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**Breakfast:** The breakfasts for April will be held on **April 2nd and April 16th. Mark your calendars.** We will be serving pancakes and sausage from 8:00 till 9:00. Come early and stay late.

## Regular Meeting:

**The regular members meeting will be on the second Thursday, April 14th.** The meeting will feature Adama Allmond as the speaker. Adama is a flight instructor and has been teaching a ground school in our hangar. His topic will cover some of the things we have all forgotten since our training days. Specifically, VFR flight plans and the necessary dealing with Flight Service. This may be the chance to get a biannual flight review for free. At least you will find out what you think you know before you have to know it.

## Executive Board Meeting:

**There will be a meeting of the executive board on the third Thursday, April 21st.**

**TO: Members of EAA Chapter 563 -**

The chapter's Board of Directors will generally meet on the third Thursday of the month. The agenda for each meeting is the result of input from directors, and will be posted several days in advance so chapter members can decide if they would like to attend. Meeting time and place are subject to change, so please contact the President or Secretary beforehand.

## And The Board of Directors Minutes for 17 Mar. 05

The Board of Directors did not meet in March due to the AOPA Safety Meeting taking place the same night. The agenda for the April Board Meeting is listed below.

**EAA 563 BOARD MEETING**  
**7 p.m. April 14th, 2005 in the Chapter Hangar**

CALL TO ORDER, Welcome guests

SECRETARIAL REPORTS

Minutes - Board meeting Feb 17, 2005

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Review month of February 05

2005 membership renewals

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Input for calendar?

Other

OLD BUSINESS -

1. Review white papers from OSH
2. Standing Committee reports
  - a. Membership  
Develop membership database
  - b. Program
  - c. Properties & Safety  
Casual Use Rule  
Develop plan for BD-5
  - d. Publications  
Develop "Members Only" section for web site (w/ Sturges?)
  - e. Public Relations  
Preparation of chapter resume
  - f. Special Events  
Cessna visit  
B-17 visit?  
Spirit of St L replica visit?  
Auction/Raffle?
  - g. Youth Outreach
3. Other

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Revenue opportunity - bingo
2. Develop chapter goals statements?
3. Other

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**for comments on agenda call Bill  
Engel, Secretary, 691-6466**

# The Presidents Column

by Steve Bonfoey

Al Phipps, his wife Jan, my wife and I spent last Saturday night at the Tazewell Bingo Center. Jim Sturges had told us 501 ( c ) 3 organizations act as sponsors for bingo nights and our chapter could earn from \$500 to \$1000 per night. Bill Engel talked to the Bingo Center's owner and got the background information; Saturday night gave us a picture of the real thing.



There were 125 people in attendance. The Parkview Parents Club, American Railroadiana Historical Society, Spalding Council 427, Knights of Columbus, Tazewell County House of Hope, and the Heart of Illinois Chorus currently are acting as sponsors.

Everyone is intrigued by the money. It would be possible to pick up \$25,000 to \$50,000 based on working once a week for a year. The downside is that we need about 6 people once a week.

If we had a five year plan and goals for the club it would be easier to evaluate this proposal. We plan to talk about the club's future and about the Bingo proposal at the next director's meetings. For sure, we need everyone's input. We are a small club. There are a limited number of people available to carry out projects. We don't want to overextend and hurt the club or overtax the members. Nor do we want to be timid and miss opportunities.

Please give this some serious thought. We need your ideas about our club's future, your advice on what to do, and your help in setting priorities. Come to the director's meeting on April 21st and help us out.

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Midwest Avtech has gone out of the flight instruction business at Mount Hawley and Adama Allmond has gone into the business for himself. Adama is an EAA 563

member and we have asked him to speak at this month's general meeting. If you are interested in training, recurrency checks, or ground schools, be sure to attend this month's meeting. I'm looking forward to some time with him to finish off a WINGS Pilot Proficiency certificate.

Steve Bonfoey

## Help Wanted

Mt. Hawley Flyers and EAA members:

Do you know of anyone interested in part time employment at 3MY?

Midwest Avtech is looking for someone to work line service on **Saturday and Sundays only**. This would be open to close (**7 to 5**). We would like to have them trained and ready to start by April 2nd. This could be done by using two people and splitting the weekend— whatever works best.

If you know of someone, please give Tod a call at 309-693-2372. Thank You

Jenny

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### Irish Cemetery

Three Irishmen, Paddy, Sean and Seamus, were stumbling home from the pub late one night and found themselves on the road which led past the old graveyard..

"Come have a look over here," says Paddy, "It's Michael O'Grady's grave, God bless his soul. He lived to the ripe old age of 87."

"That's nothing," says Sean, "here's one named Patrick O'Toole, it says here that he was 95 when he died."!

