

Thoughts Aloft~::~



EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

This month's speaker

EAA would like to welcome Dr. Richard Klassen to Manitowoc. He is the newest Aviation Medical Examiner (AME) in the area, replacing Dr. Pfaffenbach, who recently retired. If you need to renew your medical, he's the only FAA-Approved AME in town, although many travel to other locations for their exams.

Dr. Klassen will be our guest speaker at this month's EAA 383 monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 10th. He practices in the Work Health Options area of Holy Family Memorial Hospital. Although he's not a pilot, he has a great interest in aviation. He'll be at our meeting to give us a little background of his life, his practices in medicine, and talk about what it was like to go through "Medical Examiner School" with the FAA. If you think we have to jump through hoops, come and listen to what an MD has to do to get certified to give FAA Medical Exams. For an appointment, contact HFM's Lakeshore Family Medicine at the new Harbortown clinic on Calumet Avenue. His phone number is 320-4500

Speaking of Doctors, don't miss the opportunity to meet Dr. Guy Baldwin at this year's Manitowoc

Airshow, *Thunder on the Lakeshore*. "Doc" Baldwin will be performing for the third time here at our show, and travels the country promoting the Make A Wish Foundation, which grants special wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions. He is also a Senior AME in Tulsa, OK (he also has a family medical practice) and is on EAA's Aviation Medical Advisory Board in Oshkosh, assisting EAA on significant medical issues. "Doc" Baldwin is sponsored by Holy Family Memorial. Don't miss him!

Young Eagles Saturday

On Saturday, May 13th we will be hosting another Young Eagles rally. Right now Paul Biegun is looking for pilots and a little help on the ground as well for loading and unloading passengers. If you can't make it to the meeting to volunteer, call Paul at 920-553-1607.

Green Hangar owners to meet

After a few months of postponements, it looks like we may actually have a meeting just before the Chapter meeting on Wednesday, May 10th. This one will be held at 6:30 at the Chapter Clubhouse.

This month's fly-out

Fly-out Director Gary has selected Waupaca as this month's destination. Turns out they are having a real nice pancake breakfast there on Saturday, May 20th. If you have a hankering for a few flapjacks this is the place to be.

Next Chapter meeting

Following longstanding tradition, our next meeting will be held earlier than usual to prepare for our activities for the airshow. This means that our June meeting will be held on May 31. Any last minute plans can be put in place and we can be ready to serve fabulous pancakes to our adoring fans.

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- MAY 2 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1930 hrs
- MAY 10 WED EAA 383 meeting 1930 hrs
- MAY 13 SAT Young Eagles flights 0800-1200 hrs
- MAY 20 SAT Fly-out--Waupaca
- MAY 31 WED EAA 383 meeting 1930 hrs

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

From the PRESIDENT -

They come in all shapes and sizes. Some are plain white sheets of paper, just photocopied and mailed out. Others have shiny full color graphics on them. Some are big, some are small. What are they? They're the annual signs of springtime flying in Wisconsin....the stack of invitations from fellow aviators around the state luring you to their local airport event. Fly-In's, cookouts, brat fry's, airshows, pancake breakfasts. They're all part of the fun we enjoy called "flying".

Our chapter already participated in the first one here in Manitowoc, the Model RC Airplane Fly-In a couple weeks ago. A bunch of us headed to Sun 'n Fun before that. Now we've got a Young Eagles event coming up. Then the Airshow. Oshkosh. The Dorf Kapelle Polka Concert. And in between all the events we're involved with as a local EAA chapter, think of the countless times we'll jump in our planes and visit other airports and chapters, visiting *their* events. Just think of all the pancakes consumed across the country!

The point of all this is that we, as American pilots, can enjoy the freedom of the sport we love. Sure, we have to follow all the rules and regulations, and sometimes we feel they're a little restrictive, but generally, we have the freedom to jump in our planes and go just about anywhere we want in the US, maybe even the world. Unless you've visited other countries, you can't believe how great we have it. Sure, we're paying higher gas prices than we'd all like to now, but the cost of energy is a global issue and everyone's in it together. We're just catching up to what other countries have been paying for years.

So the bottom line is to get out and enjoy the hobby, the passion, the freedom that we all share. Take a friend for a flight. Bring someone along who's never been in a "little airplane". Let them take the controls (if you're comfortable) and experience the joy of pointing the plane into the sky and seeing it react. Take a trip somewhere you've never been just for the heck of it. But get out and enjoy flying...it's the one thing we all share in common.

