

# Thoughts Aloft~::~



## EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

### Thunder (and lightning and rain and fog) on the Lakeshore!

It was not ideal airshow weather.

Saturday was not the best but we did manage to get the show in, complete with the F-16 demo and the heritage flight at the end of the performance.

Sunday was another story with a steady rain throughout the morning then fog and low ceilings for the afternoon (can you say “500 feet and two miles” as the best we could muster). By about two in the afternoon the airshow was canceled since the forecast offered no improvement for the rest of the afternoon.

Back at Hangar 22, pancake sales on Saturday were about average. With the rain on Sunday, there was virtually no traffic through the gates so sales were off considerably. Despite this, I think we managed to at least break even for the weekend. We'll know better after Laura breaks down the cost versus income at our July meeting.



6:30 Sunday morning—then the rains came....

### “Top Gun” back in town

For those of us who enjoy the sound of radial engines, we'll be treated to another dose of nostalgia when the AT-6 and SNJ of the Top Gun folks make another appearance from July 12—17. It looks like they have decided that Manitowoc will be one of the regular spots on their summer schedule.

Even for people who don't buy a ride, these planes provide something to watch from the viewing area just off the ramp from the action. They run a busy schedule so there's always something going on.

Stop out, have a picnic and watch the planes!

### Another plane for Doug

Doug Rohde has acquired another ultralight known as an “Aventura”. It looks a lot like a SeaRay in that it is a boat-hull amphibian with a pusher prop. This is a single place craft with a fiberglass hull and the usual fabric wings. We'll have pictures when the wings are put on.

#### CALENDAR

- JUL 1 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- JUL 9 WED EAA 383 meeting-1900 hrs
- AUG 5 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- AUG 13 WED EAA 383 meeting-1900 hrs

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

# From the PRESIDENT -

Summer has finally arrived. Flying weather has been good.

Our annual pancake and porkie fly-in is now a memory. It was not as good as expected, but we had one day of rain. We had lots of porkies left over.

I'd like to thank everyone who helped out with the breakfast both days and the clean up, and frying porkies on Friday.

Ray and Barb Roethle celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this past month. Congratulations!

Last month we got Larry Gerroll in the Taylorcraft and went for a ride around the area.

Sometime this month Gary Huempfer and I will try to caulk the hangar roof. I've got to get my work done around home first.

The big fly-in AirVenture Oshkosh will be here in a few weeks. A time to see new aircraft, new avionics and aircraft of the past, July 29 to August 3 at Wittman Regional Airport.

Doug Rohde has an addition to our hangar.

See you at the meeting,

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 pm and visitors are always welcome.

# -----Minutes-----

## EAA CHAPTER 383 MEETING

June 4, 2008

No minutes to report.

### East-west taxiway rebuild

On June 16<sup>th</sup> the County began a reconstruction project that will rebuild the taxiway that parallels runway 7/25. This involved milling the blacktop and digging out the base material for a complete rebuild.



Since the runway then became a part time construction road, it meant intermittent closures for parts of the day when this was going on. By the first week of July this phase of the project was completed and the new base was being prepped for surfacing.

On Monday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, the County will begin laying blacktop on the new taxiway. Runway 7/25 will then be subject to more closures and also expect some short term closures of runway 17/35 as the paving equipment will be crossing to access the work area. Right now, the County is doing its best to minimize runway closing but some of this is inevitable (it's better than closing the runway for the duration of the project).

Manitowoc Unicom will be in close contact with the construction crew and will be able to advise aircraft of any possible conflict with flight operations.

### View from the instructor's side

Pilots are special people who delight in paying \$100.00 for a hamburger or \$50.00 per egg. Far be it from me to be a restaurant critic since becoming a flight instructor I've been forced to live on Twinkies and

Tang. But for you weather guys who fly planes, here's a short list of fun places you can access simply by walking:

#### Airport

Crivitz (3DI)

Rhineland (RHI)

Grand Geneva (C02)

Oshkosh (OSH)

Sheboygan (SBM)

Madison (MSN)

Watertown (RYV)

Shawano (3WO)

Reedsburg (C35)

Janesville (JVL)

Milwaukee (MKE)

#### Restaurant

Taxi right up to the door

Right at the terminal

At the main lodge

Baslers will take you or walk

Walk 50 feet

Can you walk 100 feet?

Across the street

Across the highway

Across the street

You're in the kitchen already

Maybe a 200 foot walk

There are hundreds of airports each with its own unique method of getting to a suitable eatery. Our very own FBO at Manitowoc offers a crew car or you may taxi to the south ramp and walk to the Plane View...another long trek of 100 feet. Also available is a car at Ephraim/Fish Creek. Ask Manitowoc people for details.

Current prices are causing some of us to think about selling our planes and buying a horse (one horsepower), but have you heard of the cost of feed?

Suggest if you're flying for fun, plan ahead and fill one or two more seats for cost sharing. Everyone gets to enjoy the flight and divided costs keep things reasonable.

Let's hear from our fellow pilots about \$100.00 hamburger ventures and we can add your comments to future articles.

Leon, CFI

### Free movie

The Aviation Heritage Center in Sheboygan is showing "**The Wings of Eagles**" at 7 pm on Friday, July 11. The movie stars John Wayne, Dan Dailey and Maureen O'Hara. Doors open at 6:30 pm. The movie is free and beverages, candy and freshly popped popcorn will be available for purchase. Please bring your own lawn chairs, blankets or sleeping bags for your own comfort. Folding chairs will also be available.

The movie was released in 1957 and is a biography of Frank W. "Spig" Wead, a Navy flier-turned screenwriter. This film is a tribute to Wead from his friend, Director John Ford.

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