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Breakfast: The breakfasts for April will be held on May 7th and May 21st. 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, May 12th. The meeting will feature Jim Hanneman and his son Kurt, just returned from Iraq, telling their experiences and answering all the questions you might have about what really is going on over there.

The Presidents Column

by Steve Bonfoey

Jim Hanneman he has been a Chapter 563 member for a long time. Jim and his son have just returned from a year of duty with the U.S. Army in Iraq and have agreed to be our speakers for the May 12th chapter meeting. I don't know what they will cover but I'm interested in how they lived, what the Iraqis are like, how they think the war is going, what the flying was like, and anything else they want to share. They have slides to illustrate their



talk. Jim's son earned a purple heart so he definitely has a story to tell. I've been looking forward to this for a long time and I promise to keep chapter business to a minimum so Jim and his son will have plenty of time.

I'd suggest you ask your wife to attend this meeting. We all have friends or relatives who have served in Iraq or will be in the armed forces in the future and this is a unique opportunity to gain perspective from men who have been there and done that.

Executive Board Meeting:

There will be a meeting of the executive board on the third Thursday, May 19th.

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 21 April 05

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Present were President Steve Bonfoey, Secretary Bill Engel, Director Morrie Caudill, Director Bill Hounshell, and one guest.

Minutes of the February Board meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon, but there was no financial report for February or March due to absence of the treasurer. There was some discussion on ways to improve financial reporting so we can more easily see how we are doing with respect to budget.

President Steve showed awards forms from Oshkosh, inviting us to submit names of chapter members who have done exemplary jobs. Steve

will follow up.

Under **Old Business** the secretary again urged board members to review the “white papers” on the EAA web site, which cover many aspects of chapter administration that concern us.

Membership Chair Steve reports he is making progress on the membership database.

Program Chair Jerry Pilon was not present, but we know the May program is set. It was recommended that we have a “Member Input Night” for a program soon. A DVD from OSH will be forwarded to Jerry for appropriate use.

Properties & Safety Chair Engel noted that the latest Hangar Priority list, Hangar fees, and Standing Rules 10 & 11 on hangar usage are now posted on the bulletin board. Bill, Steve and Morrie will meet tomorrow to do some maintenance on chapter records and the hangar. Bill also is forming a [committee](#) to develop a plan for construction and disposition of our BD-5. Anyone wanting to participate is urged to contact him soon.

Publications Chair Morrie will continue developing a “members only” section for our web site. He said he will contact our web provider for help.

Public Relations Chair Dave Cook wasn’t present, so we had no report.

Special Events Chair Bill Hounshell updated us on the planned visit to the Cessna plant in May. The Board agreed that he should contact Oshkosh on a possible visit to Peoria by the B-17 in 2006, preferably on a weekend, because of the better revenue potential. Any request for a visit by the Spirit of St. Louis was deferred. We also agreed on planning a chili bash at our hangar in the fall, involving other 3MY tenants and FBO.

Regarding Youth Outreach, we discussed ways to increase our Young Eagles activity. It was suggested that we look into Big Brothers/Big Sisters for prospects. International Young Eagles Day is Saturday, June 11.

Under **New Business** we discussed a timetable for setting chapter goals. Program Chair Pilon will be asked to arrange the meeting to do that. The secretary will procure some flip charts.

We discussed the Yakoff Osprey project and the ramifications of getting involved in it. More information is needed to make a good decision.

A lucrative revenue opportunity, sponsoring a regular bingo night, was discussed. It was decided that at this time we don’t have enough people to staff such a program, but maybe we can look into the possibility some time down the road.

Jerry Peacock intends to rebuild an aircraft engine soon, and some members expressed an interest in looking over his shoulder. It was agreed that this presents a great learning experience, so the Board decided to grant the small hangar space needed, provided that Jerry informs the chapter of the times he will be working, so interested people can be on hand to watch and ask questions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Tentatively, the Board will meet next on May 19.
Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

Your Secretary Reports The Meeting Minutes for 14 April 05

The meeting was called to order by President Steve Bonfoey at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. We welcomed Chris Tate as a new member, and were glad to see oldtimers Del Dester and Don Eckard.



Minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon. As the treasurer was not present at this time, there was no financial report.

President Steve noted that our scheduled speaker, flight instructor Adama Allmond, is reslated for June because today he has the good fortune to get some right seat time in a Cessna Citation. In May, Jim Hanneman will speak on his helicopter experiences in Iraq.

