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

The **Regular Meeting** will be held on the **Second Thursday, October 13th**, in the EAA Hangar.

The **Second Breakfast** will be held on the **Third Saturday, October 15th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00

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

September 8th, Regular Meeting Night

The decision was made to attend the Stearman Flyin at Galesburg to hear the featured speaker, Rod Hightower, the CEO and President of EAA. Four of us attended. It was held in the large hangar which was full to the door with people attending the flyin. I don't remember everything that was said, but he covered all the areas you would expect him to talk about in a presentation like this. Rod is a good speaker, warm and friendly, and it sounds like the organization is in good hands. He held a quiz at the end of his talk, to distribute door prizes, asking questions about EAA that were not easy to answer. He was well received by the crowd.

MINUTES OF EAA 563 BOARD MEETING

September 15th 2011 at the Chapter Hangar

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Bob Young at 7:05 pm.

Those in attendance were Bob Young, Kent Lynch, Morrie Caudill, Don Wolcott, Jerry Pilon, Chris Tate and Greg Lepine. This constituted a quorum. There were also several members

that attended. Along with Jeff Wales the FBO operator.

Secretary's Report:

Don read the August board meeting minutes, motion to accept as read by Greg, seconded by Chris and approved by voice vote

Treasure's Report:

Treasure Jerry Pilon reported that the chapter received a check for \$1847 from EAA from proceeds of the B17 visit. We need to start planning for next year's budget and for future plans for the chapter.

Hanger committee chairman Kent stated the hangers on the airport are being power washed, roof leaks being patched and painting to start soon. Kent also stated that we needed to make a decision on whether to make a change to the standing rules on hanger use. A motion was made by Jerry and seconded by Bob and approved by a show of hands to leave the rule as it is currently written in the standing rules of the Chapter.

Old Business: Jeff Wales discussed the airport open house and what had been done to try and get planes to come and be on display. The Airport Authority will provide the food for lunch and he asked if we were willing to cook the hamburgers and hot dogs. The chapter will be serving breakfast starting at 8am in the FBO hangar. Morrie will also be running the raffle for the pedal car plane.

New business:

Greg stated that he felt that we need to review our procedure for determining what is charged for a chapter member to use the hanger to work on a project. After much discussion it was decided that Jerry will work over the finance numbers and bring to the next board meeting what part of the hanger rent and utility expense is being covered by hanger tenants. This information will be discussed at the next board meeting with the intent of determining how to come up with a fair method of calculating what to charge for full and partial projects

Two chapter members, Steve Bonfoy and Phil Jones have volunteered to serve on the nominating committee for new officers for the 2012 year. If you would like to be more involved with the chapter by serving in some capacity please contact one of them and make your desires known.

Don Berrier would like to donate his Anti Aircraft Search light and all additional parts to the chapter. He will train individuals how to use it. This could be a good source of revenue for the chapter by renting it out. Jerry made a motion to accept the offer, seconded by Greg and passed by voice vote.

Kent stated that the Chapter has acquired by donation two 1yr subscriptions for WingX to use on an Ipad and that we need to find someone that would like to have one and make a donation to the chapter for it.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm

Respectively Submitted; Your secretary Donald Wolcott

As reported in the minutes of the Directors Meeting Don Berrier has donated his WWII search light to the Chapter and it is parked behind the hangar as we speak. He will attend the Thursday morning coffee to give us some instruction on the operation of the unit. It is fully operational and is capable of generating income. With a little tender loving care it will look like new. Hope it fits in the end cap.
(see page 4 for pictures)

There Still Are A Few Places To Go Before It Snows

OCTOBER 2011

Tuesday, October 4, 7:00pm – 9:00pm
Greenville Pilots Association Safety Meeting
Greenville Airport, Greenville, IL
Troy Walker (618) 664-0926

Sunday, October 9, 7:00am – 11:30am
Fly-In / Drive-In Pancake Breakfast
Poplar Grove Airport, Poplar Grove, IL
Dean May (815) 544-0215 • deanmay757@gmail.com

Sunday, October 9, 11:00am – 4:00pm
Pork & Pie Barbeque
Ogle County Airport, Mt. Morris, IL
www.oglecountyairport.com

