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

**The regular meeting** will not be held, due to the Holiday Dinner.

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

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

## Secretary's Report

### MEETING MINUTES – 13 Nov 2008

President Al Phipps called the meeting to order at 7 pm in the chapter hangar. Minutes of the October meeting were approved as printed in the Beacon.

Treasurer Jerry Pilon presented a proposal for the 2009 Chapter Budget. After a few questions and comments, the budget was approved by the membership.

President Al reminded us of our Christmas Dinner at Sky Harbor on Friday, December 5. Members, spouses and guests are urged to attend. Cocktails at 6 pm and dinner from the menu at 7.

Next came the election of 2009 Directors. There were no more nominations from the floor, and Barry Logan withdrew his name from the list of candidates, so we elected by acclamation: Al Phipps – President, Bob Young – Vice Pres, Don Wolcott – Secretary, Jerry Pilon – Treasurer, plus Morrie Caudill, Marty Martin, Chris Tate – Directors.

President of Peoria Aviation, Jeff Wales, was present with some good news. Next year we should be getting a GPS approach for rwy 17,

and plans are in place for a longer and wider runway. Also, he expressed appreciation to the chapter as being good will ambassadors for GA, and presented us a nice addition to our coffers.

President Al then summarized our accomplishments for 2008. Hosting EAA's B-17 put over \$3000 in our treasury, and he thanked General Chair, Barry Logan for a job well done, as well as all the members who pitched in to make the visit a success. He also thanked all those who, during the last year, made it a rewarding one.

Program Chair, Chris Tate, introduced our speaker for the evening, Larry Byerly.

Larry's dad, Millard, started in the aviation business in the 1940's by purchasing three used planes for \$500. He was one of three FBO's at the old Mt. Hawley grass strip, until moving to PIA in 1949. Larry continued the business until retiring several years ago. He recounted some of the many aircraft he got to fly, from single & multi-engine to bizjets. A point he left us with is that, years ago, four ordinary working guys could afford to own & operate a new single engine aircraft, but today that is a rarity. He praised EAA for promoting the Light Sport category, and the Young Eagles program. The future of General Aviation, according to

Larry, is much brighter for these efforts.

We finished the evening with “hangar flying”, cookies by Don Wolcott, and coffee.

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

### **BOARD MINUTES – 20 Nov 08**

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm in the Chapter Hangar by President Al Phipps. Present were all the incoming and outgoing directors except the incoming vice president and a director.

There was no October Board meeting minutes because a quorum wasn’t present. This was unfortunate because a proper proposal for the 2009 budget would have been prepared for presentation to the membership.

Finances were reviewed, including the new budget, and a number of items were clarified. We voted to place some funds not soon needed into a 2-year CD at 4.25 percent.

Special Events Chair Sam Sisk asked that we get an approximate count for the Christmas Dinner at Sky Harbor, so a calling committee was established.

Membership Chair Caudill reported that we have 53 members this year vs 62 last year.

Under Properties & Safety, it was noted that two fire extinguishers were moved as requested.

Youth Outreach Chair Engel stated we flew about 40 Young Eagles this year, but the figure would have been a lot higher if we had not been weathered in at the Prairie AirShow.

#### **Under New Business,**

The secretary handed out copies of our Bylaws & Standing Rules, for new directors to study. This was to familiarize them with the responsibilities of the various positions. It was decided that assignment of Standing Committee chairs would be postponed to the December 18 Board meeting.

The secretary offered some thoughts and suggestions to the new board upon his retirement from seven years in that office.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted, Bill Engel, Secretary

## **The Officers and Directors for 2009**

President - Al Phipps

Vice Pres - Bob Young

Secretary - Don Wolcott

Treasurer - Jerry Pilon

Class II Directors - Morrie Caudill

Vern (Marty) Martin

Sam Sisk

Chris Tate

## **EAA Chapter 563**

## **Annual Holiday Dinner**

**will be held at the**

**Sky Harbor Restaurant**

**Located at Farmington Rd and N. Park Rd.**

**Meet At 6:00 pm - Eat at 7:00**

**Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**Join the members and friends of Chapter 563 and enjoy a “order off the menu” dinner and bring to a close another year of Chapter affiliation**

**The Chapter Treasurer will be accepting dues for 2009 for your convenience**

## BD-5 Update

Progress is being made on the BD-5 again. Morrie Caudill is making and installing the rudder pedals and Bill Engel is beginning on the horizontal stabilizer. Morrie is using Al Phipps stick welder to fabricate the pedals. The welds are not pretty but they are functional. Sam Sisk is donating the cables which were left over from his garage doors. If anyone has a piece of 1 in. angle iron to donate it would help also.

## Electric Tug for the 172

Adama Almond donated an electric tug that was used to move a Bonanza several years ago. Marty Martins' C-172 is a bit heavy for one guy to move when Jerry and Morrie have to move three airplanes to get one out of the back parking space. I ( your editor) went looking for a better way to move airplanes and Adama had this electric tug in the hangar that hadn't been used for several years. It was really too small for the Bonanza and the motor would only run in one direction.

What's the first thing you do when something doesn't work? Why you take it apart of course. That, and a good cleaning, and the motor now runs like new. I had to make new hardware to make it fit the 172, but a little square tubing and a little welding, thanks to Al Phipps welding machine, which now resides in my garage, and the tug fits the 172 and performs very well. A 50ft. cord is long enough to move the 172 out to where the other two planes can be easily reshuffled. There is less chance of hangar rash with the tug.

## New Chapter Aircraft

Three aircraft are new to the Chapter. Both new to the owners and new to the Chapter.

Jerry Pilon's Kitfox has been in the hangar ever since he started assembling. But the real birthday of any homebuilt is when you fly off the forty hours required by the FAA. Jerry has flown off the time and just a few days ago did some testing with bags of salt in the passenger seat. Then he took his wife for the first ride.

The second is Barry Logans' RV which is complete and already doing long cross countries. Barry has a great workshop at home for this kind of project. His attention to detail has resulted in a beautiful, high performance ( for me), airplane.

The third is Phil Jones; Zenith. Phil has just completed his forty hours flying from Mt. Hawley to Lacon to Kewanee and back. One of his last flights lasted five hours and included 24 landings. Phil has done a masterful job of building and has overcome many of the problems a first builder encounters.

These three guys have achieved something that many of us have dreamed about but for many reasons have never attempted. They are to be congratulated on their accomplishment.

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