



# Illinois Valley Beacon

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

The **Regular Meeting** will be held on the **Second Thursday, March 12th**, in the EAA Hangar beginning at 7:00 pm.

The **Directors Meeting** will be held on the **Third Thursday, March 19th**, in the EAA Hangar starting at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

The **Second Breakfast** will be held on the **Third Saturday, March 21st**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00

## EAA Chapter 563

### February 12, 2009 Meeting Minutes

At 7:05 chapter president Al Phipps called the meeting to order and guests in attendance were recognized. The minutes from January meeting were voted on and excepted as posted in the newsletter.

Old business: There was no old business to be discussed.

New Business: Maury Caudill stated that we need to set up a date for a Young Eagles event due to the fact that the Mid West Central Young Marines want to have their members have a chance to fly before the month of May. As the weather begins to change for the better we can then set a date for this event. We will need several pilots as well as some ground support people to volunteer to help with making this event a success.

Al Phipps stated that the Mount Hawley open house drive-in fly-in will be held on July 25, 2009. Last years event was a success with the Chapter providing support in the way of cooking hamburgers. We should all put this on our schedule and come out to support the FBO and

airport.

Chris Tate introduced out speaker Geoff Shilton, Vice President and General Manager of Byerly Aviation.

Geoff gave us a snap shot of his history in aviation starting at age 13 when he joined the Air Training Corp in Britain. His first flight was in a DeHavaland Chipmonk. In 1969 he joined the Royal Air Force as an engine mechanic. During his military career he worked for 4 years on F4 phantoms then became an engine mechanic on Harriers. Against his wishes, someone thought he would make a good teacher and assigned him for 2 years to a school for students learning about F4 Phantoms . The last 8 years in the military Geoff flew Victor (K135) Tankers. He named him tanker Lucky Lou and put this on the nose of his tanker. The nose of this plane is in a museum in Britain.

In 1993 he earned his A&P and started working for Elliot Aviation where he also earned his civilian pilots license. Geoff subsequently took a position at Raytheon Air Service where he worked for 4 years as a service engineer working on Bonanzas and Barons. While working at Raytheon he had the opportunity to meet Johnny

Miller, a very old pilot with an interesting life story. Johnny shared his life history as a pilot with him. Geoff shared some of these stories with us.

Geoff has recently become the General Manager at Byerly Aviation and likes working and living in the Peoria area. We sincerely appreciated Geoff attending out meeting and sharing his aviation interest with us.

The meeting was adjourned and the hanger flying started.

Respectively your Secretary  
Donald Wolcott

## Tax Deductible

Chapter 563 expenses are not entirely covered by dues. In order to keep annual dues at a reasonable level, we rely on other sources of income to break even. Breakfasts and donations play a big part in keeping us in the black. We are happy to acknowledge donations of any amount on our "Honor Roll", which you can see posted on our hangar bulletin board. Can we add your name to the list?

## Harvard Law

Under the most rigorously controlled conditions of pressure, temperature, volume, humidity, and other variables, the organism will do as it damn well pleases.

--A.S. Sussman

## AOPA Air Safety Foundation Presents a Free Seminar

**On Wednesday, March 11, 2009 at Mt. Hawley Airport, 1320 West Bird Blvd., Peoria, IL. from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.**

The title of the presentation is

### GPS FROM THE GROUND UP

**2009**

## General Aviation Exhibit & Maintenance Seminar

Sam Sisk and your editor attended the seminar at Lewis University Feb. 19th. These seminars are quite good and a lot of information is available. They are aimed at A&P's, FBO's, and anyone else involved or interested in aircraft maintenance.

Some of the presentations on the program dealt with:

Magneto AD's, Fuel Cells, Carburetors and Fuel Injection, NDT Surface Inspection, FAA 406 ELT AD, Electrical Troubleshooting, Alternators and Starters, and Piston Engine Problems.

It's a full day of seminars and well worth attending if you have a deeper interest in "what makes an airplane fly" besides money. Besides that, it's free.

## Speaking of Dues

Checking the Chapter Roster I find that only 39 members, 49% of us have paid their 2009 dues.

Our treasurer, Gerry Pilon, will be back in town before the next meeting. So please send your check to me, your editor, or bring it to the March meeting and give it to Jerry. Our addresses are on the last page of this newsletter.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Brkfst
8	9	10	11 Safety Mting	12 Reg. Mting	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Dir Mting	20	21 Brkfst
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	<p>Unless otherwise notified, the Regular Chapter 563 meetings will be held at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month.</p> <p>All Chapter 563 breakfasts will be held at the Chapter Hangar from 8:00 am to 10:00 am on the first and third Saturday mornings.</p> <p>Unless otherwise notified, the Chapter 563 Directors meetings will be held at the Chapter Hangar on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.</p>			

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