

# Thoughts Aloft~::~



## EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

### Airshow time!

Thunder on the Lakeshore is fast approaching. Pancake mix is on order and it's time to get set for another great weekend of pancake sales. A lot of our disposable income depends on the sales during this two day period so we can hope for favorable weather to bolster the chapter finances.

This also means that our regular chapter meeting will be a week earlier than usual—it's set for Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, so we can make last minute plans and generally be certain that we have covered all bases. Also, don't forget our Friday night cookout at the hangar. It's a chance to eat and watch a very nice evening airshow. See you there!

### Balloon Glow moves to airport

Happy Schnapps Combo headlines entertainment

After a number of successful Balloon Glows downtown, Manitowoc Airshow officials have moved the event out to the airport to expand the entertainment. The event will begin shortly after the conclusion of the daily Airshow, which wraps up around 5:00. A DJ will provide live music and dancing, the Beer Tent will be open and serving an expanded menu, including a fresh Pig Roast with pork sandwiches. Most of the food court stands will be open, too, serving a whole variety of food.

As a first, the hot air balloons will set up and actually launch and fly out during this time. The launch depends on favorable weather and wind conditions. For those who like the traditional Balloon Glow, this will be a short flight and balloonists will land, repack and return to the airport for the sunset Balloon Glow. Adding to the entertainment, the Happy Schnapps Combo brings their unique show to the airport for a sunset concert. The band is due to kick off the Balloon Glow around sunset, and play until 11 pm. Music, balloons and food add up to a fun evening.

Another first for the event will include two of the day's performers flying night airshow acts at dusk., Glider pilot Dan Buchanon will fly an almost silent and graceful performance with fireworks strapped to his glider against the evening sky. Following Dan, the power of a Russian Sukhoi, flown by veteran performer Bob Davis, will light up the skies with lots of power, smoke and light. There will be a \$5 admission charge to the Saturday night event to cover the cost of balloons, night Airshow and entertainment. Parking will be available and the event is open to the public.

### 383 THIS MONTH

- 06/01/10 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- 06/02/10 WED EAA 383 meeting-1900 hrs
- 06/05/10 SAT Thunder on the Lakeshore
- 06/12/10 SAT Young Eagles-0800-1200 hrs
- 06/21/10 MON Summer School at the Airport

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



Aviat Husky pilot Mike Hoy and 383 member Art Thomas pose nice for the camera. Mike did manage to give a half dozen rides on Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> after a slow start due to fog in the area. This is the Husky that is the first prize in this year's EAA drawing.

## *From the PRESIDENT -*

Hello fellow flyers and aviation enthusiasts,

Six of your Chapter members got a ride in EAA's 1<sup>st</sup> Place Prize Raffle – A “Husky with skies”. Oshkosh called me last week and requested interviewing a few pilots from our chapter on what they thought of the “Husky” after a brief ride. They're doing an article for the July issue of “Sport Aviation” in the section What Members are Saying! Bruce won't give me any more room here so you'll have to read the interview. Members who flew in the back seat: Al, Art, Keith, Julie, Karl, and Doug. We could have had a few more pilots riding but fog kept Mike Hoy grounded till afternoon.

I spoke with Mary Ann tonight. Mel Otto has been home almost a month now and progressing well. He's up & about but moves around cautiously. Maybe we'll see them for a short time at our June Meeting or during the Air Show. Some of you may have heard one of our newest members, James Goonan died this month. I've invited his wife, Mary Jane to continue and come and be among us. Please welcome her.

Our 2010 Air Academy scholarship recipients are 9<sup>th</sup> graders: Taylor Pritzl and Collin Senglaub from Roncalli High School and 7<sup>th</sup> grader, Claire Krieger of Cabrini Jr. High. They were the only applicants so it was an easy choice. Taylor and Collin will also receive two hundred dollars in financial assistance toward their 3<sup>rd</sup> Space Camp experience this summer. Claire was one of our featured speakers at our May meeting with a slide presentation of her Space Camp adventure in April.

Mike Voechting, chief pilot for Orion presented the trials and elation's of “Mike” in his quest to become a pilot, CFI and Corporate Pilot. An interesting and entertaining presentation. Mike had successfully hosted a one-day Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge program in Sheboygan last year with 65 boys and is planning to host one with us in our hangar the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August. All the Troops in our area will be invited to participate. If you're available, please give us a hand. By the way, Mike is joining our Chapter 383. Welcome Mike!

Jim Carlson and Carl Black are preparing their two week Aviation Introduction course for 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Twenty-five kids have signed up. Pump up your inner aviation excitement and give us a hand in spreading that love and passion for flying with our local youth. Your fervor will convince!

