



# Illinois Valley Beacon

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## **SPECIAL EDITION:**

This edition of the Beacon is being sent to all the Chapter 563 members on the 2003 membership list. **The letter on page 3** requests your help this year in the proposed improvement of the Chapter Hangar. If you haven't joined the Chapter this year, please come to the next event as a guest, be part of our plans for the future, and renew old acquaintances.

**Breakfast** will be on the first Saturday of the month, June the 5th, as usual. We will start to set up around 7:30 and breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 9:00.

**The Meeting** this month will be on the second Thursday, June the 10th, at 7:00 in the EAA Hanger at Mount Hawley Airport.

The speaker for the evening will be **Mr. Jim Rettic** who manufactures and sells the **English Wheel** type forming machine. He will bring a bench model and demonstrate forming compound curves in aluminum. 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 Reports**

### SPECIAL MEETING - May 1, 04

President Jerry Pilon called this Special Meeting to order in the Chapter Hangar after our usual, first-Saturday-of-the-month breakfast. Two items of urgent business were the reason the meeting was called.

Jerry first called on Jeffrey Meyer to answer any questions the members might have regarding the proposed hangar makeover. When everyone was satisfied, and there being a quorum present, a near unanimous vote was cast in favor of proceeding with the proposal.

For the second item, Jerry turned to Bill Engel and Steve Bonfoey of the Bylaw Committee to field questions on the proposed Revised Articles of Incorporation, which are needed for seeking tax-

exempt status for the chapter. After a few questions from the floor, the proposal passed, with no dissenting votes.

Jerry thanked everyone for the great turnout (about 38 people were fed) and thanked Chef Al Phipp for his typical fine efforts, and gave special thanks to Jan Phipps for bringing some surprise goodies.

Jerry asked everyone to reserve May 22 for the Mt. Hawley open house, 10 am - 2 pm, put on by the new airport managers, Midwest Avtech. Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

### MEETING MINUTES - MAY 13, 2004

Vice President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order at 7:10 pm in the Chapter Hangar. Minutes of the April meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon. Treasurer Joe Ernst was not present, but his financial summary was read, with the only comment being that hangar rent receipts seem to be lagging.

Regarding the hangar makeover, Sam Sisk showed off some new kitchen cabinets donated by 3MY tenant Craig Loomis. More modules of the same oak design should be available from the same source at a reasonable price. This could bring us in under budget, so the committee will pursue.

Steve mentioned that the Bylaw Committee is still hard at work, and expects to have some results to show us in a month or two.

Morrie Caudill reminded us that on May 22 our new FBO, Midwest Avtech, will have an open house, to which we are all invited.

Morrie also mentioned that on May 29 we

will be flying some Young Eagles.

Our program presenter for the evening was Ed Dorner, retired professor and CAP official. Ed's subject was "Safety". He asked everyone "what is safety?" After a few stabs at it from the audience, he quantified it this way:

1. Recognize the hazard
2. Eliminate the hazard if possible
3. Determine how much risk remains
4. Decide if benefit outweighs risk

Ed used a number of artful ways to demonstrate hazards, particularly in regard to static electricity, fueling and fire. Ed will also be on the program at the FAA Safety Seminar at Marshall County Airport on June 21.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## YOUNG EAGLES

May 22 was the open house at Midwest Avtec located at Mt. Hawley Airport. A large crowd showed up in spite of the weather. A large number of aircraft were on exhibit as well. Including two Citations, three helicopters, and an experimental Cessna with a all glass panel.

Several of us volunteered to cook burgers and hot dogs for the crowd and we had a YE table set up to sign up kids for the next YE event. Steve Bonfoey and Dewey Fitch recorded 30 names but we didn't give them a date due to the holiday weekend. I would like to propose that we do it on Saturday, June 12, if that is O.K. with all the pilots.

As a result of the excellent performance of Sisk, Phipps, Pilon, Wright, and Caudill, chiefs extraordinaire, Midwest Avtec donated \$120.00 to the Chapter and gave me thank you notes for the volunteers. I'll bring them to the breakfast.

## **IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR DUES, READ BELOW**

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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**IF** you haven't stayed current with the

happenings of the B-17 Aluminum Overcast, it had a gear up event during taxi after a landing at Van Nuys California. It sounds suspiciously like the gear was retracted by accident instead of the flaps. Very expensive mistake. Four engines, four props, and belly sheet metal damage.

### **Aluminum Overcast Placed in Hangar at Van Nuys**

#### **Plan Is to Ferry Warbird Back to Oshkosh**

EAA's B-17 *Aluminum Overcast* was towed to



a hangar today at Van Nuys Airport, California, where it has been undergoing damage assessment since a gear collapse incident on May 5. "The engines and props have been removed, some more detailed damage assessment has been done, and the airplane is now properly stored in a hangar," said EAA Aircraft Operations Director Sean Elliott. "There the necessary work will be done to allow us to ferry the airplane back to Oshkosh."

May 10, 2004  
EAA Chapter 563

Dear Members,

For several months now one of the topics of conversation at our regular Monthly Chapter meetings has been the "make-over" of our Hangar. We have all agreed that changes are required and would benefit all of us in the chapter one way or another from appeal and practicality, to just plain get the best operating room possible for our facility.

