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**NEXT CHAPTER
MEETING: Will be held on
May 17th at the Platteville
Municipal Airport (KPVB) at
1:00 p.m. There will be
cookout with meat provided
by the Chapter. Please bring
a dish to pass.**

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Minutes from EAA 327 Membership Meeting April 17, 2008 at UD Flight Ctr.

Meeting was preceded with a presentation by Mr. Fareed Guyot, president of Chapter #22 in Rockford. Fareed talked about some of the techniques that his chapter has been using to attract new members and emphasized his chapter's summer event, their open house at Cottonwood Airport near Rockford. After a short break, president Larry Mueller began meeting about 8:20 pm with 13 members and 2 guests present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Secretary: Mike Gaffney read minutes from March 20th--approved as read.

Treasurer: Dennis Schares reported current balance of \$5,600.

Advertising/promotion: Harry Styer, nothing to report.

Membership/retention: Lyle Hefel, nothing to report.

Discussion:

- Pres. Larry Mueller reported on plans for the chapter cookout. It will be held at the Platteville Airport on May 17th at 1:00 pm. Chapter will provide the meat with members bringing a dish to pass. A short meeting will follow.
- Elaine Fitch told of her search for a Christmas party site. After a vote, it was decided to hold the party at Dubuque Greyhound Park on Dec. 14th.
- The question of the overlook donor plaque for the Jet Center will be tabled till next month.
- Larry Mueller announced that only the newer domain name will ring up the official 327 website. Nancy Mueller almost has it up and running.
- Nick Hirsch reported on the availability of brass plaques to credit the donor and builder of the model planes now on display at Jet Center. John Einck motioned and Harry Styer 2nd to purchase 2 plaques--passed. Nick also said that he is trying to find supply sources for materials to construct more appropriate glass display cases.
- Nick talked to the airport about the overlook beautification issue. It would be pricey, but the Dubuque Arboretum could maintain it. Larry Mueller suggested killing the issue. Harry Styer motioned same and Dick Gordon 2nd. Ayes out polled the nays and the issue passed a contested vote.
- Larry Mueller reported on his search for a sun shelter for picnic tables on the overlook. Nick Hirsch suggested we weren't allowed to construct a structure on the overlook without some extensive authorization issues.
- Nick Hirsch reported on the 501C3 vs. 501C4 question. Nick said he was going to get advice from an accountant. Guest speaker Fareed Guyot had some experience with the differences and added some insight to the discussion.

- John Einck and Dennis Schares reported that they have been investigating a couple of different options for the proposed low-power fm transmitter for the overlook.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Larry Mueller reported the next Young Eagle event on June 21st will be hosted by Dave Kramer at the Dyersville Airport. Bill Fitch said he has about 60 kids who will be awaiting a phone call to fly. About 1:00 pm, following the flying, there will be a cookout with 327 supplying the meat. Bring a dish to pass. Meeting will be held as well.
- Nick Hirsch motioned and Harry Styer 2nd to adjourn. Meeting ended 8:52 pm.

Sec. Mike Gaffney

Senate's FAA Bill Faces White House Opposition

The GA community has been cautiously celebrating this week over the removal of user fees in the final version of the Senate's FAA reauthorization bill -- but there's a ways to go before any bill becomes law, and the White House on Tuesday made clear that it's not ready to welcome this latest iteration. The Senate bill, the White House said in a policy statement, (see attachment) fails to include "critical reforms proposed by the Administration," including "more closely aligning FAA's revenues with its costs through fair fees linked to usage of the system..." which is another way of saying "user fees." The statement continues, "If the President is presented with a bill that not only excludes the critical reforms proposed by the Administration, but also includes provisions that would further exacerbate an untenable status quo, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto it."

Other provisions in the Senate bill that the White House objects to include limits on how the FAA can restrict airport access to reduce congestion and too much funding for airport-improvement grants. Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) and ranking member Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) are holding a news conference in Washington today that will also be attended by representatives of most aviation groups to discuss the Senate bill.

Events Calendar

May	Noon Lunch every Saturday	11:30 – 1:30	Mineral Point, WI (MRJ)
	Call Kevin King	608 553-7571	
16	Every Friday Cookout until Sept 26	5-7:00 p.m.	Clinton, IA airport (CWI)
18	Flt Breakfast	7 – noon	Brodhead, WI (C37) 80 miles
24	Flt. Breakfast	7-11 a.m.	Newton Airrport (TNU)
June 1	Flight Breakfast	6:30 – 10:30	Audubon, IA Airport (ADU)
1	Flt Breakfast	7-11 a.m.	Washington, IA (AWG) 76 mi.
1	Flight Breakfast	7-Noon	Reedsburg, WI (C35) 81 mi.
8	Flt Breakfast	7 – 2 pm	Watertown WI (RYV) 115 miles
14	Flt Breakfast	7:30 – 11:30	Cassville, WI (C74)
14	Flight Breakfast	7 a.m. -5 p.m.	Sauk Prairie Airport (91C)
15	Flight Breakfast	7 – 1 p.m.	Maquoketa, IA Airport (OQW)
15	Flight Breakfast	7-1 pm	Mineral Point WI (MRJ)
15 -16	American Barnstormers Tour		Iowa City Airport (IOW)
21 – 22	Quad City Air Show		Davenport, IA Airport (DVN)
29	Friends of 8Charlie 4 Fly-in	9-3 p.m.	Tipton, IA Airport (8C4)
July 13	Flight Breakfast	7-noon	Platteville, WI (PVB)
19	Planes, Trains & Auto Bkfst	7-11 a.m.	Oelwein, IA (OLZ)
20	Omelet Breakfast	7:30 – 12:30	Fillmore County MN Airport (FKA)
	Preston, MN83 miles		
28-Aug 3	EAA Airventure		Oshkosh, WI
Aug. 1	Flight Breakfast	8 – 11 a.m.	Manchester Aiorport (C27)
10	Flight Breakfast	7-1 pm	Viroqua, WI (Y51) 66 miles
17	Fly-in Breakfast	7 – noon	Monona, IA Airport (7C3)
23	Guttenberg Abel Island Lunch	Noon – 3	Guttenberg Airport (IA23)
	Rain date Aug 24		
24	Fly-in Breakfast	7 – 12:30	Iowa City, IA Airport (IOW)
31	Fly-in Lunch	9-?	Log Cabin Airport (WS69) Mondovi,
	WI 126 miles		
Sept 6	Wheels & Wings	8 – 4 p.m.	Osceola, WI (OEO) 181 miles
7	Dubuque EAA 327 Breakfast		Dubuque Airport (DBQ)