

# Thoughts Aloft~::~



## EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

### AOPA Seminar May 15

“Top 5 Mistakes Pilots Make “ is the title of the subject matter to be presented at a free seminar on Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lakeshore Aviation hangar.

It turns out that pilot errors are responsible for 75% of all fatal aircraft accidents and this presentation will deal with the five major errors that lead to this tragic result. What are they? They are the same mistakes that pilots have been making for many years. This seminar will offer practical tips on avoiding these errors and hopefully help you minimize your chances of being involved in a fatal accident.

The program begins at 7:00 pm and all pilots are invited to a free brat and burger cookout at Lakeshore Aviation at 6:00 pm before the presentation.

These seminars are always well worth attending. They present a wealth of information and we are fortunate to have a seminar of this caliber north of Milwaukee or Madison.

Hope to see you there.

### Chapter 651 fly-in

Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup> turned out to be a very nice day sandwiched between a couple of not so nice days and Chapter 383 was well represented at the pancake breakfast sponsored by Green Bay Chapter 651 at Nicolet Airport.

Nicolet was a pretty busy place since they were also giving Young Eagle rides and they seemed to have a very good turnout for that as well.

President Mel was there without his plane—seems that from his house it's closer to drive to Nicolet than it is to drive to Manitowoc and get the plane to fly to Nicolet!

### Thunder on the Lakeshore

June 7-8 is coming up fast. This means that we must begin organizing for our annual pancake breakfast. Some of the preliminary paperwork is already taken care of but it's time to think about ordering supplies and making sure that we have enough plates, plasticware and all the rest.

Since just about all kinds of food have gone up in price since last year, we will have to see what our costs are going to be and come up with a new price per plate. This is our annual fundraiser so we should try to do a little better than break even.

This is probably as good a time as any to remind anyone who has “stuff” in the hangar to remove it so it's not left until the last minute.

Also, our June meeting will be on **June 4<sup>th</sup>**. This will give us a chance to go over last minute details before the big show. After that, just pray for good weather—that makes all the difference!

### Board of Directors to meet

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 pm, before the regular meeting on May 14<sup>th</sup>. This will be to finalize paperwork for the grant application for the Rahr Foundation.

#### CALENDAR

MAY 6	TUE	Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
MAY 14	WED	EAA 383 meeting-1900 hrs
MAY 15	THU	AOPA Seminar-1900 hrs- Lakeshore Aviation
JUN 3	TUE	Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
JUN 4	WED	EAA 383 meeting-1900 hrs

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

## From the PRESIDENT -

May already and we've had some fine flying weather. Hope the summer is as long as the winter was.

Our main event for the year will be happening in a few weeks. We need a good turnout at our May meeting to begin preparations.

The Board of Directors will meet at 6:30 on May 14<sup>th</sup> before our regular meeting to discuss matters concerning the hangar roof.

We had a very nice turnout for our annual banquet on April 26<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to all who attended.

Doug Rohde may be flying his Storch by the time you read this.

Karl Meyer and Art Thomas have been getting the Champ ready for summer. Art is moving his Smith Miniplane home and his wife, Anita will have to park her car outside—right, Anita?

Sport Aviation had an excellent article on what's happening between EAA and the government about the 51% rule, user fees, ADS-B and also fuel (page 20 May issue).

See you at the meeting.

Keep 'em flying !

Mel

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*Happy Mother'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

April 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm. The first order of business was further discussion of the possibility of holding another concert event similar to the Dorf Kappelle concert. The event would be hosted at Lakeshore Aviation as before; the only responsibility of the Chapter would be the food as it has been before. No decision has been made at this time. The Chapter discussed the viability of installing electrical outlets on the north west exterior corner of the building. The outlets would primarily be used for vendors at the air show, who would pay the going rate, most likely \$25 per outlet. The Chapter decided to investigate the initial cost.

The Chapter banquet will be Saturday April 26, at Machut's.

It was discussed and decided that the Chapter will push forward with the initiative to apply for the Rahr Foundation grant for the roof. A motion was made to hire Mike Zimmer, a Two Rivers man who is familiar with the application process.

The Chapter will be filing for the necessary insurance for the pancake breakfast, through the national EAA organization. Other fly-in business discussed was the need to decide on a price for the pancake breakfast. It was decided to give the air show only a \$1 discount rather than feeding air show employees for the "break-even" price that has been charged in recent years. The Chapter also decided that it would like some type of system for determining eligibility for free breakfast rather than the honor system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kevin Wehner

## View from the instructor's side

Our ground school class had a very nice visit with John Prast, supervisor at the Green Bay tower and TRACON. John is also a flight instructor and strongly feels many pilots of all technical levels fear communicating with Class C and D airspace. Wisconsin has only three Class C airports. They are Green Bay, Milwaukee Mitchell and Madison. The key is don't be intimidated. Write down the frequencies you'll need in ORDER OF USE. There are several sources of finding this magic number via the Airport Facilities Directory,

Approach plates, AOPA Directory or call Flight Service. The staff at towered fields works for you and you as the pilot is the customer.

Let's go to Green Bay on paper and see what needs to be done:

- 124.1 Listen to ATIS. It's weather information and what's happening at the field. The boogie man here is the ATIS tape. It is often too much information in one verbal blurb. You may want to listen to it several times.
- 119.4 Call Green Bay Approach at least 20 miles out. Tell them who you are, where you are, and what you want. Be patient, the controller will respond with a transponder code and guide you until you have the field in sight. At that time he'll hand you to the tower.
- 118.7 This is the tower guy and he'll confirm that you are cleared to land. If he gives you the option you may do a low pass, a touch and go, a stop and go, or in my case, a bounce and go! Keep the tower informed of your intentions and they'll help you. When you are done the tower will turn you back to Approach on 119.4. Hey...only two frequencies to be concerned with!
- 121.9 This is the ground frequency and used only when taxiing on other than the active runway.

Go for it! Using the resources at a towered field will make you feel like a real pilot. If you have concerns, contact Jim or Leon and we will be happy to help our fellow aviators.

Leon, CFI

## Projector status

Ever since we acquired our projector, Al Forner has been agitating to have it suspended from the ceiling in the clubhouse. Well, this has finally come to pass. Our projector is now overhead, devoid of extension cords on the floor and all we need to do now to put on a show is place a laptop computer on a small table next to the wall and have at it.

Works great!

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