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## Kids at the Airport

**This is the future, this is what it is all about**

On April 9th, EAA Chapter 563 and United Presbyterian Church sponsored a "Kids day" at Mt Hawley Airport. Josh Shields ( Pilot for Caterpillar and commander of Peoria Civil Air Patrol) along with Jerry Pilon and Morrie Caudill (EAA Chapter members) helped to host the event.



We entertained over ninety school kids, parents, and teachers from United Presbyterian Church in Peoria to view a variety of aircraft to demonstrate how airplanes fly and the many differences in their construction. One of our teachers at UPC, Pam Scranton, explained that the kids were learning about planes in school and were involved in building small models.

It was a great time for all. The age range of the children was from five to nine, which brought some interesting questions. The kids were later questioned on what they had learned which also yielded some equally interesting answers.



Jerry Pilon  
EAA Chapter 563  
United Presbyterian Church

## EAA Chapter 563 Chapter Meeting Minutes March 11th, 2014

Meeting to order at 7:00pm

Secretary Report: No Report

Treasurer Report: No Report

Old Business: None to conduct

Membership Chair: No Report

There were no other committee reports to be made. Kent Lynch stated that he would like to create a list of items, that individuals or organizations based at Mt Hawley, feel are things that need to be brought up at the Peoria Airport Authority's board meetings. This will keep them informed of the things that might need to be addressed. Kent asked for those that had concerns or needs to contact him so he can

keep an up to date list.

If someone has a problem with their hangar they must email the Airport Authority to get on a maintenance list to get the problem resolved.

With no further business to conduct the business meeting was closed.

Dale Pietrzak from Lincoln Land Community College was the speaker for the evening. Dale teaches the Aviation Maintenance course at Lincoln land. He told us about some of his background. Dale worked at Mt Hawley for awhile and then for Byerly at the Pekin facility. He defined what it takes to get an A&P license from a Part 147 A&P School such as Lincoln Land. It takes 1900 hours of classroom work. He also stated that there is a current shortage of A&Ps and provides opportunities for individuals looking to start a career in the aviation field.

Respectively Submitted;  
Your Secretary  
Donald Wolcott

## **MINUTES OF EAA 563 BOARD MEETING**

### **April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at the Chapter Hanger**

Meeting called to order by Vice President Steve Bonfoey at 7:00 pm. Those Board Members in attendance were Jerry Pilon, Morrie Caudill, Jeff Meyer, Greg Lepine, Steve Bonfoey, Rob Meyer and Donald Wolcott with three chapter members in attendance.

**Secretary report:** No Report

**Treasurer's report:** Jerry Pilon provided a report on month to date and year to date income and expenses. Approved by voice vote.

**Membership Committee:** Morrie stated there are either 59 or 60 current paid members.

**Publications:** No report

**Program Chairman** Jeff Meyer asked Ron Wright if he and Greg could show how they did their covering on the project that is currently in the hangar at the next membership meeting.

**Donations:** Greg stated that Delbert Dester donated some Plywood and Spruce and some misc. parts.

Property and safety chair: Greg stated the the new door locks were on the doors.

**Youth outreach:** Rob stated the Doug Horton was working with the Explorers on getting everything set up for having some of the Explorers go to Oskosh during Air Venture to work with the Explorer Base providing volunteers during the event. Doug says he currently has 6 Explorers and 3 adults committed to go. Doug was requesting a check for \$50 per person as a payment to EAA for the required deposit. The total cost should be around \$450 to send the Explorers to Oshkosh. These monies have already been budgeted for Youth Outreach. Rob stated that he has lined up some people from the local Rocket Club to come and speak to the Explorers and show them how to properly make a rocket. Rob stated that he would like to spend some of the money budgeted for Youth outreach to buy 7 rocket kits for the Explorers to build and shoot off.

**Public Relations:** no report

**Special Events:** no report

**New Business:** The Airport Manager from Pekin called Rob and asked if we could help manage a Young Eagle event at their June 14<sup>th</sup> Wings and wheels event. After some discussion it was decided that we would do it.

There will need to be 4 volunteers to help with ground control. The Explorers will also help. Investment committee: Steve provided a proposed new Standing Rule 14 detailing the structure and operating procedure for an investment committee to invest some of the Chapter assets. Motion to accept made by Jerry, seconded by Rob and passed by voice vote. This new Standing Rule will be put to the membership at the next meeting for vote to approve or disapprove.

Greg made a suggestion that more business be conducted at the regular meeting. This is to be taken under advisement at future meetings. adjourned at 7:50

Respectfully submitted:  
Your Secretary Donald Wolcott

# Newspaper Headlines

(I Don't Have To Make This Stuff Up)

## Miracle cure kills fifth patient

**By The Associated Press**

A 600 volunteer died Tuesday from an experimental drug tested as a miracle cure for hepatitis B, beyond medical science ever as scientists revealed the mystery of what went grossly wrong in a clinical trial.

Aggravatingly, the first that was in place eight a year ago, but somewhere at the National Institute of Health, they know enough about how the drug worked, to recognize what it meant, the study's lead scientist says.

"Something terrible happened and we missed it," Dr. Jay Hoyle said in an emotional interview describing the horror of realizing the drug was killing people months after they stopped taking it.

"The dreadful thing [is] watching to see what will happen," he said, his voice trembling, before learning of the most recent death. "I just hope we're over the worst."

The drug, Fialuridine, or FIAU, had shown great promise for fighting the hepatitis B virus, which can cause deadly cirrhosis and liver cancer. When dogs passed toxicity tests unscathed, the Food and Drug Administration approved FIAU for human trials.

