

The FLYING WIRE

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OFFICERS: PRESIDENT- BRIAN KISSINGER

VICE PRESIDENT- DIANE EARHART

SECRETARY- BILL AANSTAD

TREASURER - RON PEEK

WEBMASTER-BOB McDANIEL

PROGRAM DIRECTORS – TODD DRENKHAN & RICK REHG

MARCH MASCOT- FREDBIRD

“Greetings from Chapter 64”

March 3 2009: Meeting called to order at 7 pm followed by introduction of new members:

Bob McDaniel introduced **Derek Carrera** who lives off the end of runway 12R and has been keenly interested in aviation since he took his first Young Eagles flight in Jerry Wade’s Cirrus during last summer’s fly-in. After that flight, he waited around just in case there might be an empty seat at the end of the day and it paid off. He flew again in Mark Harter’s Waco and stayed around at the end of the fly-in to help stack chairs, pick up tables, and dump trash. He has flown a couple of times since then with Bob. He discovered the EAA AeroScholars on-line aviation high school courses but did not have the money to pay for the tuition. He requested tuition assistance and the Chapter sponsored his course. He is now half-way through the course with an A average and became a chapter member at the meeting.

New member **John Tiner** of High Ridge introduced himself, has about 1000 hrs in a C-150 and is building a Zenith 601XL.

Introduction of **Shawn Corcoran** by Dwight Hayden, Shawn is from Edwardsville and works for the city.

28 members/guests signed the attendance sheet.

Secretary’s Report: Reading of minutes waived, accepted as mailed.

Treasurer’s Report: Reading of report waived, accepted as presented in previous minutes.

Correspondence: Fly-out with EAA Chapter 1479 at St Joseph, MO -- meet at Mexico, MO (Brian to finalize plans). Received email from Diane in reply to Brian's email, she is recovering from knee replacement surgery. Received thank you letter for \$1,000 scholarship donation to SWIC.

Old Business: Trip to Dayton (Billy Bucholz) is set for weekend of April 4th, overnighter, email interest to billbuch01@yahoo.com, may use bus if numbers warrant.



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New Business: Dues are due, please pay. Opened floor for discussion of PA system with 2 cordless mikes -- well received, motion made & approved for reimbursing Brian for the \$294 cost. Discussed whether or not to rent out the system, and after discussion decided not to rent out since it might not be available when needed for club use (meetings, fly-ins, field trips). Plaques -- presentation of prototype to Mike Brenner for Zenith 601HDS. The first plaque was free, can get them done at cost of about \$15- \$18 depending on wood, etc. Please email info on completed projects to Brian (eaachp64@yahoo.com) to have plaques and certificates made. Brian discussed Pietenpol pedal pushers and will set up date at Larry's to build some from plans -- passed around pic for review. Survey results were summarized: fabric covering, painting, prop balancing, project visits high interest, field trip to OSH high interest also (will post to Yahoo group on web). Discussed OSH trip, looking for someone to organize group effort (Ed Hase possible, but not sure of vacation yet) -- asked for informal committee chairman, no volunteers, will put out on Yahoo group for discussion. Business meeting last nite, 7 attendees, discussed \$10,000 endowment to EAA, education for members (repairmen certs, etc). Discussed Pietenpol project, have offer to get one for free (fuselage & H/stab) but needs to be picked up by Thursday from Pittsburgh -- will fit on 10 ft trailer. Dave Walter volunteered to get it, motion made to pay expenses for Dave to get the project (unanimously approved) for gas & motel. Brian had business cards printed, passed around for members to take & hand out to give interested people info on chapter meeting time/place. Newsletter editor still needed, looking for volunteer.

Presentation by Rick Rehg on ELTs, EAA good source of info, as is AOPA. Change to 406 vs 121.5mhz, far more efficient, can resolve most "false alarms" by phone to registered owner vs having no way of contact investigating bogus alerts. Fail 75% of time in crashes, personal 406's available (Steve Fossett had one). Program updates: Superflight program next month, then Jim Stoops hangar visit. Motion made & approved for April 18th fly-out to Smartt Field -- Bert is coordinating with Commemorative AF museum. Wally reports the Luscombe will fly about 15 April. Wayland Downen has Garmin 196 for sale. **WE STILL NEED A NEWSLETTER EDITOR! PLEASE VOLUNTEER...IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TIME & NO EXPERIENCE.**

Meeting Schedule: Next meeting Tuesday April 7th, Billy Bucholz will bring food at 6pm, meeting at 7pm, with presentation on covering with Superflite covering systems.

Committee Reports

Librarian- Ed is working on improving the space now that he has a key

Technical Advisor- n/a

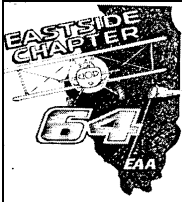
Program Director- Superflite next month, Soldering workshop 28 March

Young Eagles- n/a

Projects- Lots of updates from the group...keep 'em coming

50/50 Drawing- \$55 total, \$27.50 to Don Miller, who will be 85 on the 11th and plans his traditional birthday Funk flight from Fishers. Happy birthday Don!

