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1st Breakfast will

be held on the **First Saturday**, the **2nd** of **September**. Breakfast will be served from 8:00 till 9:00. See you there.

Membership Meeting

will be held on the **Second Thursday**, the **14th** of **September**. The scheduled speaker, Jeff Wales, FBO of Peoria Aviation, LLC, will tell us about his military experience.

2nd Breakfast

will be held on the **Third Saturday**, the **16th** of **September** at the usual time. Don't miss it.

Directors

Meeting will be held on the **Third Thursday**, the **21st**, at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00P. All members are welcome to attend.

From the Desk of your President

Steve Bonfoey

“Making life bearable for the chapter treasurer”

The Chapter income from membership dues is \$1,200 per year (based on 60 members) and are due in January. Dues are an important budget item so at every director's meeting the treasurer is questioned about them. Keeping records of those who have paid occupies a large amount of his time and it is easier if they all come in at once. Dues are only \$20 per year so postponing your payment until later in the year doesn't really make sense. Dues are not prorated except for new members.

When we ask members to serve as treasurer there aren't many volunteers so when we get one we keep him in the position for as long as he can stand it and then one year more.

The point of all this is that we can help Jerry Pilon in his position as treasurer by paying in December and January and we encourage you to do so. The Christmas party is when many pay for the Christmas luncheon and their dues as well. This year we will have extra people on hand at the party to help Jerry handle the rush.

So if you will send in your membership dues in December and January maybe we can keep Jerry another year. By the way, he has all our accounts on the computer now and is doing a great job. Pat him on the back!

Our chapter bylaws state that someone does not pay their dues by July 1, they can be dropped from the membership role.

Secretaries Reports

MEETING MINUTES – 10 Aug 06

Did you miss this meeting? Well, let me tell you about it. Attendance was a bit thin – actually no one was there, so no business could be conducted. That makes for some really simple minutes. (The meeting was cancelled in favor of the chapter picnic to be held just two days later. Hope you were there to enjoy it!)

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

BOARD MINUTES – 17 August 06

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. We approved a correction to minutes of the July meeting offered by Morrie Caudill, that the net cost of our new shelter is about \$150. Regarding finances, Treasurer Pilon showed some data that were helpful in a preliminary discussion of the budget for next year. There was general agreement that we should increase the Special Projects allowance to buy a software-driven projector for use by program presenters. President Bonfoey will appoint members to the Budget Committee, who will present their recommendations to the Board at the September Board meeting.

Under Membership, we agreed that the free 1-year membership offered to student pilots would begin on January 1, the same as all our other memberships.

Our September program will be presented by Jeff Wales of Peoria Aviation, who will offer his thoughts on the outlook at Mt. Hawley airport, and discuss his experiences as an F-15 pilot. Directors Wolcott and Tate will procure a projector for his use.

Under Properties & Safety, we agreed that we will attempt to sell our gas grill. Sam Sisk will take some photos of it, and Jerry Pilon will put it on Ebay.

Publications Chair Caudill stated that the September Beacon will be delayed because he will be out of town.

Regarding Special Events, the recent Performance Rally went very well. Chair Sam Sisk again asked that members donate old bowling trophies for us to refashion into flying trophies. The Chapter Picnic held at Sam & Becky's was a great success. Thanks, Sam & Becky! Plans for the Christmas Luncheon are shaping up, and while Sam has an idea for the program, anyone with a good suggestion for the program should see Sam.

There being no other business, we adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

Performance Challenge

By Morrie Caudill

The last Performance Challenge took place August 5, after the breakfast. There were three aircraft involved this time.

Jerry Pilon and I in my C-150, Marty Martin in his twin, and Jerry Peacock in his C-210.

The scores were pretty wild for everyone. We picked up a tail wind from 3MY to Pontiac and arrived there 10 minutes early. (Ten minutes equals 600 points and the objective is 0). I think everyone must have had the same problem.

We flew a little slower on the way to Marshall County but still had time to burn.

Finally landing at Mt. Hawley five minutes early for the whole trip.

We received a point for every second of error, plus or minus, in our total time plus a point for every tenth of a gallon error in our fuel burn. The lowest score wins first place.

