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## 1st Breakfast

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

## Membership Meeting

will be held on the **Second Thursday**, the **13th** of **July**. The scheduled speaker, Jeff Wales, had to reschedule his appearance. As this goes to the printers, we are working on a substitute.

## 2nd Breakfast

will be held on the **Third Saturday**, the **15th** of **July** at the usual time. Don't miss it.

## Directors

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

## Secretaries Reports

### MEETING MINUTES – 08 June 06

President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Minutes of the May meeting were approved as published. Our treasurer was absent, so there was no financial report.

Activities Chair Sam Sisk reported on the Performance Challenge held on June 3. Participants had fun brushing up on their cross-country skills, and all agreed that we should schedule another, after an August hangar breakfast.

The chapter's BD-5 project is moving along, with help from several more volunteers. The wings are now skinned, and we are starting on the ailerons.

Ron Wright is making the necessary contacts to set up a picnic at Tri-County Airport (Yates City). It is quite a grassroots stronghold, and several of our members have birds there. We discussed several alternatives, but consensus was that it should be late afternoon, preferably July 15. Porkchop sandwiches and chips will be available for a modest donation, and other items will be potluck. We will see some of the aircraft fly, and meet some folks from other airports.

Our speaker for the evening was Paul Heintz, a Peorian who volunteers for the Prairie Aviation Museum (P.A.M.) at Bloomington airport. Paul noted that PAM was founded in the early eighties by Norm Winger, who is still president. This group of nearly 300 volunteers has gathered an impressive array of historic artifacts, including a T-33, T-38, F4 Phantom, Huey and Cobra helos, F14 Tomcat, and of course their neat (and flying) DC-3 in Ozark colors. The DC-3 is displayed at airshows, is used for various ride plans, and multi-engine pilots can even get a type rating from chief pilot Bob Davis.

PAM also is associated with the Challenger Learning Center, which has great programs for school kids, using interactive displays to encourage them in math & science for possible careers in aerospace fields. More info is available at their website: [www.ChallengerCentralIllinois.org](http://www.ChallengerCentralIllinois.org).

Paul finished the evening for his appreciative audience with a video showing the history and restoration of their DC-3.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## **BOARD MINUTES – 15 June 06**

President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. All directors were present except the Membership Chm. Minutes of the May Board, and Finances for May were approved as printed. Treasurer Pilon will find a way to email advance copies to directors.

Under Membership, it was mentioned that Al Lurie was home again after heart surgery. A get-well card was sent from the chapter.

Latest info was gathered on dues paid. Publications Chair Morrie Caudill will email the latest list to directors. Those members who have not renewed by the end of this month will be dropped.

The next Beacon will solicit volunteers for the Nominating Committee. Committee appointments will be announced at the July membership meeting, and their recommendations published in the October Beacon.

The speaker for the July meeting will be Jeff Wales, new manager at 3MY. He will review his experiences as a fighter pilot, and explore the future for Mt. Hawley.

In August we will not have a meeting as such, but will have a picnic at "Sisk International". This will be on Saturday, August 12, "five-ish" according to Sam. More info to follow.

Properties & Safety Chm Al Phipps noted that hangar ants are unwelcome, and have been dealt with. Hangar tenants have not yet powowed on new cabinet purchases, but will act soon to get four, at less than \$200 each.

Our big gas grill, long unused, will be advertised for sale.

Under Special Events, several suggestions were made for a program at the Holiday Luncheon. Suggestions are still welcome.

Our next Performance Rally will be held Saturday, August 5, after the hangar breakfast.

Plans are underway for our visit to Tri-County Airport at Yates City on July 15. Details will appear elsewhere.

Under Youth Outreach, Morrie says he has one request for a flight.

There being no other business, we adjourned and fell to hangar flying.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## **Performance Challenge** **Will take place again** **After breakfast, 5th of** **August, 2006**

The first performance challenge is in the history books. Only three planes took part but it was neck and neck all the way to the finish line.

Yeah, right.

Your editor and his CFI, Sam Sisk, were passed like they were standing still, and when the points were totaled up, we were passed again. Oh well, third place isn't bad. That's like 'three out of three' or 'first after second'. Just wait till next time.

There will be a next time after the August 5th breakfast. It will be more of a challenge if more planes enter. The winners of the last race need more competition. I'm sure Sam will plan another interesting challenge.

We still need a few more retired trophies, of any type, to be reborn into aviation awards.

Read more about the Challenge on page 5.

## **BD-5 UPDATE - June Action**

The wings are skinned and the aileron parts are made. Not much more has happened this month. N2575J got most of the attention and survived another annual.

If you would like to participate please let me know!

Bill Engel, project coordinator

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# Fly-in Report

## Saturday 17th of June at Jack Holland's farm, midway between BMI and AAA

Jack is one of the regulars at the Wednesday bull session at Logan County Airport, formally the Hooterville crowd. Jack's farm is located near McLean, midway between Bloomington and Lincoln. He has the best of all worlds there. A beautiful hangar, with living quarters. Two runways, the widest and smoothest grass you will ever land on.

