

Thoughts Aloft~::~



EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

Banquet time

Sure enough, with the advent of springlike weather we can look forward to our annual feast away from the airport. This year, we are again at the Seven Lakes Golf Course for an evening of dining and smart talk. Things get underway about 6:00 pm with the attitude adjustment hour and this is followed about 7:00 with a buffet style meal in the lower level.

Oh, yeah, if you have never been to Seven Lakes before, it's just two miles south of Whitelaw and really easy to find.

This year we will have Troy Toelle as our guest speaker. Troy has been with EAA National at Oshkosh for a number of years now and maybe he can still remember that when he was pretty new to the organization he was also the speaker at one of our get togethers. At that time he entertained us with some slides of his earlier flying experiences. Maybe he's added to his collection since then.

The price is set at \$15 per person and this is always a fun event. Advance sign-up is requested so we will have some idea of how big a crowd we can expect so we can let the cooks know how many chickens to pluck.

Both Troy and 383 will be providing door prizes so be sure to show up and win a great prize. The odds sure beat Power-Ball!

To Dorf or not to Dorf?

As many of you know, the Manitowoc Symphony has hosted the German polka band Dorf Kapelle at the airport the past two years. Our EAA chapter has been involved selling food at the event, and it's been a nice fund raiser. This year, due to some internal changes, the symphony is not going to do it again. We were approached to see if we would like to take it over. It would mean more work for us, but it was a very profitable event. The band still has dates open in August, and Lakeshore Aviation would again let us use their hangar. Please bring your thoughts to the April meeting and let's make a decision. This would be the 3rd year for the concert, and there's still a lot of interest in the community.

R/C day at Manitowoc

The weather on Saturday, April 22nd just has to be good because we can't accept anything less for our first R/C day. It looks like we will have a good group of airplanes and pilots for the day and the chapter members can provide assistance to keep onlookers at a safe distance from the action.

Since this goes on from 8 – 5 there will be a need for help to cover various times of the day so that a handful of people don't have to work the full shift.

We can decide during our chapter meeting just what role the chapter will play in this event.

Young Eagles in May

Come Saturday, May 13th, we'll be introducing a new group of kids to the exciting world of flying with a trip over their hometown in a light airplane. For this we will need not only the kids, but planes and pilots to do the flying. Please volunteer if you can help.

383 THIS MONTH

- APR 4 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1930 hrs
- APR 12 WED EAA 383 meeting-1930 hrs
- APR 13 THU Airshow 2006 meeting-1830 hrs
Lakeshore Aviation
- APR 22 SAT Chapter banquet-Seven Lakes
- APR 27 THU Airshow 2006 meeting-1830 hrs
Lakeshore Aviation

All meetings are at the Chapter Clubhouse unless otherwise noted – Second Wednesday of each month

From the PRESIDENT -

Hello fellow EAA members...

Well, it looks like we've survived another Wisconsin winter. Things are finally starting to thaw out, and Easter's right around the corner. Glad to be thinking of warmer weather again.

Mark your calendars for a couple of chapter events this month...two of them on the same day. First, on Saturday, April 22nd, will be the first-ever Manitowoc Model R/C plane Day. This will run from 8am to 5pm, and the chapter hangar will be open for R/C model building classes, airplane hangar talking, etc. The details are still being worked out, but we'll need some volunteers to help the modelers. We'll also be promoting and signing up kids for our upcoming Young Eagles Day on Saturday, May 13th. (Please mark that date down too, as we'll need pilots as well as ramp volunteers.)

Don't forget to mark your calendars and make reservations for our annual dinner. This year it will be on Saturday, April 22nd at Seven Lakes Golf Course. Cocktails start at 6:00pm with dinner at 7:00. It will feature all-you-can-eat pizza, chicken and beef tips, along with stuffing, potatoes, rolls, veggies, milk & coffee all for the low price of \$15/person. We will even have some door prizes! We will be on the lower level, and our guest speaker will be EAA Chapter Field Administrator Troy Toelle. Troy has supported us in the past, sending membership recruiters and the Win-A-Plane over to us for the Airshow. Reservations are appreciated, there's a sign-up sheet at the clubhouse and also at Lakeshore Aviation.

Thunder on the Lakeshore, the "new" Airshow, is scheduled for June 3rd and 4th. Plenty of volunteers are still needed for both the chapter and the show itself. If you're interested and not signed up yet, contact me at 482-1650 or cdrumm@lakeshoreaviation.com.

Finally, EAA AirVenture is scheduled for July 24-July 30 this year. They are looking for help on 7 different Volunteer Work Weekends during May, June and July. In exchange for your time they offer free bunkhouse and meals, as well as some interesting Saturday night presentations on SpaceShipOne, aviation history and a Sonex Aircraft behind-the-scenes tour. Complete details are posted at the clubhouse, or contact Bruce Morton.

Happy Flying!

Curt

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Happy Easter!

