

# Illinois Valley Beacon

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## BREAKFAST

Saturday November 5th at Doc's Mt. Hawley Inn, 8412 N. Knoxville Avenue, around 8:00 AM. The room off the bar will not be available so we will meet in the main restaurant. Doc's is just south and east of Mt. Hawley Airport. See you there!

## NOVEMBER

Our next Chapter meeting will be held at Leisure Acres Club House on Wednesday, November 9th at 7:30 p.m. This is our annual organizational meeting, with a number of important topics on the agenda. Chapter Officers will be elected to serve for the coming year. All current Officers have agreed to continue serving in their present positions. Further nominations will be accepted from the floor.

During his visit to Oshkosh last summer Al Phipps learned that some Chapters elect At-Large members to serve on the Board. These At-Large members learn what it takes to keep a Chapter running. The experiences they gain while serving At-Large provides for a smooth transition when they advance to other Chapter Offices.

It has been suggested that we elect two At-Large Board members to assist our present Officers.

During the November meeting we will also be appointing a Chapter Flight Advisor. The Flight Advisor Program is designed to promote pilot safety for all pilots transitioning into unfamiliar aircraft.

The Chapter Flight Advisor will work with pilots and builders who are about to fly a new aircraft for the first time. The Flight Advisors goal is to help pilots continue the high level of safety standards we currently enjoy in the

building, restoring and on going maintenance of our aircraft.

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## CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Our annual Chapter 563 Christmas Luncheon will be held Saturday, December 3, 1994 at the Cater Inn, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, Peoria, from 11:30 am until 2:30 PM.

NASA has confirmed that Astronaut Steve Nagel of Canton will be available as our guest speaker.

We had hoped to once again schedule this event for Wildlife Prairie Park, but those facilities were already reserved by another group. We were fortunate to schedule the Cater Inn for this event.

Reservations are \$13.50 per person and over 120 tickets are presently in the hands of Chapter members.

In order to keep this event affordable we have set the per person price low. Since the Chapter is responsible for Steve's round trip air fare from Florida to Central Illinois, we do not anticipate making big money. We merely hope to be in a position to break even!

In order to reach the break even point we must have a minimum of 150 attendees. Please make your reservations early and ask your friends and neighbors if they would be interested in attending.

If you want to make reservations or would be willing to sell additional tickets, please contact Dave Cook at 682-6074, Al Phipps at 693-2943 or Sam Sisk at 243-5729.

This should be an interesting and fun time!

See you there!

**Astronaut  
Steve Nagel  
will be the  
featured  
speaker!**

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## PROFILE... MORRIE CAUDILL

by Ron Wright

Morrie became interested in aviation as a pre-teenager, when he started building model airplanes. His model building continued as an adult.

In 1950 he came to Peoria and started working at Caterpillar. Morrie's first flight in a real aircraft, (Stinson) was that same year, but he delayed flight training until 1992.

He started taking flight lessons from Mac and Jean at Greater Peoria Airport in a Cessna 152, earning a private rating. He currently owns a Cessna 150 purchased from Brian Briggerman, which is based at Greater Peoria.

In 1988 Morrie joined EAA and he became a local Chapter 563 member in 1992.

He rebuilt the hydraulics on the Chapter "Simulator", which is now based at the "Wheels of Time" museum and he regularly attends Sun' N Fun and Oshkosh.

Morrie's only regret is that he didn't start flying sooner!

He flies on a regular basis with Brian Briggerman in Brian's Mooney. They attend Fly-In breakfasts, lunches, and other aviation related events in places all over the country. (Texas, Florida, Ohio, Kansas, etc.)

This year Morrie retired from Caterpillar and now has even more time to devote to aviation interests. He is an active EAA and Chapter 563 member.

Morrie is busy accumulating time in his log book. During the recent visit of the EAA's B-17, "Aluminum Overcast", he managed to log an hour behind the controls!

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After the business meeting there will be a social hour with refreshments and a video of "Oshkosh '94".

## LAST MONTH

Our guest speaker was Frank McCarter of Morris, Illinois.

Frank related his experiences with the "Flying Tigers" in India and China during WWII. He took his basic training in a Stearman, then progressed to a Vultee VT13 Vibrator, an AT6, a P40 and finally a P 51.

Frank described how air combat tactics in China differed from the other theaters during WWII. They had so few aircraft available that often they flew 2 and 4 plane missions. Pilots always flew in pairs.

China was a vast and somewhat inhospitable land where communications and navigation were rudimentary, the language was difficult and often the weather was a worse enemy than the Japanese.

## FLY-IN AWARDS

The Eighth Annual North Central "Old Fashioned" EAA Regional Fly-In at Whiteside County Airport in Sterling-Rock Falls on the weekend of September 17th and 18th was a great success!

More visiting pilots and aircraft were registered during this year's event than had ever before attended a NorthCentral Fly-In. During the two days 340 aircraft registered. There were 687 qualified aviation visitors and over 1100 flight line passes were issued to those visitors and their guests.

There were workshops, forums, exhibits and a large swap area. Camping was available on the field and the pancake breakfast on Sunday morning was particularly well attended.

When the aircraft judging was completed, two of our Chapter members had received awards.

**Scott Decker** received a Reserve Champion award in the "Antique" category for his Aeronca 65TL, "NC31837" and **Larry Roberts** received a Reserve Champion award in the "Classic" category for his Cessna 170A, "N5799C". Nice going guys!

## CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 5th and 6th - GLENDALE, ARIZONA



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Thunderbird Balloon Classic and airshow. Contact: Chuck Hoover, 602/993-6107.

