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Breakfast moved! Because the first Saturday of the month falls during the July 4th Holiday weekend, breakfast has been moved to Saturday, July 12th, at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, beginning around 8:00 AM. Hopefully, this will be the first of many monthly hangar breakfasts. See you there!

B-17 Visit The Boeing B-17 "Aluminum Overcast" arrived at PIA last Thursday evening and flew a contingent of media people before retiring for the night. Five newspaper and three television station representatives were present. As a result we received coverage in the Peoria, Pekin, Morton and Bloomington newspapers and on the three local TV stations.

The "Flying Fortress" was on display on the Byerly ramp at Greater Peoria Airport for the next three days, thru Sunday, June 29th. The visit was part of a national flying "Honor Tour".

Hal Weekly was back as pilot and was busy answering

questions and being interviewed when he wasn't flying. The rest of the crew did their usual great job organizing the flights and keeping the whole event on time.

Many Chapter members helped with the visit. Morrie Caudill was "Tour Chair", Bill Engel the "Equipment Chair", Joe Rex the "Historical Society Chair" and Dave Cook the "Volunteer Chair". Joe Fox helped with publicity and was a great pitch man, selling raffle tickets for a ride on the WWII bomber. Al Phipps seemed to be there whenever a hand was needed. A cadre of eleven other Chapter member volunteers helped make the four day event go very smoothly. Thanks to everyone for doing such a great job!

During its stay here over 800 people toured the bomber and 26 persons joined the B-17 Historical Society to fly the bird.

On the Sunday afternoon flight to Decatur, four seats were available for the Chapter to award to members as a reward for services. Those chosen to fly were Niel Pobanz, Phil Moldenhauer, Dave Cook and Dennis Mellen.

Next year EAA Headquarters plans to send "Aluminum Overcast" on a tour of the western United States, so it will probably be several summers before she returns to Central Illinois.



119 Young Eagles fly Chapter 563 participated in "International Young Eagles Day" on Saturday, June 14th, at the Marshall County Airport in Lacon, Illinois. Chapter member pilots flying Young Eagles were: Brian Briggerman, Morrie Caudill, Bill Engel, Al Lurie, Neil Pobanz, Al Phipps, Joe Rex, Sam Sisk and Ron Wright. Those helping with ground operations were Joe Fox, Jack Frost, Phil Moldenhauer, Dennis Mellen, Jeff Michael and Ron Wright.

Chapter 563 owes a big thanks to all these members who helped out and to Lacon Aero Service for their great support of our operation and to Bill McKnight for donating the use of his airplane. Bill McKnight and Jeff Michael are

not even members of the chapter, but they did an outstanding job for us.

It was the best turnout since we started participating in the Young Eagles program. Two television stations from Peoria came out and filmed the activities for a spot on the evening news. The telecasts were very favorable for aviation and the EAA. This activity also helped boost attendance for a fly-in breakfast the next day, where Lacon Aero Service gave plane rides to over 100 people who did not qualify for Young Eagle flights the previous day.

With this experience we need to start planning our next Young Eagle Day on September 20th. We tentatively have the EAA's Spirit of St. Louis coming to support the event. We have to decide if we can handle the size of crowd we might get with this kind of attraction and where to hold it.

We definitely need the entire chapter's support as well as the FBO's from the airport we are using. Anyone with any ideas on how best to organize the rally and all the volunteers please phone me at 309/266-4553. — **Brian Briggerman, Chapter 563 Young Eagles Coordinator.**

Last Month Our Chapter met on Wednesday, the 11th of June, at 7:30 p.m. in our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport. A motion was approved to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, so that we didn't have to listen to Chapter Secretary Joe Fox.

Our guest speaker was Walter Forred, MD., AME, who spoke on the Aviation Medical examination and those medical conditions which, when reported on the application for an Airman Medical Certificate would raise concern at FAA headquarters in Oklahoma City.

Basically, anything reported in Section 18 under "Medical History" might prompt a request from the FAA for additional information. Those conditions which most frequently bring a request for additional information are: g. Heart or vascular trouble, h. High or low blood pressure, k. Diabetes and any form of chemical dependency.

Dr. Forred emphasized that while there are still disqualifying conditions, many pilots are flying with medical conditions that only a few years ago would have grounded them.

If you need an AME for that next flight physical, contact Walt Forred, M.D.,



200 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Peoria, at 309/655-7800.

Our second guest speaker of the evening was Chapter member Brian Briggerman, who gave a detailed account of his trip out to Ramona, California to visit relatives. The flight took 30.5 hours, round trip.

Between Albuquerque, NM and Phoenix, AZ there was a distance of 300 miles without an airport and Brian ran into thunderstorms and head winds. At one time his ground speed was just 89 knots. His best ground speed on any one leg was 115 knots. In August Brian plans to take a mountain flying course out in Gundersen, Colorado.

