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Chapter 67 Inc.
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In the absence of your secretary, there will be several presumptions made in this letter, due to the fact that the notes, very kindly taken by a volunteer, were rather short -- he did sign himself "poorly acting secretary substitute", which turned out to be a pretty fair description! (I won't identify him, as I shall be away at the September meeting too!!)

Jerry Bunner opened the meeting by greeting the five guests -- Frank Duckwall, 434 Prospect, Marquette, MI 49855; James R. Vornholt, 6782 Coatbridge Circle, Indpls., IN 46254; Chuck Koschnick, 7401 Holliday Drive East, Indpls., IN 46260; Walter E. Best, 8111 Bayberry Ct., Indpls., IN 46250; and Jim Sanborn, RR 1, Box 135, Sheridan, IN 46069.

Communications

An extremely important subject was brought up in Paul Poberezny's letter -- the number of unrestrained liability suits resulting in incredibly high liability insurance costs for everybody. Enclosures with the letter will be on the notice board, or contact Jerry. Especially important is a memo from Harry Hanisch, the Insurance Co-ordinator for the EAA -- 35 years experience and 15 of these working closely with the EAA. Briefly, because the courts have awarded millions of dollars in liability suits, the insurance costs for liability have sky-rocketed. For instance, the Insurance bill at EAA HQ has gone up over 350% in the past twelve months for less coverage than previously!!! The same thing is happening to Chapters, Aviation Manufacturers, Suppliers and Individuals (that's us!). We have to tackle this problem, and it will be discussed a great deal in the coming months. The laws governing liability suits, and the manner in which damage awards are determined must be reviewed and reformed. Can you imagine a world where no-one can build or fly an aircraft for fear of being sued for something?!! What happened to the idea of taking some responsibility for one's own actions? We have to fight this situation.

On a happier note -- from the July "Wings" newsletter -- Cessna have made a major corporate gift and will dedicate the Restoration Shop of the EAA Museum; Chuck Larsen has developed audio-visual kits for Chapter meeting programmes on all the skills involved in home-building, which will be available soon; and take note of the EAA "World of Flight" photo contest. It is sponsored by Canon USA, it is open to all amateur and professional photographers, and the total value of prizes exceeds \$ 10,000. For entry blanks and other information, write to EAA Photo Contest, Wittman Airfield, Oshkosh, WI 54903-3086. The deadline to receive entries is Dec 1st 1985, and winners will be announced March 1st 1986.

New Member

Walter Best has decided to join us -- we heartily welcome an already very good friend. Walt donated an additional 25 keys to add to the lock and keys already given and in use. Thanks again, Walt, we appreciate your generosity.

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Secretary: Dorothy Thomson 873-2774

Vice President: Tom Watkins 485-6755
Treasurer: Don Dole 898-9719

New Business

The Sand Blaster, donated by the late Marshall Sparks, was transported from Zionville and is now in the hangar. Frank Stewart knows how to operate it, and Tom Watkins said he would find some sand for it. NB. The Thomsons were informed that the cone and two bags of "sand" were found, so they delivered these items (avoiding a hernia!) on Aug 10th.

A motion was made, and passed to buy 20 stack chairs to replace, or add to, our present number. Don Dole agreed to organise this for us.

Discussion resulted from Doc Swenson's mention of sending flowers when a Chapter member dies. As about half the meeting was for and the other half against the idea, the matter was referred to the Board of Directors.

Also a meeting on Sunday 28th July at Oshkosh was discussed. It was agreed to meet at the "Wild Goose Restaurant" (about 35 miles away) --- get directions and map from Jerry Bunner. (Would you believe he was the one who missed the turning?) Eight or nine members and their family members eventually arrived, and had a very enjoyable time.

Buy, Sell or Trade

1966 Cessna 150, 1200hrs smoh., 360 radio, transponder, etc for \$ 6,000. Will Sell.

Call Tom Watkins (he has just bought a Cessna 172; 1958; - well done, Tom)

Bill Thornberry wants to buy a Continental 225hp with prop.

Walt Best wants to buy an AT 6. He also wants to sell a new alternator for a Stearman 220 Cont. etc.

180 Comanche for sale from Doc Swenson.

Lyc 0235, 115hp, "0"hrs since chrome OH, for sale for \$ 5,500, from Dave Scott
894-2422.

Special Note

Avco Lycoming is developing a new 2 cylinder, aluminium engine in the 70-80hp class. The company perceives a need for a low horsepower aircraft engine for home-builts and the next generation of general aviation trainers. The engine, to be designated the O-160, will have a 2,000hr TBO, the same cylinders, pistons and valves as the O-320, but will have a new crankcase, crankshaft and camshaft. The engine, which weighs about 160lbs, is expected to be in production within the next 12 to 18 months.

Programme

Wayne Howery showed two very interesting films; one about Police Helicopters and one about Howard Hughes. Thank you very much, Wayne.

Next Meeting

Monday, 9th September. 7.30pm. (2nd Monday, to avoid Labour Day)
Tom Watkins is giving the presentation.

respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Thomson
Secretary.

PS. Kevin Carlisle is our September clean-up volunteer, but he'll need extra help as our Fall Picnic is on Sept 15th.

"You stress drag, man? I'm down to the very basics, brother. Think simple!"