The late, scientists would discover that in humans, FIAU steadily attacks the very building blocks of cells in hours, kidneys and bones.

Two people treated with FIAU have died of liver and kidney failure, despite liver transplants for three of them. On Tuesday, a 27-year-old woman succumbed after two months in critical condition and two liver transplants at the University of Virginia Medical Center. One volunteer remains in serious condition there, and another is recovering from an Aug. 4 transplant at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.



## Bugs flying around with wings are flying bugs

By Wayne Hansen  
 Redwood Co. Extension Educator

"I've got these bugs that look like ants with wings flying around my house. What are they and how do I get rid of them?"

bugs.

**Anthrax** continues to develop on many green ash, oak and maple trees. Small spots and blotches are the typical symptom and are often accompanied by defoliation. NOTE: Do not collect anthrax spores on clothing or shoes.



# A DC airport ticket agent offers some examples of 'why' our country is in trouble:

1. I had a New Hampshire Congresswoman (Carol Shea-Porter) ask for an aisle seat so that her hair wouldn't get messed up by being near the window. (On an airplane!)
2. I got a call from a Kansas Congressman's (Moore) staffer (Howard Bauleke), who wanted to go to Capetown. I started to explain the length of the flight and the passport information, and then he interrupted me with, I'm not trying to make you look stupid, but Capetown is in Massachusetts .

Without trying to make him look stupid, I calmly explained, "Cape Cod is in Massachusetts , Capetown is in Africa "his response -- click."

3. A senior Vermont Congressman (Bernie Sanders) called, furious about a Florida package we did. I asked what was wrong with the vacation in Orlando . He said he was expecting an ocean-view room. I tried to explain that's not possible, since Orlando is in the middle of the state.

He replied, 'don't lie to me, I looked on the map and Florida is a very thin state!"

4. I got a call from a lawmaker's wife (Landra Reid) who asked, "Is it possible to see England from Canada ?"

I said, "No."

She said, "But they look so close on the map."

5. An aide for a cabinet member (Janet Napolitano) once called and asked if he could rent a car in Dallas . I pulled up the reservation and noticed he had only a 1-hour layover in Dallas . When I asked him why he

wanted to rent a car, he said, "I heard Dallas was a big airport, and we will need a car to drive between gates to save time." (Aghhhh)

6. An Illinois Congresswoman (Jan Schakowsky) called last week. She needed to know how it was possible that her flight from Detroit left at 8:30 a.m., and got to Chicago at 8:33 a.m.

I explained that Michigan was an hour ahead of Illinois, but she couldn't understand the concept of time zones. Finally, I told her the plane went fast, and she bought that.

7. A New York lawmaker, (Jerrold Nadler) called and asked, "Do airlines put your physical description on your bag so they know whose luggage belongs to whom?" I said, "No, why do you ask?"

He replied, "Well, when I checked in with the airline, they put a tag on my luggage that said (FAT), and I'm overweight. I think that's very rude!"

After putting him on hold for a minute, while I looked into it. (I was dying laughing). I came back and explained the city code for Fresno, Ca. is (FAT - Fresno Air Terminal), and the airline was just putting a destination tag on his luggage.

8. A Senator John Kerry aide (Lindsay Ross) called to inquire about a trip package to Hawaii. After going over all the cost info, she asked, "Would it be cheaper to fly to California and then take the train to Hawaii?"

9. I just got off the phone with a freshman Congressman, Bobby Bright from Ala who asked, "How do I know which plane to get on?"

I asked him what exactly he meant, to which he replied, "I was told my flight number is 823, but none of these planes have that number on them."

10. Senator Dianne Feinstein called and said, "I need to fly to Pepsi-Cola, Florida. Do I have to get on one of those little computer planes?"

I asked if she meant fly to Pensacola, FL on a commuter plane.

She said, "Yeah, whatever, smarty!"

11. Mary Landrieu, La. Senator called and had a question about the documents she needed in order to fly to China. After a lengthy discussion about passports, I reminded her that she needed a visa. "Oh, no I don't. have been to China many times and never had to have one of those."

I double checked and sure enough, her stay required a visa. When I told her this she said, "Look, I've been to China four times and every time they have accepted my American Express!"

12. A New Jersey Congressman (John Adler) called to make reservations, "I want to go from Chicago to Rhino, New York."

I was at a loss for words. Finally, I said, "Are you sure that's the name of the town?" Yes, what flights do you have?" replied the man.

After some searching, I came back with, "I'm sorry, sir, I've looked up every airport code in the country and can't find a rhino anywhere."

"The man retorted, "Oh, don't be silly! Everyone knows where it is. Check your map!" So I scoured a map of the state of New York and finally offered, "You don't mean Buffalo, do you?"

The reply? "Whatever! I knew it was a big animal."



<b>MAY</b>						
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
27	28	29	30	1 <i>May Day</i>	2	3 <b>First Breakfast</b>
4	5 <i>George Washington's Birthday</i>	6	7 <i>Army of the Republic Day 7-8 1952 Dwight D. Eisenhower 793 60-7-8-52</i>	8 <b>Membership Meeting</b> <i>11 Oct 1952</i>	9	10
11 <i>May Day</i>	12	13	14 <i>USA</i>	15 <b>Directors Meeting</b>	16	17 <i>Armed Forces Day 1951</i> <b>Second Breakfast</b>
18	19 <i>Armed Day 1951</i>	20	21 <i>USA</i>	22	23	24
25	26 <i>Memorial Day 1951 1951-52-53-54-55-56-57</i>	27	28 <i>USA</i>	29	30	31

The Regular Chapter 563 meetings are 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. Everyone is welcome to attend.