

Thoughts Aloft~::~



EAA CHAPTER 383 NEWSLETTER

Time for sweet corn

Summer is fast disappearing but now that September is here it's time to enjoy one of the final treats of those late summer days.

The sweet corn is ready and Larry Gerroll will be turning up the heat on our share of the golden kernels for all to partake of on Wednesday evening. The corn should be ready by about 6:00 pm so bring your appetite and maybe a little dish of something to pass.

Larry started this little tradition a good many years ago and it has become something to look forward to every year. Nobody goes home hungry.

Last year it turned out to be just a little chilly outside so most of the activity took place in the comfort of the hangar but this year the forecast says it should be real nice. Perfect weather for corn on the cob.

If you're new to Chapter 383, please be sure to join us. Spouses or significant others are always welcome at these affairs. This is always a good time.

AOPA seminar next month

The AOPA has set October 14th as a date for their latest seminar entitled, "What went wrong". This

details the investigation into an aircraft accident and shows the progression of a series of events that led up to a crash.

This sounds like another fascinating look at how seemingly little things can all add up to a major problem that results in an accident.

The program will be held at Lakeshore Aviation and runs from 7:00—9:00. Attendance is free to all who would like to participate.

These seminars are always entertaining and informative and well worth attending. They have been held for a number of years in Manitowoc and every year sees an increase in the size of the audience. Each event attracts well over 100 people. Maybe we should think about rescheduling our chapter meeting for another evening so more of our members could benefit from the AOPA presentation.

Antiquers visit

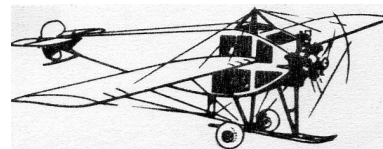
Another fall event is the return of the Midwest Antique Club for their meeting/luncheon. This routinely occurs on the third Sunday of October and we routinely come up with something to serve them for lunch. For the last few years we have tied their visit with a visit from local antique car buffs. This lets one group of collectors compare notes with another group of like minded folks.

Those of us who collect neither just get to gawk , take pictures and admire both.

CALENDAR

- SEP 1 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- SEP 9 WED EAA 383 meeting-**1800 hrs**
Sweet corn on the menu!
- OCT 6 TUE Nagirroc Flyers-1900 hrs
- OCT 14 WED EAA 383 meeting-1900 hrs

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



From the PRESIDENT -

Hi Everyone,

Our September Meeting is "Corn Roast Time" provided by Larry Gerroll. Let's thank him for this wonderful tradition. We like to eat and share stories and also share a dish to pass. Invite someone under 20 and bring them along. Come early, around 5 pm and show them around the hangar.

Your elected Board for the Chapter and the Rahr Hangar are: Al Forner, Pres.; Jerry Fichtner, VP; Julie Hartlaub, Secretary; Karl Meyer, Treasurer; Directors: Bruce Morton, Keith Hartlaub and Hannah Wallerius. Your Board has met for the past 3 Wednesdays to review and update the Chapter Status requirements for "Charitable Tax Exemption" for the Rahr Hangar and application for our Chapter 383 as a 501,C,(3) as well.

The carpet in the clubhouse looks like new again. Thanks to the efforts of Andy Anderson who arranged and followed up on this project. Thanks Andy. Karen Morton is doing better after her recent surgery and may even join us next Wednesday. We'll be getting quotes on both a temporary and a longer lasting fix for our leaky hangar roof this month. Be patient.

If we want to inspire Youth to value and love aviation, we need to encourage projects and programs that'll grab their interest such as: "Build A Plane", pilot training with computer simulators, Aviation Adventure Trips, movies and speakers that inspire. Explore the "Possibilities" with a positive stance. Share your far-out ideas with your Chapter friends and perhaps with some thoughtful discussion we can come up with something that'll work. Nothing ventured, nothing gained. So think "out-of-the-box". See you Wednesday evening.

Big Al,
your Prez

Happy Labor Day!

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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 p.m. and visitors are always welcome.

-----Minutes-----

EAA Chapter 383 Meeting of August 12, 2009

6:30 We enjoyed hot dogs and beans

7:10 Sonex Aircraft video was shown

7:40 Meeting called to order by President Al Forner

The old airport beacon is slated to be installed between the airplane display near the parking lot and the power pole, near the Chapter 383 club house.

Al Forner and Art Thomas attended meetings during AirVenture on how to become a 501(c)(3) for the Chapter itself so that we can accept donations, and not pay taxes. The current officers are also directors of the Hangar Foundation, and we also nominated Keith Hartlaub and Hannah. We need to make sure that the 501(c)(3) status is maintained for the Rahr Hangar Foundation, too. First meeting scheduled next Wednesday 8/19 at 5:15 pm.

We received thank you letters from the two boys that we sent to camp in Oshkosh, as well as thank you letters from their parents.

It was brought up again that we need to get an estimate on getting the roof painted, Al Forner was going to make some inquiries.

Karl Meyer is our new historian.

We signed a card for Karen Morton, who was at Rivers Bend after hip replacement surgery. She is now at home doing well.

Meeting over at 8:15 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Hartlaub

View from the instructors side

Chicken Little told us the sky is falling and for many of us that may be true, but not at the Manitowoc airport.

On July 24th there were nine corporate jets on the ramp. This was a record created by six planes being involved with a meeting at the Two Creeks nuclear plant. Two jets were from our friends at the Manitowoc Company and one Citation was here as a Burger Boat client.

It was a nice form of turmoil as everybody was not walking, but running, to arrange for catering, car rentals, fueling, and even one big order for fresh Wisconsin cheese curds. The Two Creeks visitors had their own dispatcher and mechanic. The invasion on D-Day must have been about the same intensity.

On July 17th, 18th, and 19th, Curt Drumm, with two other instructors and one other sea plane, graduated six

new sea plane ratings as well as complex and high performance sign-offs as needed.

For me, the best happening was the Deaf Pilot's Association meeting at Manitowoc. For determination and love of flying, these guys are the best. Jim Wheeler and I worked with a few pilots who wanted renter check-outs and BFRs. My task was working with Stanley Power from Australia and Tony Speicker from New York.

Consider that each one of these individuals have a different degree of impairment, i.e., some may easily read lips while others interpret via other means. Primary tools were two or three pens and a rigid stack of card stock so both guys in the front seat could communicate by writing. When the BFRs were done and we looked at one another and shook hands, that was a moment money cannot buy.

Lest we forget AirVenture week, we had pilots from Switzerland, England, Germany, the Phillipines and Scotland.

No, Chicken Little, the sky may be grey at times, but it's being CAVU at Manitowoc.

Leon, CFI

Julie needs info

Last spring Julie Hartlaub handed out a form looking for information on flight experience of chapter members who are pilots. This was to be used to compile a chapter booklet that would catalog the various aircraft that had been flown by our chapter members as well as show photographs of aircraft currently owned by members. So far, a handfull of forms have been returned but there are still pilots out there who have not gotten any info back to her.

Anyway, she is still looking for data and if you haven't quite got around to it or need a form you can contact her at julie@creativeinc.com.

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Keep 'em Flying!

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