As a project for his Eagle Scout Aviation merit badge, Jeffrey Meyer (with the help of his father) took on the project because it looked to him to fit our need as well as the requirement to qualify him for his merit badge. He and his dad mapped out our facility and drew elaborate plans for

1. The new kitchen area
2. The new library area including a corner for a computer and TV setup
3. Storage cabinets for aircraft supplies.
4. Layout templates for current Aircraft footprints

The Hangar Committee met on Saturday March 13, 2004 to review the plan and listen to the proposal for the project which included looking at the drawings and prints. Jeffery had checked the prices on kitchen cabinets, computer table, storage cabinets, work benches etc. again with the help of his dad. After several hours of discussion we thought a second meeting was needed so we met Saturday March 20 to finalize a proposal to be presented to the membership during our regular monthly meeting in April. A quorum was not present at that meeting so a special meeting was convened at the May 1<sup>st</sup> breakfast and the vote on the proposal passed unanimously. The Chapter treasury would be depleted if it were the sole source of funds to finance this project and that is the reason for this letter.

This is the first time as president of this chapter that I have turned to you, our members, for donations. So I will get right to the point.

This endeavor will cost approximately \$2,500.00. Sound like a lot? That cost has been trimmed a couple times during our meetings and we believe based on our total membership that a pledge or donation from all our paid members (last year's list) will handily get the job done. That doesn't sound so bad when you break it down to each members cost. The general consensus is that each member could make a pledge of at least \$50.00. You notice the word pledge is underlined above. This can also be done by making small weekly or monthly payments. In order to make the Treasurers job a little easier, please let him know how you want to handle this. We realize that \$50.00 or \$100.00 may be a hardship for some members and we will understand.

The Hangar Committee would like to have the fund drive completed by July 15 (*Chapter meeting*) so equipment can be ordered and installed before our fall and winter season begins.

**THE OFFICERS HAVE ALL PLEDGED \$100. THE CLUB VALUES YOUR PARTICIPATION AS WELL AS YOUR CONTRIBUTION AND LESSOR OR GREATER CONTRIBUTIONS WILL BE EQUALLY WELL RECEIVED.  
PLEASE GIVE US A REPLY BY E-MAIL TODAY AND INDICATE WHETHER YOU PLAN TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION AND THE AMOUNT YOU FEEL FREE TO CONTRIBUTE.**

Finally I would like to say that for those of you who do not know that a chapter committee of three individuals (Bill Engel, Dave Cook and Steve Bonfoey) has been working diligently for several months to transition the chapter to a Tax Exempt status. What this will mean as it applies to this communication is that any donation you make after our status changes will be tax deductible. The Tax exempt status could lead to many other good things for everyone in the not too distant future. We need your help to get it done!

Come join us on the second Thursday of each month to hear more about our plans for EAA Chapter 563.

Best Regards,  
Jerry Pilon  
President Chapter 563

## Local Fuel Prices

(copied from the Chapter 129 *FLYPAPER* )

**These fuel prices were current last month.**  
**They have all increased about \$.40 since then.**

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

## Wallpaper

I don't know if the rest of you computer geeks use a different **wallpaper** each month as a **background** to your **desktop**, but I have been using the monthly picture and calendar from the eaa.org website. The pictures are terrific and the monthly calendar is posted in the corner.

Just go to eaa.org and go down to the picture, for the current month, on the left side and click on the size you use for you screen. 800 X 600 is typical. When the picture pops up, right click on the picture and choose "set as background" and it will replace the background on your desktop. There is a new picture every month and they are excellent. And having the calendar on your desktop is very handy.



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## Coming Events 2004

June

- 5 Chapter 563 breakfast**
- 6 Hartenbower fly-in**
- 10 Chapter 563 meeting. Speaker is James Rettick, English Wheel**
- 11-13 Ill. Aerobatic Championships at Illinois Valley (VYS)**
- 12 International Young Eagles Day**
- 13 Chapter 410 Fly-In Breakfast at Whiteside Co. (SQI)**
- 19 3rd annual Holland "International" fly-in, McLean, IL**
- 19 Fly-In/Open House at Yates City (2C6)**
- 20 Fathers Day Breakfast at Marshall Co. (C75)**
- 20 Fly-In Breakfast at Taylorville (TAZ)**
- 25-27 Canard Wing Fly-In at Coles Co. (MTO)**
- 26-27 Quad City Airshow at Davenport**
- 27 Fly-In/ Open House at Macomb (MQB)**

July

- 3 Chapter 563 breakfast**
- 3 Airshow 2004 at Coles County Air port (MTO) Mattoon, IL**
- 4 Fireworks at Coles Co. Airport**
- 4 Breakfast at Hartenbowers'**
- 4 Breakfast at Monmouth (C66)**
- 9-11 Wings Weekend, Coles County Air port (MTO) Mattoon, IL**
- 15 Chapter 563 meeting**
- 18 Breakfast at Taylorville (TAZ)**
- 24 Airshow at Peoria, (PIA)**
- 27-Aug 2 EAA Airventure**

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