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Breakfast will be on the first Saturday of April the 3rd, as usual. We will start to set up around 7:30 and breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00.

The Meeting will be on the second Thursday, the 8th, at 7:00 in the EAA Hanger at Mount Hawley Airport. The speaker for the evening will be Mr. Brian Bangasser who owns Mackinaw Valley Restoration. Brian has done metal work and painting on several airplanes including 414's and 180's. Don't miss this one. Come on time so someone can let you in the drive-through gate if you do not have a gate card.

Secretaries Report

MEETING MINUTES - MARCH 11, 2004

President Gerry Pilon changed the meeting order to fit the conditions of the evening.

First on the program were representatives of Midwest Avtech, the new operators of Mt. Hawley Airport. They are expanding from their location at Illinois Valley Airport in Peru. Tim Koster, the Director of Operations, told us of their plans, including setting competitive fuel prices, and offering charter operations. He said his partner, Chuck Studer, will manage the maintenance side. They will retain 3MY veteran mechanic Mike Tillman, but will add Mike Hunter. Tim introduced Adama Allmond, their enthusiastic chief flight instructor. Adama, a new import from Kansas, has an impressive background for a young man. He mentioned some of their new equipment plans, including intercoms for every plane. Everyone looks forward to a mutually beneficial relationship.

Gerry next gave the floor to young Boy Scout, Jeff Meyer, who has taken on, for an Eagle Scout Project, producing a plan for reorganizing the hangar to yield a neater appearance and greater utility. Jeff used visual aids to good effect and drew lots of interest from his audience. The observation

was made that the present chapter Improvements Fund could see a surge in donations if a solid project like this were undertaken. The Hangar Committee will meet Saturday morning to review the plan, and after costs are estimated, the chapter will vote on implementation.

February Minutes were approved as presented, and February finances by Treasurer Joe Ernst were also approved.

Regarding the Young Eagles program, coordinator Morrie Caudill reports that EAA's goal for 2004 is 100,000 kids. Chapter pilots voiced their continuing support. It was decided that the 141 points earned by chapter pilots in 2003 will go toward supporting Jeff Meyer's return trip to the academy at Oshkosh.

Morrie also mentioned another program from the Young Eagles office that is being offered for women (not kids). Morrie will pen an explanatory article for the next issue of the Beacon.

Respectfully submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

DUES ARE DUE! DUES ARE DUE!

At the beginning of every year we must register all our members, and renew our charter with national. We are also required to have every Chapter member also be a national member. **Please send your EAA No. , address, phone no., Email address, and aircraft or project information to Joe along with you dues so we can update our records.**

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We Need To Talk

As you may or may not know, a fund was started in the Chapter Treasury known as the Hangar Improvement Fund. It was started by an out of the blue, unsolicited donation by Jerry and Audrey Trumbold. Jerry and Audrey have been long time members of both Bloomington and Peoria EAA Chapters.

Their donation sparked a few more and the fund grew to \$450.00. But there was no goal, no plan on where or how to spend the fund.

After the April meeting you will receive a separate mailing out lining the plan and budget that will be discussed at the April meeting.

The budget for this project must be made up with a fund drive. We will ask you, the members, to contribute to this fund as best you can, fully realizing some can do more than others. This can be accomplished by pledging a smaller amount every month for the rest of the year or giving a lump sum.

We expect, by the end of the year, to have the tax status that will allow you to deduct the gift from your 2004 income taxes.

The benefits of this plan will be realized by everyone.

The improved kitchen area will be easier to work in and much cleaner.

The addition of a stove/oven will allow us to add other dishes to our breakfast/pot luck meals.

The library/flight simulator/ computer area will contain the books and flight simulator donated by Mack and Jean McLaughlin and a computer with the Microsoft Flight Simulator program.

In addition, Chapter records will be kept in much better order than they are now, which is in a card board box.

Also, in order to keep the hangar clean and more orderly, storage cabinets will be installed for aircraft supplies, eliminating the cluttered tables and storage areas.

We are looking forward to expanding our breakfasts and in conjunction with our new Mt. Hawley operators, hosting a fly-in at least once a year to provide additional income to the Chapter.

A clean, orderly, attractive meeting place is necessary for growing our membership. And a larger membership is necessary for the Chapter to move toward to the goal of building a training and

education center, outside the fence, some day.

Coming Events 2004

- April 3 Chapter Breakfast
8 Chapter Meeting - Brian Bangasser will speak on repair and paint of aircraft.
- April 13-19 Sun'n Fun, Lakeland, FL
18 Fly-In Breakfast, Rantoul (TIP)
24-25 Charley Wells Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast, Capital Airport, Springfield (SPI), IL, 7:00 am—noon
- May 1 Chapter Breakfast
1-2 Antique Fly-In, Shelbyville (2H0)
13 Chapter Meeting - James Rittick will demonstrate the English Wheel
14-16 2nd Annual Midwest Aeronica Festival, Kewanee, IL (EZI)
16 EAA Chapter 15 Breakfast, Lewis Univ. (LOT) Romeoville
16 Fly-In Breakfast, Taylorville (TAZ)
16 Fly-In Breakfast, Ogle County (C55) Mt. Morris
22-23 Fly-In Breakfast, Palmyra (5K1)
- July 9-11 Wings Weekend, Coles County Airport (MTO) Mattoon, IL
- September 11-12 Springfield Air Rendezvous, Capital Airport, Springfield, IL

NEW ADDITION AT MT. HAWLEY

Midwest Avtech, the new operators at 3MY have added the latest flight planning aid, WSI Pilotbrief Online.

Pilotbrief meets or exceeds the FAA requirements for Internet delivery of weather and NOTAM information in the areas of accuracy, reliability, and security and has received FAA QICP (Qualified Internet Communications Provider) certification.

More information and a demonstration can be found at the WSI web site <http://www.wsi.com>.

Also located in the pilot briefing area of the FBO is a new computer and telephone for filing flight plans.

Check it out.

Local Fuel Prices

(copied from the Chapter 129 *FLYPAPER*)

Lincoln, IL	AAA	\$2.25
Springfield, IL	SPI	\$2.69
Pontiac, IL	PNT	\$2.55
Eagle Creek, IN	EYE	\$2.84
Bloomington, IL	BMI	\$3.11
Peoria, IL	3MY	\$2.66

And if you are going to Sun and Fun

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