NOVEMBER 5th and 6th - LAKELAND, FLORIDA

Wings 'n' Things '94, Sun 'n' Fun Aviation Foundation Fly-In at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport. Contact: 813/251-1820.

NOVEMBER 10th thru 13th - MESA, ARIZONA

1994 Copperstate Regional EAA Fly-In. Williams Gateway Airport. Contact: 1-800/283-6372, Fax 602/827-0727.

DECEMBER 3rd - PEORIA, ILLINOIS

EAA Chapter 563's Annual Christmas Luncheon will be held at the Cater Inn, 1224 W. Pioneer Parkway, from 11:30 am until 2:30 pm. NASA Astronaut Steve Nagel is the featured speaker. Reservations are \$13.50 per person. Contact: Dave Cook at 682-6074, Al Phipps at 693-2943 or Sam Sisk at 243-5729.

JANUARY 1st - WARSAW, INDIANA

EAA Chapter 938, Third Annual Hangar Party and Fly-In at Warsaw Airport, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Contact: Larry Lamp, 219/453-4364.

MARCH 1st and 2nd - ROMEOVILLE, ILLINOIS

Illinois General Aviation Exhibit/Maintenance Seminar, 21st annual event at Harold E. White Aviation Center on Lewis University main campus, Route 53. Free attendance. Co-sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics; U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Aviation Administration; Lewis University; and the Professional Aircraft Maintenance Association. Contact: 312, 708 or 815/838-0500, ext. 434.

MARCH 4th - CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS

14th annual Illinois Ultralight Safety Seminar at Parks College. Co-sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics and the Illinois Ultralight Advisory Council.

MARCH 19th - STEVENS POINT, WISCONSIN

2nd annual Wisconsin Ultralight Safety Seminar at Holiday Inn Holidome. Co-sponsored by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics and the Wisconsin Ultralight Council.

APRIL 9th thru 15th - LAKELAND, FLORIDA

Sun'n Fun '95 at Lakeland Linder Regional Airport. Contact: 813/644-2431.

JUNE 24th and 25th - GREELEY, COLORADO

17TH Annual EAA Rocky Mountain Regional Fly-In/Airshow. Contact: 303/798-6086.

JULY 5th thru 9th - ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON

26TH Annual Northwest EAA Fly-In/Sport Aviation Convention. Contact: 206/435-5857.

JULY 27th thru AUGUST 2nd - OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

43rd Annual EAA Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention. Wittman Regional Airport. Contact: John Burton, EAA, P.O. Box 3086, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3086, 414/426-4800.

## FOR SALE

MONI N240A

Wing Span 27'6", Length 14'8", Wing Area 75 sq. ft., Empty Weight 292 lbs. with spoiler installation and 19 lbs ballast to satisfy CG limits with 190 lb. pilot, Gross Weight 560 lbs., Useful Load 240 lbs., Cockpit will accommodate a 6'4", 235 lb. pilot, Engine KFM 107, 2 cyl., 22 hp., electric start, Fuel Capacity 4 gal., Endurance (full throttle) 2 hrs., Top Speed (sea level) 120 m.p.h., Range at 80 m.p.h. (economy cruise) 320 miles, Rate of Climb 500 ft./min., Take Off Distance (turf) 400 ft., Stall 38 m.p.h., Cruising Speed 75% (sea level) 110 m.p.h., Design Limits +6, -4g's, Construction All aluminum bonded and riveted. \$5,500 with trailer, standard instruments plus CHT, EGT, Digital Tach, Varo. Contact, W. D. Allen, 5101 Clifton Terrace, Godfrey, IL 62035, Phone 618/466-2188.

## TESTOR STRIKES AGAIN!

First it was the model of what we now know as the Stealth Fighter. Then came the StingBat LHX helicopter and the Aurora models. Now the Testor Corporation has put a model on the market it says is a "...scale model - called the Area S4 UFO - of an alien spacecraft allegedly hidden within the heavily guarded Nellis Air Force Range at Groom Lake in central Nevada. This mysterious craft is thought to be one of nearly a dozen UFO's the government is 'back engineering' at a remote installation designated Area S4" According to the Testor Corporation, the flying

saucer-shaped Area S4 UFO was designed by its John Andrews after interviews with former government physicist, Bob Lazar, who claims he was part of a team hired in 1988 to disassemble the interstellar spacecraft in order to better understand the technology.

## **ALTERNATOR STC**

Barnstormer Aviation has secured another STC for alternator installations. In addition to the Aircoupe and the Cessna 120/140/140A, Barnstormers has now obtained an STC for the installation of an alternator in the Cessna 170/170A/170B. It is a bolt-on installation using a 60 amp alternator. For more information contact: Fred Lagno at Barnstormers Aviation, 911 Sportsman Neck Rd., Queenstown, MD 21658 or call 410/827-7896.

## **FUTURE FEATURES**

Next month's newsletter will include articles by Dave Cook on "Mountain Flying in the Colorado Rockies" and by Brian Briggerman on the trip he and Morrie Caudill took to the "Mooney Convention in Kerrville, Texas".

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**NEXT MEETING - LEISURE ACRES ON WED., NOV. 9TH AT 7:30 P.M.**

**ASTRONAUT STEVE NAGEL TO ATTEND CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON  
ON DEC. 3RD.**

**SCOTT DECKER AND LARRY ROBERTS WIN AIRCRAFT AWARDS  
AT NORTHCENTRAL FLY-IN**