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## One more Oshkosh goes into the history folder

**Breakfast** this month will be on Saturday the 7th from 8:00 till 9:00 AM. We can always use a little help at 7:00 setting up tables and getting ready. Don't be shy.

**The Meeting** this month will be on the second Thursday, August the 12th, 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 - July 8, 2004

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the Chapter hangar by Vice President Steve Bonfoey. As attendance was light, business was limited to reports. There were no additions or corrections to the June minutes, and the same for June finances.

Steve and Bill Engel of the Bylaw Committee reported that, depending on an OK from our legal advisor, and how quickly approval is gained from EAA HQ, we might be able to vote on bylaws next month. Also progress is being made on the report required by the IRS for our tax exemption.

Regarding Young Eagles flights, scheduling for July appears too tight, so

Coordinator Morrie Caudill will try to arrange an event in August.

Member Jerry Peacock had hoped to introduce as our speaker his longtime friend Marty Martin, a retired Northwest 747 pilot, but Marty had to be out of town. SO - Jerry told us of a flight from which he had just returned - fishing in Canada's Northwest Territories. Jerry flew commercial from Peoria to Minneapolis to Saskatoon to Stony Rapids, and then went the rest of the way into the wilderness by chartered Dehavilland Beaver on floats. Your reporter estimates nearly 2000 air miles one way. The camp there, which accommodates about two dozen, was very well equipped and staffed, and Jerry spent an enjoyable week fishing. The fish were HUGE, and he had the photos to prove it.

Morrie also just returned from a vacation trip - river cruising in Europe. Morrie and Sharon liked seeing a lot of the sights of Germany and Austria while having to unpack only once. Their excursion took them through 66 locks and a lot of picturesque old towns. They highly recommend the trip, and the tour operator, whom they have used before. Contact Morrie if you are interested. Respectfully Submitted,  
Bill Engel, Secretary

## Young Eagles

The Chapter is planning a Young Eagle Event for August 14. Your YE Coordinator will have a better count of the number of kids at the Chapter Meeting on the 12th. This is the only event we will have this year and we have the potential for 30 or 40 YE's.

## 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.

*(I received an E-mail from Bill Engel explaining that the Bylaw proposal was in the hands of national EAA and he hoped they would respond by this week.)*

### Mt. Hawley Tenants:

We have confirmed August 16<sup>th</sup> as the start date for the taxiway rehabilitation project. Barring any weather delays the airport will be closed beginning August 16, 2004 at 0700 and remain closed for four days while all work on the taxiway connectors along the runway is completed. No arrivals or departures will be permitted during the closure. The runway is scheduled to re-open on August 20, 2004 at 0700.

During Phase II & III the taxiway will have ½ closed at a time. This will allow you to use the airfield by entering the runway at the open end and back taxi as necessary.

As I do not have e-mail for all the Mt. Hawley tenants, please pass this information along to any other tenants I do not have listed.

Please e-mail or call if you have any questions. I can be reached at 697-8272 ext 164.

Thanks.

Bradley C. Gantt,

A.A.E. Director of Operations and Maintenance  
Greater Peoria Regional Airport

## Oh Woe Is Me (Your Editor)

I want to apologize to the members that depend on the paper copy of this rag. It will be arriving after the breakfast this month I'm afraid.

The engine in your editor's C-150 was majored four years ago and has accumulated about 200 hours since.

Well,,,,, It stopped accumulating last Sunday. I was three miles South of Hartenbowers when the generator light came on. Not wanting to risk a dying battery, I turned around and returned to 3MY.

Next day I checked for the obvious worn out brushes and when they did not appear to be worn out I removed the generator.

When I pulled it out of the rear case, the drive gear and the end of the comutator shaft fell off. The shaft had fractured back at the oil seal.

If you are familiar with the coupling you will understand the magnitude of what happened. The rubber pucks were gone. The cup that holds the pucks was gone and the sleeve between the coupling and the shaft was gone.

Guess where it all went.

The news letter will be a little late this month because of the time I spent removing the engine so I can return it to my engine builder, Poplar Grove Airmotive, for a tear down and cleaning.

Tuesday, Jerry Pilon and I removed the engine from N2575J and loaded it in the back of my van.

Wednesday, I waited for Terry Kelly to come to Mt. Hawley to sign off the removal in the log book .

Thursday my wife and I drove the engine up to Poplar Grove Airmotive.

Needless to say I have been busy, both mentally and physically and the newsletter has taken a back seat.

Sorry about that.

## 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

### August

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)

## Deceased

In the last few days the Journal Star Obituaries listed the death of Stan Mallory. I don't remember him ever belonging to the Chapter in my time but, I have known Stan for many years as have most of you. Brian Briggerman, Stan, and I flew to Sun and Fun in Brian's Mooney several years ago.

Stan has had his airplane tied down at Mt. Hawley for as long as I can remember.

Stan will be missed by the local aviators.