

Thoughts Aloft~::~



EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

This Month's meeting

Adam Smith, Curator of the EAA Museum at Oshkosh will be here to fill us in on happenings at the museum. He's bringing along a Power Point presentation so be prepared to watch and learn.

The meeting will begin at 7:00pm instead of the usual 7:30 so try to make it to the clubhouse on time.

Aviation Safety Seminar

On Saturday, April 14th, the Wisconsin DOT and Lakeshore Aviation will be presenting a seminar at the Lakeshore Aviation hangar beginning at 9:00 am.

Curt Drumm, Lakeshore Aviation, will present an **Overview of the New FAA Safety Program.**

Jeff Taylor, WisDOT, will then discuss **Current vs. Proficient.**

This promises to be an interesting and informative morning for any pilot and attendance at this seminar fulfills one of the requirements towards the Pilot Proficiency Awards Program.

The program is free of charge and snacks will be provided. That should encourage everybody to come on out.

CALENDAR

APR 3	TUE	Nagirroc Flyers-1930 hrs
APR 11	WED	EAA 383 meeting- <u>1900 hrs</u>
APR 14	SAT	Pilot Education program—Wis DOT and Lakeshore Aviation— at Lakeshore hangar-0900 hrs
APR 21	SAT	RC Fly-in, 0800 – 1700 hrs Manitowoc County airport
MAY 12	SAT	Chapter 383 fly-in breakfast 0730-1100 hrs

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

Oppose user fees!

Aviation user fees continue to make headlines as the FAA proposes to charge pilots for using radios to communicate with ATC, file flight plans, access the National Airspace System and buy fuel. Proposals include per-flight user fees and increasing fuel taxes for Avgas and Jet Fuel as much as 600%. All the aviation user groups are fighting it including EAA, AOPA, NBAA, etc.

Congressman Tom Petri will be holding a Town Hall meeting Thursday April 12th from 1:30 to 2:45 pm at the Two Rivers City Hall. Bill Webster and Curt Drumm are going to meet with the Congressman to express their opposition to these fees. If you would like to join them, please contact Curt at Lakeshore Aviation and let him know. If you don't have time, please sign the petition opposing these fees. It is at the front desk at the FBO, and will be there until next Thursday noon, when they will take it and a letter of opposition. If you would like to write your own letter, you can mail it or Curt and Bill will personally deliver it to him for you.

Please support this cause. It is deemed unnecessary by many, and will dramatically increase the cost of flying for all of us.

Reno Air Races anyone?

Don Kiel is trying to organize a trip to Reno for the September 15-17 air races. Estimated cost is about \$600 and would include air fare and five nights in the hotel. Don would like to get this organized very soon so he can make up the package deal by about the middle of April.

Check it out at www.airrace.org and you can call Don at 973-3345 for even more details.

From the PRESIDENT -

We are getting better flying weather in terms of temperature. Mel and I were out committing aviation on March 23. It was a beautiful morning with smooth air and you could see forever. We did the usual tour of Two Rivers and then followed the East Twin River out to Mishicot. From there we headed Northwest following highway 147 to the West Twin River and Hidden Valley Ski Area. Then we turned south along I-43 to check out our ground speed on the way back to MTW. The wind was out of the south and if the traffic on I-43 was doing the speed limit then our ground speed was 70 maybe 75. Back at MTW we did touch and go's. OK, so they weren't all squeakers.

It sure beats the heck out of 480 kts and someone telling you what to do or not to do. Thank heaven for VFR and almost uncontrolled air space. This brings up what could be an oxymoron, "controlled air space" – turn left, climb to 10 thousand feet, on a heading of 175 and 250 kts, 'I don't think I am in control, someone else is, I am just steering'.

Back to being able to fly around the country enjoy the freedom and beauty from above. I for one am grateful to EAA and the FAA for the LSA and Sport Pilot certification and regulations.

Mel Otto's 1946 Taylorcraft is a beautiful example of an LSA as is the Nagirroc club's Aeronca Champ. Mel's T-craft indicates 95 mph at cruise and burns about 4.5 gph. The Champ performance is about same as the T-craft, maybe just a little slower at cruise if I remember correctly.

Have fun, go flying

KJM

Have a Happy Easter

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Spring Fling RC Fly-In

Saturday, April 21 is set for an RC fly-in at the airport This begins at 8:00 a.m. and runs all day. Featuring warbirds, jets, heli and electrics. Admission is free and food and refreshments will be available.

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
March 14, 2007

The Meeting was called to order by the Chapter's Vice President, Mel Otto. First order of business was the treasurer's report prepared by the Chapter Treasurer, Laura Braunel. As of the 1st of March the projected balance after bills and income of membership dues is \$724.

