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# Chapter 864 – Alton, IL

Chapter 864 News & Notes

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**Next Meeting**  
**Administration**  
**Building**

**When**  
**Thursday, 14 March at**  
**1900**

### Calendar of Events

**March**  
14 EAA Chapter 864  
Meeting at 1900

**April**  
11 EAA Chapter 864  
Meeting at 1900

**May**  
09 EAA Chapter 864  
Meeting at 1900

EAA events  
[www.eaa.org/ea/events](http://www.eaa.org/ea/events)

Fun Places to Fly  
[www.funplacestofly.com](http://www.funplacestofly.com)

ALN Hangar Page on  
Facebook  
<https://bit.ly/aln-tenants>

### Next Chapter Meeting

Our next meeting is Thursday, 14 March. No guest speaker, open discussion!

### EAA Chapter 864 Meeting Minutes – 8 February, 2024

43 members in attendance. President John Harding called the meeting to order at 1900.

Joseph & Meghen Ord of Piston Aviation presented plans to expand flight-school operations to ALN in addition to their home base at Creve Couer (1H0). Joe explained that their flight school is centered around a "culture of fun", has collegiate partnerships with Purdue University and SIU Carbondale, and has a scholarship program in the works. Piston Aviation is also a dealership for Bristell light sport aircraft (LSAs).

Joe & Meghen showed maps of the current ALN layout with planned Piston Aviation hangars and self-serve fuel facilities. More plans are under consideration, but in the short-term, Piston Aviation hopes to remake the restaurant building into a "GA FBO and flight school" where all are welcome.

Plans have been presented to the airport board and approval is anticipated at the next meeting (15 February).

### Treasurer's Report

- Checking account balance is \$16,457.00.

### Old Business

- Always remember to write your information on the clipboard located on the table when checking out our EAA chapter tools and equipment. Happy to report that the low-range cable tensioner has been returned!
- Work continues to schedule the EAA Ford Trimotor to visit our airport.

### New Business

- Chapter 864 has been approved by EAA to award a Ray Scholarship for 2024! We are working on the application and plan to have it available at the March meeting. Great job, Jan & Randy McKee!
- Our chapter is working on starting a VMC/IMC continuous education program as prescribed through the EAA. More to come on this topic.

### News

- Lewis & Clark College will have a Private Pilot Ground School course, 4 March-3 June, 2024. Contact Becky Moore at 618-468-5701 for info.

Meeting adjourned at 2050, see you at next month's regularly scheduled meeting. Safe flying, everyone!



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## Important Notes

Click on this link to access our chapter's online resources: <https://bit.ly/eaachapter864>

## Piston Aviation: The Vision for St. Louis Regional Airport

