



# Illinois Valley Beacon

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The **First Breakfast** was held on the **First Saturday, June 4th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00.

The **Regular Meeting** will be held on the **Second Thursday, June 9th**, in the EAA Hangar. **COME EARLY AT 6:30 TO SEE KATHY ARKWELL BALLOON LAUNCH. WE WILL DRAW NAMES FOR A RIDE**

The **Second Breakfast** will be held on the **Third Saturday, June 18th**, in the EAA Hangar from 8:00 to 10:00

The **Directors Meeting** will be held on the **Third Thursday, June 16th**, in the EAA Hangar starting at 7:00 pm. All members are welcome to attend.

## EAA CHAPTER 563

### May 12, 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 April Chapter Meeting. Minutes were approved as read by voice vote.

#### Treasurer's Report:

There was no report Jerry will provide a report at the May Board meeting.

#### Old Business:

The EAA B17 will be here in town the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> of July. Kent is trying to coordinate a possible fly-by along the river front the evening of the 4<sup>th</sup> before the fireworks show. In the next few weeks to come signup sheets will be provided for members to volunteer to help with the tours of the plane as well coordinating those people that want to take a flight on the plane. There will be plenty of fun things for volunteers to do.

#### New Business:

Sam Sisk stated that there was going to be another cookout at the hanger for members, friends and other Mt Hawley hanger tenants on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

The annual Fathers Day drive-in fly-in breakfast will be held at airport in Lacon Illinois.

They have asked for volunteers from our chapter to help again this year with the variety of jobs needing to be done. Everyone has always had a good time at this event in the past so come and volunteer to make it successful again.

Morrie indicated that he will be taking the pedal plane that will be raffled off latter this year to this event to sell tickets for the raffle. Yates City Airport is having an open house and fly-in from 9 to 12am on June 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be serving pork chop sandwiches.

Kent asked the members that were in attendance what ideas they might have to improve our participation in the Young Eagles program. After some discussion it was decided to set the first Saturday of every month a day for Young Eagles flights. We are still looking for someone to step up and volunteer to be a coordinator for these flights. This job only entails providing some organization of the events and one person for those that have kids that want to fly to contact and making a decision when to fly. Most of the ground support and pilots are already in place they just need someone to tell them when where and how.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 7:30

Our speaker for the evening was Chris Tate. Chris sells all line of insurance but aviation insurance is his true love. Chris provided some real insight into

the aviation insurance market and how it works with details about what companies are doing a good job of provided reasonable premiums and good claims coverage.

Respectfully submitted: Your Secretary Donald Wolcott

## SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

From: Steve Buss [mailto:sbuss@eaa.org]  
Sent: Monday, May 23, 2011 10:04 AM  
To: Young, Robert (PEORIA, IL)  
Subject: Stearman Fly-In Galesburg

Hi Robert,

We have been contacted by the Stearman Fly-In offering EAA chapters the opportunity to host a booth at the Stearman Fly-In held September 5 – 10, 2011. The booth would be offered free of charge and would be available to promoting your chapter and EAA.

I am also contacting several other chapters in the area, hoping we can have a nice presence at the booth. If you think EAA Chapter 563 would be interested in supporting this effort with some volunteers, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Steve

## MORE EMAIL

**From:** vbuilder [mailto:vbuilder@zoho.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 19, 2011 8:48 PM  
**To:** EAA Chapter  
**Subject:** EAA member looking for Velocity Aircraft kit

Would you mind helping a fellow EAA member with something? I'm looking for a Velocity XL kit that is for sale. Would you mind forwarding this message to your EAA chapter newsletter editor and to anyone that you know who may have a Velocity kit that they are not going to finish?

Thanks!

## DON'T FORGET

Wings and Wheels pancake breakfast and pork chop/brat lunch at Pekin Airport, June 18.

## **Study puts region's airports on radar**

May 31, 2011 5:37 AM

[KATHRYN STROUD](#)

State transportation authorities hope a new study will be able to show the economic impact of west-central Illinois' four regional airports.

The Illinois Department of Transportation launched the study last week to examine what role airports play in local economies. The study also hopes to provide a benchmark for planning and future enhancement.

“We are extremely pleased to initiate this study to explore and identify unique local benefits of Illinois’ aviation system,” IDOT Secretary Gary Hannig said. “Illinois’ airport network is one of the largest and most diverse aviation systems in the nation. The finished economic study ... will yield a thorough analysis of the positive impact of each airport within its respective community.”

## **FATHER’S DAY FLY-IN**

This is a local favorite fly-in breakfast. The whole town of Lacon and surrounding vicinity comes to this one. The Chapter will be selling tickets for the Pedal Plane drawing on October 1, 2011. The winner will have the choice of two. An AT-6 or a Granville Brothers GB.

The Chapter has traditionally supplied help with parking airplanes and some have even flipped a pancake or rolled a sausage. Your family will excuse you for a few hours in the morning. Come on out for a good breakfast and a fun time.

## Don't Forget

The EAA B-17 will be her July 4,5,6. Come to the next meeting and volunteer to work a few hours those days.

## LOOK, IN THE SKY, IT'S A BIRD, IT'S A PLANE, IT'S A JETPACK?

Martin Jetpack Hits 5,000 Feet

*By Russ Niles, Editor-in-Chief*

The Martin Jetpack went to 5,000 feet May 21 and came back on its emergency parachute in the most ambitious test flight to date. Equipped with multiple video cameras and occupied with a weighted mannequin as a test pilot, the remote-control version of the ducted fan device rose vertically over the New Zealand countryside before the high-revving two-stroke engine was shut down and the ballistic chute was fired remotely. It all seemed to go according to plan, with the apparently undamaged machine and mannequin settling in a farmer's field at a vertical speed of 15.7 mph.

In the video, inventor Glenn Martin says the performance of the Jetpack to 5,000 feet suggests it will have a realistic ceiling of about 8,000 feet. The company will be poring over data from the flight but there doesn't appear to be any indication of when a flesh-and-blood pilot will take the controls for an outside flight. The company says it plans to have manned and UAV versions ready for sale in 18 months

## Aviation Vernacular

(From Plane and Pilot)

**Excessna**—flying a 206 when a Skyhawk would do

**Cumulo Cell Anemia**—common in older pilots, who forget where the briefer told them the thunderstorms were

**Mooneymaking Idea**—oxymoron

**Pipercleaner**—very small people who stand erect to wash low-wing aircraft

**Airmet**—when the fly-in is over and everybody's gone home

**Sinus Fiction**—what pilots discover about manufacturer's claims on the boxes of cold remedies

**DeCirrification**—pulling the airframe parachute

**In Pipertuity**—flying a Warrior into a 40 knot headwind

**Landing Strip**—what you do with your clothes after touching down in Phoenix

**Not Justifiable**—Italian Air Force terminology for an unairworthy condition

**Aeroprostatectomy**—removing the wreckage of an aircraft flown by the seat of the pants

**Viagraphy**—life story of a very old pilot

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 <b>First Breakfast</b>
8 <small>Weather's Day</small>	9	10	11	12 <b>Regular Membership Meeting</b>	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 <b>Directors Meeting</b>	20	21 <b>Second Breakfast</b>
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30 <small>Memorial Day</small>	31				

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.