Invite a friend or a kid and his family to join us for the VIP Pre -Air Show at our hangar 5pm Friday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. It's a pot-luck feast. Refreshments are compliments of our Chapter 383.

See you June 2<sup>nd</sup> and for the Air Show!

Your President,

Al Forner

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# Happy Father's Day!

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

May 15, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 11:20 by President Al Forner

We recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Julie gave a summary of accounts for the Hangar and the Chapter

We had a total of 3 students write an essay for a scholarship to the EAA Air Academy. We had budgeted \$1000.00 for two scholarships, a motion was passed to give all 3 a scholarship of \$300.00 each. One of them was reduced by \$60.00 for Young Eagle credits bringing our total cost for these scholarships to \$840.00. Congratulations to Claire Krieger, Collin Senglaub, and Tyler Pritzl.

We will be participating in International Young Eagles Day which will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2010. Shannon Pritzl and Susan Senglaub have generously volunteered to be the chairs for this event. If you can fly Young Eagles, please let one of these chairs know that you can help.

We had Mike Voechting, Chief Pilot of Orion Energy Systems speak when Al was done.

He had a very interesting talk about his history of becoming a pilot, and his involvement with tracking Whooping Cranes from an aircraft. He also brought along his Segway scooter that he had won in a drawing and allowed members to "test flight" the unit.

Mike is putting together a Boy Scout workshop for the scouts to earn their Aviation Merit Badges.

This will be held on Saturday, August 21, 2010. It is an all day event, which includes the scouts getting an airplane ride. If you can volunteer to fly kids, it will be appreciated. He is hoping to have 60 scouts that will get a ride during the course of the day. In order to fly these kids, you need to be a member of EAA National (So our insurance will cover you) and have at least 250 hours of flight time, and need to provide proof of hours and proof of a medical. (These are BSA requirements)

After Mike's presentation, we briefly assembled to finish our meeting. We had two requests from students for help with going to Space Camp in Alabama. A motion was made, and unanimously passed that we provide \$200 for each of the students going to camp.

Each of these boys will give a presentation to our chapter about Space Camp, and will also volunteer to work with the Boy Scouts on August 21, 2010. Congratulations to Collin Senglaub and Tyler Pritzl.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 after which we enjoyed hot dogs, chicken soup, and many many good desserts. While we were dining, Claire Krieger, who received a \$100 Scholarship from us to go to Space Camp, showed photos and gave a presentation of her experiences at Space Camp. Very interesting. Thank you to Claire for the presentation.

**Submitted by Julie Hartlaub-Secretary**

## Summer School at the Airport

As you may have heard, the Manitowoc Public School District is holding a summer school class "Taking Flight" at the airport this summer for students in grades 4-7. Below is the class description that appeared in the summer school catalogue:

### **Taking Flight**

Ever wonder what it would be like to take to the sky and reach into the "wild blue yonder?" This course can be your chance to experience what general aviation is all about. Our class will investigate aspects of flying, such as; how you "drive" an airplane, the mechanics of a small aircraft, building an aircraft at home, aviation procedures and regulations, weather for flying and simple physics associated with flying. The course will be held at the Manitowoc County Airport and will include plenty of hangar time among airplanes, a free air show ticket for each student, a field trip to the EAA museum in Oshkosh and a flight above and around Manitowoc. YES! That's right, a local ride in an airplane! What an opportunity!

This is a great opportunity for the Chapter to introduce young people to the exciting world of general aviation! The class dates are June 21<sup>st</sup> through July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8AM-12Noon, weekdays only. The teachers are Carl Black and Jim Carlson. The 25 students enrolled will utilize the chapter clubhouse, Lakeshore Aviation facilities and Wilson Jr. High Tech Ed. Shops.

### **Help Needed!**

The exact schedule is still being worked out but chapter members are needed to help with several aspects of the class. The date for the "local ride in an airplane" (a Young Eagles Flight) is set for Friday, June 25<sup>th</sup> with a bad weather date of Friday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Curt Drumm is planning to fly approximately half the students. Two or three other chapter members and planes are needed to provide a Young Eagles flight to the remaining 12-13 kids. We also need a couple of planes and volunteers to show students the flight controls and basic instruments of a general aviation airplane. Help is also needed assisting students in cutting, forming and riveting an aluminum wing rib and small portion of wing skin. Please consider sharing your talent and passion for aviation with the eager students. More details will be available at the June chapter meeting or by contacting the teachers, Jim Carlson 683-3799 or Carl Black 686-7646.

*Keep 'em Flying!*

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