

Thoughts Aloft~::~



EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

Runway reopens!!

Runway 17/35 has finally reopened after three months of complete reconstruction. Thanks to good weather and everything else going right, the project came in about three weeks ahead of schedule—something pretty rare in the construction business.

Thanks to the efforts of a lot of dedicated workers we now have a beautiful new runway and jet traffic can once again resume operations.

A proper aerial ribbon cutting by Bob Post in his Pitts officially opened the runway to use at noon on Thursday, September 7th. A host of dignitaries witnessed the event and later enjoyed a lunch provided by Lakeshore Aviation. Manitowoc Company's Citation Bravo returned to the field in the afternoon signaling resumption of their operations from home base. It's good to have a fully operational airport again!

Dorf Kapelle

Well, after a certain amount of concern about advance ticket sales and weather worries we did manage to pull it off. As a first time effort to carry the



September 5th. Two days until opening and the numbers are being painted on the runway.

full load of a project like this from start to finish I'd say we did fairly well but now it's time to check the final tally and see if our efforts really paid off. Hopefully we'll have a pretty good rundown of income and expenses at our next chapter meeting. Sure, it was a great show, but we still have to balance that against the amount of work that goes into making it all come together.

Corn roast

September. That means that Larry Gerroll will be the man of the hour as he provides us all with fresh corn on the cob for our meeting. Always a crowd pleaser, this usually gets a us a good turnout for the meeting. **This also means that we will start at 1800 hrs instead of the usual 1930 hrs!**

So, be sure to show up hungry!

Upcoming elections

Election of officers for the next two years will be held in November and nominations for positions will be open in September and October. Now is your chance if you would like to become involved in chapter business.

383 THIS MONTH

SEP 5 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1930 hrs
SEP 13 WED EAA 383 meeting-1800 hrs

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

From the PRESIDENT -

Adios Summer, Welcome Fall!

Summer activities are winding down, kids are back in school and the air is just a little cooler than it was, so fall is on the way. Although it's the end of some things, it's just the beginning of some great flying weather, and great scenery to go with it. What a perfect time to take someone for their first airplane ride...out to look at the fall colors on a sunny afternoon. Hope you all consider the chance to take someone along who hasn't enjoyed life from the air before.

The biggest news on the airport is the completion of the Runway 17/35 reconstruction project. It officially opened last Thursday noon with an Airshow-style ribbon-cutting ceremony and the arrival of the first business jets. After three long months, it sure is great to see things back to normal. Cross-wind Gary will even have runway 7/25 back to himself! I would like to publicly thank the Highway Department and all the crews that worked on the project for a very good, on-time job. Three months and two days for a project that they thought could take up to 4 months. Good job, guys, it sure looks good!

Our chapter activities are also winding down, although we still have a number of things coming up. First, our first solo presentation of the Dorf Kapelle Polka Band last month appears to have been a success, we'll have a complete financial recap at the next chapter meeting. Is there an encore performance in the future for 2007? Only time will tell. Our next major event is the Antique Airplane and Auto fly-in in October. OK, so the cars won't fly in, but it's a mid-day event with lunch being served. I will make our 3-Amigo's award-winning Nesco chili again, and if we're lucky, Julie Hartlaub will compliment that with her great chicken soup. Volunteers will be needed, so mark your calendar. If you know anyone with an antique car or airplane, invite them down!

Chapter elections are also coming up, and all the offices are open. Nominations will be accepted at the September and October meetings, then the elections will be held in November. Please feel free to step forward and help out the chapter. There's not a lot of work involved, and it's a chance to help out in a bigger way. Hope to see some good names on the ballot!

Finally, congratulations to Lynn Vandevort for completion of his new Just Aircraft Light Sport plane. He's spent countless hours working in western Wisconsin on the project, and is just about done flying off his certification hours. He hopes to have it on Amphibious floats this fall yet, then take it down to Florida for the winter. Congratulations, Lynn!

Best Wishes for some Happy Fall Flying!

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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

August 9, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 by chapter president Curt Drumm. The first point of business was the treasurer's report presented by Al Forner. In the report were the totals for the air show. After all the bills were paid there was a total of \$3680 in the checking account. Other money brought in this month included donations from companies sponsoring the Dorf Kapelle. The companies and their donations were: Ace Hardware and Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry, \$150; 1st National Bank and Hendricks beverage, \$100; Johnsonville, 500 brats.

Next was a talk from Joy Duono whose son is attending the Air Force Academy.. She told the chapter about a ball that the Academy Parents Association throws every year for the cadets. The Organization wants the money so that it can be free for the cadets. The chapter voted to donate \$100.

