

Thoughts Aloft~::~



EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

Antiquer's this weekend

Sunday, October 15th is the third Sunday of October. This means that the Midwest Antique Club will be visiting our airport for their monthly meeting.

They usually begin showing up about 11 or so for their noontime luncheon meeting. After the meeting they like to stand around for a while to swap stories and renew old friendships and are generally on their way home by about 2 in the afternoon.

We like to make them feel welcome and serve a nice lunch for our guests as well as our own chapter members.

For the last couple of years we have also included local antique car enthusiasts who come out to exhibit their prize possessions for the fly-in pilots to enjoy.

This year Curt will be preparing his great tasting chili and Julie will be fixing her tasty chicken soup. If things are anything like previous years, hot soup will go well on a cool fall day!

Soup not enough? Well, Gary will also be working up some burgers and brats. Nobody will go away hungry.

Chapter members are encouraged to show up a little earlier in the morning to set up tables and chairs for the lunch/meeting and generally get things set for our visitors.

Don't forget to bring your camera to get some pictures of great old airplanes and cars.



Doug Rohde's latest flying machine!

Along about the first of October, Doug Rohde unloaded a whole bunch of parts from his truck and over the next few days proceeded to turn it into an airplane in the chapter hangar. What you see above is the result.

This is an M-Squared Sprint 1000 powered by a 100 hp Rotax 912s. It is fitted with a set of 1650 Full Lotus floats and features a fully retractable tricycle gear for operating from dry land.

So far, he has only taxi tested the plane but it should be in the air in the near future.

An interesting feature of this plane is the stainless steel structure around the "cockpit?" for strength and corrosion resistance.

383 THIS MONTH

- OCT 2 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1930 hrs
- OCT 11 WED EAA 383 meeting-1930 hrs
- OCT 15 SUN Midwest Antique Club-1100—1400 hrs

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

From the PRESIDENT -

Fall is finally upon us, the temperatures are getting cooler and the leaves are changing. Up north, they're already mostly down. Great time to take someone up for a ride...let them see the colors from the air. It's a great way to share your enthusiasm for flying!

Chapter elections are upon us, and here's your chance to get involved with helping the chapter run. I've had the honor of being chapter president the past two years, but I'm inclined to step aside and let someone else have a shot at their vision of what the chapter can be. It doesn't take a lot of time, but it can be very rewarding. I'm willing to continue to help with special events and fundraisers, but maybe it's time to give someone else a shot. Nominations can be made at this month's meeting. Elections are in November. I hope we get some enthusiastic folks stepping up to the plate.

Next Sunday is our fall "Antiquer's Day". We'll need some help in the kitchen, and also with general setup and cleanup. It's a nice event, with members of the Midwest Antique Aircraft Club (MAC) coming in their planes, and antique cars invited as well. Things get rolling around 11am, and it's open to the public. Last year we had quite a showing, and the long-range weather forecast for Sunday is great....sunny and temps in the 50's. Pass the word to your friends, and anyone you know with an old car, to attend. I'll be making a batch of award-winning Nesco Chili, and Julie will be making her famous chicken soup. Gary will have burgers and brats. Perfect cookout for a fall afternoon.

Hope to see you all at the next chapter meeting, and at the antique fly-in.

Curt

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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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

September 13, 2006

President Curt Drumm called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Al Forner gave a treasurer's report stating that the checking account has a balance of \$5250.59. He told us about the pancake breakfast sales from the airshow weekend. In 2005 we made about \$2750 in profit and in 2006 it was a lot less,, just around \$1775, but the final results are not in yet.

Dorf Kapelle resulted in a profit to the chapter of \$1065. This includes ticket sales, desserts and food sales.

On October 7th we are planning a fly-out to the Bong museum in Superior WI.

October 15th is lunch with the antiquer's with antique car owners also invited to attend.

On October 14th the Wisconsin Chapter of 99's (Women Pilots) will be painting a compass rose on the ramp in front of the flag pole and observation area. Anyone wishing to help with the paint is welcome!

Reminder—September and October meetings are for nominating new officers. If you have someone in mind, please nominate them at the next meeting.

We received a thank you note from Joy Dueno for our donation to the Air Force Cadet Christmas Ball.

Al Forner received a letter from Johnsonville asking for a donation to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. A motion was passed for the chapter to donate \$100. It seems only fair, since Johnsonville donated brats for our Dorf get together.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hartlaub
Acting Secretary

Elections next month

Two years have rolled by since our last elections so it's time to consider nominations for officers for the next two years.

If you have an interest in being an officer in the club, now is your time to throw your hat into the ring for consideration. None of the Jobs are all that difficult or time consuming and it is of great benefit to the chapter to have more members involved in the workings of the

organization. Here's your chance to make a difference so why not give it a shot.

Can't visualize yourself as an officer? Think of somebody who can and put their name in for consideration.

Nominations are open this month and will be open next month up until we cast our votes.

Bong museum visit

The proposed trip to Bong scheduled for October 7th didn't quite get off the ground. Apparently too many people had other things going on that day so this venture will have to be put on the back burner for a while. Maybe something can be put together for next spring.



Our September corn roast meeting. There's more than just corn on the cob on the menu!

Corn anyone?

As usual, our September meeting enjoyed a great turnout. Can it be the abundance of good food?

A lot of years ago Larry Gerroll decided it would be nice to have some fresh corn on the cob at our chapter meeting since the corn crop was at its peak. Well, he brought his corn cooking setup to the meeting and made good on the offer. Thus was born the September meeting tradition that we have held him to ever since.

Like most traditions, it has expanded on fairly humble beginnings and grown to be something everybody looks forward to at the end of a hot summer.

Keep 'em flying!

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FBO CORNER----

Fall's a great time for flying, and the flight school has never been busier. We have 9 people in the current ground school. If you're interested, it's not too late to join and catch up...just give us a call.

One more month of seaplane training left, now with a brand new engine. It's amazing how maintenance things can sneak up on you when you least expect them. The seaplane was running just fine, yet we previously had found some small particles of metal in the oil filter when we inspected them. Oil analysis came up clean, though. Then on the last inspection, we just found too much metal, so it was time for an overhaul. The engine had almost 1900 hours, so it wasn't a total shock.

I can't say enough, though, about the service from the folks at Poplar Grove Airmotive, the folks who did the overhaul. Their turn-around time was very fair, better than anyone else's and their price was competitive, too. Brand new cylinders and pistons, overhauled components and accessories and a very knowledgeable and experienced staff. They found a few "gotcha's" too, things that could have caused us grief that we didn't even know about. If you ever need engine work, the folks at Poplar Grove do a great job, whether it's a little job or something larger. They're just outside of Chicago, so transportation back and forth isn't too bad.

I guess the bottom line is that maintenance issues can come up at unexpected times. There has been a lot of talk around the field about mechanics, and what has to be fixed and what doesn't. It's always been my firm belief that I'd rather find out about a potential problem on the ground, not in the air. "It's always better to be on the ground wishing you were up there, than in the air wishing you were on the ground." Good professional maintenance is always important, for your safety and for the resale value of your plane.

If you have any questions about flight training, maintenance or business travel by air, just stop in or call, we'd be glad to help you.

Curt Drumm, Lakeshore Aviation

