

# Thoughts Aloft~::~



## EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

### Christmas Party

As usual, our December potluck meeting drew a record crowd. The wide variety of great dishes had lots of members going back for seconds—and there was still plenty left. This is one meeting where everybody has a good time.

The weather was dry and not too cold so everybody came out without any travel worries.



### Happy New Year to All!

### New officers this month

Karl Meyer begins his two-year stint as President of Chapter 383 this month.

For those of you who don't know Karl, he is another of those retired airline drivers from way back. He used to work for an outfit called Eastern Airlines. Eastern is another one of those airlines that fell victim to a leveraged buyout scheme that ultimately sold off the parts of the company and liquidated the whole works. A sad end to Eddie Richenbacher's company, "the Great Silver Fleet".

Anyway, Karl Knows his way around big airplanes and small (747s down to Cubs) and he has been a longtime member of 383. In fact, he was strawboss for the construction of the green T-hangar a lot of years ago.

Until a couple of years ago he lived in Florida but now he has had enough of hurricanes and moved back to Two Rivers.

### Dues are due

The start of another year means that chapter dues are once again on the agenda. Our new Treasurer, Laura, will be happy to accept your \$20 at the next meeting. Can't make the meeting? She also accepts checks by mail:

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### 383 THIS MONTH

JAN 2 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1930 hrs  
JAN 10 WED EAA 383 meeting-1930 hrs

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

# *From the PRESIDENT -*

## Happy New Year!

With the beginning of the New Year it is time to review the chapter needs and projects. This list is just some of the chapter needs:

- 1) Recruit new members.
  - a) Open communications with local schools.
- 2) Finish hangar projects.
  - a) Kitchen
- 3) Get chapter bylaws in writing
- 4) Establish a builder's corner at monthly meetings with demonstration and hands on instruction.

Please bring your suggestions for the list to the January meeting.

### 2007 calendar

#### **January**

27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> EAA Sportsman Workshops

Composite construction, Electrical Systems & Avionics, Fabric covering, Gas welding, Intro to aircraft building, Sheet metal construction

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#### **February**

#### **March**

#### **April**

17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> Sun' n Fun Fly-In

#### **May**

#### **June**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Manitowoc Airshow 2007

#### **July**

23<sup>rd</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> EAA AirVenture Oshkosh

*Karl*

FAR question of the month:

FAR Part 61.57 Recent Flight Experience

Pilot in Command

- 1) How many takeoffs and landings in how many days do you need?
- 2) The difference between nose wheel and tail wheel TO & L requirements?
- 3) Number of night takeoffs and landings in number of days?
- 4) How can you become current?

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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

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by the chapter president Curt Drumm. First the minutes to last months meeting were corrected, then the minutes were approved. An announcement was made calling for pilots to volunteer their time to judge a Boy Scout paper airplane contest, and hand out awards. Other upcoming community events discussed included a rocket launch in Manitowoc all day Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup>.

Next was a status report given about Mr. Bronson, who is in the hospital in Green Bay. The chapter has sent flowers, and a card will be in the FBO to sign, that will be sent to Mr. Bronson shortly.

In new business, this spring chapter 383 will coordinate with the local boy scouts through the young eagle program, for a Boy Scout merit badge. Announced in new business was that our next meeting will be at 6:00, and will only consist of a party, so members are asked to bring a dish to pass. Nominations for upcoming elections were taken with nominees for all four positions, the nominees for each position are:

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

Elections were then held, and all nominees were elected unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted  
Kevin Wehner

**EAA CHAPTER 383 MEETING**

December 13, 2006

Since the December meeting was the occasion of our annual Christmas potluck, there was no business conducted.

**Savage Aircraft**

Former VP Julie Hartlaub and husband Keith are in the process of importing a new LSA brand of flying machine made in the Chech Republic by well known aircraft manufacturer, Zlin. It's known as the "Savage

Cruzer" and outwardly resembles a Cub although it is a bit smaller. It is Rotax powered (100 hp) and does have an electrical system so it features a starter and avionics. Julie expects FAA paperwork to be cleared up by next week and it should be in the air in the near future.

