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The first breakfast will be held on the **First Saturday, February 2nd**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The regular meeting will be held on the **Second Thursday, February 14th**, in the EAA Hangar starting at 7:00. The speaker will be none other than your famous, world renowned, newsletter editor, who will dazzle you with his ability to fabricate fiberglass, nonstructural, parts for airplanes. My knowledge of making these parts is only surpassed by my lack of ability as a newsletter editor. Don't miss it.

The second breakfast will be held on the **Third Saturday, February 16th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The Directors meeting will be held on the **Third Thursday, February 21st**, in the EAA Hangar starting at 7:00. **All members are welcome to attend.**

Secretary's Report

BOARD MINUTES – 17 Jan 08

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the Chapter Hangar by President Al Phipps. Minutes of the November Board meeting were approved as distributed. The secretary asked for input on his list of contributors to the chapter in 2007. The list will be posted on the hangar bulletin board. Treasurer Pilon will fulfill a donor's request for tax documentation.

We reviewed and approved financial reports for the month of December and the year 2007. The budget for 2008 was reviewed, and preliminary copies were handed out.

Under **Membership**, we agreed we will again push complimentary memberships for student pilots in the area.

Program for the February meeting will be by Morrie Caudill, on making fiberglass parts for aircraft. Chair Chris Tate said that March will

probably see Kevin Engquist on wind tunnel testing.

Under **Properties & Safety** we agreed that the hangar lock has become difficult to operate, so Jerry will investigate various options. Jerry was also authorized to spend up to \$500, if necessary, to get a projector to be used for our programs. Sam Sisk suggested that our fire extinguishers be taken down periodically and shaken to loosen up the powder inside. Barry Logan was authorized to provide an emergency exit at a cost not to exceed \$300. Several directors opined that it would be useful to install a weatherproof mailbox outside the hangar door.

Publications Chair Morrie reports he still can access our website, but we might have a problem if the new owner of the domain name calls us on it.

Under **Special Events**, the recent Christmas Dinner was reviewed, and consensus was that the same format should be used this year, with the recommendation that arrangements begin

soon. Chair Sam Sisk announced he is planning a Performance Challenge for May 3 after the breakfast, with rain date May 17. Secretary Engel reported that the application to host the B-17 in 2009 has been sent in. Al suggested we look into hosting the Ford Trimotor, but the secretary noted that EAA insists on use of an 80 x 80 hangar, and that 2008 is all booked also. Prairie Air Show comes in April this year in order to get the Blue Angels, so the secretary will ask if they want our participation.

Youth Outreach Chair Engel asked for proofreading of his list of 2007 Young Eagles volunteers. An article will be written for the Beacon. Chris Tate volunteered to help in 2008.

New Business: The Airport Authority Board meeting will be January 30. Our secretary will get a copy of the agenda, and if Mt. Hawley's future is to be discussed he will inform our membership.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES – 10 Jan 2008

President Al Phipps called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. We welcomed one guest, Cecilia Ernst, and one new member, Bob Young.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon. There was no financial report, but Treasurer Pilon was pleased that dues have been received from 35 members so far.

Under Old Business, the chapter coffee cups have arrived, and each 2008 member can pick one up.

Under New Business, it was suggested that we host a Congressional candidate to hear his views on General Aviation. It was then pointed out that this could jeopardize our IRS tax exemption, which forbids any connection with political campaigns.

A question about monitoring the security gate before meetings was resolved, and the February meeting was set for Thursday the 14th.

The meeting concluded with a video tape from AOPA on good flight planning.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

Congratulations

A big thank you to those of you that have paid their 2008 Chapter dues. More than half of you are current as of this month. It saves us a lot of work if we can get the dues out of the way early in the year.

Our bylaws say that if you haven't paid by mid year, you will be dropped from the membership list and that means that I will stop pestering you about it.

The 2008 membership application remains in this newsletter for your convenience. If you read it on the web site, copy it and mail it to me with your \$25. I'll update the membership list and forward you money to the treasurer.

The Chapter is staying in "the black" in spite of high utility bills (your attendance at the breakfasts helps offset the utility bills) and we are able to add some much needed equipment to the Chapter inventory. You'll note, in the Directors Meeting minutes, we are going to acquire a digital projector so we can have presentations prepared on DVD's, and, we will be adding a back door to the hangar so there will be more than one exit, for safety reasons.

Wacky Warning Label
(Found on a small tractor)
"Danger: Avoid Death"

Your dues and the twice a month breakfasts are the Chapters major source of income. The Chapter needs your support and your involvement to continue improving the Chapter meeting place, bringing in interesting speakers and presentations, and special events for you and your family.

The directors are doing a good job of managing the boring business, planning and scheduling the Chapter events, so the majority of the membership meeting can be devoted to the speaker/presentation of the evening. You and your suggestions are welcome at any Directors Meeting to help them plan and budget for future events.

Don't forget "Coffee at the Hangar" every Thursday morning. The coffee and the conversation is free whether you like it or not. You will have to bring your own donuts if you need calories

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 * _____
NAME * _____ EAA Family Membership Number * _____
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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**

To: Morrie Caudill, 5320 N. Sherbrook Ln., Peoria, IL, 61614

Congratulations to Cecilia

Ernst who soloed three weeks ago. We haven't had a Chapter member do this in a long time. (her dad will be taking instruction soon, trying to catch up to her)



YOUNG EAGLES RECAP

The year 2007 was a very good one for our Young Eagles program. While an exact number does not quickly come to mind, about two hundred central Illinois boys and girls were afforded the joy and excitement of personal flight. Our hope is that some of these kids will be inspired to build on their experience, and go on to getting their flying credentials, and possibly an aviation career.

Those chapter members who helped in this worthwhile endeavor can rightly have a sense of

accomplishment, and they certainly have our gratitude.

A courteous and efficient ground crew is essential, and for this past season we are pleased to thank Steve Bonfoey, Morrie Caudill, Dave Cook, Marti Engel, Bill Engel, Dewey Fitch, Karen Logan, Neil Martin, Al Phipps, and Ron Wright.

Naturally, it couldn't happen without the pilots. These fine folks volunteered their skills, their time, their equipment, and yes, their gas money to give these kids a memorable time. Our special thanks go to pilots C.M. Dailey, Bill Engel, Barry Logan, Rob Meyer, and Jerry Peacock.

In this year of 2008 we plan to reach more young folks, with your help. Please join us in this rewarding venture!

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(Iron-on T-shirt transfer)

"Do not iron while wearing shirt"

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