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**Breakfast** Saturday, August 3, at the hanger. Coffee is on at 7:30. Come early and help set up. Breakfast served at 8:00.

**MEETING** Thursday, August 8. 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 Bill Engel.



**See you there!**

The program chairman for August is Mr. Picnic. The chairman list has "Oshkosh" written in for July. I don't know a Mr. O and I suspect we thought it would interfere with the meeting. So, I guess we will have to meet acappella. Everyone should be prepared to give a 5 minute talk about a subject of your choice.



## Minutes of June Meeting

Submitted by Bill Engel, Secretary

CHAPTER 563 MEETING - June 13, 02  
Vice President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order and introduced guests Paul Cobb and Josh Herget. Former member Howard Brooksbank was welcomed back.  
Minutes of the May meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon.  
Treasurer Jim Hooker presented our finances, noting that we are about \$88 ahead of last month, in spite of having one less hangar renter.

Young Eagles chairman Morrie Caudill reported that we have a group of kids to fly on July 13, with more to fly on two dates in August.  
Peorian Joe Fosco was introduced. He spends a lot of time in Florida, and brought memorabilia from museums and fly-ins there to show us.  
Program arranger for the evening, Al Phipps, introduced Roger Stuber, who recalled for us his seventeen years in New Guinea as a missionary pilot. His children grew up there, spoke Malaysian as well as English, and played with native kids in the jungle. Flying is the major or only means of transportation, C-185s are used a lot, and landing fields outside the few cities are pretty crude. A lot of resourcefulness was required in being far from city services, with Roger sometimes performing significant medical procedures having only guidance by radio or a book. His delightful talk was rewarded with many questions and a round of applause.

## New Members

In addition to the three new members mentioned in the minutes, Jay Schertz has elected to join the Chapter just so he can get the newsletter. Not really. Jay has a great fly-in on his farm East of here every year. Make the new members welcome and make yourself known to anyone you don't recognize.

## Dr. Peter Says

This month we will review the next chapter of the Peter Prescription entitled "Hierarchal Regression" which maintains 'creative that



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incompetence' is the only tool left to a subordinate when he perceives the futility of attempting to function competently under an Unwitting Incompetent. Some of the quotes he used to emphasize this position follow:

Ours is the age which is proud of machine that think, and suspicious of men who try to.  
—H. Mumford Jones

Make three correct guesses consecutively and you will establish a reputation as an expert.  
—L. Peter

The university brings out all abilities including incapability.  
—A. Chekhov

Murphy's Law:

- (1) Nothing is as easy as it looks.
- (2) Everything takes longer than you think.
- (3) If anything can go wrong, it will.

An expert is one who knows more and more about less and less.  
—N. Butler

Even when experts agree, they may well be mistaken.  
—B. Russell

Irresolution on the schemes of life which offer themselves to our choice, and inconstancy in pursuing them, are the greatest causes of all our unhappiness.  
—J. Addison

A committee is a group of the unprepared, appointed be the unwilling, to do the unnecessary.  
—F. Allem

To err is human, and so is trying to avoid correcting it.  
—R. Reycraft

An expert is a man who has stopped thinking – he knows.  
—F. Lloyd Wright

If there's anything a public servant hates to do it's something for the public.

# Young Eagles

The past two Young Eagle events have gone very smoothly and if we continue with the next two that are planned in August we should top out at about 100 children for the year. The next two are scheduled on Saturday the 3rd of August and Saturday the 13th of August. Those are the Saturdays after the August breakfast and meeting on the second Thursday. I don't have a total count on how many there will be at this time. Sam Sisk is in contact with another group that was tentatively scheduled in July. But that group is not ready and will be rescheduled. We will have more information at the meeting.



**I**t'll be here before you know it. July 23 to 29 is just around the corner. It starts on Tuesday and ends on Monday. I personally have a lot of trouble with the way they schedule the event.

## Soapbox Time

My son, grandson and I went up there a couple of years ago on the last two days when the event ended on a week day. I believe it was a Wednesday. There was one Mustang and a T-36 left on the field. The war bird fly by had three airplanes in it. The majority of the show planes and experimental airplanes were gone. One vendor told me he would have been long gone if he didn't have to stay to get his deposit back. I think they had a lot of nerve to charge admission after 90% of the show is gone.

Most people have to take a week off from work to exhibit aircraft at the show. So — if the show starts on Wednesday, they all go home on Sunday so they can go back to work on Monday. The logical schedule is to start on Monday and end the show on the following Saturday so everyone can stay the week and go home on Sunday. Of course that's a six day program instead of seven and I suppose that means lost \$\$\$\$\$\$ from those of us unknowing people that come on the last day expecting to see something.

## From The Editors Desk

Keep those cards and letters coming folks. This is your newsletter and I love to publish news that members send me via E-mail. Out of 40 or 50 members you would think that one of you would have done something aeronautical that is worth sharing with the rest of the members.

For instance”

For your information. Jerry and I flew to BMI (Bloomington) for lunch a couple of weeks ago and much to our surprise we taxied right up to the front of the restaurant, parked, and walked in the lobby door. No hassle. The tower is still in the old tower but since the terminal moved to the new location there are no security problems on the old ramp.

Oh yes. This is not aeronautical but I have to fill space with something so I will bore you some about my trip to Branson, Mi.

My wife and I picked up two friends from Connecticut at the St. Louis Airport and drove on down to Hillbilly Country. Stayed in a nice motel ( \$38.00 per night) , saw two shows a day



This is really a Duck

for four days. Rode on a Duck. Toured a winery. Visited the fish hatchery and ate three meals a day without gaining any weight. The weather was good ( a couple of

showers ) and the place was not crowded. This was the first time down there and it was very pleasant. The shows are first class, there are several malls for the girls, and a million places to eat.

St. Louis airport was very easy to get into and out of to pick up and deposit passengers. The parking lot is very close to the terminal (just across the street) and when you drop someone off you can temporarily park diagonally in front of the terminal to unload and get right back out . See——— You can write about almost anything and someone will be interested.

## More

## Trivia

Things You Should Have Learned By The Time You Reach Middle Age

1. If you're too open minded your brains will fall out.
2. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
5. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
6. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
7. If you look like your passport picture you probably need the trip.
8. Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
9. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
10. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
11. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
12. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
13. Experience is a great thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
14. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
15. Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
16. Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.
17. It ain't the jeans that make your butt look fat.

## Redneck Special Forces

The latest strategy to drive the Taliban out of the mountains of Afghanistan is to send in a team of Redneck Special Forces.

Billy Bob, Bubba and Cooter are being sent in with rifles and told three things:

1. The limit is two.
2. The season ended last weekend.
3. They taste just like chicken.

That should just about do it.

## Duh

The first divorce directly related to the 9-11 attack has been filed in New York. It appears a guy with an office on the 103rd floor of the World Trade Center spent the morning at his girl friends apartment with the phone turned off. He wasn't watching TV either. When he turned his phone back on about 11 AM it rang immediately. It was his historical wife. "Are you O.K.? Where are you?" He said, "What do you mean. I'm in my office of course."

## Overheard in divorce court in Branson, Mi.

If we get divorced, will we still be cousins?

## Crazy Pictures

Some of the pictures you receive by E-mail are just too good to not share with others. The first one may take a little time to figure out. Where is the plane flying? Those of you receiving the E-mail newsletter can enlarge the pictures and see them more clearly.



The second one may not be too clear in black and white but that is a large boat on a trailer on the edge of the road and all that is holding the truck from going to the bottom of the canyon is the ball hitch. The driver is sitting in the door window waiting to be saved.



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