

Thoughts Aloft~::~



EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

Christmas party!

Once again December has rolled around and Christmas is nigh. It just doesn't seem like it should be here so soon. But it's a fact, and to make the best of it, we'll have our annual potluck dinner to celebrate the season.

As we have for more than three decades now, we will start off the festivities by gathering at the hangar at 1800 hrs (that's 6:00pm) instead of our usual meeting time of 1930 hrs.

It's time to put up the tree, hang the decorations and get the tables ready to serve a bunch of hungry folks. Somehow, this meeting is the one that always gets the best showing of all our Chapter events.

So, put together your favorite dish to pass and come out to enjoy an evening of food and fun at Hangar 22.

The weather forecast promises warmish temperatures for the day so there should be no natural forces against a good turnout for the big event.

*Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New
Year!*

**Don't forget,
it starts at
6:00 p.m.!**

Election results

Last month we elected officers to serve the Chapter for the next two years.

The outgoing officers deserve a round of thanks for their dedication and willingness to serve our members for the last two years. Their efforts do not go unnoticed and we commend them for their leadership.

The proposed slate was elected by unanimous vote and consists of the following:

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

Our best wishes for successful tenure go out to all of our new leaders.

383 THIS MONTH

- DEC 5 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1930 hrs
- DEC 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 -

My, how time flies! One day, it's nice and warm out, and the next, it's near zero! And with the change in weather, brings the change of watch for our EAA Chapter 383. It's hard to believe that I and the current chapter leaders took office almost two

years ago, and now it's time for a change. Time to let those with some new ideas take over, try some new things and lead our group into its next chapter.

But as with any change, it's time to reflect on the accomplishments. We've participated in a few new events in the past two years, and continued on with some older ones. Annual activities now include not only helping with the Airshow and the hosting the Yak's during AirVenture, but welcoming antique car fans to join antique airplane collectors, a new-found participation in our airport polka dance and a number of other events. Most importantly, we've added an element of profitability to each of these dates. Each of them has helped improve the financial stability of the organization.

We've also seen the evolution of some new flight technology. Light Sport Airplanes are all over the place now, and we've already got a couple right here on our field. Very Light Jets (VLJ's) are about to take to the skies, more new technology that only existed in the minds of some only a few short years ago. Like the founders of EAA, many of these folks also had dreams, and through collaboration and new technology, have brought them to life.

So as we move ahead into a new year, I would like to make each of you a challenge, and that's to do something new in aviation yourself. Maybe it's not inventing new technology, but something simple. Take a friend for an airplane ride...maybe one of our new students at the airport. Go for a ride yourself in someone else's airplane you've never been in...just to try something new. Go to a new city for lunch, instead of the same place every month. Or maybe just bring someone out to the airport that's never been here before. It's amazing the number of people right here in town that don't have a clue what goes on at our airport.

And finally, to our new officers, good luck. Work on getting everyone involved in chapter activities. Sharing the workload not only makes it easier on everyone else, but also gives the new participant a chance to learn something new and meet a new group of friends. That's what it's all about, I believe. Sharing our love of flying with others that are interested.

Have a Merry Holiday Season, and a Happy New Year!

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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

November 8, 2006

No official minutes to report. However it should be noted that we did have an election and the results are reported elsewhere in this newsletter.



Dick Bronson update

Well, Dick has been moved from Aurora BayCare in Green Bay back to Manitowoc. He is presently at Rivers Bend which is the place just to the north of Fleet Farm on Rapids Road.

They're working him pretty hard with therapy but he is certainly able to see visitors. Stop in and say, "Hello" when you're in the area.

What's ahead for next year?

We've been sort of plugging along at a reasonable pace for a lot of years now but it's time to make an effort to get more younger members into the fold. This will make it easier for some of the old timers to hand off their duties to a younger person who can fulfill the same role. Just because someone has been doing the same job for a long time doesn't mean that they are averse to having a replacement in the wings. Let's try to interest others into joining our chapter and increasing our available talent pool for chapter events.

How about some ideas for new chapter projects? Is there something you would like to see as a chapter function? We are always looking for new ideas. How about some suggestions for programs at the meetings? Or, even better, is there something you could present as a program at a chapter meeting? A "How to" session is always well received.

Give it some thought, it seems that there are always ideas out there that could stand follow-up.

Something that is coming along is Airshow 2007. From December 4-7, President Curt was in Las Vegas (poor guy) at ICAS (International Council of Air Shows) lining up acts for our own Airshow 2007. It sounds like things went well and we should have a first class lineup of performers.

Dues due next month

Sure enough, January means that chapter dues are once again in focus. Your \$20 membership helps to keep the operation going for another year. Either pay at the meeting or send it to our Treasurer.

Make checks payable to EAA Chapter #383 and send to :

Treasurer EAA Chapter #383
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An' thank you for your support!



Thanks also to--

Green Bay Net. For designing and hosting our web site and assisting with all other things computer that get this newsletter up and running. And all for free.

Of course, they're our kids so they have to do something for the old folks. But, anyway, we do thank them.

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FBO CORNER----

Plenty of activity at Lakeshore Aviation, even for this time of the year. Seems everyone wants to get some year-end flying in, and a few are working on completing ratings. What a great Christmas present!

The Diamond DA-20 is turning into quite a popular airplane! Almost 10 pilots have been checked out in it, and they all seem to come back with a smile and "What a blast!" after flying it. If you haven't seen it yet, stop in and check it out. Fast, sleek, economical and fun...what else can you ask for

Lakeshore Aviation is now the newest David Clark retailer in the area. We have several models of DC headphones in stock, including their newest noise-cancelling X-11. It gives the Bose headset a run for the money, and costs about \$200 less. We also have more affordable models in stock, in both mono and stereo. We will meet or beat any advertised price...just bring in the ad and talk to Curt.

The Lakeshore Aviation hangar is also home to the newest airplane on the field, the Savage Cub...a new Czech-Republic built LSA airplane that was imported by Keith and Julie Hartlaub. It's so new it doesn't even have an airworthiness certificate or registration yet, but those are in process, and we hope to have that plane available for training and rental after January 1st. It's very similar to a Piper J-3 Cub, but brand new and modern. Stop in and check it out.

GIFT CERTIFICATES are available in any amount for your favorite pilot friend or "wanna be"pilot. They can be for a specific dollar amount if you want to help someone out with flight time or fuel, or for a Scenic Ride or Introductory Flight. Just stop in, we can print up a nice little certificate to give to that special someone.

Finally, a special "Thank You" to all our customers for you continued support and business. We are working very hard to serve all your needs in a fair and safe manner. If there's a service you'd like to see us add, just let us know. We're here to serve you.

Happy Holidays from the staff at Lakeshore Aviation!

