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The first breakfast will be held on the **First Saturday, December 1st**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The regular meeting will be held on the **Second Thursday, December 13th**, in the EAA Hangar starting at 7:00. **The speaker this month will be a representative from Greater Peoria Airport to discuss the survey of Mt. Hawley. They are asking for input from friends of Mt. Hawley concerning the future of the airport.**

The second breakfast will be held on the **Third Saturday, December 15th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The directors meeting will be held on the **Third Thursday, December 20th**, in the EAA Hangar at 7:00P. All members are welcome to attend.

Secretary's Report

MEETING MINUTES – 08 NOV. 2007

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

Steve reminded everyone of the Christmas Dinner on Friday evening, December 7. Details will appear in the December Beacon.

Members present agreed we will have a regular chapter meeting in December, because we expect to hear from the Airport Authority on the survey regarding the future of Mt Hawley.

There was no old business, but under **New Business**, Steve began our discussion of the proposed budget for 2008. Copies were distributed, and after a brief discussion, the proposal was adopted unanimously.

Next came the elections for 2008. There were no nominations from the floor, so the slate proposed by the Nominating Committee was elected by acclamation. Our new directors are:

President – Al Phipps

Vice Pres – Barry Logan

Secretary - Bill Engel

Treasurer -- Jerry Pilon

Director –Morrie Caudill

Director – Sam Sisk

Director – Chris Tate

A joint Board meeting (incoming & outgoing directors) will be on November 15.

There being no other business, we adjourned to hear our speaker for the evening, Ernie Thorp, an

Illinois seed corn farmer who told of being a B-17 copilot in the latter days of WWII. He began flying in 1941 on his own, managed to get a college degree before going into the service, and was sent to a base in England. He described a typical day, getting up in the dark, having breakfast, going to the briefing, and surviving the hazards of entering formation. Flak greeted them as they approached their targets, but at that time Ernie said fighters were no longer very threatening because we then had good escorts. He described his last flight, when he was shot down in the North Sea, picked up by German fisherman, took to a prison camp, and eventually was elated to see Old Glory raised there by Patton's forces. Ernie answered lots of questions and was given a nice round of applause.

We concluded with cookies by Al Phipps and coffee.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING & VOTE

Although we usually don't have a December membership meeting, this year there are two reasons to hold a meeting on our usual second Thursday (**Dec. 13th**)

1. The future of Mt. Hawley Airport. You may have participated in the recent survey, but more information has been gathered on costs, on user feelings, etc. regarding the proposed options. Reps of the Airport Authority and others will be there. Come and learn the latest.

2. Vote on chapter dues for 2008.

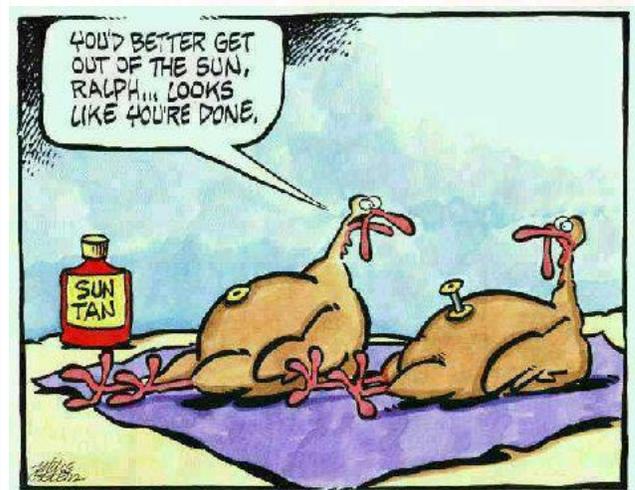
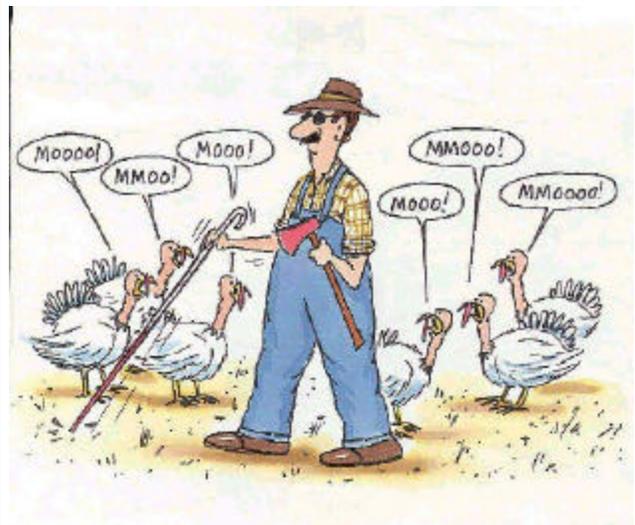
Our costs have been rising like most everyone's - hangar rent and utilities in particular have taken a jump recently, and so our income must adjust if we are to remain viable.