Just then, Seamus yells out, "Good God, here's a fella that got to be 145!"

"What was his name?" asks Paddy.

Seamus stumbles around a bit, awkwardly lights a match to see what else is written on the stone marker, and exclaims, "Miles, from Dublin."

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## Your Secretary Reports The

### Meeting Minutes for 10 Mar 05

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Bonfoey at 7:30 pm in Ken Gresham's workshop near Delavan. We welcomed one guest, Rollie Hasselbacher. Minutes and Financial reports were deferred to next month in the interest of time.

As recommended by the Board, and a quorum being present, members unanimously adopted Standing Rule 11, regarding Casual Usage of the chapter hangar.

There was a brief discussion on how members feel about using bingo to bolster our often- precarious treasury. Opinions voiced were that we should find out the chapter's responsibility, the effort required of members, and that we should adopt some objectives so members can see what their efforts are leading to.

Steve noted the regular hangar breakfasts coming up on March 19 and April 2 - please come and bring a friend! He also noted that the program for the chapter meeting on April 14 will be a talk by member Jim

Hanneman, who has just returned from flying helicopters in Iraq.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to Ken Gresham's Europa project. (See the



*pictures on page 4*) Ken has a great shop, with radiant heat in the floor, making winter work very comfortable. The Europa is a two-place composite kit with nice lines. It is readily trailerable, and as he demonstrated, two persons can easily install/remove wings and stabilator. Everyone had an opportunity to inspect the "innards" and ask questions before the evening's highlight: we all pitched in to bond the top of the fuselage to the bottom. While it already looks great, Ken acknowledges that lots of work remains. When asked, he declined to give a completion target, saying "getting it right is better than getting it fast". The evening concluded with coffee and delicious chocolate cake. Thanks, Ken!  
Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## 2005 Dues

When you **pay** your dues, please fill out a membership form so we can **have** complete information on each member. Your editor has to make up a new email list and a new paper mail list so we can keep you all informed.

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, a 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.

Please fill out a membership application and turn it in to Joe Ernst, our Treasurer.

## Gate Passes

**Gate passes are available to Chapter 563 members now. You must be a Chapter and/or family member to retain the pass. You must request the pass from Steve Bonfoey who will pass the information on to the FBO. A reservation fee of \$5.00 is required when you pick up the pass at the FBO.**

## Cessna Plant Visit

**There is a flyout planned to visit the Cessna Aircraft factory at Independence, Kansas on May 24th.**

**There is a signup sheet in the EAA Hangar and also in the coffee room of the FBO.**

**Anyone that wants to go should signup, whether you are a pilot or just a passenger. We will try to take anyone that wants to go.**

**You can expect to share the expenses if you ride with someone. The pilots expect to spend one over night at a motel near the airport. Some of us are planning to go down the day before, stay over night, tour the plant the next morning, and fly back in the afternoon of the 24th.**

**Which ever way, or who ever you go with, please sign the signup sheet or contact Bill Hounshell so we can plan the details of the trip.**

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McQuillan walked into a bar and ordered martini after martini, each time removing the olives and placing them in a jar.

When the jar was filled with olives and all the drinks consumed, the Irishman started to leave.

"S'cuse me", said a customer, who was puzzled over what McQuillan had done, "what was that all about?"

"Nothin', said the Irishman, "my wife just sent me out for a jar of olives!"

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"Water to Wine"

An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car. He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

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"The Brothel"

Two Irishmen were sitting at a pub having beer and watching the brothel across the street. They saw a Baptist minister walk into the brothel, and one of them said, "Aye, 'tis a shame to see a man of the cloth goin' bad." Then they saw a rabbi enter the brothel, and the other Irishman said, "Aye, 'tis a shame to see that the Jews are fallin' victim to temptation as well."

Then they see a catholic priest enter the brothel, and one of the Irishmen said, "What a terrible pity...one of the girls must be dying."

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A drill sergeant had just chewed out one of his cadets, and as he was walking away, he turned to the cadet and said, "I guess when I die you'll come and dance on my grave."

The cadet replied, "Not me, Sarge, I promised myself that when I got out of the Army, I'd never stand in another line."

### West Point

The National Military Academy at West Point, pride of the United States Army, was established in 1802 by an act of Congress. The curriculum in those days consisted mainly of mathematics, drafting, and military fortification. Many of the newly arriving cadets were unable to read or write, so the Academy sought to teach them enough basic math to lay artillery correctly. The also learned rudimentary drafting skills in order to be able to draw accurate maps.

General Douglas MacArthur took over the reins at West Point in 1898 at the age of 39. To date, he's still the youngest superintendent in the Academy's history.

