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The **first breakfast** will be held on the **First Saturday, September 6th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

There will be a regular meeting this month. The second Thursday, **September 11th** in the EAA Hangar at 7:00pm. The speaker this month will be Dr. Phill Jones, builder and test pilot of the latest Zenith 601. You have been reading about the trials and tribulations of “building” and here is the chance to hear it in person.

The **second breakfast** will be held on the **Third Saturday, September 20th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The **Directors meeting** will be held on the **Third Thursday, September 18th**, in the EAA Hangar starting at 7:00. All members are welcome to attend.

## Secretary's Report

*There was no regular meeting last month. The Hangar Cookout was held instead.*

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### BOARD MINUTES 8 August 08

President Al Phipps called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar.

**Minutes** of the July Board meeting were approved as distributed. The secretary noted that lighting for the hangar emergency exit was donated by Jerry Peacock, and donation of a 4-function printer was made by Bill Engel. The secretary also left catalogs, etc, brought from AirVenture.

Although Treasurer Pilon was absent, his **Financial report** for July, as emailed to directors, was accepted as presented.

**Membership** Chair Morrie Caudill has tried several methods to get up-to-date membership lists emailed to directors.

Our **Program** Chair, Chris Tate, noted that our September speaker will be member Phil Jones, on history.

Under **Properties & Safety**, we agreed that hangar rearrangement should be a priority. An additional tenant would bring needed revenue, but present tenants would be faced with the possible need to move more planes to get theirs out to fly. Seldom used items will move to an end cap.

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**It's official, it's scheduled, it will happen.**

**The B-17, Aluminum Overcast, will come to Peoria on October 3 through 5. EAA Chapter 563 will sponsor the aircraft while it is here. The Chapter needs the help of all it's members to man the site. Please contact one of your officers to volunteer.**



Reserve your seat today! Call 800-359-6217 or visit our website at [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org).

EAA's "Salute to Veterans" B-17 Tour may be coming to **a town near you** soon! The tour brings the beautifully restored B-17 Flying Fortress **Aluminum Overcast** to a local airport for flight experiences and walk-through tours. Out of over 12,000 that were built, this aircraft is one of a handful of airworthy B-17s still flying.

EAA invites you to reserve a seat for a flight aboard this rare WW II bomber and experience "the ride of a lifetime."

#### **Tour Stops**

September 26 - 28 West Bend, WI West Bend Municipal Airport	September 29 Racine, WI John H. Batten Airport
October 3 - 5 Peoria, IL Greater Peoria Regional Airport	

You can learn more about the flight experience, history and operation of our B-17 at [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org)

Pre-booked flights cost \$359 for EAA Members, and \$399 for non-Members. Walk-up prices are \$385 for EAA Members and \$425 for non-Members. Seats are filling up fast, so pre-book your flight today and save \$26 off the walk-up price! It's a great experience you won't want to miss ... plus you'll be helping to support the preservation of aviation history and supporting aviation in your local community.

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Dinner on December 5, but Sam will also check out the new Bernardi's.

**Youth Outreach** Chair Engel noted that we will have about 15 Young Eagles to fly after breakfast on Oct 18.

Under **NEW BUSINESS**, discussion centered around our hosting of the EAA B-17 on October 2-6. Bill Engel will be responsible for Souvenir Sales, will check extra on insurance requirements, and will write to the Airport Authority requesting an ok to sell non-alcoholic beverages. Chris Tate will oversee tours of the B-17, Al Phipps and Jerry Pilon will try to get

WWII pilots for promotional interviews. We decided not to try Young Eagle rides there, but will hand out vouchers for later rides at Mt. Hawley.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## North Central Fly-in's

Sept 6	Decatur	Fly In breakfast
Sept 14	Mt. Morris	Fly In breakfast
Sept 20	Dixon	Pancake breakfast
Sept 21	Taylorville	Fly In breakfast
Oct 6	Decatur	Chilli Day Fly In
Oct 11	Mt. Morris	Fly In Hog Roast
Oct 19	Taylorville	Fly In breakfast

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