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The **First Breakfast** was held on the **First Saturday, April 2nd**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The **Regular Meeting** will be held on the **Second Thursday, April 14th**, in the EAA Hangar at 7:00pm

The **Second Breakfast** will be held on the **Third Saturday, April 16th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00

The **Directors Meeting** will be held on the **Third Thursday, April 21st**, in the EAA

Big Things are Happening In the back of the Chapter Hangar

Actually, what's happening is small. One of the smallest airplanes you can build. Ron Wright is building a true ultralight. I will



not weigh more than 254 pounds, will not have more than five gallons of fuel, and will not fly more than 70 mph. But, if Ron adds a parachute, he gains a few pounds on the



empty weight.

Ron, and his dedicated helper, Greg Lepine, have made great progress this winter and the project is near to the covering phase. Ron is interviewing test pilots for the first flight. No experience is necessary. The less you weigh, the better it will fly.



The Membership Meeting April 14

The speaker/demonstrator for the evening will be Kenny Barber who will demonstrate the use of the English Wheel. The Chapter purchased one and we are looking forward to having a project which will put it to good use.

If any of you are thinking about replacing a cowling or making aluminum wheel pants, step forward and just ask. The material, time, and lack of expertise already exists but some of us are raring to go. It's a case of learn by doing and all we need is something to do.

EAA CHAPTER 563 March 10, 2011 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Kent Lynch at 7:05.

Secretary's Report:

Don Wolcott read the minutes from the February Board Meeting. Minutes were approved as read by voice vote.

Treasure's Report:

There was no report due to Jerry Pilon being out of town.

Old Business:

No old business to conduct.

New Business:

Kent stated that the EAA B17 will be here in Peoria on July 4th thru the 6th and that volunteers for ground crew and crowd control will be needed. The appropriate sign up sheets will be provided as the event draws near.

There will be a cookout at the hanger on Friday March 18th to celebrate Adama receiving his FAA examiners credentials. The Chapter will provide the burgers and buns. Bring a dish and drinks.

Kent asked if there would be any interest in taking a bus trip later this year to go to some museums. This could be a trip that could span as much as 4 days. Those that would have an interest should talk to Sam Sisk.

Dave Cook donated two gift certificates for iPad flight apps worth \$99 apiece. Those that would like to buy one should contact Kent.

Greg Lepine reported on his attendance of the latest Peoria Airport Authority Board Meeting.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was Adjourned at 7:20

Our speaker for the evening was Ron Wright. Ron updated us on the progress that was made on completing his built from scratch airplane. This plane is being built to Ultra Light Rules with a maximum empty weight (dry) of 254 Pounds. The power will be from a Rotax 447 40 HP. Ron stated that with Greg Lepine's help progress has moved forward rapidly. The wings were done and ready to be covered and ready to hook up the controls. Ron expects to fit the wings next week and the covering should start sometime shortly after that. They have been working approximately 5 to 6 hours per day and anyone that would like to help or just observe should just show up at the hanger any day and there will probably be work going on.

Respectfully submitted:
Your Secretary
Donald Wolcott

Pedal Planes

You are all familiar with the GB pedal plane the Chapter built and sold chances on last year. The winner elected to take \$150.00 instead of the plane so we have it to raffle again this year.

The Chapter has purchased seven sets of pedal plane plans that were on sale by the EAA and if any of you wants to build one you are free to use them.

I have started a T-6 model (see pictures) which will be raffled off along with the GB this year. We have several opportunities to sell tickets,



the first at the Father's Day Fly In at Marshall County on June 19th, the second at the B-17 sponsorship on the 4th of July, and the third at the Mt. Hawley Open House. These are great advertisements for the Chapter and the kids love them.

New Acquisition

Longtime Chapter member, Steve Bonfoey, had ended his airplane fast. Our previous Bonanza owner has invested his hard earned money in a Cessna 172. We look forward to seeing it at one of our next events.

The Passing of a Friend

I received the news of Larry Byerly's death yesterday from Bill Adamson. Larry was in Hawaii when, as I understand it, he fell down steps and injured himself. He later died in the hospital.

I waited until today (Wednesday) in hope that the obituary would be in the PJStar, but it wasn't.

Larry was a friend of the Chapter and assisted us several times when we sponsored the B-17 at his facility at PIA. He and his father before him are a part of aviation history in Peoria.

Logan County Airport, Lincoln, IL

Donations
Adults \$5.00
Children \$3.00
Under 6 Free

1315 State Route 17
Lacon IL 61540
Tel 309-246-3700

Airplane Rides

Pancake Waffle Sausage Breakfast

Father's Day Fly In / Drive In Breakfast

Sunday, June 19, 2011
Marshall County Airport (C75)
[1/2 mile East of Lacon, IL]
7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Static Airplane Displays
Public invited. Bring your own tie-downs.

Community Memorial Day Event and Fifth Annual Airport Daze Monday, May 30th 2011

Noon - 2 p.m.
Young Eagles - FREE
Airplane rides for kids ages 8 through 17
Sponsored by Bloomington EAA

2 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Experiential WWII recollections - FREE
News briefs - re-enactments - ceremonies
Recognition and remembrance by, with and for veterans
Special guests and surprise performances
Musical entertainment
Business and personal aviation opportunities in Logan County

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Fly-in / Drive-in BBQ Fundraiser
Watch planes come in Join the chow line Sit in the mess tent
Eat side-by-side with war heroes, pilots, friends and neighbors

6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
USO style hangar dance - Open to all and FREE
The best music of the 40's and 50's for your listening and dancing pleasure by the fabulous Jim Markum Swing Band

All Day
Open house and tours of Heritage In Flight Museum
Static line - wide variety vintage aircraft and vehicles
Special displays

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase all day

Heritage In Flight Museum and Hangar
Logan County Airport - 1351 Airport Rd - Lincoln, IL
For more information call (217) 732-3333

*Rain date for Young Eagles only: Saturday, June 18, 9 a.m. to noon
All other events rain or shine*

IS IT REALLY OVER?





How's this

for a little home in the burbs. This lady paid \$2000 for a used 727 and with another \$28000 ended up with a unique home.



New News

We will have the B-17, Aluminum Overcast here in Peoria the July 4th. Weekend. I believe it will fly the media on July 4, and revenue flights on the 5th, and 6th, departing to the Quad Cities on the morning of the 7th. Each time we sponsor this airplane the Chapter benefits in more ways than one.

The Chapter usually makes a nice amount of money from our share of the flights and souvenir sales.

Anyone working the show has the opportunity to ride the plane to it's next destination free.

National EAA has always been pleased with the turnout we have had while the plane is here in Peoria.

I know July 4th is a family fun weekend and most of us will have other obligations that day. But, what is more fun than hanging around four round engines, dripping oil and making smoke. I hope you can spare some time on at least one of those days to help sponsor the plane at PIA.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 First Breakfast
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 Regular Membership Meeting	15	16 Second Breakfast
17	18	19	20	21 Directors Meeting	22	23
<small>Palm Sunday</small>	<small>Passover Begins at Sundown</small>				<small>Good Friday</small>	
24 <small>Easter</small>	25	26	27	28	29	30

The Regular Chapter 563 meetings will be held at the Chapter Hangar at 7:00pm on the second Thursday of each month.

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.

The Chapter 563 Directors meetings will be held at the Chapter Hangar on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00pm.