Steve mentioned that Oshkosh is looking for volunteers for prep work for the convention in July. If you would like to help, Steve has the details.

Your Board is looking for member input on chapter goals: what do we want to achieve in the next few years, and how should we do it.

Please give this some thought and let us know.

Accomplishing many things takes money. Steve again discussed the possibility of taking on a bingo operation, which could be quite lucrative. Churches, PTAs, and other nonprofits use it effectively, but it takes at least a year of commitment by more than just a handful of volunteers. We would need to provide 8-10 people one night a week. So that nobody has to give more than one night a month you can see how many members, spouses, etc. are needed. The Secretary asked for volunteers to join him and his wife in scouting the operation on Saturday. No hands were raised.

Al Lurie reported that he is looking into the Osprey project in Pete Yakoff's basement. Assuming it is donated to us, our options appear to be finishing and selling it, or selling it as is.

Bill Hounshell reported that so far about five planes are lined up for the Cessna plant tour on May 24. If interested, contact Bill or see the bulletin board.

Bill Engel discussed the BD-5 project donated to the chapter. He gave the reasons why it will not be flyable. There are questions as to how it should be finished and how it should be used. A committee will be formed to address this. Contact Bill if interested.

Coming to our rescue on short notice, Jerry Peacock brought his scrapbook and related his restoration of a wrecked C172. It seems that the pilot of this particular craft ran out of gas and deposited it, relatively unscathed, in the top of a tree. Early arrivals at the scene decided that the smart thing to do was to saw down the tree. Unfortunately, this resulted in an aluminum accordion. Jerry bought the remains, which still had many usable, and many undamaged parts. He donated these and his time to a missionary school for A & P mechanics in Grand Rapids. After lots of scrounging for parts all over the country, and hard work by the students, the plane now flies again beautifully.

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.

Calendar of Events 2005

	<u>Breakfasts</u>	<u>Membership</u>	<u>Directors</u>
January	1 and 15	13	
February	5 and 19	10	17
March	5 and 19	10	17
April	2 and 16	14	21
May	7 and 21	12	19
June	4 and 18	9	16
July	2 and 16	14	21
August	6 and 20	11	18
September	3 and 17	8	15
October	1 and 15	13	20
November	5 and 19	10	17
December	3 and 17	8	15

Speakers/Presentations:

January - Alan Lurie (GPS)	May (Jim & Kurt Hannemann, Irac)	September
February (Niel Pobanz)	June Adama Allmond	October
March (Project Visit)	July	November
April Gerry Peacock	August Picnic	December 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

May 1, 2005 EAA Chapter 22 Fly-In Breakfast
Rockford, IL

May 13, 2005 thru May 15, 2005
3rd Annual Midwest Aeronca Festival
Kewanee, IL Flying events, food and fun. Seminars, on field camping and ample motel space. Come join the fun

May 14, 2005 Decatur Fly-in breakfast
May 15, 2005 Ogle County Fly-In Breakfast
May 15, 2005 Taylorville Fly-in breakfast
May 22, 2005 Canton Fly-in breakfast

June 5, 2005 Dekalb Fly-in breakfast
June 5th, 2005 Hartenbowers Fly-in Breakfast
June 12, 2005 Rock Falls, Pancake breakfast
June 18, 2005 Illinois Valley Air Show
June 19, 2005 Taylorville Fly-in breakfast
June 25, 2005 Jack Hollands' International Fly-in
June 25-26, 2005 Quad City Air Show

July 3, 2005 Hartenbowers Fly-in Breakfast
July 17, 2005 Taylorville Fly-in breakfast
July 25-31, 2005 EAA Airventure

Warbird Adventures' flights in Aurora, Illinois - July 22 - September 11
You can read more about it at www.warbirdadventures.com
If you have any questions call 585-243-4676 or email at elizoc@frontiernet.net

August 5-7, 2005 Prairie Air Show @ Peoria
August 21, 2005 Taylorville Fly-in breakfast

September 16-18, 2005 Springfield Air Rendezvous
September 18, 2005 Taylorville Fly-in breakfast

October 16, 2005 Taylorville Fly-in breakfast

Future Oshkosh dates:

July 25-31, 2006
July 24-30, 2007
July 29- Aug. 4, 2008
July 27- Aug. 2, 2009
July 26- Aug. 1, 2010
July 25-31, 2011
July 23-29, 2012

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