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**Breakfast** was held last Saturday, the 3rd, as per usual. Only a dozen of you showed up. What happened? I'd like to believe you forgot because the newsletter didn't come out a few days before, but it was probably because of the 4th of July weekend.

**The Meeting** this month will be on the second Thursday, July the 8th, at 7:00 in the EAA Hanger at Mount Hawley Airport.

The speaker for the evening will be Marty Martin. He has just recently returned from a visit to missionaries in Africa. The flying and shade tree mechanics are very interesting.

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 - JUNE 10, 2004

"It was a dark and stormy night", but the meeting was called to order by President Jerry Pilon in the Chapter hangar. Minutes of the two May meetings were approved as printed in the Beacon, and May finances were approved as read.

Jerry reported that more cabinets have been purchased, and soon revamp of the kitchen area can begin.

Tech Counselor Al Lurie reported that helicopter icon BJ Schramm died in an accident. He also conveyed many people's displeasure with the escalating prices of Cessna manuals, which are grossly exceeding cost of production, or inflation.

Reporting on progress with his Kitfox, Jerry told of the failure of a fuel filter housing, which resulted in quite a shower. Fortunately it

happened on the ground during construction. Filters of different design will be used.

Young Eagles coordinator Morrie Caudill said that the planned YE flight was not held due to weather and other factors, but will probably be held in July.

Our evening's program was presented by Mr. Jim Rettick, who demonstrated the art of metal forming. In just a short time, he made considerable progress in turning a flat piece of aluminum into one half of a wheel pant. Rather impressive compound curves are achieved by a combination of stretching and shrinking. Tools used were a hammer, a wooden anvil, a shot bag, crimping forks, and the "English Wheel". This device is a rigid frame shaped like a large C-clamp, except instead of having flat-faced grips, it has a pair of rollers, between which the metal is moved, primarily to smooth and stretch it. Using rollers with various crowns, and using different pressures and direction of roll are all part of the art. Several of our members got to try their hand at the wheel, too. Jim also brought along several impressive examples of his finished work. Jim's company in Bloomington makes and sells these tools - for more information go to [www.englishwheels.net](http://www.englishwheels.net). Good show, Jim - Thanks!

Respectfully submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

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## From the desks of your hard working Bylaw/503c committee

### UPDATE on NEW BYLAWS

After many months of hard work, the Bylaw Committee can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Our Restated Articles of Incorporation, as you recall, have been approved by the membership, and soon will be sent in to the Secretary of State. We expect no problem there (other than the \$100 fee!). But the Bylaws proposal needs a review by our legal counselor, approval by EAA HQ, approval by you the members, and then both the Articles and Bylaws will be sent to the IRS to get their approval for our tax-exempt status. The bureaucratic wheels turn slowly, but we think this can all come about yet this year.

Right now, it looks like we could have our chapter vote on the bylaws at the August meeting. All members will receive written notice of the meeting and a copy of the proposal. Naturally, we hope for a very good turnout!

At the July meeting we hope to have a draft of the proposal for you to look at, but at that point in time it will not necessarily be the finished version. If you have any questions or comments please see a member of the committee: Steve Bonfoey, Dave Cook or Bill Engel.

For those of you who do not receive the Peoria newspapers:

Our long time member, Joe Fox, lost his wife last month.

Barbara Fox died June 15th after a long illness. Barbara always attended our Chapter functions with Joe and we will miss her dearly. Our deepest sympathy to Joe and his family.

Compliments of Bill Engel:

Go to this web site to see great photos of the space flight made by Rutans' White Knight and Spaceshipone

[Http://spaceshipone.airshowjournal.com/2004/](http://spaceshipone.airshowjournal.com/2004/)

# American pride

Kids from the Methodist Medical Center Day Care submitted the following poems and thoughts about America and July 4.

**I like America  
I like it because I love T-ball.  
And it is fun, and it is beautiful.  
I'm glad to be an American.  
Where I know I'm free.**  
— *Emma Hosier, 7, of Peoria*

**A pple pie  
M agnificent  
E xcellent  
R eady  
I ncredible  
C ourage  
A wesome  
I am proud of my brother  
Tony because he is fighting for  
our country.**  
— *Kyle Caudill, 8, of Peoria*

I suppose you all know how proud I am of my grandson Kyle. This piece was in the Journal Star, 4th of July. His big brother, Tony, is in Kuwait right now, on his way home after over a year in Iraq.

## 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.



## Coming Events 2004

### 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)
- 8 **Chapter 563 meeting**
- 9-11 Wings Weekend, Coles County Air port (MTO) Mattoon, IL
- 18 Breakfast at Taylorville (TAZ)
- 24 Airshow at Peoria, (PIA)
- 27-Aug 2 EAA Airventure

### August

- 1 Hartenbowers Breakfast (2V3)
- 15 Taylorville Breakfast (TAZ)
- 22 Poplar Grove Breakfast (C77)
- 27—29 Aerobatic Contest at Aurora (ARR)

### September

- 5 Hartenbowers Breakfast (2V3)
- 6 Kewanee Labor Day Bkfst. (EZI)
- 6 Olney Area Fall Fly-In (OLY)
- 6-12 Galesburg Stearman Fly-In (GBG)
- 11 Pancake Bkfst at Decatur (DEC)
- 11-12 Springfield Rendezvous (SPI)
- 18-19 North Central Fly-In )SQL
- 19 Ill. Valley Fly-In Brkfst. (VYS)
- 19 Pontiac Fly-In Brkfst. (PNT)
- 19 Taylorville Breakfast (TAZ)

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