**Chapter Banquet**

Maybe it's time to give a little thought to a location for our annual chapter banquet. If we can come up with some possible choices early enough we will have a better chance of booking a night that will satisfy most of our members. Not only that, but the list of available places to go seems to shrink pretty fast as spring approaches. Something to think about.

**Edward "Ted" Fordney**

With regret, we mention the passing of Ted Fordney on December 26.

Ted was involved with aviation for many years and had been a chapter member for a time in years past. At one time he built an amphibious version of the Avid Flyer and had the not-yet-covered structure at the airport on display for one of our early Airport Day shows. He also housed his Piper Arrow in our hangar for a couple of years before finding a single hangar to rent.

Our sympathy goes out to Ted's wife, Mary, and the family.

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**Quiz answers**

- 1) 3 Takeoffs and landings within the preceding 90 days
- 2) Nose wheel airplane can be touch and go. Tail wheel airplanes each landing must be to a complete stop.
- 3) 3 takeoffs and landings to a complete stop within the preceding 90 days during night time (night time begins 1 hour after sunset and ends 1 hour before sunrise).
- 4) To be come current and comply with FAR Part 61.57(questions 1,2,3 above) a pilot can fly solo in a aircraft requiring one pilot:

Or--use a flight simulator of a FAR Part 142 approved flight school,

Or--Fly with a flight instructor

And the pilot must make a logbook entry if the task was accomplished as a solo flight, if the task was accomplished in a simulator or with a flight instructor, then the simulator instructor or flight instructor must make the logbook entry.

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## FBO CORNER-----

Lakeshore Aviation is proud to announce that we are now a David Clark headphone dealer, and have several models in stock. We're thrilled that we can meet OR BEAT any advertised price on them! Just stop in and take a look...ask for Curt, he's got his bargaining shoes on and ready to deal. Talk about a perfect gift idea for your favorite pilot. Prices starting under \$300, and we also have the newest X-11 Noise Cancelling headset in stock...performance as good as the Bose, but for \$200 less.

And speaking of a great deal, we're signing people up now for our winter/spring Private Pilot Ground School class. At \$99 for 9 weeks of class, it's a heck of a bargain. Just for kicks, we figured out that it comes out to a little more than \$4.00/hour for this class, taught by the best, most experienced instructors around. Some students and pilots from neighboring airports have realized what a gem we have in our two most experienced instructors, Jim Wheeler and Leon Sigman. We now have students coming here from Sheboygan and Green Bay, tired of the revolving-door flight instructors at some schools, and pleased with the "can-do" attitude here in Manitowoc.

Lakeshore Aviation is making a major commitment to Light Sport Pilot training and LSA aircraft. Our mechanic, Dennis Goodwin, is in the process of getting his approval as an FAA-approved Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR). A DAR is required to issue airworthiness certificates for LSA and Experimental aircraft, including all those that will be required to be relicensed in 2007. We are also in the process of becoming an authorized Rotax Service Center for engine repair. Perfect for all those LSA and experimental planes in the area.

On behalf of the Lakeshore Aviation staff, we would like to extend our condolences to Ted Fordney's family on his recent passing. Ted was a great friend of aviation, and had many wonderful years here at the Manitowoc airport. His untimely and unexpected death leave us all remembering many of the special times we had with him. As recently as just before Christmas, Ted was in our lobby with some of the other guys in a great round of hangar flying. Fair winds, Ted, we'll miss you.

2007 should prove to be an exciting year for General Aviation. We hope to be in the middle of it, offering more services, more types of aircraft and the best service around, all at competitive prices. If you have any suggestions or ideas, just let us know. Please stop in and see what's new. And don't forget the free donuts on Saturday mornings! Join us before the "fly out" breakfast club...everyone is welcome to join in!

