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The 1st Breakfast which is normally held on the **First Saturday**, the **3rd** of December, **will not be held**. The Christmas luncheon will be held that afternoon at Wild Life Prairie Park.

The Membership Meeting

That normally is held on the **Second Thursday**, the **8th** of December, also **will not be held**.

The Directors Meeting **will be held** on the **Third Thursday**, the **15th**, at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00P.

The 2nd Breakfast **will be held on the third Saturday**, the **17th** at the usual time. Don't miss it.

Secretaries Report

MEETING MINUTES – 10 OCT 05

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar by President Steve Bonfoey. We began with our speakers for the evening, because they had another commitment. Kevin Cook and Larry Orr gave us a pitch on becoming a sponsor for a group of kids to be known as Venturers or Explorers. These programs are sponsored by Boy Scouts of America, for kids 14 –21, and are coed. They say the programs are less structured than Scouting, and are intended to increase leadership skills while learning and having fun in a safe environment. They handed out a guide and answered questions. If we were to tackle this it would involve a significant commitment. We thanked our speakers and told them our directors will address this at the Board meeting next week.

Steve reminded us to hustle raffle tickets

for the great leather jacket. Turn tickets and money in to Treasurer Joe Ernst before the drawing that is to take place at the Holiday Luncheon.

Luncheon chairman Sam Sisk showed us a list of items from which to select our menu. All the particulars will sent out in a flyer.

Because the Luncheon falls on the first Saturday of the month, we decided against having the usual hangar breakfast that day.

Steve introduced new member Phil Jones, who plans to build a Zenith Zodiac.

Jerry Pilon announced that his Kitfox has just passed a thorough FAA inspection, and that he has a pilot lined up to do the first test flights that hopefully will occur yet this month.

The proposal for our 2006 budget was presented and explained. No comments were voiced, and the members approved the proposal as printed.

Next we proceeded to the election of 2006 directors. There were no additional nominations from the floor for the four officers. Nominations for the three remaining directors were Don Wolcott, Sam Sisk, and Chris Tate. There being no other nominations, all were elected by acclamation.

The evening concluded with conversation, coffee and cookies.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

BD-5 UPDATE

This is one of a series of articles to describe progress on the build of our “personal fighter plane”, which was donated to the chapter for educational and promotional purposes. If you would like to participate please let the project coordinator know.

Several times over the years it has been necessary to move the project, so it has had to be left in pieces small enough to negotiate passage through tight places. This meant that the

construction sequence prescribed in the plans was not followed precisely in some steps. We are reviewing just where we are, not only to be sure all steps are completed, but also to avoid doing something prematurely, which could mean a possible teardown to install a part.

Parts and materials have been organized to be more convenient, some alignments have been checked, and on November 14, the first new rivets were installed!

Bill Engel, project coordinator

HANGAR SAFETY

Most of you have noticed that we have two fire extinguishers in the hangar - one on the back wall near the john, and one near the walk-in door at the front. It would be a good idea if everyone took the time to familiarize themselves with how to use these. Notice that yellow lines have been painted on the floor in front of them to indicate that nothing is to be placed there.

On another safety topic, we have several electrical cords for general use. When in use, they necessarily lie on the floor, but when you are done with them please coil them and store them along a wall. AND NEVER leave them plugged in when not in use. Short circuits due to cord abrasion or, heaven forbid, water on the floor, are dangerous.

Safety is everybody's business!
your Properties & Safety Chm.

BOARD MINUTES – 17 NOV. 05

President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Present were 2005 directors Bonfoey, Caudill, Engel, Ernst, Hounshell and Pilon. Also present for this joint meeting were new electees Sam Sisk, Chris Tate and Don Wolcott.

Minutes for the September and October board meetings were approved as printed. Regarding finances, the October report was approved as printed by Treasurer Ernst. Joe also reported 64 members so far. In a further action we agreed to record here that, by email vote, the board amended the 2006 budget proposal before presentation to the membership on Nov. 10. That amended version included changes such as an expected increase in utility costs.