### Annapolis

The United States Naval Academy started out in Philadelphia, but was moved to the secluded Maryland town by Navy Secretary George Bancroft in order to save midshipmen from "the temptations and distractions that necessarily connect with a large and populous city."

President John Quincy Adams had actually urged the formation of a proper Navy training institution back in 1825. Congress ignored his suggestion, however, and instead launched the USS Somers, a training vessel filled with teenaged volunteers whom the government hoped would choose to make the Navy a career. Unfortunately, their lack of experience provided for a tragic situation; three of the midshipmen conspired to start a mutiny, and they were later hanged at the yardarm.

After the Somers catastrophe, Congress finally decided that through Naval training would be necessary before sending any other young men out to sea. The Navel School, as it was called, was established at Fort Severn in Annapolis, Maryland, in October of 1845. In 1850, the school officially became the United States Naval Academy. The first female students were admitted in 1976, by another act of Congress.

## The March membership meeting was held at Ken Greshams' work shop, about 2.5 miles West of Delavan, IL on State Route 122.

Ken has a very nice work shop and is pretty far along on the fiberglass phase of the construction. He's facing the wiring and engine installation soon and will listen to any suggestions you may have. Like every first time builder, his experience ends where the next step in construction begins. It's really a learn by doing method and all you can expect is to not make the same mistake twice.

After checking out the lower half of the fuselage, Ken informed us that we were going to help him attach the top half. I don't know how one person could have accomplished the assembly without help.



Ken measured the two resin components and three or four of us spread it along the lap joint of the lower half of the fuselage. After setting the top half on we installed pop rivets about every four inches all the way around. These were just to pull the joint together until the resin cured. Ken will remove the rivets and fill the holes when he finishes the job.



I imagine it was the first time for all of us to be involved in the actual assembly of the fuselage of a fiberglass airplane. Actually, it went together very nicely.

After the last pop rivet was installed, we picked up the wings and horizontal stabilizer and slipped them in place. The wings can be easily removed if necessary.



## Calendar of Events 2005

<u>Breakfasts</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Directors</u>
<b>January</b> 1 and 15	13	
<b>February</b> 5 and 19	10	17
<b>March</b> 5 and 19	10	17
<b>April</b> 2 and 16	14	21
<b>May</b> 7 and 21	13	20
<b>June</b> 4 and 18	9	16
<b>July</b> 2 and 16	14	21
<b>August</b> 6 and 20	11	18
<b>September</b> 3 and 17	8	15
<b>October</b> 1 and 15	13	20
<b>November</b> 5 and 19	10	17
<b>December</b> 3 and 17	8	15

### Speakers/Presentations:

<b>January -</b> Alan Lurie ( GPS)	<b>May</b> (Jim Hannemann, Irac)	<b>September</b>
<b>February</b> (Niel Pobanz)	<b>June</b> (Scott Decker, C-130)	<b>October</b>
<b>March</b> (Project Visit)	<b>July</b>	<b>November</b>
<b>April</b> (Adama Allmond, Training	<b>August</b> Picnic	<b>December</b> Luncheon

**Flying:** Cessna Plant tour, May 24. Sun and Fun, April 12 to 18

**Comments:** Your Board of Directors has been working hard to improve the membership meetings by conducting as much business as possible at the Directors meeting so the membership can have more time for speakers and presentations. The Directors meetings are open to all members. We intend to fill the programs for the rest of the year in the hope that more of you will attend the membership meetings to hear the speakers. The speakers we have had so far have been excellent and deserve a larger audience. If you want to hear the business discussions, you are welcome to attend the Directors meetings on the second Thursday of each month. Come to the next meeting and hear and see what you are missing.

## Fly-in Events 2005

Warbird Adventures' flights in Aurora,  
Illinois - July 22 - September 11

You can read more about it at [www.warbirdadventures.com](http://www.warbirdadventures.com)

If you have any questions call 585-243-4676 or email at [elizoc@frontiernet.net](mailto:elizoc@frontiernet.net).

3rd Annual Midwest Aeronca Festival

Kewanee, IL

May 13, 2005 thru May 15, 2005

Flying events, food and fun. Seminars, on field camping and ample motel space. Come join the fun

Ogle County Fly-In Breakfast

May 15, 2005

U of Illinois Flying Team Pancake Breakfast

Rantoul, IL

April 10, 2005

EAA Chapter 22 Fly-In Breakfast

Rockford, IL

May 1, 2005

## More Things To Consider

This is for all members to consider. The Chapter has some needs. We haven't finished up the hangar improvement project. We still need to sort out the library books and place them in the book cases.

### Volunteers Needed.

And, we need several cabinets for the tenants to store their aircraft supplies. It would really help the Chapter if we can do this without spending a lot of money.

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