The runway project is 2-3 three weeks ahead of schedule, with a possibility of it being open by early September. After 17-35 opens, 7-25 will close for 10-14 days to allow traffic from a road project to get through.

The last order of business before the Dorf Kapelle was discussed was the antiquer's fly-in. It will be held on Oct. 15. As usual, the chapter will provide lunch. Right now the chapter needs to advertise and contact a local antique car club to invite to the event.

The Dorf Kapelle will be coming August 19th to the Lakeshore Aviation hangar. At the meeting the final details were discussed and planned. The publicity was well taken care of with ads in the Lakeshore Chronicle, the Herald Times, and local radio. The food was also planned at the meeting with Gary in charge of it. Most of the amounts and types of food to get were decided based on figures from last year's event, and the number of tickets sold to date. The first choice for desserts was homemade, with options such as desserts made by Uniquely Yours if enough homemade desserts were not available. The last details discussed were about what help would be needed the night of. These people include someone outside to sell tickets, someone inside to take them, and at least two people outside to take parking money. In order to consider the last minute details there will also be a small meeting on the 17th.

Last on the agenda was planning a fly-out to Superior to visit the Bong museum. Only preliminary details were discussed, with a tentative date of Oct. 7.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Wehner

Antiquers to visit in October

Once again the Midwest Antique Club will hold their October meeting in Manitowoc. This will take place on Sunday, October 15th. This is a lunch type of meeting and usually runs from about 10:30 until maybe 2:00.

For the last couple of years we've also invited local antique car owners to come to the airport and put their cars on display. This turns out to be a good chance to get together with old friends from the area and share a meal and a lot of conversation. It's also a good chance to get some pictures of old airplanes and cars, too.

Bong museum anyone?

For a while now Dick Bronson has been trying to put together a fly-out to Superior WI to visit the Richard Bong museum. After some folks showed interest in such a project at our last meeting, a tentative fly-out date of Saturday, October 7th was proposed. Now, it's a matter of getting firm commitments from pilots and passengers to get this idea off the ground (literally).

You can depend on hearing more about this during the course of our meeting on Wednesday night.

Nicolet airport fly-in

EAA Chapter 651 of Green Bay is putting on their 16th annual fly-in on Sunday, September 17th with a start time of 10:00 a.m. Burgers and brats become the specialty items from 12:00 'til 1:00.

Chapter 651 always puts on a nice spread and it's worth the trip. But then, the trip may take all of 10 minutes from Manitowoc. Can't find Nicolet? Ask one of the old timers for landmarks to go by for guidance.

Grand opening picnic

Come Saturday, September 16th Lakeshore Aviation is throwing a runway reconstruction grand opening celebration. Brats, burgers and more are on the menu from 10 – 2. Stop out and join the fun!

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FBO CORNER-----

Despite the runway closure, private pilot flight training is at an all-time high at Lakeshore Aviation. Instructors Jim Wheeler and Leon Sigman can't remember being busier, and there's a great variety of students, ranging from high school students to medical doctors. Chapter 383 secretary Kevin Wehner started taking lessons and is doing a great job. Manitowoc's new Deputy Fire Chief, Tyronza Snowden is also spending a lot of time in the left seat.

We'd like to take time to congratulate our three newest private pilots on the field, Mark Riesterer, Kurt Evenson and Tony Tollefson. All three passed their checkrides with flying colors and are now building hours and enjoying flying all over the place. Chris Rusch also received his commercial rating. Congratulations guys, good job!

Instructor Curt Drumm also reports a very busy seaplane instructing season. As the only full-time seaplane school in the state, he's had students from literally all over the world. There were three from England, one from Germany, four from upstate New York, as well as Colorado (where seaplanes are not allowed!), Washington state, Illinois, Michigan and others. Float flying and instruction continue until October 31st, so there's still time for flying if you're interested.

Our next Private Pilot Ground School is starting Sept. 19th, and there's still plenty of room left for new students. There's a sign-up sheet at the FBO. We follow the traditional 8-week course plan, Tuesday evenings from 6:30 until 9pm. The class culminates with a field trip to Green Bay to tour Flight Service (before they move it out) along with GRB tower and Approach Control. It's a real opportunity to see how it all works from "the inside", and this time the tour will be open to the rest of the flying community. Watch for details, but it will likely be sometime mid-November. There will be a sign-up sheet in the FBO.

For more information on any of these programs, call 920-682-0043 or log on to www.lakeshoreaviation.com.

