

Thoughts Aloft~::~



EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

Antiquers visit



Ed Wegner was the first to show up for the Antiquer's lunch meeting on October 19th in his beautiful Fairchild 24.

The morning was clear and the temperature was appropriate for October, but the south wind was really huffing and puffing. This kept a few of the members from flying in for the event, but many of them did show up by ground-bound vehicles.

The high wind certainly didn't hamper the old car buffs who came in to join the fun. We had a good turnout of antique cars to complement the planes that did fly in.

Altogether we served about 80 people at lunch and by the time it was all over we had gone through a Nesco of chili and another of chicken soup along with a half Nesco of sliced turkey for sandwiches—not to mention a pretty good selection of desserts.

Although this is really only a two-hour event, the chapter members who spent time before and after the guests showed up and departed, deserve a lot of thanks for their help in making the whole thing work out so well.

Young Eagles

For a change, the weather was actually very nice for Young Eagle flights on October 19th!

We had a scheduled start time of 8:00 but eager fliers showed up not long after 7:30. Once we got underway there was a steady flow of customers that ran until a little after the noon hour. We managed to accommodate all who came in.



Pilot Justin Glavin explains the function of the pitot tube to a Young Eagle.

By the end of the session, we had increased the Young Eagle roster by another 64.

Thanks to our 6 pilots and dedicated ground crew.

CALENDAR

- NOV 4 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- NOV 12 WED EAA 383 meeting-1900 hrs

- DEC 2 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- DEC 10 WED EAA 383 meeting-Christmas potluck!-**1800 hrs**

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

From the PRESIDENT -

November: Turn the heat up or start throwing in the wood!

October has been a busy month for the Chapter. The flying of the Young Eagles, 64 the count according to Karen Morton who wrote the certificates. Thanks to Paul Biegun who Coordinated this event for the Chapter and all the pilots that flew their aircraft. Also thanks to all who helped load aircraft and did the paper work on Oct. 12.

On Oct. 19 we had the Midwest Antiquers and car show combined. A lunch was served at 11:30 with a roaster of chili done by Mary Ann & Karen. Julie Hartlaub with a roaster of chicken noodle soup and Gary made the hot turkey sandwiches and others made the desserts. Thanks to everyone that worked to make this event a success.

Ed Wegner was the first to arrive in his Fairchild. He said it was a rough ride over. A lot of pilots drove over as the wind was very strong and gusty.

The other news was the election of officers. We need a treasurer from the Manitowoc area. We may have three positions filled. We'll find out at the Nov. Meeting.

The heat is off in the hanger for the winter unless someone is working in it. So if you notice that the heat is on, turn it off. The switch is up on the wall below each heater.

Jay Baeten's airport and hangar are completed and the hangar is full of airplanes.

Thanks again for all of you who helped out at our events.

Art Thomas is rebuilding the "drone" engine.

Need more Chapter Members at our events.

Keep 'em flying,

Mel

Happy Thanksgiving and a successful deer hunt!

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Happy Thanksgiving!

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 Meeting of October 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 pm
Minutes of the last meeting were approved as published
in the newsletter

There was a new member present, Andy Anderson, who
is building a BD4.

New business:

Nomination of officers, election is at the November
meeting. If you are interested in being an officer
nominee, please get your name to Mel Otto.

Nominations that were made during our meeting:

President-Al Forner

Vice President -Art Thomas

Treasurer- Paul Biegun

Secretary- Julie Hartlaub

Young eagles rally is this Sunday, October 12 from
8:00 am until noon.

Antiquers meeting /luncheon will be held Sunday,
October 19 th.

Lunch will be served around 11:30. If you are available,
please consider helping the chapter host the Antiquers.

We will be serving chili, chicken soup and hot beef
sandwiches. Please bring a dish to pass if you plan on
attending.

Old Business:

Hangar heat—the evening heated up as the discussion
turned towards the question of heating the hangar or
not. If you want your input to be heard, please be at the
November meeting where the discussion will be held.
Some of the options that are up in the air:

Emptying the water heater and turning off the heat.
Mel has wrapped the pipes in insulation so they are
ready.

The budgeted heat is \$90 per month. It was brought
up to divide this into 1/3 and 2/3 (hangar) and add this
amount to the rent per month.