Happy Flying!

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Happy Mother's Day!

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

April 12, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the vice-president Julie Hartlaub at 7:30. The first order of business was a brief treasurer's report prepared by Al Forner. He reported that the only expenses were our regular utility bills.

The next things discussed were upcoming events which include the R/C day on April 22, and the annual banquet held at 7-Lakes that will also be on that date. The next chapter event will be the Young Eagles day scheduled for May 13th from 8-12 in the morning.

The membership also decided that we would have the Dorf Kapelle back this year under chapter sponsorship. Because the symphony won't be in charge of this event this year, the chapter will be in charge of advertising and ticket sales, but will also profit from the event greatly.

Next it was decided that the chapter should invest in new cabinets for the kitchen alongside the stove.

Last was a runway construction report in which Mr. Benke said that the county received all of the funding for the project, with extra money to install all new runway lights.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Wehner

The new guy

Sergeant Joe Friday used to say: "Just the facts ma'am, just the facts." That being the case, this is not a commercial, but a report on the mechanical condition of Archer 47622 since Dennis Goodwin arrived at Lakeshore Aviation as the new aircraft mechanic.

We'll go back over six months when 47622 became difficult to start. We tried everything including laxatives and adding Marvel Mystery oil to the fuel and crankcase. Nothing worked until Dennis quickly spotted a broken primer line leading to a bottom cylinder. A quick inexpensive fix and the engine is again easily started.

Let's go back over two years where we have been looking for a nagging oil leak. As you know, a shot glass of oil can make a substantial mess in an airplane.

Dennis washed the engine and promptly found that a push rod tube was not properly seated. The leak is gone!

Let's go back to last weekend: The damn landing light quit. Like Superman, Dennis arrived on the scene to point out that a wire had chafed itself on some sheet metal, a circuit breaker popped and we were using a 24 volt bulb in a 12 volt system. The landing light again brightens our world.

No, this is not a commercial. Draw your own conclusions. I, for one, feel we have a winner here.

Dan, Mark, Lee and Leon
Owners of Archer 47622

First R/C day

April 22nd turned out to be a busy day for the chapter. Manitowoc's first R/C day started out with a light drizzle in the morning that had a nagging ability to last on-and-off all day long. Nonetheless, there were a goodly number of staunch R/C enthusiasts who showed up and flew their creations for an appreciative audience.

In the morning chapter members fed coffee and donuts to the folks who could stand a little warming drink and a snack. At noontime, brats and burgers were on the menu from grills manned by volunteers from the airshow committee.

The weather did cooperate in some small measure in that at least the steady rain held off until late afternoon when all the flying was over and the planes were being packed up.

In all, the event can be considered a success and it's likely that other R/C days will be scheduled in the future.

Chapter banquet

Aside from an R/C demonstration, April 22nd was also the date of our annual banquet again held at 7 Lakes Golf Course. After a delicious buffet style meal, Curt had the privilege of introducing Troy Toelle from EAA National Headquarters who spoke to us about matters EAA.

Following the talk, door prizes were awarded to many of the lucky folks present at the dinner.

"Thunder on the Lakeshore"

Yes, the airshow is coming up real fast. It's time to think about cleaning up the hangar so that everything won't be left until the last minute. Here's your chance to take home the tools and stuff you aren't using so it won't be in the way later.

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FBO CORNER-----

Things are in full swing at Lakeshore Aviation for the summer, at least until the runway gets closed down for reconstruction in June. Student training is busy, and we just finished up graduating another group of students from Private Pilot Ground School – Congratulations!

By now, you should have all received your first-ever, brand new Lakeshore Aviation newsletter, *Wing Tips*. It's chocked full of information, including a \$100-off coupon for your next annual inspection. Stop in and see mechanic Dennis Goodwin about getting your airplane up to snuff, whether it's an annual, just a minor repair... maybe some little thing that's been driving you nuts, or adding some new gadget or speed mod to your plane. Special thanks to LAI staffer Marybeth Rabideau for a great job putting the newsletter together!

Seaplane training is in full swing, too. If you've ever wanted to experience the thrill of landing on water, even just once, stop in and talk to Lakeshore's seaplane instructor, Curt Drumm. Curt will be glad to answer any questions you might have about training, rules and regs, or just seaplanes in general. He has complete information about seaplane training on his website, www.seaplaneflying.com.