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The 1st Breakfast will be held on the **First Saturday**, the 1st of April. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 till 9:00. See you there.

The Membership Meeting will be held on the **Second Thursday**, the 13th of April. This is party night folks. We will celebrate the Chapter's 30th anniversary in style. See the flyer on page 5.

The Directors Meeting will be held on the **Third Thursday**, the 20th, at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00P. All members are welcome to attend.

The 2nd Breakfast will be held on the **Third Saturday**, the 15th at the usual time. Don't miss it.

Secretaries Report

The 3/09/06 meeting was begun a few minutes after 7:00pm by Jerry Pilon, chapters Treasurer. He mentioned that he and several other chapter officers received a letter from Jeff Wales at Peoria Aviation, the new FBO owner at 3MY. It noted that Jeff has convinced the Peoria Airport Management to do some updates to the FBO building. Updates to the HVAC and a new roof are expected to occur in March. Jerry noted it was nice to see the new FBO management sharing information with the airport tenants.

The Directors meeting for March has been rescheduled for Wednesday, March 15th. This is due to the AOPA Safety

Seminar that is scheduled for March 16th at Peoria Aviation. All are welcome to the Directors meeting. Jerry Pilon will not be in attendance for the March 15th meeting due to traveling for work, he has left his financial report with Director Tate. It was noted that the finances for the chapter are on target as of YTD.

A special note from Director Sisk that on March 18th from Noon to 4pm, there will be an Open House for Joe Fox at the FBO. He is getting remarried to a woman from TX. All are welcome and we wish Joe and his new bride our best wishes.

The speakers for the night were Jody Wittmeyer and Dale Lindstrom. They are both from Kewanee. Jody is the organizer for the Midwest Aeronca Festival in Kewanee, IL. He is also on the Board of the National Aeronca Association. Jody has a vast knowledge of Aeronca aircraft and there was large amount of information presented and plenty of Q&A occurred. The next Midwest Aeronca Festival (Fly-In) is May 19-21, 2006. All are welcome. For further details go to <http://www.angelfire.com/stars4/aeroncafest> or call Jody at 309-853-8141. He will answer any question you may have.

Dale Lindstrom was the 2nd speaker of the night. He spoke for only a short time due to the large amount of Q&A. Dale is the Airport Manager, manager of Anderson Flying Service, a flight instructor and an A&P all at Kewanee Municipal Airport. Dale has a vast knowledge of aircraft fabric repair work and does all of the maintenance for Jody's Aeronca as well as Dale's personal Piper Cub.

In all it was a very good meeting.
Best regards,

Christopher M. Tate
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Representative
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New Director

Your editor had the pleasure of meeting the new director of the Peoria Regional Airport yesterday at a reception held for him at the Raddison Hotel.

Ken Spirito was received by a large group of local business men and women and welcomed to Peoria. He made a short speech in which he said he was happy to be here, loved the city and surrounding area, and was looking forward to growing the Regional Airport.

In our short talk together, I plugged the EAA Chapter and invited him to breakfast Saturday, and he said he likes GA and is looking forward to working with us and Mt. Hawley Airport.

Jeff Wales, Adoma Allmound, Linda Schumm, and several others from 3MY were also present.

BOARD MINUTES – 16 Mar. 06

The Secretary's notes for this meeting have disappeared, so this is the best of his recollection.

President SteveBonfoey called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Minutes of the February meeting were approved as printed. Our treasurer was absent, but forwarded his financial report, which was approved as presented.

Much of our discussion centered on the April meeting, which will be a Social, celebrating our 30th anniversary. We decided that potluck will likely turn out satisfactorily, that some awards will be made, and we will solicit prizes from various sources. The planning committee will meet several more times.

