

# Thoughts Aloft~::~



## EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

### This month's meeting

This month we will be meeting at Bill Herrman's house to check on his progress in building an RV. (It might be a 10 but I'm not sure so we'll find out when we get there).

Bill's house is located at 4819 Sunset Road in Manitowoc. To find the place proceed North on Rapids Road (County R) from Waldo Boulevard to a point about a city block North of Timber Lodge Liquor. This puts you at Sunset Road. The road only goes to the west so if you head down that way a short distance you will be at Bill's place.

Conversely, if you are coming down County R from the north, it's not very far south of Menasha Avenue. If you get to Timber Lodge Liquor, you've gone a block too far.

Anyway, it should be an interesting show-and-tell session and you will get to ask plenty of questions of somebody who is actively engaged in an airplane building project

### Young Eagles this Saturday

Young Eagles Coordinator Paul Biegun has slated this Saturday for another round of free airplane rides for youngsters 8-17.

This means we need pilots and airplanes for the event and some willing hands to act as the ground crew for loading and unloading passengers as well as taking care of the paperwork to be sure that each new Young Eagle is properly entered into the National EAA logbook.

If we plan to start flying at about 8:30 we will need people on site well before 8:00 to get things set up. Let's see, start the coffee, make sure there are cookies available for the kids (and the staff) and get the program set up on the computer to be sure it will print the certificates for each new Young Eagle, etc., etc.

If you can lend a hand, please mention it at the Wednesday night get together at Bill Herrman's. This is not a difficult job and having enough help makes it run a lot smoother.

Now all we have to do is look forward to some great flying weather.

### CALENDAR

- OCT 2 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- OCT 10 WED EAA 383 meeting-**Bill Herrman's house**
- OCT 13 SAT Young Eagles-0800 hrs
- OCT 21 SUN Midwest Antiquers-1100-1400 hrs

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

### Corn roast

As usual, the September meeting drew a good crowd. This years corn crop seems to be some of the sweetest tasting around and Larry bought plenty to cook up for the occasion.

Also as usual, there was no business meeting and the meeting consisted of enjoying good food and doing a fair amount of hangar flying.

*Keep 'em Flying!*

## From the PRESIDENT -

**O**ctober is here already! Seems like spring was only a few weeks ago.

It's a beautiful time of the year with the trees nearing full color and the brisk cool air. It makes fall flying more enjoyable.

Six Green Bay Chapter 651 members went to the Reno Air Races in September and witnessed the three accidents.

CFI Armond Ullmer turned 88 in September. We took him out to dinner. Eight pilots and five others attended.

We lost two area pilots in the past month: Gordy Nelson and former Mishicot resident 757 Captain, Gene Tollefson. Our condolences to the families.

Four Taylorcrafts flew to Rio Creek airport last month to have an ultrasound done on their lift struts to comply with an FAA AD.

Don't forget, our October meeting is at Bill Herrman's house.

See you,

**Mel**

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# HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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 September 12, 2007**

Since our September meeting was the occasion of our annual corn roast, there were no minutes taken.

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### **Midwest Antiquers this month**

On Sunday, October 21, we will be hosting the Midwest Antique Club's meeting.

This is a fairly short kind of event with the first planes arriving about 10:30 or so and everybody then is homeward bound by about 1:30 in the afternoon.

As hosts, we will provide lunch and a meeting space for them to conduct their business meeting. Overall, it's a nice chance to see old friends again as well as have a look at some really great old flying machines.

It is probably a good idea to start things rolling at the hangar by about 10:00 to be sure that nothing is overlooked at the last minute. It seems like we feed about 75 people at this particular event.

Here again it will be good to set some kind of game plan in advance. Hopefully, we can discuss it during our Wednesday night meeting.

### **Oshkosh tower tour**

A group from the Sheboygan Chapter has set up a tour of the Oshkosh Tower on October 20. Last month Jack Erdmann invited Chapter 383 members to join them (see Jack's write up in last month's newsletter). If you are interested in going along you can contact Jack at [jerdmann2@wi.rr.com](mailto:jerdmann2@wi.rr.com) or 920-207-5173 for the latest details.

Sounds like a good chance to look at the new tower.

### **AOPA Seminar in Manitowoc**

Another AOPA seminar was presented in Manitowoc on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This one dealt with "Regulations: What every pilot should know".

This is only the second ever held in Manitowoc and drew another good crowd. These seminars are free and are good for accumulating points in the Wings program. Not only that, they are really interesting to listen to. No matter how smart you think you are, you can learn from the experts.

It's good to see that the AOPA has discovered that there is aviation north of Milwaukee and that it's worthwhile presenting these seminars in places like Manitowoc.

Some 87 people, including several chapter members, attended the meeting and with this kind of attendance, it is likely that there will be future seminars held here.

### **New plane on the field**

Chapter member Jeff Nichols has partnered with Bill Harrington and purchased a Piper Cherokee. Right now it is parked on the ramp in front of the FBO. In the not too distant future it will be housed in a new hangar that Jeff is having built on the field.

I don't have any other details on the plane but will get more info on it shortly.

### **New hangar construction**

It looks like there will be an increase in our hangar population in the near future. Four new hangars are scheduled for construction yet this fall. One of which is the one belonging to Jeff Nichols to house the Cherokee. Carl Callsen and Curt Drumm are also building hangars.



September corn roast meeting—dining at its finest

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### **Gordon P. Nelson**

Past Chapter 383 President Gordy Nelson passed away on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> after about a four month bout with cancer.

Gordy served the Chapter as President for many years and enjoyed many flying hours in the Nagirroc Flyers' Aeronca Champ and Stinson Voyager.

Our sincere condolences to his family.

Thanks to Laura Braunel for preparing a floral arrangement representing Chapter #383.

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