Meeting Adjourned at 7:57pm.



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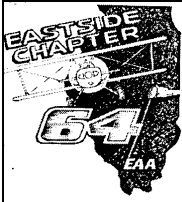
“Brain’s Bites” **monthly message from chapter prez**

March 3rd was a nice gathering. We had a very good turnout, tasty sandwiches brought in by Mike Lotz, and a wonderful program by Mike Brenner & Todd Drenkhahn. You couldn’t ask for much more. We also had a good “business meeting” on Monday the 2nd at Oliver’s Restaurant. Thanks for those who attended! Some suggestions were to start a “Forward Planning Committee” that would make inputs for our budget, a hangar home committee (Brad Jones, Bert Hampton, & Mike Lotz all volunteered), and we discussed our needed focus on education (both for the youth and for our older members). One good suggestion was that we should find ways to help members get their repairman & pilot certificates by possibly hosting events over the coming months & years. Please let your chapter officers & program coordinators (Todd & Rick) know any suggestions you might have on how we can accomplish those goals.

The separate business meeting was an ok idea, but I believe our time could be better spent by just having the officers meet for a short time prior to our standard Tuesday meetings instead of a separate meeting. So this coming month there is no separate Monday business meeting planned.

One significant thing that happened at the March meeting was that we voted unanimously to pick up a donated Pietenpol project from Pittsburgh. David Walter & Bob Fisch drove out & picked up the project and brought it back just 3 days after our meeting. Now that is what I call being action-oriented! They even stayed at one of Bob’s friends home for 2 evenings so they did not incur any expenses for hotels. Thanks David & Bob for doing this for the chapter! So the total cost for the project is only the gas money it took for them to drive to and from Pittsburgh. Right now the fuselage, and a couple other items, is on a trailer in Hangar 2 just behind our meeting room. The workmanship looks very good and many people believe we really got a wonderful deal on this project.... heck it was FREE!

In regards to a Pietenpol, I know it’s not the perfect airplane for everyone. It’s not fast, it only seats 2 people, and it’s an open cockpit airplane. But I believe this airplane speaks to most people, especially in this unique economy. If you are like me you might feel a little depressed when you look at your 401K or IRA statements. However, I always look for the bright side and I believe one bright side is that as human beings we can always dream. Even pilots and would-be airplane builders during the Great Depression could dream. One of the dreams they had was called the Pietenpol, one of the original homebuilt airplanes. I also have a dream that we can, with little money and LOTS of teamwork & effort, put one of these together and meet our chapter’s main goals (**build airplanes, educate the youth, & keep flying inexpensive**). Bernard Pietenpol never lost sight of the cost of flying and showed his true genius in keeping it down - within reach of the common man.



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Here is Bernard Pietenpol's favorite poem (and one he truly lived by):

Youth is not a time of life-it is a state of mind! Whether sixty or sixteen, there is in every human being's heart the lure of wonder, the unfailing child-like appetite of what's next, and the joy of the game of living. In the center of your heart and my heart there is a wireless station; so long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, courage and power. So long are you young!

So what's next for you? Hopefully you are like Pietenpol and me and have that "unfailing child-like appetite of what's next, and the joy of the game of living."

It's important to dream but in order for dreams to become reality we must also lead and set goals. That said we need leadership to head up the Pietenpol project and to date no one has been willing to step up. I am told that over the past decades we've had some other chapter projects that were all started with good intentions and all, unfortunately, fizzled out because of a lack of project leadership and member participation. One project even did severe damage to several relationships in the chapter and all the parts of the project are now scattered to the four winds. The main reason, I am told, for the failures is a lack of a single project leader and a define project goal. I don't want that to happen again.

So after our next chapter meeting we will hold a brief meeting for those interested in the separate Pietenpol building club (it's only \$1 and a can-do attitude to join). I would ask that you consider being **the** project manager, or a sub-project manager (engine, airframe, panel, fabric, wings, coffee maker...), for our project. You can be guaranteed that I, and others, will support you in everyway possible. Otherwise, without a project leader and active participation, I feel we should not go any further with the project and simply auction it off to recover what we have invested in it so far (a little gas money).

So there's the challenge I put in front of each of you.... find a project leader and move forward with what could be a very fun, educational, and beneficial project. Or simply cut our losses and give up this dream. The choice is up to you...the chapter members.

Thank you for everything that you do for aviation and for dreaming about flying.

Get & Keep 'Em Flying! Brian "Brain" Kissinger

ps We still need a Newsletter editor....so if you can donate a few hours a month for your chapter that would be great!

