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Breakfast

Saturday, July 1st at **Wernsman's** Family Restaurant on Route 116 in Germantown Hills, beginning around 8:00 AM. See you there!

July 4th! "Fly-Out" We will make our way to the Annual Monmouth Fly-In Breakfast as a group. It was suggested that we could make this a chapter event by encouraging as many members as possible to make the flight. If you need a ride to Monmouth, please contact one of the following member pilots: Sam Sisk, 243-5729; Brian Briggerman, 274-5472; Dave Cook, 682-6074; or Morrie Caudill, 685-8547. During the Fly-Out to Bloomington last month there were seats available. If you need a ride, be sure to phone one of these members.

Wings Weekend

The Fifth Annual WINGS Fly-In Weekend

will take place July 7-9 at the Coles County Airport, located between Charleston and Mattoon. Participants will have the opportunity to complete their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) WINGS pilot proficiency program in one weekend.

The FAA WINGS program is a safety program that stresses recurrent training for all pilots. The program consists of three hours of dual flight instruction, and a minimum one hour of ground safety seminar. Pilots completing the requirements of the WINGS program will have met the requirements of a Biennial Flight Review (BFR).

The WINGS Weekend is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, Federal Aviation Administration, and Coles County Airport. In a Cessna Skyhawk, Coles County Airport is less than a two hour flight from anywhere in Illinois!

Registration is at 8 a.m. on Friday and Saturday, July 7-8. Pilots will choose an instructor after registering, and conduct the training flights in their personal aircraft. Rental aircraft are available from Central Illinois Aviation (217-234-8146).

Safety seminars will be held both days for pilots waiting to fly. A flying companion seminar will be held Saturday. For further information contact John Nelson at 217-785-8516.

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July Meeting

on Wednesday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m. at the Hobby Hide-Away, which is a 1300 foot grass strip near Delavan. Dave Shipton will be our host. Dave has a Smith Termite II homebuilt and other aviation memorabilia.

For those driving, here are the directions. Take Interstate 155 south out of Morton to the Delavan exit. Turn west (right) and in less than 1 mile take the first road to the south (left), and proceed approximately three miles. There will be a short business meeting followed by an informal get together. Please bring your lawn chairs.

Project Visits

On Saturday June 3rd we held our Annual Drive-Around to members homes, viewing their aircraft projects. Our first two stops were in Morton. At Bill Van Mieghen's we got a good look at his almost complete Kit Fox. From there we proceeded to Ozzie Beckham's, for a peek at the beginning stages of his RV6. We also marveled at his well equipped shop with wall to wall carpeting!

Continuing on to Chillicothe, at Dan Marcy's an Avid Flyer is really beginning to take shape! Meanwhile Dick Larash has made substantial progress on his RV6 and is ready to begin work on the fuselage. Many thanks to these gentlemen for the chance to view their handiwork. We had a full day of airplanes.

Sixteen Young Eagles

took to the air at Mt. Hawley Airport on Saturday, June 10th, as part of our local Chapter's International Young Eagles Flight Day effort. There were three aircraft and pilots flying and everything was well coordinated.

The kids were very happy and excited to be making their first flights and the ground crews performed well. Brian Briggerman and Sam Sisk want to extend a Special Thanks to everyone who participated in making this event a success!

Air Guard Meeting

Our June Chapter meeting was held Wednesday, June 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the Illinois Air National Guard complex on Smithville Road at the Greater Peoria Airport.

Many thanks to Colonel Alan L. Paige for arranging the tour and **special thanks** to Lt. Jeff Herrmann for acting as our host.

After a short business meeting Lt. Herrmann explained what it was like to fly a C-130E, what the Guard's mission is and how they train for

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that eventuality.

Since a daring rescue of a downed pilot had just been made in Bosnia, the subject of what personal survival equipment pilots carry was discussed.

Then we adjourned to the tarmac where we had a first hand look at a C-130E. While this aircraft is not new technology, some of the RNAV capabilities that have been installed recently certainly are!

Guy Snyder said this was like "Old Home Week" for him, since he served on a C-130 Airborne Command Post while in the Air Force.

After a thorough inspection of the aircraft we walked over to the maintenance hangar for a look at the F4 that is being prepared for display at the Bartonville American Legion Hall.

At the present time it is not possible to put a C-130 completely in the maintenance hangar, but the door is being modified to accommodate the height of the tail!

Enroute to the hangar we inadvertently walked over the truck scales and someone remarked that our Chapter was the same weight as the entire Country of Rwanda!