Next was new business. Al Forner came to the membership about a new strategy to draw younger people to the organization and to aviation. Mr. Forner suggests that the Chapter start offering scholarships to members for pursuing flight training. Mr. Forner suggests the scholarships be in the amount of \$1000 each.

Keith Hartlaub then gave a synopsis about the progress and qualities of the light sport aircraft, the "Savage." Mr. Hartlaub reports good flying characteristics and says that he will be receiving shipments of 2 additional aircraft each month.

Last in new business was a report on Dick Bronson's status. Mr. Bronson has returned to his home as of Thursday.

The meeting was then adjourned at 7:45. After the meeting Eric Cayemberg presented a talk about model rocketry. His presentation was followed by TSgt. Jay Scheuer of the USAF who discussed his career as a boom operator on a KC-135 aerial refueler.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kevin Wehner

New food handling rules

The Manitowoc County Health Department has mandated that any non-profit group serving food to the public must obtain a permit to do so beginning July 1 of this year. A simple non-profit food stand permit allows serving to the public for one to three days per year. Four or more days of serving requires a temporary food stand permit.

A \$10 fee is charged for the permit if at least one person on the site has completed a food safety course. The fee is \$60 if no such person is on the site.

A free food-safety course is being offered by the County and a number of 383 members have signed up to attend. The course is being offered on various dates (evenings during the week and on Saturday mornings)

so, if you would like to become certified there are classes running into the month of May.

With at least a handful of our members possessing certificates we shouldn't be stuck without certified personnel when we serve food.

Last month's meeting

"Rocket man" Eric Cayemberg brought along a variety of model rockets to show our members at the March meeting. His interest in rockets started when he was 8 and he's been at it for 16 years now. He displayed the inner workings of the smallest to his largest—which looked to be about 8 feet long and can't be flown anywhere around here. Any rocket to be launched locally cannot exceed 3.3 lb lift off weight and must be more than 5 miles from the airport. FAA notification is also required.

TSgt Jay Scheuer has been in the USAF for 16 years and is the boom operator aboard a KC-135. He had lots of pictures of fighters and bombers taken from his perch at the end of a 47 foot long boom feeding a thirsty airplane. Many of the photos were from a recent tour in Iraq. Presently he is on his way to England (Mendenhall) for a four year stint.

Green Bay Chapter 651 Fly-In

Clete Cisler says that EAA Chapter 651 will be holding their annual fly-in breakfast on Sunday, May 6th at Nicolet Airport.

**Pancakes and porkies with other goodies
Serving from 8:30 to 11:00**

This one's always a lot of fun since we know most of the folks in the chapter.

Then, after you've tried theirs, make sure to stop at our breakfast the following Saturday.

FLY-IN BREAKFAST

Hosted by EAA Chapter 383

Manitowoc County Airport, Hangar #22

Saturday, May 12, 2007

Serving from 7:30 – 11:00

Pancakes, porkies and the trimmings

Lakeshore Aviation is offering a 25 cent per gallon fuel discount to anyone flying in for the event!

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FBO CORNER---

It's springtime and time to start cleaning out the cobwebs. By that, I mean not only at home, or at the hangar, but upstairs in the good old brain, too. As we get back into better weather, and more flying, it's good to get some refresher training. Maybe review airspace, or emergency procedures. If you're not used to going into larger, or tower-controlled airports, you might want to bone up on airport signs and markings.

To help, Lakeshore Aviation has put together a number of educational seminars designed to help you brush up on skills that you learned a long time ago, and maybe pick up a few new pointers.

The first seminar is next Saturday, April 14th. It will run from 9-11 at the Lakeshore Aviation hangar. It will be presented by the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics. Jeff Taylor, who works in the bureau's Madison office, will be talking about whether we are "Current vs. Proficient." Say you haven't flown since last fall. Technically, you can't carry passengers until you complete your 3 takeoffs and landings. So you go out on a sunny afternoon, knock them out in 15 minutes, then load up the family and head off on a trip. Are you legally "current"? Sure. Are you proficient? Well.... Lakeshore's Curt Drumm will also be discussing the FAA's new FAASafety.gov website, how you can use it, and what the new safety counselor program is all about. He'll also discuss pending major changes in the WINGS program. Free coffee and donuts before the meeting, so mark your calendars now.

On Wednesday May, 9th at 6:00PM AOPA will be visiting us with one of their presentations from the Air Safety Foundation. It took two years of planning, and previous seminars had only been held in Madison and Milwaukee. This will be their first time venturing north, so we should really give them a grand welcoming. They mailed out over 900 invitations to pilots in northeastern Wisconsin, so this could be a huge turnout. AOPA will be talking about communications, radio use and proper phraseology. Being understood by others is important, so this should be a great refresher for all.

There are a number of other programs in the works, so stay tuned....we'll have new information every month.

Curt Drumm

Lakeshore Aviation