. It looks like we are on budget for the year. The lower utility costs for the summer should offset the higher utility costs we saw for the winter and bring this part of the budget back in line with expectations.

Property and safety report:

There was nothing to report.

Old business:

The hanger committee make up was discussed again and it has been determined that the bylaws had been changed to making the makeup of the hanger committee the board of directors. The board of directors has the responsibility of making and enforcing any hanger usage rules the board deems to be necessary.

Special Events:

It was decided that the best date for the Christmas Party would be December the 4th. Jerry Pilon is going to check out several places to see if they can accommodate the usual number of attendees with enough space to move around and socialize and report back at the next board meeting.

New business:

There was no new business to take up.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10

Respectively submitted;

Your secretary

Donald Wolcott

You Know What They Say About Something That Sounds Too Good To Be True-----

HAWKER BEECHCRAFT SUSTAINABLE FUEL TEST FLIGHTS

In a partnership with Teledyne Continental Motors (TCM) and Swift Enterprises, Hawker Beechcraft Corporation (HBC) has completed the industry's first successful test flights on unleaded aviation fuel and Swift Sustainable Fuel. Using a Beech Bonanza G36, the accomplishment represents a step toward the future of unleaded, sustainable fuel-powered aircraft. "We project that Swift Fuel will extend aircraft range through increased efficiency and could cost up to 50 percent less per gallon than 100LL," said Jon Ziulkowski, Swift Enterprises vice president of renewable fuels. "This will be a big boost to piston aircraft operators and something we are proud to be involved in." For more information, visit www.hawkerbeechcraft.com.

Speaking of Dues

Checking the Chapter Roster I find that approximately 65% of the total number of members, I send newsletters to, have paid their 2009 dues. 49 out of 75.

The e-mailers are ahead of the snail mailers by 2%. That means that 30 of you who were members last year are still delinquent. Our bylaws state that if you haven't joined by July you will be dropped from the Chapter roster. I will include a notice in next months mailed newsletter and also send an e-mail notice to the e-mailers.

If you aren't sure, call your editor or treasurer.

Please send your check to me, your editor, or bring it to the May meeting and give it to Jerry Pilon. Our addresses are on page 3 of this newsletter.

Good News for Our Zenith Owners?

Zenith: Tests show no flutter in Zodiac amateur aircraft

Officials with Missouri-based Zenith Aircraft Co., exhibiting at the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In in Lakeland, Fla., this week, said they were surprised by the National Transportation Safety Board's recommendation to ground their amateur-built Zodiac CH-601XL aircraft. The NTSB cited the fact that the single-engine, two-seater airplane has broken apart in flight six times since 2006, killing 10 people, including one man in the aircraft on his way to the Sun 'n Fun event last year, and officials say that since the recommendation, two independent firms, one in the U.S. and one in Germany, have conducted flutter analyses on the amateur aircraft kits and found no indications of flutter. [The Ledger \(Lakeland, Fla.\)](#) (4/23)

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<p>Unless otherwise notified, the Regular Chapter 563 meetings will be held at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month.</p> <p>All Chapter 563 breakfasts will be held at the Chapter Hangar from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on the first and third Saturday mornings.</p> <p>Unless otherwise notified, the Chapter 563 Directors meetings will be held at the Chapter Hangar on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.</p>					1	2 Brkfst
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May 2nd, 2009
This Saturday after breakfast

**A Young Eagle ground school and flights will
take place at the EAA Hangar.
Plan on staying after breakfast and giving a
Young Eagle the benefit of your knowledge.**