The scores were as follows:

Caudill— 308

Peacock— 444

Martin— 753

See, I told you anyone can win.

BD-5 UPDATE - July Action

This series describes progress on the chapter's "personal fighter plane", which we are building for educational and promotional purposes, but not to fly.

The wings are nearing completion. The ailerons are mounted and the wing tips are being worked on. The fuselage is back on the table and the carry through spar has been inserted. Brackets to mount the spar must be fabricated next.

Bede went bankrupt before some essential parts were delivered, so now we must figure out how best to deal with that fact – buy, build, improvise, or eliminate those parts.

If you would like to participate please let me know!

Bill Engel, project coordinator



RELIVE THE EXCITEMENT— FLY THE FORD!

We want you to know that EAA's 1929 Ford Tri-Motor is coming to your area this fall to offer one-of-a-kind flight experiences!

The airplane was fully restored by EAA over a decade-long span and first flown again in the mid-1980s. The 2006 summer schedule represents the first time the EAA Tri-Motor has visited the East Coast. Visitors will have the opportunity to take 15-minute flights aboard this unique aircraft, nicknamed the Tin Goose. Flights cost just \$40 per person for EAA members and \$50 per person for non-EAA members. A secure flight-reservation system along with complete information are available through EAA's Tri-Motor tour website at www.flytheford.org.

August 24-28

South Bend, Indiana
Elkhart Municipal Airport

August 31 - September 4

Pontiac, Michigan
Oakland County International Airport

September 7-11

Lexington, Kentucky
Blue Grass Airport

September 14-18

Nashville, Tennessee
Smyrna Airport

September 21-25

Davenport, Iowa
Davenport Municipal Airport

Just click here (www.flytheford.org) and make your secure reservation online. Flights are \$40 for EAA members and \$50 for non-members. Or, if you prefer, call 800-359-6217 to book your flight.

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

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

March – Dale Lindstrom and Jody Witmeyer
(Kewanee Airport) will talk about the

April - Charter Members Anniversary Party

May —Russ Talbot, Claims Adjustor

June — Paul Heintz (Prairie Air Museum)

July — Randy Africano, OSF helicopters

August – Annual Picnic

September- Jeff Wales will discuss his mili
tary flight experience.

October-

November-

December-

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 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

SEPTEMBER 2

Morris Skyfest, Morris, IL

SEPTEMBER 9

Decatur fly in breakfast

SEPTEMBER 10

Mt. Morris fly in breakfast

SEPTEMBER 16 & 17

Whiteside County EAA fly in

OCTOBER 15

Taylorville fly in breakfast

OCTOBER 28

Decatur Chilli Day fly in

These web pages were judged the best five in the EAA. Check them out and suggest changes you would like to see on our Chapter web page.

1st Place Jeff Coffey EAA Ch. 25 Minneapolis, MN
<<http://www.eaa25.org/>>

2nd Place Dwight Frye EAA Ch. 1114 Apex, NC
<<http://www.eaa1114.org/>>

3rd Place Bill King EAA Ch. 46 Buffalo, NY
<<http://www.eaa46.org/>>

4th Place Rod Hatcher EAA Ch. 839 Stroudsburg, PA
<<http://www.eaa839.com/>>

5th Place Timm Edgington EAA Ch. 838 Racine, WI
<<http://www.eaa838.org/>>

OPPORTUNITY

EAA's SPORT AVIATION magazine for the years 1970 thru 1998, boxed, in order, are yours for the asking. No charge, but a small donation to Chapter 563 would be appreciated. Ask for Bill, 691-6466.

This is for Chris Tate and anyone else in the insurance business

These are actual statements found on insurance forms where the drivers attempted to summarize the details of an accident in the fewest words.

Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.

The other car collided with mine without giving warning of its intentions.

I thought my window was down but I found out it was up when I put my head through it.

I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.

A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.

The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.

I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment.

In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.

I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.

My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.

I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection, a hedge sprang up, obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.

As I approached the intersection, a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid the accident.

An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.

I told the police that I was not injured but on removing my hat, I found that I had a fractured skull.

I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him.

The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run so I ran over him.

To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.

I saw a slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the hood of my car.

The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.

I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.

And you thought President Bush has a problem

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