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Breakfast

Saturday, January 6th at

Doc's Mt. Hawley Inn, 8412 N. Knoxville Avenue, just East of Mt. Hawley Airport, beginning around 8:00 AM. See you there!

Christmas Luncheon

Barnstormer extraordinaire and air show performer Duane Cole was the Featured Speaker at our Annual Chapter Christmas Luncheon at the Cater Inn, on Saturday, December 2, 1995.

Duane took his first flying lesson on Christmas Day, 1935, in Phoenix, Arizona. Later he soloed from the old Mt. Hawley Airport, earning a private and commercial license there. At Greater Peoria Airport he earned an instructor and twin engine ratings and his seaplane rating came at the foot of Main Street in Peoria.

After barnstorming around the Midwest, Duane began instructing in 1939. His first participation in an air show was in Peoria during the summer of 1941. He taught aerobatics to college students on the Civilian Pilot Training Program in 1940 and 1941, to Royal Air Force Cadets on the lend lease program in 1942, and to United States Army Air Force Cadets from 1943 to 1945.

With his brothers Marion, Lester, and Arnold, he organized the "Cole Brothers Air Show" in 1946 in Kewanee, Illinois. The show was the most outstanding entertainment of its kind, lasting until August of 1963. Though the show disbanded, Duane continued to fly as an exhibition pilot until 1989.

Duane was instrumental in the formation of the "Experimental Aircraft Association", the "Aerobatic Club of America" and the "International Aerobatic Club". He has authored 8 books and was the first person inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame in 1983.

January

We will meet at the *First Christian Church*, 6400 N. University Ave. on Wednesday, the 10th at 7:30 p.m.

The First Christian Church is located just North of the new Post Office and the entrance to the Church parking lot is next to the exit from the Post Office parking lot. Please park on the east side of the Church parking lot and use the far east gym door. Chapter member Dewey Fitch will conduct a session on flying safety and show a video on aircraft icing.

Hangar Update

Some of you may be aware that there have been changes with

regard to our new Chapter hangar home. We will no longer be located on the end of a row of corporate hangars at Mt. Hawley Airport.

On Monday, December 11, 1995, Chapter President Sam Sisk and President-Elect Morrie Caudill met with Bruce Carter of the Greater Peoria Airport Authority.

At that meeting it was agreed that the Airport Authority would build at Mt. Hawley Airport and the Chapter would occupy a stand alone hangar measuring 53' X 60', with a concrete floor, bath room and utilities. The monthly rent will be the same \$400 that we had agreed to pay for the other hangar.

"Aviation Wannabee"

Seminar, Wednesday evening, January 17, 1996, 7:00 — 9:00 PM at Mt. Hawley Airport.

The Aviation Wannabee Seminar is intended for persons who have entertained the idea of learning to fly, but have never taken the first step. Bring all of your friends to this seminar who have expressed an interest in learning to fly or who you believe would be interested if exposed to what we all enjoy about flying.

Chapter 563 has agreed to co-sponsor this evening, along with the Illinois Department of Aviation, North Point Aviation and the Greater Peoria Airport Authority. Our job is to bring as many guests as we can who want to know more about learning to fly.

All facets of aviation will be represented: airplanes, balloons, gliders, helicopters and more, and of course the EAA. So find someone who wants to know more about learning to fly and bring them!

Super Safety Seminar

An Accident Prevention Program for all pilots, friends, families and people who use aviation transportation for pleasure or business needs will be held on Saturday, January 13, 1996, beginning at 08:00 at the IDOT Administration Building, 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield, Illinois.

The seminar is sponsored by the Springfield FAA Flight Standards District Office, The Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics and The AOPA Air Safety Foundation. Contact: John Blohm, 217/492-4238 or Dale Rust, 217/524-5269.

Public Auction

Located at the home of Chapter member Jerry Kuntz at **5901 Jefferson Street in Bartonville**, Illinois. Watch for signs off Garfield Hill; also just across from Bethel Lutheran Church.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1996
STARTING PROMPTLY AT 10:00 AM

Reminder

If you have not yet paid your \$15.00 annual membership fee, please send your check to Chapter Treasurer Al Phipps, at 6305 N. Suffolk Dr., Peoria, IL 61615.

The auction will include QUILTS-ANTIQUES, COLLECTORS ITEMS, APPLIANCES, FURNITURE, **SHOP TOOLS** & MISC ITEMS. During the last few months Jerry has disposed of a number of tools, but many good items still remain. Jerry and his wife Louise are moving to the St. Louis area and hope to settle on the Illinois side somewhere near Bellville. We will sure miss them! Good Luck to Jerry and Louise!

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