OLD BUSINESS. Nothing new to report on our application for the B-17 visit. Mention was made of a possible visit by EAA's Ford Trimotor, but they require hangaring space larger than is readily available.

Actions of most standing committees were touched on, but in particular, under Special Events, the price for our Holiday Luncheon was set at \$17.50. Sam will make up a flyer to go out with the next Beacon. Also, under Youth Outreach, Morrie reported that Oshkosh has credited us with flights for 1370 Young Eagles, as of October 31.

NEW BUSINESS. A prime focus of this meeting was to inform new directors about the structure and operations of our chapter. The secretary handed out copies of our Bylaws and Standing Rules. These were discussed at some length so everyone would know their responsibilities. When this was done, chairmanships of Standing Committees were established as follows:

Membership – Don Wolcott

Program – Steve Bonfoey, with Chris Tate

Properties & Safety – Sam Sisk, with Joe Ernst

Publications – Morrie Caudill

Public Relations – Jerry Pilon, with Chris Tate

Special Events – Sam Sisk

Youth Outreach – Morrie Caudill

Our program for the November meeting was a pitch for the chapter to sponsor an "Explorer" or "Venturing" post. We promised the presenters, representatives of Scouting, that the board would get back to them with our decision. The vote was to decline. Some of the reasons directors gave were:

higher insurance costs, commitment to provide staffing for weekly(?) activities, responsibility for chaperoning non-aviation coed activities. Jerry will inform them of our decision.

Finally, we established the calendar for December:

Board meeting Dec 15

Breakfast Dec 17

NO BREAKFAST Dec 3

NO MEETING Dec 8

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

Calendar of Events 2005

	<u>Breakfasts</u>	<u>Membership Meetings</u>	<u>Directors Meetings</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	17	No Meeting	15

Speakers/Presentations/Activities:

January - Alan Lurie (GPS)	May –Jim and Kurt Hannemann	September—Scott Decker
February -Niel Pobanz	June –Adama Allmond	October - Bruce Chien “How to avoid failing your medical” Nomination of Officers
March –Project Visit	July - Chapter Round Table	November– Election of Officers Boy Scout Leaders Discuss Aviation Explorer Post
April - Gerry Peacock	August –Chapter Picnic	December - Christmas Luncheon

Chapter 563 Raffle !!

From the desk of the president:
Oshkosh has donated a \$400 leather jacket to our chapter! The EAA uses raffles to raise money and donated one jacket to encourage us to do the same. It is very high quality, soft Corinthian leather, warm and windproof for the coming winter. Sparring no expense, the EAA originally ordered these jackets as special appreciation awards for passing potentates and those who perform services or make donations to the EAA. It has never been offered in the EAA store or catalog. If you win the jacket you will be in exclusive company!

The drawing will take place at the annual Xmas party on December 3rd. We have about 60 members and hope all participate but some will not -- the odds of winning are very good. The price of the raffle tickets will be announced soon. You need not be present to win but we hope you will be. The back of the jacket is shown below.



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Christmas Luncheon

Look forward to the Christmas Luncheon. It will be held at Wild Life Prairie Park on Dec. 3, the first Saturday. Of course the food will be good, catered by Barracks, and the entertainment will be stage, screen, and radio performer, Mike Dentino, who has appeared on stage at local theaters for many years. It promises to be an entertaining afternoon.

Your program director writes:

Mike Dentino is a well known Peoria native and Caterpillar Executive who is best known in the area for his local theater accomplishments. He has appeared in many Caterpillar mixer chorus productions as well as Peoria Players, Cornstock theater, Conklin Dinner Theater.

His talents go back as far as I can remember when he and my brother Ron appeared together in many comedy routines that they wrote and performed. He is a stand up comic and Director of shows such as Godspell. He's a song and dance man and many have said that he could have made his mark in legitimate theater. It is our pleasure to bring him to our Christmas luncheon to make us laugh and help us have a good time.

Jerry Pilon.