Jack Frost and Al Phipps of the "Breakfast Committee" reported their findings to the assembled group. It was moved and approved that our July breakfast be held in the Chapter hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport and that it be moved from the first Saturday of the month to the second Saturday of the month for the month of July only, to resolve the conflict with the 4th of July Holiday weekend.

The Chapter once again expressed it's appreciation to Bill Engel for painting the signs for the side of the hangar and the hangar door.

July Meeting Our next Chapter meeting will be on Wednesday, the 9th of July, at 7:30 p.m. in our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport.

Oshkosh, B'gosh! This headline is probably a violation of someone's copyright, but be sure to remember **EAA OSHKOSH '97** — the 45th Annual EAA Fly-In and Sport Aviation Convention, **July 30th thru August 5th.** The EAA Fly-In Convention is the worlds greatest sport aviation gathering! Thousands of airplanes, hundreds of thousands of people and the biggest names in aviation, all together for one week to share the world of flight. Get ready to make your trip to Wittman Regional Airport, the home of sport aviation. For EAA Fly-In Convention Information contact John Burton, 414/426-4800.

Wings Weekend '97 The Seventh Annual WINGS Fly-In Weekend will take place July 11th thru the 13th, at the Coles County Airport (MTO). Participants will have the unique opportunity to receive **three hours** of free flight instruction and complete their Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) WINGS pilot proficiency program in one weekend. Volunteer flight instructors will be donating their professional services for the enhancement of aviation safety.

The FAA WINGS program is a safety program that stresses recurrent training for all pilots. The WINGS program consists of receiving three hours of dual flight instruction and attending at least one ground safety seminar. Completing the requirements for the WINGS program **will substitute for a Biennial Flights Review (BFR).** Pilots in the program will be encouraged to attend

as many of these safety courses as possible, which will cover a diversity of topics.

Ground Safety Seminars start at the airport hangar at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, July 11th and continue throughout the weekend. This event is sponsored by the FAA, Springfield, IL FSDO, the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Aeronautics, the AOPA Air Safety Foundation, the Coles County Airport Authority and AVEMCO Insurance Company. For further information about **Wings Weekend '97**, contact John Blohm at 217/744-1910 or Dale Rust at 217/524-5269.

1998 EAA Calendars This year we are going to order only as many EAA Calendars as people want. Since the volume will be down, the cost will go up to around \$6.50 or \$7.00 per calendar. If you want a 1998 EAA Calendar, contact Chapter Treasurer Al Phipps at 693-2943. We will only order enough calendars to meet our needs.

Calendar of Events

JULY 3rd & 4th -- Dubuque, Iowa

Look Beyond the Tri-States with Golden Knights. Contact: 319/588-5706.

JULY 3rd & 4th -- Mansfield, Ohio

Freedom Festival.

JULY 4th -- Monmouth, Illinois

Monmouth Flying Club Fly-In. Contact: 309/734-7662.

JULY 4th -- Mt. Morris, Illinois

Fly-In Breakfast. Contact: 815/732-7268.

JULY 4th -- Corning, Iowa

Fly-In Breakfast. Contact: 515/322-4823.

JULY 4th thru 6th -- St. Louis, Missouri

McDonnell Douglas Airshow and Fair with Leapfrogs and Golden Knights. Contact: 314/725-1710.

JULY 5th -- Marshall, Minnesota

Airshow.

JULY 5th & 6th -- Emmetsburg, Iowa

Annual Taildragger Fly-In. Contact: 712/852-2346.