Steve has been contacted by the Prairie AirShow people about our participation again this year. We decided against flying Young Eagles at the show, but we will be there to provide applications for kids, so we can fly them later at Mt. Hawley.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

The 43 members who signed our EAA Chapter 563 Charter in Mt. Hawleys Airport Lounge on a summers eve in 1976

Adreon, Dewey L., Sr	Jarmon, Roger M.
Barnes, Harry E.	Kelley, Thomas P.
Beckham, Oscar S., Jr.	King, Bruce A., Jr.
Biesecker, Charlie	Maile, George W.
Bitner, E. Duane	Manuel, Eric R.
Briggerman, Brian P.	Meardy, Richard E.
Claypool, Keith C.	Pearson, E.Marshall
Crank, Paul	Rhoads, Kenneth A.
Cruthis, R. D.	Ringel, William S.
Dahl, John E.	Roberts, Larry
Decker, Robert J.	Selke, Gregory H.
DeCroix, Victor J. (Pres)	Selke, Joanne
DeLost, Steven J.	Smith, Ted
Dester, Delbert D.	Snyder, Guy A.
Eckard, Don A.	Spiller, Marion G.
Engel, William K.	Stauthammer, John H.
Ginzel, David F.	Sturges, James R.
Greene, Ralph E.	Trumbold, Jerry
Grimme, Raymond D.	Wanack, Gary L.
Hardin, John	Wasson, Jewett
Hesselgrave, Ray	Wernsman, Robert A.
	Yakoff, Peter G.

IF YOU KNOW SOME OF THESE MEMBERS THAT HAVE MOVED AND HAVE NOT BEEN TO A CHAPTER MEETING FOR A LONG TIME, PLEASE CONTACT THEM AND LET THEM KNOW ABOUT THE ANIVERSARY PARTY.

I ONLY HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH NINE OF THEM THAT HAVE BEEN ACTIVE IN THE LAST FEW YEARS.

Calendar of Events 2006

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

Speakers/Presentations/Activities:

January - Pat Berres, Born Paint
Touch up painting

May — Russ Talbot, Claims Adjustor
What to do after a loss

February - Adama Almond will talk about
crashing his C-150.

June — Paul Heintz (Prairie Air Museum)

March – Dale Lindstrom and Jody Witmeyer
(Kewanee Airport) will talk about the
Aeronca Fly-In in May

July —

April - Charter Members Anniversary Party

August –

UnClassified Advertising

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Please call 309-682-1674 after 12:00 AM Make offer

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All issues from 1955 to 2004.
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3. Rebuilt 12 v alternator. Fits 152 or 172.
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24. Oscilloscope Protek Model P-2020. 20 MHZ dual trace.
25. Two lot 8 and 1 lot 5 Pacer simulators. FAA approved (ATD)
26. Coleman 3/8" chuck, 18v cordless drill kit with lots of attachments.
27. Two G240EN Zeftronics voltage regulators
28. Two battery chargers.
29. Wire feeder welder, never used.

CONGRATULATIONS

are due to our friend, member, and FBO at Marshall County Airport (C75).

Niel Pobanz has been inducted into the Illinois Aviation Hall of Fame.

Niel has had an extensive amount of experience in the field of aviation and is the respected technical representative for the Bonanza Society.

Stop a Marshall County and shake his hand.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL 29-30

Charlie Wells Memorial fly-in/drive in breakfast

MAY 21

Mt. Morris, IL fly in breakfast at Ogle County Airport C-55

Taylorville, IL EAA 1315 fly in breakfast

JUNE 18

Taylorville, IL EAA 1315 fly in breakfast

JULY 4

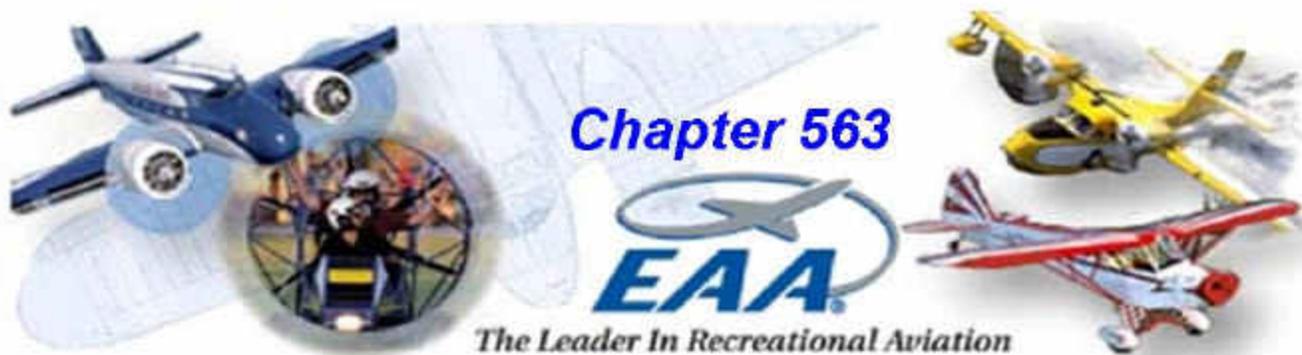
Mt. Morris, IL fly in breakfast at Ogle County Airport C-55