Our tenants have had a ten dollar per month increase, our breakfast price raised to five dollars, and to keep the budget balanced, the Board recommends that dues be set at \$25 annually for individuals, and \$30 for families. Please come and cast your vote FOR.

CARBURETOR PROBLEM FAR FROM OVER

Precision Airmotive says it's far from finding a solution that will allow the company to resume producing carburetors. Claiming a total inability to find product liability insurance, the company's carburetor arm announced on Nov. 1 that it was suspending carburetor and carburetor parts shipments. The Marysville, Wash., company builds certified carburetors for the majority of light aircraft. A company spokesman said Precision Airmotive is working with manufacturers to find a resolution, but right now there isn't a clear solution.

Turkey Survivors



HO-HO-HO !!! TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY !

**OUR CHAPTER'S ANNUAL HOLIDAY REPAST
will be held on Friday, December 7, 2007
at Sky Harbor.**

This year, by popular request, we return to an evening dinner!

Cocktails - 6 p.m. Dinner - 7 p.m.

Each person will order from the restaurant menu and be responsible for their own check and tip. So it's up to you.

**Choose from Ribeye Steak, Charbroiled Chicken, Catfish Filet -
Make your selection on the spot - no advance orders required!**

Guests welcome - Hope to see you there!

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EAA CHAPTER 563 - Membership Application for year 2008

NOTE - To be a chapter member you must hold a corresponding membership in EAA.
Phone 1.800.564.6322, with credit card handy, or they can tell you of other options.

Blanks with an asterisk must be filled in. Other information is optional. We do not disclose member information except for the basics required by EAA, and as may be required by law.

For NEW members only - **At your option**, we will prorate dues for remainder of year. See Treasurer or Secretary.

Regular Membership (individual over age 18) **\$25 per calendar year:**

NAME * _____ Spouse name _____
ADDRESS * _____
EAA Membership Number * _____ expiration date * _____
Home phone * _____ Work phone _____ Cellular phone _____
E-mail _____ (please provide this if you have one - it will save Chapter funds!)

Family Membership (spouse and/or children at home wishing to be included) **\$30 per calendar year:**

Please indicate each name as **Hus, Wife, Son, Dau** : EAA Family Membership Expiration Date * _____
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ADDRESS * _____
Home phone * _____ Work phone _____
Cellular phone(s) _____
E-mail(s) _____ (this info saves Chapter funds!)

Optional information that can help us serve the chapter better:

Approx. year you : first joined EAA _____ first joined Chapter 563 _____ had first plane ride _____
Other aviation org. memberships _____
Aviation-related licenses and ratings: _____
Mil. av. experience _____
Professional av. experience _____
Aircraft owned (N) now (P) past _____
Aircraft Construction (C) or Restoration (R) projects (F) Finished, (P) in Process, (T) Tabled, (D) Disposed of.
Future projects or interests _____
Recreational or occupational skills you could share _____
Other personal data you think useful _____
Any notable acquaintances? Ideas for programs? _____
May we call on you for help with a chapter event or project? _____

Please return this form with check payable to **EAA Chapter 563**
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