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Breakfast this month will be on Saturday the 6th from 8:00 till 9:00 AM. We can always use a little help at 7:00 setting up tables and getting ready for the crowd.

The Meeting this month will be on the second Thursday, November the 11th, at 7:00 in the EAA Hangar at Mount Hawley Airport.

Come on time so someone can let you in the drive-through gate if you do not have a gate card.

Special Mailing

Everyone who was a member last year will receive this special mailing. In addition to this newsletter, there is a membership form which all members must fill out before paying next years dues.

Included are two pages of the standing rules and the summary sheet of our proposed budget for next year. They will require some discussion at the next meeting.

Please attend the next meeting. We are at a critical point for the Chapter. We are shaping the way we will function in the future and it's obvious that the budget needs some discussion. The Chapter needs your input.

Secretaries Report

MEETING MINUTES - SEP 4, 2004

The meeting was called to order after the monthly breakfast in the Chapter hangar. President Pilon turned the meeting over to Bill Engel, who spoke for other Bylaw Committee members Steve Bonfoey and Dave Cook. After several questions were answered, a motion was made and seconded to approve the bylaw proposal as presented. The vote in favor was unanimous, with the number of members present far exceeding a quorum.

Next was the need to select a standing rule for chapter dues. After some discussion, proposal B, for Standing Rule Number One, regarding dues, was adopted, again by unanimous vote.

The meeting was closed after President Pilon thanked the committee, the people who helped with the hangar makeover, and the morning's cooks.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES - 14 OCT 04

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the Chapter hangar by President Gerald Pilon. We welcomed one guest, John Minor. Minutes of the September 9th meeting were approved as they appeared in the Beacon. Finances were approved as presented by Treasurer Joe Ernst. It was moved and approved to renew our CD for a one year period.

Secretary Engel reminded us that the November chapter meeting will be very important. We will be electing 2005 Directors, adopting a 2005 budget, and adopting some additional Standing Rules to supplement our new Bylaws. Members are urged to study the information on these items, which will be sent out to the membership before the meeting.

Reporting for the Rules Committee, Steve Bonfoey noted that after several meetings with our accounting advisor, Dean Nelson, we are now ready to submit our application to the IRS for tax-exempt status.

Jerry reported on Kitfox progress. Engine temperature sensors were rewired, and Morrie Caudill is reshaping the cowl to better fit the engine.

Todd Hendrickson has been named by Midwest Avtech Inc. as General Manager at Mt. Hawley. We were urged to drop in and get acquainted. The FBO is organizing a flyout soon - see Jenny at the desk for details.

President Pilon named members of the

Budget Committee. They are Treasurer Joe Ernst, Steve Bonfoey, Morrie Caudill, Bill Engel, and himself. Their recommendations for the 2005 budget will be presented to the membership at the November meeting.

Reporting for the Nominating Committee, Morrie Caudill offered the following for 2005: President - Steve Bonfoey, Vice Pres - Gerald Pilon, Secretary - Bill Engel, Treasurer - Joe Ernst and Sam Sisk. For the three remaining Directorships, these names are offered: Dave Cook, Morrie Caudill, Bill Hounshell and Don Wolcott. Other nominations will be welcomed from the floor, up until the election at the November meeting.

There was no program for the evening, but we had a productive discussion on possible speakers for upcoming meetings. Also we were reminded that Sam Sisk is working on the Holiday Luncheon.

Steve noted that some pilots are encountering difficulties in getting CFI signoffs in their logbooks - it seems there is increasing concern about liability. Steve also mentioned some intriguing reasons for being involved with Civil Air Patrol. Talk with Steve about the details.

The evening concluded with donuts courtesy of Morrie, coffee and hangar flying. Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary



Need a Reason to Fly?

Jenny, at Midwest Avtec Inc, has a sign up sheet on the counter at Mt. Hawley Airport if you need a good reason to go flying.

She is organizing the second "flying activity" which will be held once a month. You get to vote on where we go and all suggestions are welcome. See the first "Fly Out" report on page 4 of this publication.

If you are interested, please sign up, give your E-Mail address, or call Jenny @ 693-2372 or E-Mail her @ mwa@geckoct.com.

Next Years Dues

Yes- - - - Dues will be due once again in a couple of months.

And this year, when you pay your dues, you will be required to fill out an application in order for us to get all the pertinent information that we need to keep this Chapter humming.

It is required to be a national member in order to be a voting Chapter member. If you want to just be a visiting, guest, walk in off the street, type of member. That's up to you. I don't think anyone will be turned away.

I encourage you to go all the way. Jump in with both feet. Get involved with your Chapter and make it better for everyone. It does pay dividends



Chilli Dump?



I'm sorry I missed this one. The chilli must have been pretty hot. These are just two of the pictures Jenny sent me. Linda is holding one of her long necked coolers. Part of the standard equipment list for hot chilli. It looks like a good time was had by all.



Gate Passes

Gate passes will be made available to Chapter 563 members soon. You must be a Chapter member to retain the pass. A reservation fee of \$5.00 is required when you sign up for the pass at the FBO. More information will be forthcoming at the next meeting.

Holiday Luncheon

A reservation has been made at **Barrack's Cater Inn** to hold our December luncheon on **December 4th**. This falls on the first Saturday and will replace the regular breakfast at the hangar. The meal will be the normal holiday fare and the price will be \$15.00 per plate. The entertainment will be announced in the next Beacon. Plan ahead. **Reservations are required**.

"What's Happening at your FBO"

The Holidays Are Coming! Gift ideas are as near as your FBO! Stop in at Midwest Avtech and we'd be happy to assist you (or your loved ones) with gift giving ideas.

Now Offering 10% discount on Aircraft Rental! Prepay 10 hours of aircraft rental and receive 10% off! OR think of it as flying for 9 hours and the next hour is free!! This offer is available for rental on any aircraft and must be redeemed for only that aircraft. Prepayment is non-refundable.

Do you know anyone who wants to learn to fly? Please pass the word that we are having a "Learn To Fly" day on Saturday, November 20th. Tell them to come out between 8am-4pm, and we'll be having 20-minute demo flights for **ONLY \$20/person!** What a cost-saving way to be introduced to flying. And speaking of cost-saving financing is now available for students to help them afford getting their Private Pilot's Certificate! So much good news for general aviation enthusiasts!!

Call Adama at Midwest Avtech for details: 309-693-2372.

Airport Manager gets ESDA job

This copied from the Journal Star 9-10-04

LACON— Marshall County Airport manager Niel Pobanz will have the duties of county **Emergency Services and Disaster Agency** coordinator added to his job description as a result of an appointment approved Thursday by the County Board.

(Editor) Niel has been a friend and member of the Chapter for many years. We hope his new services are not needed very often.

First Fly Out Was Great

Well, our first Mt. Hawley flying event was a success! Thanks to ALL who attended! (I believe we had 7 planes flying!) I think everyone would agree that the morning was beautiful weather for flying...crisp and clear. And that the Peoria controller was maybe a little surprised (and maybe impressed) that so much activity was coming from Mt. Hawley on a Sunday morning!?! Not to mention when we got to Taylorville, the pancakes and biscuits & gravy were delicious!! Next Month: Saturday, November 20th...will be in touch with the details.

P.S. Question: Since there were some empty seats, how would everyone feel about extending the invitation of these fly-in's to students taking instruction at Mt. Hawley? Maybe they could ride along....Just a thought...let me know what you think.

Thanks again to everyone,
Jenny S.

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