JULY 16

Taylorville, IL EAA 1315 fly in breakfast

AUGUST 20

Taylorville, IL EAA 1315 fly in breakfast



**Come help us celebrate the Thirty
Year Anniversary of our chapter
(spouses welcome too!)**

Where: Mt. Hawley FBO (meet the new owner)

When: Thursday April 13 --

6:00pm – social

6:30pm – dinner

7:30pm – program:

**Master of Ceremonies Ron Wright
will present door prizes, service
awards, and a dose of humor**

Current members – please bring a dish to share.

Guests – please bring a desire for a good time.

**Come join the fun! Tell your favorite flying
story – Best one gets a prize.**

RSVP – not later than Monday, April 10

Call Bill – 691-6466

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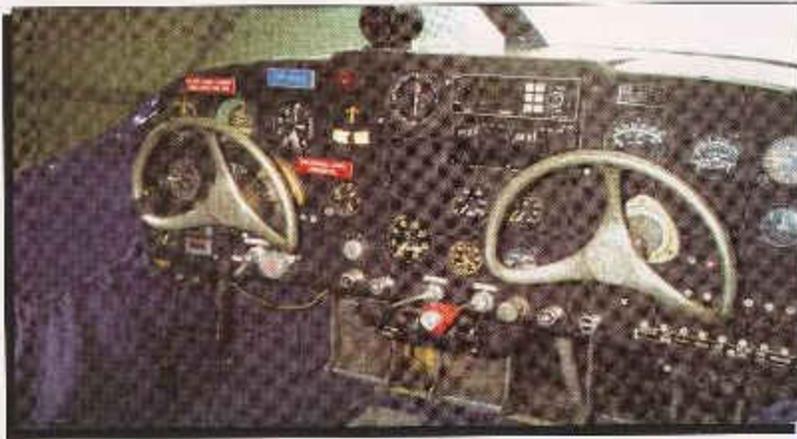
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BD-5 UPDATE - March Action

This series describes progress on the chapter's "personal fighter plane", which we are building for educational and promotional purposes.

The vertical stabilizer has been completed, the rudder is nearly complete, and both of them have received coatings of filler and primer.

We have shortened the wing spars so our finished toy can be moved and stored more easily. We recognize that when you deviate from the plans you can encounter some unexpected problems, but so far there aren't any we can't handle. Wooden fixtures to support the wing have been made so that we can accurately install the ribs, rear spar, and eventually the skin.

If you would like to participate please let me know!

Bill Engel, project coordinator

THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY!

It will be here before you know it! EAA563 has been around for 30 years, and we want every member and former member to join the celebration. As the flyer urged, be at the Mt. Hawley Airport FBO, on our regular meeting night, Thursday, April 13. The agenda calls for socializing to commence at about 6 pm, eats at about 6:30, and a great program after that. Some awards will be presented, and some nice door prizes have started coming in. Also, if you have pictures of past chapter activities, please bring them - we'll have a memorabilia display area.

Members are asked to bring a dish to share with 6 or 8 other folks. This arrangement has worked out quite well for us in the past. A variety of beverages and two meat dishes will be furnished. The chapter also will furnish disposable table service, but you can bring your own if you like.

Don't forget - RSVP to Bill at 691-6466 by Monday April 10!

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