Rantoul Fly-Out

On Saturday, August 19th, we have been invited to join Chapter members from Bloomington, Champaign, Decatur and Springfield at a gathering in Rantoul.

We are making this a Chapter Fly-Out/Drive-Out event. Lunch is being catered and the cost is approximately \$7.00. Presently we have 20 spaces reserved. We need an accurate count by Monday, August 14th. If you plan to go please RSVP by phoning Sam Sisk at 243-5729.

If you prefer not to drive and need a seat on a

flight to Rantoul, please contact one of the following member pilots: Sam Sisk, 243-5729; Brian Briggerman, 274-5472; Dave Cook, 682-6074; or Morrie Caudill, 685-8547.

During the Fly-Out to Bloomington last month there were more planes and pilots than passengers. Seats were available. If you need a flight to Rantoul, be sure to phone one of these members.

Calendar

JULY 1st — GERMANTOWN HILLS, ILLINOIS

Breakfast the first Saturday of every month at **Wernsman's** Family Restaurant on Route 116 in Germantown Hills, beginning around 8:00 AM. See you there!

JULY 2nd — McNABB, ILLINOIS

FLY-IN/DRIVE-IN Breakfast, Sponsored by EAA Chapter 948, the first Sunday of the month, from 7-11 A.M. at Hartenbauer's Airport on McNabb Road, rain or shine. Contact: 815/882-2371.

JULY 2nd thru 6th — OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

Young Eagles Aviation Camp for 12-14 year-olds. Contact: EAA , 414/426-4888.

JULY 4th — MT. MORRIS, ILLINOIS

Ogle County Pilots Association and EAA Chapter 682 Fly-In Breakfast. Contact: 815-734-4320.

JULY 4th — MONMOUTH, ILLINOIS

Annual Fly-In Breakfast. Contact: 309/734-7662.

JULY 5th thru 9th — ARLINGTON, WASHINGTON

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

JULY 7th thru 9th — MATTOON, ILLINOIS

5th Annual Wings Weekend. Contact: 217/785-8516.

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JULY 7th thru 14th — CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS

Aerospace Institute Summer Camp. Contact: 618-337-7575, ext 292/364.

JULY 7th thru 9th — PITTSFIELD, ILLINOIS

Annual Gathering of Eagles. Contact: 314/581-2242.

JULY 8th & 9th — EMMETSBURG, IOWA

Seventh Annual Taildrager Fly-In.

JULY 8th & 9th — DeKALB, ILLINOIS

Third Annual Festival of Wings at DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport. Contact: 815/943-5170.

JULY 9th — MICHIGAN CITY, INDIANA

EAA Chapter 966 Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast at the Michigan City Airport. Contact: 219/362-1259.

JULY 9th thru 15th — KALISPELL, MONTANA

26TH Anniversary International Cessna 170 Association Convention. Outlaw Inn, Kalispell, Montana. Contact: 406/837-3133 or 406/257-4004.

JULY 15th — WASHINGTON ISLAND, WISCONSIN

42nd Annual Lion's Club Fly-In Fish Boil at the Washington Island Airport. Contact: Larry Harvell, 414/847-2770.

JULY 15th & 16th — SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

EAA Chapter 137 Air Show/Static Display. Contact: 217-744-9059.

JULY 18th thru 23rd — OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

380th Bomb Group Reunion. Contact: 501/362-2891.

JULY 20th thru 23rd — GREENCASTLE, INDIANA

33rd Annual Popular Rotorcraft Association Convention at Putnam County Airport. Contact: 317/246-6540.

JULY 22nd thru 25th — KENOSHA, WISCONSIN

Greater North American Training School/Fly-In. Contact: 414/658-0030.

JULY 23rd thru 25th — KEOKUK, IOWA

Fifth Worldwide Gathering of L-Birds. Contact: 303-841-2161.

JULY 23rd thru AUGUST 1st — MILWAUKEE, WISC.

13th Annual Cardinal Club Fly-In Convention at the Grand Milwaukee Hotel/Mitchell International Airport. Contact: 913/842-7016.

JULY 24th thru 26th — LA CROSSE, WISCONSIN

Short Wing Piper Club Annual Convention. Contact: 507-238-4579.

JULY 26th thru AUGUST 3rd — VALPARAISO, IN.

11th Annual EAA Chapter 104 food booth at Porter County Airport, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily. Contact: Barb Doepping, 219/759-1714 or Alex Komorowski, 219/938-5884.