Jack has recently completed his RV with the help of Grandpa Tom Swearingen, and his flying experiences are a whole another story. He flies/ferries turbine crop dusters, has set records in balloon competition, and .....well, the rest of the story will have to wait for another time.

Jack has his annual hog roast at his farm every year and a grand event it is. Pulled pork barbeque, roast turkey, and all the trimmings for \$5.00.



# 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

July — ?

April - Charter Members Anniversary Party

August – Annual Picnic (evening)

## UnClassified Advertising

### For sale by Allen Lurie

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

1. Sport Aviation Magazines  
All issues from 1955 to 2004.
2. Thorp T-18  
All the components are included to complete this airplane.

### For sale by Eric Manuel

Please call 309-685-2192 Make offer

1. Lycoming 160 H.P. plus prop  
"O" time engine-Includes flywheel
2. Dynofocal mount w/ bolts
3. Carburetor
4. Starter
5. Alternator
6. Test stand

### For sale by Emtoo, Inc

Please call 309-697-9629

1. Lycoming O-235 L2C engine in parts ready for major overhaul.
2. ACU fits 152 and 172
3. Rebuilt 12 v alternator. Fits 152 or 172.
4. Used Edo Aire directional gyro.
5. Zeftronics 25400 voltage regulator.
6. Pt 385 Nav Com panel unit OH'd by Bevan Rabell
7. Two Airborne Vacuum Regulators
8. Overhauled Attitude Indicator
9. Overhauled 24 v alternator fits 152 and 172.
10. 149-24PM Skytec Starter 24v, new.
11. RT 359A transponder.
12. 152 starter, used.
13. Aeritalia Cessna DG. Needs OH.
14. Cessna 172 magneto 4371.
15. Hobbs hour meter and switch.
16. Cessna 152 ignition switch.
17. Audio switch panel fits 152 and 172.
18. Two alternator belts for 152 and 172.
19. Rebuilt dry vacuum pump.
20. Two good fuel gauges for 152 and 172.

21. Aero Flash beacon power supply. Fits 152.
22. RT385A Nav Com.
23. IN385AC VOR Indicator
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.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **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**

### **SEPTEMBER 2**

**Morris Skyfest, Morris, IL**

### **SEPTEMBER 9**

**Decatur fly in breakfast**

### **SEPTEMBER 10**

**Mt. Morris fly in breakfast**

### **OCTOBER 15**

**Taylorville fly in breakfast**

### **OCTOBER 28**

**Decatur Chilli Day fly in**

## COMPETITION!

You read about it in the last Beacon - It was postponed from May, but it finally happened, and it was fun! The **Performance Rally**, that is. We had an absolutely perfect day for flying, so right after our semi-monthly hangar breakfast, Rallymaster Sam Sisk got the pilots started with a briefing. He said our planned flight was to Canton (Ingersoll), Yates City (Tri-County), on to Kewanee, and a return to Mt. Hawley. The pilot who could best predict his trip time and fuel burn would be the winner.

Off we went to top off with fuel. As each pilot's wheels left terra firma, the time was recorded. In spite of beautiful weather, there was little activity at Canton, but at Yates City, chapter member (and out-standing M.C.) Ron Wright was on hand to give a radio greeting to participants. Kewanee had a little traffic, but was not a problem. Touchdown at Mt. Hawley was dutifully recorded, and we headed back to the pumps to top off. The suspense was mounting! What would the results be?

Well, enough already. The best prediction of fuel burn went to Adama Allmond, who was within one tenth of a gallon! The best prediction of time was Bill Engel's. Overall the results were: First - Bill, Second - Adama, Third - Morrie Caudill. We want to thank our volunteer ground support crew, Janet Phipps - timing judge, and Don Wolcott - fueling judge. Much applause goes to Special Events Chair, Sam Sisk, for setting this up, and contriving to get some neat trophies!

### This event will take place after our 2nd breakfast on the 15th of July

*Email received from Ron Wright*

Hi Morrie - would you please include [ in the next Chap. 563 Newsletter] .... that Tri-County Airport [ 2C6] , about 2 miles West of Yates City on Route 8 , will host a Fly-In / Drive - In [ open to all pilots and the general public.... as well ] from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. , Saturday , 15 July 06. Food available for purchase will be grilled pork-chop sandwiches ; soft drinks ; chips .... If flying in , please bring your own a/c tie-downs , if desired.

Activities will include / but not limited to : [ some] open [ rentor] hangar tours / project reviews ; un-scheduled fly-bys ; watching the corn grow ; [ maybe] some airplane rides ; getting a good tan [ if it's sunny ] .... and other things too numerous to mention !!!!

UNICOM : 122.9 . Elev. : about 650 ' ; about 2500 ' useable grass runway : 02 / 20 [ I think] .... Wind sock located just North of the "old" hangar .... and just South of the Office [ at the North end of the field..... just look for the ORANGE thing hanging from atop a tall pole !!!!

Thanks ..... and we will see you all there...

Ron Wright

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