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Breakfast



Saturday, May 4th, at the hangar. Coffee is on at 7:30. Come early and help set up and stay after and help with the Young Eagles. Breakfast served at 8:00.

MEETING

Thursday, May 9th. at our hangar at Mt. Hawley Airport, beginning around 7:00 PM. Come early, Due to security regulations, someone will be at the gate to let you in until 7:15. Refreshments provider is unknown. So— The Pres. and I will share it.

See you there!

The program chairman for April is Dewey Fitch. Dewey will present a program on GPS as it relates to VFR flight.

Minutes of March Meeting

Submitted by Bill Engel, Secretary

Meeting minutes EAA April 11, 2002

Twenty people in attendance.

Sport Pilot License -- Bruce Chien urged members to contact AOPA. Under proposed



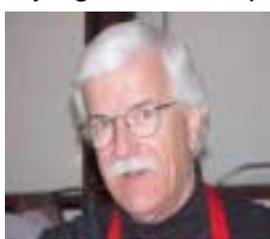
rules for the sport license for pilots, a drivers license is all that is necessary to satisfy the need for a medical certificate for those who will fly airplanes of less than

1,219 lbs, with a cruise speed of 87 miles per hour or less and below 10,000 feet. This proposal is under attack by the bureaucrats involved in the legislation. It was pointed out that a drivers license is sufficient to pilot an automobile on Interstate 90 at roughly the same altitudes and speeds. Contact AOPA and ask them to support the concept of accepting a drivers license as evidence of

physical capability for pilots of these aircraft. New Business: Peoria Air Show May 9 - 12 May. Mothers Day weekend. Jerry Pilon and Morrie Caudill are in contact with the Peoria Airport. We will have a display. Details to be announced by e-mail and at our next meetings. Room exists for at least 5 airplanes on display. Temporary Flight Restrictions will be placed on the airport during performance and practice sessions.

Jim Hooker, Treasurer reports we have not drawn down savings recently. Income is covering expenses.

Rumors on closing Mt. Hawley Airport. Al Lurie reported that the Airport Board is planning on stopping further improvements for Mt. Hawley. The land is said to be very valuable and the airport board would like to increase activity at the Peoria airport. They are also said to be trying to entice operators of larger aircraft at Mt.



Hawley to transfer to Peoria Airport.

Jack Frost made an excellent presentation on Zeppelin light-than-air craft, their origin, inventor, and the connection with Peoria's sister city, Freidrickshaven, Germany.

Air Show — May 11 & 12

Chapter 563 will have a booth at the air show to be held at Greater Peoria Regional Airport. More details will be available at the next

meeting. **Young Eagle Event**



We have two groups interested in Young Eagles. A Bolin School 4th grade class (approx. 15) and a group that contacted Sam Sisk (approx. 30). Sam's group has a potential

date of July 13. The Bolin School group must fly before school lets out so we will be setting it up on May 4th after the monthly breakfast. I'll be calling on the pilots that flew last time and I hope we get a few more volunteers to help with the paper work.

Let's Be Careful Out There

NTSB Identification: **SEA02LA058**

Accident occurred Monday, March 25, 2002 at Fort Peck, MT

Aircraft: Piper PA-18, registration: N22EV

Injuries: 2 Serious.

This is preliminary information, subject to change, and may contain errors. Any errors in this report will be corrected when the final report has been completed.

On March 25, 2002, about 0730 mountain standard time, a Piper PA-18, N22EV, sustained substantial damage after colliding with terrain near Fort Peck, Montana. The airplane is owned by the pilot, and was being operated as a visual flight rules (VFR) flight under the provisions of Title 14, CFR Part 91. The commercial pilot-in-command and passenger sustained serious injuries. Visual meteorological conditions prevailed and no flight plan was filed.

The pilot was conducting a predator (coyote) control flight over private range land near Fort Peck, Montana. During the flight, at a reported altitude of approximately 40 feet above ground level (AGL), the passenger inadvertently discharged a semiautomatic 12-gauge shotgun. The pilot, who was seated in the forward seat, reported that the gun fired 3-4 times, striking the right wing and aileron assembly. He reported that the damage resulted in a loss of aileron and elevator control. The airplane entered a descending turn to the right and subsequently impacted terrain in a nose-low attitude.

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The Pres. Says

Greetings to all EAA 563 members.

It is indeed a pleasure to serve as a director of our local chapter of EAA. The adjustment to learn the ropes is starting to kick in and it is my sincere hope that we will have a good year. For those of you who know me, it won't be a surprise that I am kind of a "wordy" guy so I will try holding this to a minimum.

Every month at our chapter meetings, I see the faces of seasoned folks who have made it a part of their lives to attend the meetings and without fail in some



cases always have tidbits of information and lots of experience and expertise to share with us. It is a great value to me as a kit builder to tap into that knowledge in order to increase my chances of building a better airplane.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all of you who have not been to a meeting lately or even for a long time to come join us on the second Thursday evening of each month at 7:00 at the EAA hangar (Mt. Hawley airport). I'm looking forward to a good year.

A COOL OPTION OFFERED BY CESSNA (and I thought it was included)

Now you can buy a Cessna 172 Skyhawk or 182 Skylane with air conditioning. The option boosts the price of the Skyhawk by \$19,850, and the price of the Skylane by \$22,850. Cessna is considering adding the option to 206 Stationairs.