JULY 27th - OSHKOSH, WISCONSIN

Stinson Dinner at Butch's Anchor Inn. Contact: 414/643-7445 (evenings).

JULY 27th thru AUGUST 2nd — OSHKOSH, WIS.

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.

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AUGUST 12th and 13th — DUBUQUE, IOWA

Look Beyond the Tri-States Airshow at Dubuque Municipal

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Airport. Contact: Perry Mason, 319/588-5678.

AUGUST 13th — MENDOTA, ILLINOIS

EAA Chapter 263 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast. Contact: 815/539-6815.

AUGUST 19th — RANTOUL, ILLINOIS

Gathering of Central Illinois EAA Chapters! Ph: 243-5729.

AUGUST 19th and 20th — LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

Heart of Illinois Ultralights "Fun-Fly 95" at Logan County Airport. Flying events. On-field camping, food and motels nearby. Contact: Greg Waxler, 309/693-0027.

AUGUST 19th and 20th — BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS

Prairie Air Show '95. Contact: 309/663-7632.

AUGUST 19th and 20th — WAKEFIELD, MICHIGAN

Sunday Lake Float Plane Fly-In and Lumberjack Festival. Craft fair, flea market, games, music, food, raffle. VFW Pancake Breakfast on Sunday morning. Contact: 906/224-7111.

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SEPT 9th — PEORIA, ILLINOIS

EAA Chapter 563 Annual Picnic. Further details later!

SEPT 9th and 10th — MARION, OHIO

MidEastern Regional EAA Fly-In. Contact: Lou Lindeman, 513/253-4629 (work), 513/849-9455 (home) or Jenny Dyke, 513/878-9832.

SEPT 8th thru 10th — VALPARAISO, INDIANA

EAA Chapter 104 hosts Tri-Motor Stinson at Valparaiso

County Airport. Popcorn Festival, antique car swap, pancake breakfast on Sunday. Contact: Paul Doepping 218/759-1714 or Rich Lidke 219/778-2709.

SEPT 9th & 10th — MARION, OHIO

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SEPT 14th thru 17th — RENO, NEVADA

Reno Air Races at the Reno/Stead Airport. Contact: 702/972-6663.

SEPT 16th & 17th — STERLING/ROCK FALLS, IL.

Ninth Annual North Central "Old Fashioned" EAA Regional Fly-In at Whiteside County Airport. The Fly-In will feature Workshops, forums, exhibits, a large swap area and more. Camping will be available on the field. There is a pancake breakfast on Sunday morning. Chapter 563 is one of the sponsoring Chapters for this event. Contact: Gregg Erikson, 708/513-0641 or Dave Christianson, 815/625-6556.

SEPT 23rd and 24th — ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

Gulf Coast Regional EAA Fly-In. Contact: Jim Riviere, 504/467-1505 or 504/536-5364.

OCTOBER 1st — McNABB, ILLINOIS

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OCTOBER 6th thru 8th — EVERGREEN, ALABAMA

Southeast Regional EAA Fly-IN. Contact: "Bubba" Hamiter, 205/765-9109 or 205/743-3916.

OCTOBER 6th thru 8th — Willmington, Delaware

East Coast Regional EAA Fly-In at New Castle County Airport. Officially-sanctioned EAA warbird event. Airshow each day plus aerial demos, fly-bys, victory parade of flight (Antiques, Classics, homebuilts, ultralights, Young Eagles program. Mode C waiver and no-radio procedure. WASP veterans reception, banquet, pilot forums, exhibits, displays, fly market, pancake breakfast. For pilots info packet, write EAA East Coast Fly-In Corp., 2602 Elnora St., Wheaton, MD 20902-2706. Contact: "Bud" Davidson, 215/869-3484 OR "Scotty" Scott, 302/998-3822.

“BLUE SKIES”

Originally August 19th was set as the date of our Annual Chapter picnic. Since the Fly-Out to Rantoul is on the same day, the picnic has been reschedule for Saturday, September 9th. Details to follow.

Welcome to two new Chapter members! James A. Hooker of 217 N. Cloverfield Dr., Chillicothe IL 61523 and Charles A. Wilson of 311 E. Jefferson St., Washington IL 61571.

FOR SALE Jerry Kuntz of 5901 N. Jefferson in Bartonville is liquidating his complete work shop. This includes both woodworking and metal working tools! If interested he lives on the corner across the street from the Lutheran Church. Give Jerry a call at 697-2117.

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