

# Illinois Valley Beacon

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**Breakfast** Saturday, January 4th at **Doc's Mt. Hawley Inn**, 8412 N. Knoxville Avenue, just East of Mt. Hawley Airport, beginning around 8:00 AM. Come prepared to help with the **Hangar Work Party**, immediately following breakfast. See you there!

**Hangar Work Party** Bring your cordless screw drivers. We will be installing paneling to protect the insulation on the lower portion of the hangar walls.

All the materials will be ready and Sam Sisk says we will send all the Chapter members who are engineers to the Toluca hardware for nuts and bolts, so that good progress can be made on the project. The heat is installed, operational and seems to work fine.

Does your plane or project need a new home? If so contact Vic DeCroix at 383-4293 to get your name on the hangar waiting list.

**January Meeting** Our next Chapter meeting will be held on Wednesday, the 8th of January, at 7:30 p.m. at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport. We'll have the heat cranked up for this one!

**Christmas Luncheon** Our Annual Chapter Christmas Luncheon was held at noon on Saturday, December 7th, at the Cater Inn.

David A. Lombardo was the guest speaker and there were around 65 members and guests present. Mr. Lombardo has an extensive aviation and academic background. Since recently retiring as an Associate Professor at Lewis University, he has split his time between being a part time deputy sheriff and acting.

Lombardo has appeared in a number of plays and TV commercials. His background in both acting and aviation made him a very entertaining speaker. Between Lombardo's stories and anecdotes, he clearly was leaving the message that we should all be aware of how our words and actions influence other individuals, sometimes in ways that are unanticipated.

**Aviation Safety Seminar** Just a reminder that on Saturday, January 11th, at the Illinois Department of Transportation Administration Building at 2300 S. Dirksen Parkway in Springfield there will be a Super Aviation Safety Seminar, beginning with registration at 0800 hours and continuing until 1500 hours. Coffee and lunch breaks are scheduled. The Safety Seminar is sponsored by the U.S. Dept. of Transportation, the FAA and the Illinois Dept. of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics. For further

information contact: John Blohm, FAA, Springfield, IL FSDO (217) 744-1910 or Dale Rust, IDOT — Aeronautics, Springfield, IL (217) 785-8516.

The **B-17 "Aluminum Overcast"** will once again visit Peoria next summer. We have received a letter from Oshkosh indicating that once again Chapter 563 will host a visit from the EAA's B-17. The Bomber will be in town June 26th, 27th, 28th and 29th. Those dates are a Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

The Chapter will receive two free flights when the B-17 leaves Peoria for Decatur on Sunday, June 29th. It has been suggested that one of the rides be given to the Chapter member who has flown the most Young Eagles, while the second ride could be raffled off as a fund raiser. We have been talking about the need for a Fly-In or other fund raiser to keep our finances in the black. Last year we made some money with the B-17 visit. The timing of this news is just about perfect!

**Young Eagles** We received a letter from Oshkosh indicating that Chapter 563 has flown 174 Young Eagles. Please check these numbers against your records and if they are not correct, let Morrie Caudill know.

According to the EAA the following is a list of members and the number of Young Eagles they have flown: Brian Briggerman, 33; Lou Carr, 2; Morrie Caudill, 1; Bruce Chien, 12; Dave Cook, 30; Rosemary Emhoff, 30; Jim Hooker, 6; Al Lurie, 7; Bill Mathis, 3; Bill R. Preece of Carefree AZ ?, 23; Joe Rex, 4; Larry Roberts, 5; Sam Sisk, 18.

Some of these numbers we know are incorrect. For instance, Morrie Caudill has definitely flown more than one Young Eagle and who is Bill Preece of Carefree AZ?

The November 1996 issue of the EAA "Flight Leader News" has a picture of Flight Leaders Sam Sisk, Joe Rex, Bill Mathis, Bill Engel, Jim Hooker, Morrie Caudill and "**Brian Bigamy**", in front of Sam Sisk's Cessna 180, having just flown 23 Young Eagles.

**Furnishings Needed** We need several someone's to build, beg or borrow these items for our Chapter hangar at Mt. Hawley. 1.) a large sign for the side of the hangar, telling the world where we are located 2.) a large Bulletin Board 3.) a table or stand suitable for a TV and VCR (*we already have both the TV and VCR*) 4.) a Bookcase for magazines and video tapes, and 5.) a refrigerator.

Our **Deepest Sympathy** is extended to the family and friends of long time Chapter member Ted Smith. On Saturday December 14th, Sam Sisk, Al Phipps, Dave Cook, Ron Wright, Joe Rex and Morrie Caudill were all pallbearers at Teds funeral.

Chapter membership **Dues** for 1997 are now due. If you have not yet renewed, please send your check for \$15.00 to Treasurer Al Phipps. Beginning this year calendars are not included in the dues. If you want a 1997 EAA Calendar, please include an additional \$5.00.

**Joe Fox's Cessna 180** is in Taylorville being painted in a Lear Jet maintenance shop. It was last seen parked next to 2 Lear Jets and a Citation. Joe hopes that paint will make it go faster! Sam Sisk says that enroute from Minnesota Joe provided a target for ATC that was going 40 mph with the right blinker on!

**Brian Briggerman** spent the Holidays in warm Arizona.

**Mike Fish** the mechanic at Mt. Hawley has a case for a

C85-12 and the components (pistons, rings, crankshaft, all .015 over, everything but the case) for an A65. Phone: 309/693-1908.

A **Pilots lounge** has been constructed at Greater Peoria Airport at the end of the Hanna City T hangars.

**Congratulations** to Bill Engel and Marilyn "Marti" Moilien on their recent wedding.

**For Sale** RV4 Project, empennage complete, wings complete with Phlogiston spar, fuselage kit in box — firewall complete. Many extras, \$9,000 OBO. Contact Joe Rex at 309/694-3792.

## Calendar

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