ANOTHER 9/11 AIRSPACE RESTRICTION IS LIFTED

As promised, the FAA has canceled the temporary flight restriction area over downtown Chicago. AOPA had lobbied the FAA and the city to eliminate the TFR. Chicago officials had pressured the FAA to continue it because, they claimed, citizens were fearful of a "threat" from general aviation aircraft to downtown buildings. But FAA officials have readily acknowledged that there is no credible aviation threat. AOPA pointed out that the FAA, not local officials, is in charge of airspace. However, pilots are asked to "do the right thing" by avoiding flight over downtown Chicago; flying published VFR routes; turning on your lights; using current charts (Chicago Terminal Area Chart); following the minimum safe altitude regulations; and monitoring the guard frequency of 121.5 MHz if not in contact with ATC.

Old Rhinebeck Prepares for 43rd Season

June 15 marks the beginning of the Old Rhinebeck

Aerodrome's 43rd season of vintage airshows featuring aircraft from 1909-1940. Included in their collection is the oldest flying airplane in the U.S. – a 1909 Bleriot, powered by a 35 hp “Y” Anzani engine. A Bleriot was the first airplane to cross the English Channel.

Saturday shows focus on the history of flight, while Sundays are reserved for the World War I era, featuring dogfight reenactments with Old Rhinebeck's Sopwith Camel and Fokker DR-1. Also this year, Old Rhinebeck is busy completing its exact replica of Charles Lindbergh's Spirit of St. Louis Ryan NYP, which it plans to feature in commemoration activities for the 75th anniversary of Lindbergh's New York-to-Paris flight. Rhinebeck, New York, is located about 100 miles north of New York City. For more information, visit them on the web at www.ldrhonebeck.org.

Your editor was there two years ago and this is the best airshow you will ever see. It's the Magnificent Men In Their Flying Machines in real life. The price is right, the country is beautiful, and the sound of a LeRhone rotary engine will blow your mind.

AirVenture NOTAM Now Available For Download

The FAA-approved, EAA-designed AirVenture Oshkosh 2002 Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) is now available for download on the AirVenture website. The NOTAM contains official arrival and departure procedures for EAA's 50th annual gathering at Wittman Regional Airport. The NOTAM booklet was designed by EAA and approved by FAA to assist pilots in preparations for their AirVenture flights. The NOTAM is in effect July 20-29 and outlines procedures for the many types of aircraft that fly to Oshkosh for the event, as well as aircraft that land at nearby airports. Additional web-viewable formats will be available on the site soon, plus a 30-page printed version is expected to become available sometime in mid-May, according to the FAA. At that time you can order one through EAA Membership Services at 800-564-6322 or through any one of 15 selected Automated Flight Service Stations (AFSS) throughout the country. Canadian pilots looking for a printed copy should contact Transport Canada, General Aviation, at 613-990-1022.

Those of you who are not pilots may not have gotten this notice:

Galesburg Municipal Airport will host a fly-in/drive-in open house on Sat. May 18th from 11:00A to 5:00. The admission is free. Food, refreshments, prizes, airplanes, and more. Aerial tours of Galesburg are available for \$10.00. A good chance to check out Jet Air, Inc.

Calendar of Events

Illinois

May 5

Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast
Greater Rockford Airport (DEC)
Contact: (815)397-4995

May 11

Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Flights
Decatur Airport (DEC)
Contact: (217)795-2393

May 11

Open House/Warbird Fly-In
Logan County Airport (3LC)
Contact: (217)935-6026

May 13-16

Rantoul Natl. Aviation Center (2I5)
Contact: 1-800-359-6217

May 13-16

EAA B-17 Tour Schedule
Capital Airport (SPI)
Contact: 1-800-359-6217

May 18

Curtis Aviation Safety Seminar/Air Show/Barbeque
Curtis Aviation Services Inc.
Contact: (217)885-3353

May 19

Ogle County Airport (C55), Mt. Morris, IL
Contact: (815)732-7268

May 19

Fly-In Breakfast
Lewis Romeoville Airport (LOT)
Contact: (630)243-8213

May 19
Ingersoll Airport (CTK)
Contact: (309)649-1961

May 24-26
Spring into Summer Fest
Percival Springs Ultralight/STOL (IIS6)
Contact: (217)536-9990

Airshow Schedule

Peoria May 11 & 12 Prairie Air Show
(Blue Angels)

Belleville June 21-23 Scott AFB Air Show
(Snowbirds)

Chicago Aug. 17 & 18 Chicago Air & Water
Show (Blue Angels)

Springfield Oct. 11-13 Air Rendezvous
(Snowbirds)

Fort Wayne July 14 Air Show
(Thunderbirds)

Terre Haute July 13 & 14 Air Fair 2002
(Thunderbirds)

Davenport June 8 & 9 Quad City Air Show
(Thunderbirds)

There are many other air shows featuring the Snow-
birds, Thunderbirds, and Blue Angels in other states.
If you are interested I can supply the dates.

Trivia

I read a cute story the other day. A kindergarten teacher had the class drawing anything they wanted to. When she asked one little boy what he was drawing he responded, "God". The teacher said, "But no one knows what God looks like." The little boy said, "They will in a minute."

My grandson Kyle (5 yrs.) was asked if he could read. He said "No, I can't read." His mom said that he was reading a book earlier. And he said, "Well, I can read the words I know, but I can't read the words I don't know." Aren't kids beautiful.

Excerpts From "The Peter Prescription" by Dr. Laurence J. Peter

Bureaucracy defends the status quo long past the time when the quo has lost its status.

— L. Peter

"My dear, we live in a time of transition," said Adam as he led Eve out of Paradise.

—W. Ince

A woman has to be twice as good as a man to go half as far.

—F. Hurst

You marry the person who is available when you are most vulnerable.

—K. Berwick

Love is an ideal thing, marriage a real thing; a confusion of the real with the ideal never goes unpunished.

—J. Goethe

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