It was also discussed to add a meter to the hangar to
be sure how much gas is being used in the hangar for
heat.

Leave the thermostat at 40 degrees in the hangar.

If anyone knows of someone who would have a faster
computer to donate to the chapter, we are in need of one
so that our simulator works smoother.

Respectfully submitted,
Julie Hartlaub

View from the instructor's side

Danny Dimwit stories surface when you least expect
them. Having coffee with my buddy this morning he
told of taking off in a Cherokee from Manitowoc for a
45 minute trip. When he landed there was a loud clank,
“boink” noise. Anyway that's what it sounds like when
the tow bar unhooks on touch down. There was an
airline captain sitting right next to him when this
happened.

The same guy told of departing from Rockford at
night heading for Timmerman only to find that the
moon continually changed positions. He finally realized
his vacuum pump was on vacation and the directional
gyro was slowly turning to the left. He saw a
green/white beacon and landed. No one was around
and the phone book that was supposed to be in the only
phone booth was also lost. Somehow he concluded that
he was in DeKalb, Illinois and decided that he'd proceed
to Timmerman via magnetic compass. That was great
for a while until he called downwind for runway 36.
The tower advised him they didn't have a runway 36
and besides, they were closing in three minutes. So,
what the heck, he was at Waukesha and by then any
runway looked beautiful.

The Danny Dimwit stories are without end—like the
guy that flew all the way across the big lake and then
remembered to retract his gear; a relative who removed
his gear warning horn for repair and promptly landed
gear up; a friend who landed on a taxiway and not the
runway; another acquaintance who came in too low on
our runway 35 and cleaned off his landing gear on a
hard snow ridge.

I admire these guys who tell it like it is, emphasizing
we are just humans. Remember too, that Orville
departed straight out rather than using left traffic. Lucky
for him there was no NTSB or FAA.

Leon, CFI

Elections this month

Sure enough, another two years have gone by since
we did this last. Now is your chance to get involved in
the Chapter workings by being a candidate for one of
the open positions. It just happens that we have a few
openings for somebody of your unique qualifications!
Try it, you might like it.

Christmas potluck next month

Wow, Christmas already! Is it only my imagination or
are the years getting shorter? When I was a kid it was a
lot longer between Christmases.

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FBO CORNER--

They say that “what goes up, must come down”, and nothing has been truer than with the cost of gas at the pump lately. After record high prices the past year, we’ve seen historical drops just as fast. Such is true in the aviation market, too. Our fuel cost more than doubled in the past 12 months, but now we’ve seen record decreases. We’ve cut your price of 100LL avgas by more than \$1.00 per gallon in the past couple of weeks. Hopefully lower fuel prices, along with our preferred customer weekend discount, will help get a few more people flying more! Have fun, we still have some time left before winter sets in.

At the request of a number of pilots, Lakeshore Aviation has added a Piper Arrow to the rental fleet on a trial basis. For those not familiar, the Arrow is basically an Archer or a Warrior, but with retractable gear. A number of folks want to get some retract (complex) time just to try it, and we have others working on their commercial and instructor ratings. If you’d like to try your hand at it, stop in and set up a time. No prior experience or training required. The Arrow will be here at least through the end of the year.

Maintaining your aircraft and protecting your investment continue to be important matters in a pilot’s life, and none can have more impact on the value of your plane than professional maintenance. We’re fortunate to have an experienced, well-trained mechanic based at our airport. Jeremy Trousil has over 12 years of aircraft maintenance experience, and has been with Lakeshore Aviation since June. Stop in and see if he can help you with your aircraft maintenance problems. He’s already worked on quite a few planes on the field and pilots have been pleased with his attention to detail, problem-solving and costs. We’ve also added avionics repairs and installations, including the biannual transponder / altimeter certification; stop in and set up an appointment and save the time and gas of flying somewhere else to get this done.

Maintenance special: Save 10% of the cost of your next annual if you’re a first-time customer! Book by December 31st to take advantage of the savings. Flat-rate annuals are available, and we can quote you a price ahead of time. Discount does not apply to parts or outside labor. And for everyone, free compass swing with oil change. Here’s your chance to get that compass card updated (is it even there?) at no cost.

More information updated regularly at: www.lakeshoreaviation.com