

Thoughts Aloft~::~



EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

Adam Smith here for our next meeting

Adam Smith, Director of the museum at Oshkosh, will be our featured speaker at the August meeting. He was originally booked for our April meeting but that coincided with our April snowstorm so it became a non-event. We should be without snow this time considering the hot spell we are currently living under.

His original plan was to fly in for the April meeting but the snow put an end to that idea. This time there should be no problem.

Red Stars

This year we saw only limited activity from the Red Star pilots. Although a handful of the YAKs and Nanchang CJ-6s did stay in Manitowoc and fly to Oshkosh for the daily warbird show, most of the aircraft remained in Oshkosh.

In earlier years many of the pilots received their formation flight training in Manitowoc and flew a good many sorties the week before AirVenture. Now that most of the pilots are certified for formation work

the need for extensive training is past. Too bad, in a way, it was always fun to have formations of round-engined airplanes overhead.

Comanches

The Comanche Society once again used Manitowoc as a gathering site for their mass flight into Oshkosh.



They began showing up on Saturday, July 20th with the bulk of them on the ground here on Sunday morning, July 21st.

After a noon lunch at the Lakeshore Aviation hangar, they held a briefing session and then it was off to the airplanes to fire up for a 2:15 departure to Oshkosh.

All told, 31 airplanes flew out of Manitowoc in the mass flight.

Taxiway work

Runway 07/25 is presently closed so that work can be completed on the taxiway. This project was originally slated to begin immediately after Thunder on the Lakeshore but there was a bit of a delay in getting the funding (so what else is new). Anyway, Chuck Behnke says the work will be finished by mid August so there is hope after all.

CALENDAR

- JUL 3 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- JUL 11 WED EAA 383 meeting-1900 hrs
- AUG 7 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- AUG 8 WED EAA 383 meeting-1900 hrs

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

From the PRESIDENT -

Mel Otto here with a new position as President of Chapter 383. Didn't need it but I'll do my best with the help of the chapter.

Sorry to see Karl Meyer leave us but he's got a lot of irons in the fire and does need to enjoy his retirement. Best of everything, Karl (get that boat in the water). Thanks from Chapter 383.

Flying weather has been great. A lot of fly-ins every weekend.

Oshkosh will be looking for volunteers to help set up soon. We'll talk about it at the next meeting. Hangar meeting ½ hour before the regular meeting.

See you then,
Mel

Another month gone by. Great flying weather this month, except for the day we had 3 ¾ inch of rain (great for the garden).

Flew up to the Rio Creek fly-in and gave a few rides Saw Gary and Helen there and had a nice visit with them and the Green Bay guys.

Don Walters does a great job with the fly-in and the upkeep of the airport.

A week and a half later went back up to start a friend's airplane who had passed away last spring. The O-rings in the primer were dry and had to pull two plugs to prime it. Then it started. We also primed the oil system.

Armond Ulmer was with me. We taxied up and down the runway twice. The second time it jumped off the ground for the first time in a few years. We eventually got it back down. It flew beautifully.

A friend I grew up with from Texas stopped by for a few days. Took him flying one day and to Oshkosh another day. He served 33 years in the Air Force and did two tours in Vietnam. He was a navigator on F-4's flying reconnaissance missions mostly at night.

He was impressed with the navigational equipment at Oshkosh compared to what he had in 'Nam. Was a great time in Oshkosh. We checked out all the light sport aircraft and more. I even saw Chuck Haataja there.

Have to go back for a memorial service for a friend.

Hope you all had a good time at Oshkosh. Lots to see.

Glacier Girl (P-38) had problems on the way to Oshkosh. They ended up putting two new engines in it. How about that T-6 landing on 41 near Fond du Lac and another near Milwaukee.

Al Forner is going to have a speaker for the August meeting

See you there,

Mel

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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 7:00 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

-----Minutes-----

EAA Chapter 383 Meeting of June 13, 2007

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm.

Prior to the regular meeting, the hangar committee met. Airplane priority in the hangar was discussed.

There was a discussion on changing banks from US Bank to First National It was tabled until next month.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Curt Drumm discussed new hangars being built on the north end of the airport. There will be a meeting on June 26 for prices and quotes. Call Lakeshore Aviation.

We welcomed three new members.

Members should check to make sure their dues are paid.

There won't be a regular pot luck for the Red Star pilots this year as only half of them will be coming. We might make some snacks.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Dick Bronson

For those who don't know, Dick Bronson had a hip replacement and is currently recovering at Rivers Bend. This will ease his problems with moving around and hopefully speed his recovery.

The Warbirds folks at Oshkosh were kind enough to offer to shuttle him around AirVenture on Friday, July 27th if he could manage to get to Oshkosh. That's incentive!

It looks like Dick will be at Rivers Bend until the end of August. Stop in for a visit. He'll be glad to see you.

“Storch” on the field

Doug Rohde has done again. Another rare airplane. This time it's a scaled down version of the WW II German design the *Storch*. If you're not familiar with this aircraft it's a high wing liaison type machine made to take off in minimum distance and fly real slow. It's one of the early versions of a STOL type airplane.

This is a single seat airplane and Doug has been working on it to bring it back to flying status. When he gets the wings on, it is definitely worth a picture.



Here's one for Ray Hurtienne. The P-47 sitting at Oshkosh waiting for the warbird show.

**Don and Jack Kiel
Corn and Beer Fest
5119 Cty Rd T- Whitelaw
Saturday, August 11, 2007
3:p.m. - ?**

Questions? Call Don at 920-973-3345
Bring your lawn chair and a dish to pass.

September meeting

Sure, we're talking September already. Just a reminder that the September meeting is known for corn on the cob. Be there and enjoy.

Keep 'em Flying!

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