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The Prez Says

**Ron Forsythe, Chapter
President**

Word is out that Steve Statkus has accepted a job with the Home Shopping Network is anyone surprised? Great job Steve and thanks from all of us for an entertaining auction... Thanks also to everyone who provided the merchandise to auction – I believe we made more on the auction than on the Wings Weekend Food Booth. We will get the specific numbers at the next meeting.

On the subject of the next meeting IT WILL BE AT THE REGULAR PLACE AND THE REGULAR TIME IN AUGUST. THAT IS SUNDAY, AUGUST 7 AT 2:00 PM IN THE CHAPTER 974 HANGER. We are overdue in having a business meeting so given that and war stories from Oshkosh be prepared for a slightly longer than usual meeting. We will have a technical session following the business meeting – plans are now for Dave Raney to give us some “Wiring Techniques, Do’s and Don’ts.” (That’s my title not Dave’s)

Anyone who is camping at Oshkosh for the first time and would like to know what to expect and the location were most of the Chapter members’ camp can give me a call or email.

Hope to see lots of you in Oshkosh!!!!!!

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July 2005 Board Meeting Minutes

**Brian Schermerhorn,
Chapter Secretary**

Not reported

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Not a business meeting because of the picnic, so no minutes to be issued.

Wings Weekend

Wings weekend was well attend again this year, although it seemed like the numbers were down from the impressive numbers last year. I hope everybody had a chance to take advantage of this event and get the training and Wings endorsement, it's a great way to knock some rust off, and it'll make your insurance company happy. Also, thanks to everybody that helped to setup, run, and teardown our food booth, we made some money spread the 'experimental gospel' to the uninitiated (final profit numbers to be announced at the next meeting). If you didn't make it, you missed Elizabeth's hardball doughnut sales technique and some sweltering conditions. I swear I saw a Cessna 150 toweling itself off from the exertion. And from the 'no rest for the wicked' department, Ray was pressed into service to adjust Martha's tailwheel after some rough off-taxiway work. And from the 'hmmm, whaddya know about that' department, we got a visit from a Velocity XL/RG on Saturday - and he wasn't here for the Wings presentation! As they, a good time was had by all, so here are the pictures to prove it.



FAA Wings Tent



The troops hard at work



Some Interesting planes flew in, like this biplane.. .. and Chuck Jenson's Velocity XL from Knoxville.... he wasn't even here for Wings



Don't you just love those Velocities?.... we helped Chuck with a nose gear door problem.... and the Warbirds had a picnic that day as well

Chapter Picnic and Auction

The annual Chapter Picnic and not-so-silent Auction went off without a hitch on Sunday the 10th, thanks in large part to the talents of our beloved president Ron Forsythe (set-up and cooking) and auctioneer Steve Stakus. Along with all of the great side items the membership brought, there was plenty of great food and even better conversation to be had for one and all. I particularly liked the miniature 'Homemade Brand' ice-cream cups, but that's not important. What's important is that we had great weather, and a super turnout. Also, the auction exceeded all expectations, and brought in a good profit to the chapter. The final numbers will be published next month. Next year should be even better, unless Steve takes an offer to do a day-time TV talk show.

Many thanks to the Chapter Photographer, Bob Dombek, for the pictures. He's available for wedding and bar mitzvah's by appointment (for a small fee).



'Buffet Style' eating at it's finest



We had a picture of Ron cooking, but decided it was below his position, so here's Steve



Zowie.... what a crowd!



Now, I don't know who's talking who into what, but this conversation is going to end with someone bolting something where it doesn't belong....



Here's the monthly Philosophical Moment presented by our sponsor, Paul Kurtz..



Mr. Miyagi say this move called "The Crane"... and the step holds!



These guys got a steal, an RC plane for \$10 - and Steve threw in an engine from his stash



Are these small plane parts, or what's left of Steve's go-kart? Only used on Sundays.....



Steve auctions off the *first* edition of "Radial Engine Repair"

The 'bully pulpit'?? Notice everyone trying not to make eye contact...



Renee Parker brought her mom, and along with Linda Brainard staked out a good table before the crowds showed up. For a small fee, you could join their table near the kitchen...

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AOPA LOBBYING EFFORT PAYS OFF IN OHIO TAX CUT

Ohio aircraft owners are finally getting tax relief, thanks to a three-year lobbying effort by AOPA. Ohio Gov. Bob Taft recently signed into law the state budget, which includes a reduction of the annual aircraft license tax from a flat \$100-per-aircraft to a \$15-per-seat fee. "We are extremely pleased that your administration recognized that the 800-percent fee increase implemented several years ago sent the wrong signal to pilots, particularly in the Buckeye State that proudly calls itself the 'birthplace of aviation,'" wrote AOPA President Phil Boyer to Gov. Taft. "This year's action will help to stimulate and increase the funds available to make safety and infrastructure improvements to Ohio's outstanding network of general aviation airports." The budget also allows revenue from the tax to be used for airport capital improvements. AOPA state legislative experts have been working to reduce the tax since 2002, when state legislators increased it by 800 percent. Before the switch to the flat fee, Ohio charged \$3 per seat to register aircraft, a fee that hadn't increased since 1941.

AOPA WORKS TO CREATE BETTER IFR ROUTES THROUGH CINCINNATI

AOPA's ongoing five-year effort to use satellite navigation to give general aviation pilots better access to airports and airspace around the country continues to pay dividends. The FAA released a notice of proposed rulemaking Wednesday to create four Area Navigation IFR Terminal Transition Routes (RITTRs) through Cincinnati airspace. This release comes just three weeks after the FAA announced its intention to chart four RITTRs in the Charlotte terminal area starting in September. "These more efficient IFR routes can help end many of the ATC-directed detours around Class B airspace and allow pilots to receive more benefits from their IFR-certified GPS receivers," said Melissa Rudinger, AOPA vice president of regulatory affairs. AOPA will be filing comments in support of the routes before the August 22 deadline, and pilots are encouraged to comment as well. See [AOPA Online](#).

AOPA ONLINE SAFETY CENTER PROVIDES OSHKOSH TRAVEL INFO

Planning to fly to Oshkosh for EAA AirVenture 2005? The AOPA Online Safety Center has some valuable information for your trip. You can download a guide that provides the location of AOPA's big yellow tent and a description and schedule of the AOPA Air Safety Foundation's safety seminars. On the site you'll also find show-specific information and general fly-in safety articles, along with video and audio clips. See [AOPA Online](#).

Upcoming Fly-ins

Van Wert, Ohio. A Poker Run and Barbeque Luncheon takes place July 16 at Van Wert County (VNW). Seven stops involved for drawing hand, \$5 entry fee/\$5 lunch fee. Contact Jerry Mazur, 419/232-4500.

Zanesville, Ohio. A Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast takes place July 16 at Parr (42I). Breakfast served from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., lunch served beginning at 11 a.m. Contact Chuck Bruckelmeyer, 740/454-7487.