

# Thoughts Aloft~::~



## EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

### Antiquer's visit

Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> turned out to be another cool, crisp fall day for us to host the Midwest Antique Club's monthly meeting. With a light westerly breeze it was comfortable enough to leave the hangar door open through the lunch period so the diners would still have a view of the flight line activities while they ate. And ate they did. Everything that we prepared was consumed by the end of the visit including all the brats and burgers that were made "just in case we needed more than we originally planned".

By any measure it was a success with a good showing of old airplanes and more antique cars than we've had in the past. Since the local paper also did a little advance writeup about the event, a lot of local people stopped out to take a look at the the old planes and cars.

By 2:00 in the afternoon things were pretty well wrapped up—chairs were folded and stacked, tables were put away, garbage was collected and we could close the hangar door on another successful chapter event.

I suspect we'll do it all over again next year.



October 15<sup>th</sup>. A little bit cool but lots of great old planes and cars to look at.

### Elections this month

That's right, two years have gone by and now it's time to elect officers for the next two years. Nominations have been open for the last two meetings and here's the list so far:

- President—Karl Meyer
- Vice President—Mel Otto
- Secretary—Kevin Wehner
- Treasurer—Laura Braunel

Other candidates can be nominated from the floor up until we have the vote so don't hesitate to speak up if you have someone else in mind who would make a good officer. How about you?

### Christmas pot luck next month

Time sure flies. It's only one more month until Christmas so get ready for our annual get together!

**383 THIS MONTH**

NOV 7	TUE	Nagirroc Flyers-1930 hrs
NOV 8	WED	EAA 383 meeting-1930 hrs

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

## *From the PRESIDENT -*

Fall is in the air, the leaves have fallen and gusty winds come and go. It's all part of the ever-changing cycle of weather we all live with. Some of us are getting ready for the winter, looking forward to those cold long winter nights snuggled in front of the crackling fireplace, others are packing things up to head south for the winter. Whatever the case may be, it's time for a change.

And that also brings about a change in our flying habits. Shorter days mean more night-time hours for some, colder cockpits for others or just storing things away until next spring. But for others, there's the thrill of great cold-weather performance and the excitement of flying over a beautiful snow-covered landscape. Whatever your scenario, make sure you're prepared for it... warmer clothing, that long extension cord to plug in the engine.

There's also a change in a new slate of officers for the chapter. Elections are coming up this next meeting, so make sure you attend. A new slate of officers has stepped forward for take their shot at a 2-year term and we wish them well.

Best wishes also go out to Dick and Elaine Bronson. In case you hadn't heard, our long-time EAA 383 chapter member, Dick, had a stroke a week ago and is in recovery. Our thoughts and prayers are with him for a speedy recovery. Thoughts of his smile, snow white hair and tireless efforts to help members and the chapter are all still fresh in our minds. Please take a moment to drop him a line or say HI. I'm sure he and Elaine will appreciate it.

Finally, don't forget to mark your calendar for next month's meeting, our annual Christmas Party. It's on our usual meeting night, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday (December 13<sup>th</sup>), but we'll be meeting an hour earlier (at 6:30 pm) for fun and merriment. It's a BYO party, so please bring a dish to pass and anything special you like to drink. We hope to see you all there!

Until then, Happy Thanksgiving, and blue skies!

*Curt*

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# Happy Thanksgiving!

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

October 11, 2006

The meeting was called to order by the Chapter President Curt Drumm at 7:30. The first order of business was the approval of the September minutes.

Next was the reading of the faxed treasurer's report, prepared by Al Forner. In summary, there is \$9475 in the chapter's accounts.

A moment of silence was held for Doc Baldwin. Doc Baldwin was a very accomplished aerobatic pilot who has performed at the Manitowoc air show many times. A motion was made and upheld to send his family a card with our condolences.

The chapter discussed the recent crash of a small GA aircraft piloted by an MLB player and his flight instructor into a building in New York City, and the negative repercussions that it imposes on general aviation.

Our annual antiquers lunch is scheduled for Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup>. The event is to be opened to the public along with the lunch. The possibility of having to cook off field was also discussed because of possible new health department rules.

The 99's, a group that promotes women in aviation, will be painting a compass rose on the ramp this Friday, the 13<sup>th</sup>, and Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. They ask for volunteers to be there by 8am both days. The membership moved that they would have no objections to allowing the 99's to use the clubhouse during the painting project

This year, the Christmas party will be held at the December meeting, at 6:30, 1 hour before the normal meeting time. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to pass.

With this term coming to an end, elections will be held very soon. Nominations were held for all officer positions. The nominees for each position are:

President: Karl Meyer  
Vice President: Mel Otto  
Treasurer: Laura Braunel  
Secretary: Kevin Wehner

Lastly, it was announced that the Rahr West grant application is nearing completion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Wehner

## Compass rose project

Something that's been in the works for a while now is a project put forward by Julie Hartlaub as a member of the 99's. If you have been in aviation for a while you will recognize the 99's as a women pilot's organization that has been around for a good many years but hasn't had a real presence in the local area. That's about to change with the painting of a compass rose on our ramp as their signature logo. After clearing the project with



Painting's done. Time to remove the masking tape.

the powers that be, the painting was accomplished on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

Hot coffee and doughnuts in the clubhouse fortified the workers against the late fall chill (the temperature did manage to break 40 by noon) and a beautiful light blue and white compass rose was in place by afternoon. The group then decided that the "99's" in the center of the rose could wait until spring to be painted. Sounds like a sensible plan.

## Dick Bronson hospitalized

I'm sorry to report that Dick suffered a stroke on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> while at home. After spending a few days at the local Aurora hospital he was moved to Aurora Bay Care in Green Bay where he is now in the inpatient rehab unit for therapy (room 304).

We all wish him well for a speedy recovery.

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## FBO CORNER-----

Business at Lakeshore Aviation has been busy, with a whole new batch of student pilots coming up through the ranks. There are student solos almost every day, and a number of them have passed their written exams. (Jim and Leon say they've never been this busy!) Good luck to the whole bunch of them!

There's a brand new airplane on the field for rent and instruction. It's a Diamond DA-20. It's an all-composite 2-seater built in Germany with incredible performance. Two people and full fuel and we were climbing out at 1000' per minute on takeoff. Add the newest electronics, including a Garmin 430 GPS, and you've got a sleek little sports-car of an airplane to cruise around in. It's got a glass-bubble-like canopy for incredible visibility, and it's incredibly stingy on fuel...they advertise 138 knots at 5-1/2 gallons per hour.

For those looking for a fun plane to fly, you won't be disappointed. If you've been looking for your chance to sharpen up your instrument skills and learn GPS approaches here's your chance. We shot a number of practice approaches the other day and it was amazing to watch the GPS draw the entire operation out for you in color... right before your eyes. What fun!

The maintenance department also continues to be busy, with a variety of different planes coming through from both on and off the field. Stop in and see Dennis Goodwin with any questions you might have. He's got some great experience on most single and multi engine piston aircraft, and can even do some pretty amazing stuff with a Gulfstream if you've got one.

From the staff at Lakeshore Aviation, we all wish you a happy Thanksgiving!