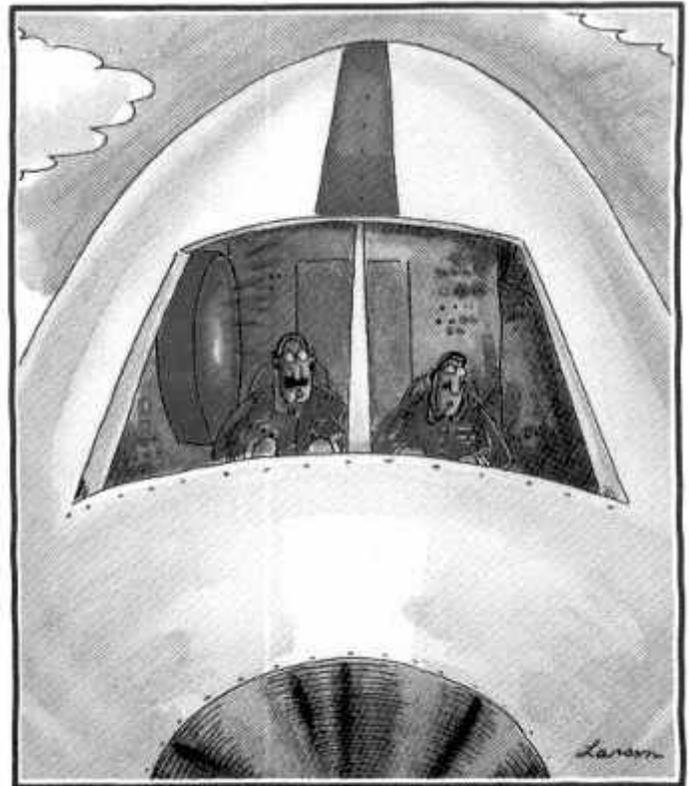
July 6th -- McNabb, Illinois

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 7th -- Rantoul, Illinois

A Gathering of Eagles. Contact: 309/693-7496.

JULY 7th thru 12th -- Kansas City, Kansas



"I'm afraid we're going to have to head back, folks. ... We've got a warning light on up here, and darn if it isn't the big one."

reprinted from the "Far Side" by Gary Larson

Advanced World Aerobatics Championships

JULY 9th thru 13th -- Arlington, Washington

28th Annual Arlington NW EAA Fly-In. Contact: 360/435-5857.

JULY 11th & 12th -- Springfield, Illinois

Springfield Air Rendezvous. Contact: 217/789-4400.

July 11th thru 13th -- Mattoon, Illinois

WINGS WEEKEND '97 at the Coles County Airport (MTO) located between the cities of Mattoon and Charleston, Illinois. Sponsored by: FAA Springfield, Illinois Flight Standards District Office; Illinois Department of Transportation/Division of Aeronautics; AOPA Air Safety Foundation; Coles County Airport Authority and AVEMCO Insurance Company.

JULY 14th thru 20th -- Dayton, Ohio

Wright Patterson AFB, USAF 50th Dayton US Air and Trade Show. Tel: 513/898-5901

JULY 17th -- Rhinelander, Wisconsin

Airshow with Golden Knights.

JULY 18th thru 20th -- Ankeny, Iowa

Greater Des Moines Aviation Expo.

JULY 18th thru 20th -- Muskegon, Michigan

Airshow.

JULY 19th & 20th -- Canton, Illinois

Piper Fly-In. Temor Aviation. Contact: 309/647-6976.

JULY 19th & 20th -- Erie, Illinois

USUA Region 8 Regional Competition at Earl's Airpark. Contact: Pat Earl, 309/659-2517.

July 22nd thru July 27th — Mentone, Indiana

Popular Rotorcraft Association Convention and Fly-In at Mentone Airport. Contact: 219/353-7227.

JULY 25th thru 27th -- Sioux City, Iowa

Airshow with Leapfrogs and Golden Knights.

JULY 25th thru 27th -- Keokuk, Iowa

ILPA-IBDA L-Birds Fly-In. Contact: Irv Linder at 319/524-6378 or 319/524-6203.

JULY 25th thru 27th -- Newton, Iowa

Newton Air Show. Contact: 1-800/798-0299.

JULY 26th thru 29th -- Green Bay, Wisconsin

15th Annual Cardinal Club Fly-In Convention. Contact: Phil Harrison, 913/842-7016.

July 30th thru August 5th — Oshkosh, Wisconsin

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AUGUST 6th thru 11th -- Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin

IAC Championship. Contact: 717/233-8711.

AUGUST 8th thru 10th -- Muncie, Indiana

Summer Heat Balloon Championships.

AUGUST 8th thru 10th -- St. Paul, Minnesota

Air Power Display.

AUGUST 9th & 10th -- Goshen, Indiana

Airshow '97 with Golden Knights.

AUGUST 15th thru 24th -- Columbia, Missouri

US National Ballooning Championships. Tel: USA 314 445 1445.

AUGUST 16th & 17th -- Canton, Illinois

Melon Fest. Temor Aviation. Contact: 309/647-6976.

AUGUST 16th & 17th -- Columbia, Ohio

Rickenbacker International Airport Airshow and Open House with Thunderbirds and Golden Knights. Tel: USA 614/863-8791.

AUGUST 16th & 17th -- Kankakee, Illinois

Air Festival with Golden Knights.

AUGUST 22nd thru 24th -- Bloomington, Illinois

Prairie Airshow.

AUGUST 23rd & 24th -- Canton, Illinois

Fifties/Sixties Fly-In Dance. Temor Aviation. Contact: 309/647-6976.

AUGUST 23rd & 24th -- Chicago, Illinois

Air and Water Show with Thunderbirds and Leapfrogs. USAF 50th. Tel: 312/353-8300

AUGUST 27th -- Chicago, Illinois

O'Hare International Airport, Illinois. 80th Anniversary of the 108th ARS. Tel: 312/825-5620



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