EAA Chapter #383 meets regularly on the second Wednesday of each month in the Chapter clubhouse at Hangar #22 at the Manitowoc County Airport. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

-----Minutes-----

EAA CHAPTER 383 MEETING

March 8, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Curt Drumm. To begin with there was a short runway update, in which Curt detailed the schedule for the runway project. The project will begin with reconstruction of the intersection of the two runways. This will take about three weeks. When that is done, runway 7/25 will be reopened and will remain open. There's also a possibility of keeping the ILS operational allowing for circle to land approaches.

The date for the R/C day is April 22, which gives the chapter a good opportunity to sign kids up for Young Eagles flights. Pilots that can participate in this upcoming Young Eagles day, May 13, are asked to notify the chapter in order to get an accurate estimate of how many Young Eagles can be handled. Also on April 22nd will be the annual chapter banquet at 7 Lakes Golf Course, which will cost approximately \$15.

Next was the treasurers report prepared and given by Al Forner. He reported on our balance in the bank, and our recent expenses.

The chapter has been working with the West foundation to get funding to fix the leaking roof. It is likely that the chapter will receive a grant if the application is filled out satisfactorily. Members that can help are asked to help to research the amount of work and money put into the building, which is required to fill out the application.

The last new business was a discussion about events at the airport while it's under construction; a few included another R/C day and a skydiving class

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20, when the chapter enjoyed a presentation by Mr. Firman Balza, a Pearl Harbor survivor

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Wehner

Hangar prep

Dick Bronson would like to remind people that the airshow is coming up real fast. So fast, he suggests, that folks who have their own tools in the hangar to work on their projects think about starting to take them home lest they be tossed out during last minute hangar cleaning just before the show. Okay, this might be a

little early but it doesn't hurt to get ahead of the game instead of waiting until it's too late and things disappear.

Green T-hangar meeting

There will be a meeting of the green hangar owners on Wednesday before the chapter meeting to discuss insurance and other items. Originally scheduled for last month, the meeting was postponed for lack of information on the subjects to be discussed.

Plan to get together at the clubhouse at about 6:30 pm on Wednesday the 10th.

Aviation history

When Dick Bronson was interviewed by a reporter for the Lakeshore Chronicle he hoped it would generate a little interest among the community and provide information on some names he had acquired. These names were of Manitowoc County service personnel who had served in the aviation end of their particular branch of the military.

Names are fine but the privacy act prevents anyone but a direct family member from getting any more information than that from government records. This places a distinct roadblock in the way of putting someone's name on a plaque to honor their service.

When the Chronicle article appeared on March 8th, Dick's phone started to ring off the wall. From the list of names he provided for the article there were plenty of relatives who were willing to come forward to fill in the blanks. Apparently word spread among family members, too, because he also got calls from all parts of the country as the days went by.

The article also prompted responses from people who came forward with photo albums and memorabilia, primarily from WWII, with lots of photos of B-17s and taken from B-17s.

All told, the write up definitely proved to be positive step in helping to complete Dick's look back at history.

Fly-in Breakfast

Green Bay EAA Chapter #651

Sunday, April 30

Nicolet Airport, Green Bay

8:30—11:00

Pancakes, porkies, orange juice, coffee,
milk and other goodies

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FBO CORNER-----

Things are back in swing at Lakeshore Aviation with the 150 and the 172 with fresh annuals. Flight training is clipping right along, and Seaplane season is about to start. If you're interested in getting your Seaplane rating, stop in and get all the details. Or, if you'd just like to see what it's all about, we offer a Discovery Flight in the Seaplane as well.

Always wanted to fly a tail dragger? Based on demand, we hope to put the Piper J-3 Cub back on line again this summer. It all depends on interest. The insurance is very expensive for a rental aircraft, so we need to generate at least 10 hours a month to keep it available for rental. If you're interested, please sign up on the sheet at the FBO. If there's enough interest, we'll have it available. If not, we probably won't. It's just a matter of trying to cover the insurance bill.

Dennis Goodwin, our new mechanic, has been busy since he started full time last month, and there's been no lack of work. If you've got an annual coming up, you might think about scheduling it in advance to get a slot in the schedule. As a special offer, we are now offering a \$100 discount coupon off any annual inspection. You'll be getting them in the mail, or stop in and pick one up at the FBO.

Fuel prices continue to vary wildly. They were up for quite a while, and then took a dive down, now they're climbing back up rapidly. No telling where they'll end up, but at least fuel is in ample supply. The sad part is that all of aviation fuels, including jet that the airlines burn, is only a few percent of the total US production, and pretty low on the refineries list of priorities. It's a hassle for them, so they charge a premium for it. Just a little info tidbit...Avgas follows the trend on auto gas; Jet fuel follows home heating oil. Just in case you were wondering.

As always, thank you for your business. We appreciate each and every customer.
The staff and management of Lakeshore Aviation.