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MAY MEETING

The **May Meeting** will be hosted by Walter Myers on Thursday, May 1 at 7:00pm. Walt's place is located northeast of Urbana on the west side of Cottonwood Rd. (Co. Rd. 1700E) about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of the corner of Airport Rd. (Frasca) and Co. Rd. 1700E. *or* about 1 mile north of the John Deere dealer on Cottonwood north of highway 150. Walt's place is in a wooded area and he usually has a sign on his mailbox.

Walt is working on a Kitfox and last visit had assembled the engine

(VW based). Be prepared for a quiz to check your aeronautical knowledge and don't forget to allow room for some great munchies.....



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Upcoming Dates:

June 7th: Chapter 29/Aero Place Fly/Drive-In Picnic.

June 21st: Frasca Field Gathering.

July 10th - 14th: EAA B-17 at Willard/Flightstar, Chapter 29 sponsor.

July 28-August 2: EAA Airventure

APRIL MEETING

It was a dark and stormy night..... The **April Meeting** was held last April 3rd at Lee Sentman's hangar in Charleston and we had a surprisingly good turnout considering the cool, wet, windy weather and the forty-five minute trip. Through the courtesy of

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Regular Meeting : First Thursday of the month,
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member Marion Evans, we were able to pack about a dozen people in his large Dodge van for the trip as riders chipped in a little something to help with fuel. Our thanks to Marion for the transportation offer! Another half-dozen members met us at the hangar to examine Lee's just-about-ready-to-fly RV-6.



Lee had just returned from Florida the evening before with the intent of making his first flight and offered to show members the progress before he flew it back to Florida. As of this writing, I am aware of no flight but perhaps Lee will have some good news for us at the next meeting. Members, as well as some young guests from

the University of Illinois, were impressed with Lee's workmanship. The students are looking to either buy an RV kit or locate a project in which someone may have lost interest.



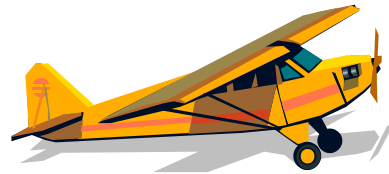
FAA Aircraft Re-Registration Proposal:

You may not be aware of an FAA proposal to get a little deeper into your pockets. Presently, aircraft owners pay a one-time registration fee of \$5.00 when you purchase and/or register an aircraft. A "triennial report" is then sent to those registered owners (no fee) every 3 years to confirm ownership. The FAA says this is neither efficient nor accurate and has proposed a *\$130.00* fee to be charged every 3 years. The \$5.00 fee has not change since the mid-sixties, but this proposal looks like about a *2500% increase* by my quick math.

The FAA makes a good case about the lack of accuracy for what they are doing now, but I and others (i.e. aviation "alphabet" groups)

believe this to be overkill. Here is my 2-cents worth: How about a mandatory report/re-registration every 3 years with a \$15.00 fee for each? This will amount to something like a 200% increase (again, my "quick" math.....) *and* gives the FAA a chance to streamline the process and improve the accuracy.

More information can be found on FAA, EAA and AOPA websites but the comment period apparently ends May 28th.



Remainder of 2008

June 7 Aero Place picnic

July 10-12 B-17

Aug Airventure

Sep Ladage picnic

Oct open

Nov 6 Marion Evans

Dec Christmas party

Propwash

by Paul Palmgren

Well, Spring is still in the process of "Springing". Not much activity in the fields because soil temps are still a little cool. Go figure.....

There has been some activity here at Aero Place with the Aero Place Flyers 172 (**Don Day, Tom Gordon, Neil Fotzler**) using the freshly rolled strip. We also have noticed neighbor **Stu Moment's** Cessna 120 out in the evenings when the wind isn't blowing our deck furniture away.....And, occasionally we see **Rudy Frasca's** beautiful Luscombe making a "crash'n dash"..... Speaking of Rudy, he turned 77 years young last Saturday and was awaiting delivery of his rebuilt Aeronca C-3 (single place, A-65) from **Earl "Skeesix" Adkisson's** shop that afternoon.....The rumored death of the **Chanute Air Museum** at Rantoul is not going to happen! Due to some unforeseen (State of Illinois unfulfilled promises for one) interruptions in the cash flow, the membership was asked for help. And the members stepped up and generously contributed to put the Museum in decent shape for the near future. Instead of playing the blame game, the current board of 15 was asked to resign and a new board of only five was voted in (wish our government could downsize like that....). **Bill Geibel** was asked to serve as president, but agreed to only serve for six months until another candidate is located. The new board is charged

with putting the Museum on sound financial footing for the future. We're thinking BIG; the Museum will be looking at plans and fundraising for a world class facility.....**Omer Benn** sometimes joins our eclectic group of characters on Saturday mornings for breakfast. At Sunday's University of Illinois Flying Illini pancake breakfast at Chanute, he said he should have been there because he and a student had an engine failure in a Piper Archer Saturday at about 5000 feet near Willard while flying above an overcast. During an instrument checkride, first the vacuum pump went away with the engine following shortly. They almost made the airport, but neither the aircraft nor the occupants were damaged. The maintenance people apparently had to remove some fence to get it back on the airport (and, I never heard anything in the press!!!). Congrats to Omer and his student! No word on the necessity of an underwear change or new upholstery..... Finally, TNT (Tuesday Night Taildraggers) will start again courtesy of the Frasca's on April 22 at Lucille's at Frasca Field according to **Perry Testory**. It can start as early as 3 pm (retired folks!) but they eat about 5:30-6:30 pm. Bring something to eat or \$5.00. Nose wheel aircraft welcome if you park backward.....Well, that's about it; be careful and we'll see you at the meeting.