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The first breakfast will be held on the **First Saturday, July 7th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The regular meeting will be the **Second Thursday, July 12th**, at the EAA Hangar at 7:00 pm. The speaker will be John Backer of the Greater Peoria Airport Authority.

The second breakfast falls on the same morning as the Prairie Air Show and we expect all you to be over there helping with the Young Eagles, but, any of you that want to have breakfast please come to the hangar and it will happen as usual.

Directors meeting The meeting will be held on the **Third Thursday, July 19th**, at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00P. All members are welcome to attend.

Secretary's Reports

MEETING MINUTES – 08 Mar 2007

President Steve Bonfoey called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Minutes of the January meeting were approved as previously printed. There was no financial report.

Steve reminded us of several upcoming events, including the Prairie Air Show, and its need for volunteers. On June 26, a meeting at 3MY will cover a survey among tenants on the future of Mt. Hawley. Another event, confirmed by host Sam Sisk, is the Chapter Picnic, on August 18, at Sisk International. Steve also handed out certificates of appreciation from EAA to chapter functionaries.

The evening's program was presented by Jen Runyon, of the St. Francis helicopter "Life Flight" program. Jen was an EMT who, when exposed to this program, decided this would be the ideal career for her. She pursued a nursing degree and has been with the program for seven years. Life Flight transports about 1600 patients a year, amounting to about 26,000 all told. Jen's Powerpoint presentation emphasized the importance of safety in all aspects of their operations. She answered a wide variety of



BOARD MINUTES – 21 June, 2007

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

In the absence of the chairman, there was no Membership report. However, it was noted that the next Beacon will apprise members who have not renewed by July 1 will be dropped.

Program Chair Tate stated that the July program will be John Backer, Asst. Director of GPAA, who will discuss his military special ops activity. Chris is still working on plans for August.

Under Properties & Safety, Al Phipps donated two counters that, when mounted on wheels, will be very useful for serving up breakfasts. The subject of an escape hatch for the back of the hangar was brought up, but was tabled.

Special Events will include a repeat of the Chapter Picnic at Sisk International on August 18, and hopefully this summer we'll see another Performance Challenge.

Youth Outreach activity will be Young Eagle rides on July 7 after breakfast, or rain date the 8th

Our participation in Prairie Air Show was discussed, with more volunteer help needed in many categories.

The chapter banner ordered last month has not yet arrived.

Steve is still working on getting suitable mementos for speakers.

The topic of possibly expanding Standing Committees, originally proposed by Steve, was dropped at his suggestion.

NEW BUSINESS

According to our Bylaws, the president will shortly announce the members of the Nominating Committee for 2008 Board members.

Joe Ernst volunteered to check and report back on the currency of our fire extinguishers.

There being no other business, we adjourned to hangar flying on a very pleasant evening.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

Membership Drop-outs

I don't know if you realize it or not but, you members listed below have not paid your 2007 dues and, as per the Chapter bylaws, will be dropped from the mailing lists at this time of the year.

In an effort to keep you as Chapter members I am listing your names here and hope you resolve the problem with our Treasurer, Jerry Pilon.

If you have paid your dues, and my records are not up to date, (very possible), please ignore this appeal.

Kathy Arkwell
Don Berrier
Bill Blake
Pat Carroll
Vic DeCroix
Del Dester
Joe Fox
Jack Frost
Dave Jackson
John McIntyre
Mac McLaughlin
John Minor
Dale Shaw
Dave Skinner
Dale Slater
Mike Tillman
Mike Youssi

PRAIRIE AIR SHOW

July 21-22.

Folks, time is getting short for arrival of one of the best air shows ever seen in this locale. *Prairie Air Show* is little more than a week away! Some of you have honored the chapter's vote to help, but more volunteers are still needed.

For general show help, please go to the show's website, www.prairieair.org and click on 'volunteers', but to help Chapter 563 with our display, or to help with our **Young Eagles** flights, please leave your promise at 691-6466. A lot of you will be needed for Sat or Sun, *or both*. Your commitment is very important to this event, since success is **100%** dependent on volunteers!

We are getting much better publicity this year, so we anticipate a **LOT** of kids will be eager for YE rides. We have asked nearby EAA chapters to step in and help. For instance, the Havana chapter will help with one or more YE planes, plus ground support. Canton chapter also plans to have several YE planes on hand.

EAA563 members, please sign up to help - we will do our best to see that your efforts count! Thanks a lot!

Incidentally, we are happy to pass along the fact that Canton will hold a sausage & biscuit breakfast, with YE flights, on August 11, starting at 7 am.

Head on over!

Havana (910) Fly-in

Beautiful
Old
Waco



Flight
Line



Scotty
and his
dad



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