Saturday, October 15, 8:00am – 11:00pm
EAA Chapter 1155 Fly-In/Drive-in Breakfast
Terminal Building, Mt. Vernon Outland Airport (MVN)
(618) 242-7016 • www.mtvernonairport.com

Sunday, October 16, 7:00am – 11:00am
EAA Chapter 1315 Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast
Taylorville Municipal Airport, Taylorville, IL
Bill Newberry (217) 824-2701 • billnewberry@taylorville.net

NOVEMBER 2011

November 4-5
Flight Instructor Refresher Clinic
ISU Bone Student Center, Normal, IL
Linda Schumm (217) 785-4215 • aero@dot.il.gov

These Items Are For Sale

By
Dick barthel

Please list the following items for sale in the next newsletter:

85,000 BTU kerosene (or Jet Fuel) "salamander" heater, \$35

24 v battery charger, \$10

Cessna tow bar, \$10

Compressed Air Bottle, about 5 gal., \$5

Electric Grinding Wheel, on stand, with light, \$25

2 x 10 ft extension Ladder (extends to 17 ft), Aluminum, 200# limit, \$20

6 ft step Ladder, Aluminum, 200# limit, \$8

12 ft "A" Ladder with 12 ft center extension, HD Aluminum, on wheels, \$100

C150/152 winter baffle kit \$5.

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Members are free to advertise in this newsletter or on our web site. Just email a list of items to me, your newsletter editor, and I will post them as long as you want.

Things Are Happening at 3MY

The Peoria Airport Authority is beginning to do some of the maintenance work that has been discussed for several years. Notice when you drive in the new Mt. Hawley Airport sign that now fills the old frame that has been empty for many, many years. The bushes that grew up in front of it have been removed. This is a good start to establish the identity of the facility. The Chapter's Young Eagle work in the past has had people show up at the Greater Peoria Airport because they didn't know where Mt. Hawley was. I, for one, would like to see the State put a larger sign out on Knoxville Ave. I'm told there is one, but I make that drive at least ten times a month, and I don't see it. It doesn't stand out.

Also, a contract has been let to a painting company to paint and repair the T-hangars. They are sealing the roofs with a membrane, have power washed the doors, and are beginning to put a primer coat on the doors. They have been very cooperative with the owners in giving notice so airplanes can be moved to a tie down during the painting if the owner so wishes. Things are looking up.



Chapter 563 Has A New Project

This is an interesting piece of equipment. Built in 1941, for the military, it is an honest to God aircraft search light. It even has a gun sight mounted on the light so it can be aimed. How about that sports fans. The original units were mounted separately on four wheeled trailers and I'm sure if you removed a little paint you would find olive drab. It has a few "automatic" features, remember, they are 1941 automatic. The electrode automatic adjustment consists of a lens that focuses the arc on a bi-metallic spring that physically moves a gear mechanism to lengthen or shorten the arc. Rube Goldberg was alive and well at that time.

The instruction books are very complete. Right down to the clearances on the main and rod bearing in the engine. It's a Hercules engine and generator made in Oshkosh, Wisconsin .



The Chapter will be taking names of volunteers to work second and third shift on future lighting contracts.

Just kidding.

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Mt. Hawley Openhouse

The open house was a success. There were all kinds of airplanes and a balloon landing on the airport. The Chapter did themselves proud serving breakfast and later cooking hamburgers and hot dogs for the lunch crowd. The weather was pleasant for a change and the crowd was steady all day. A lot of interest was focused on the Allmond Aviation flight school. The TBM Avenger flew in and did several low passes. An event like this lets the public get up close and personal with single engine aircraft.



The Chapter Pedal Planes were on display and another bunch of tickets were sold for the grand drawing later this year.



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S E P T E M B E R

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3 First Breakfast
4	5 <small>Labour Day</small>	6	7	8 Regular Meeting	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Directors Meeting	16 <small>Birthday of U.S. Air Force (1947)</small>	17 Second Breakfast
18	19	20	21	22	23 <small>POW Day of Autumn</small>	24
25	26	27	28	29 <small>Rock Hauling begins at sunrise</small>	30	

The Regular Chapter563 meetings will be held at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month.

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.

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