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- Come out this Saturday June 23rd and participate in the Chapter 18 Monthly Young Eagles
  event.
- Saturday and Sunday June 23rd and 24th is also the annual Frasca Fly-In down at Frasca field just north of Champaign, IL. Lots of overnight camping and a well run event makes this a great time for attendees.
- Don't Forget to put the "Friends of East Troy Fly-In" on your July calendar! Ken Klima puts in
  a lot of hard effort to make this event possible. Come out and show him some support.
- Where's Tony: Many of you know that I took an airline pilot position at Colgan Airlines back in January. That led to 8 weeks of initial training on the Saab 340 and a domicile in Houston. Well, if you pay attention to airline news, Pinnacle, the parent company of Colgan Airlines, decided to cease all Colgan operations and discontinue their operating certificate. Being a "junior" pilot, that would have meant my imminent furlough, so I have now taken a flying job with GoJet Airlines flying the CRJ700. I am currently in the midst of another 8 week initial training at Flight Safety in St. Louis. I do not have a domicile assignment just yet, but I am looking at either Raleigh, NC, St Louis or Chicago. I have to say I really enjoy airline training. In spite of all the headache, it's a great opportunity to immerse yourself in aviation. Learning the systems in a new aircraft has always interested me and the CRJ is very well designed and has all the modern amenities. However, all of the training this year has sidelined me for many fly-ins and chapter meetings. Being your newsletter editor and a board member has also suffered. I am also doing my best to manage my business. Please forgive me if the newsletter is a bit thin at times and if I am absent at the board meetings. If anyone has interest in helping out with the newsletter please let me know. Even someone who could be in charge of just one section, such as this lead page or member building/flying reports.
  - Hello EAA Chapter Leaders: We are sending this email to all EAA Chapter Leaders in the State of Wisconsin. It has been brought to our attention that a Private Grass Strip Airport near Cedarburg WI is facing possible closure for a highway bypass (Information is below). If you would like to attend the meeting, to show your support to keep the airport open, they will provide transportation from the airport to the meeting. If unable to attend please feel free to



send a letter of support to keep airport open via email to:

Beth.Blum@dot.wi.gov (Project Manager) and Jim Culotta the Town of Cedarburg Administrator at <a href="mailto:jculotta@town.cedarburg.wi.us">jculotta@town.cedarburg.wi.us</a>.

Please copy in <a href="mailto:kderiaz@wi.rr.com">kderiaz@wi.rr.com</a>. A letter of support holds much weight and is appreciated.

WisDOT proposal to widen and route Rt. 60 in Cedarburg WI. thru the middle of the airport's three runways, closing the airport. **Covered Bridge Field Airport** (known has Grob Airport until recently) was established by Ben Grob in 1946. Ben Grob had personally maintained the field, in the past, for the benefit of the EAA flying community and represented his love of aviation until his passing. His heirs have maintained the same commitment to keep the airport operational. They and the resident pilots ask your support in discouraging any plan to close this legacy airport by being present at the Public Input Meeting June 27th, 2012 5pm to 8pm (with presentation at 6pm). Please drive in or fly in, transportation will be available 4:30 to 5:30 to the meeting and return at the conclusion. Public Input Meeting: June 27. 2012 5pm-8pm (presentation at 6pm) John Long Middle School 700 Hickory St, Grafton WI.



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER- JEFF POINT



elcome to the June Flypaper! I hope many of you are taking advantage of the near perfect flying weather that we have enjoyed this past month. It seems as though mother nature is apologizing for the miserable excuse for a June we had last year, and is making up for it. Whatever the reason, I'll take it!

The June meeting will be

held this Tuesday, June 26th at the usual time and place. This being June, it is of course time for our annual fly-in show and tell. The June meeting has the best amount of daylight of the year, so it makes for the perfect setting for this event. Of course, it all depends on the weather, so pray for some good stuff! For those who are new to the chapter, in June we invite anyone with a flying homebuilt to bring it to the meeting. Of particular interest are those which have made first flights in the last year, and in many cases these meetings are the first public showing of these newly hatched birds. I know of at least two chapter airplanes which meet this criteria, so let's bring those birds out! We generally start the meeting outdoors and remain there until we run out of lies to tell, or it gets dark, whichever comes first. After that we move indoors for the business portion of the meeting, as well as the obligatory cookies and coffee.

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With the June meeting at hand, that can only mean that Oshkosh is nearly upon us. Like most of you, I look forward all year to my annual trek to the show. Of course after two weeks in the sun, I'm usually just as anxious to get back to my own bed and shower! Much like the old joke about the two best days in the life of a boat owner (or should it be airplane owner?) the first day and the last days are my favorites, and I'm sure a few of you have the same experience.

While I am looking forward to this year as always, it is with more than a small amount of trepidation. Everyone in the chapter is certainly aware of the changes that have taken place within the management of EAA, and a couple of our winter meetings were dedicated to getting the company perspective on these changes. It is no secret that I am openly skeptical of the new regime and it's vision of the organization. This year will be the first Oshkosh to be completely run by the new administration. 2011 was something of a transitional year between the old and new but this year will be, for better or worse, the All-Hightower show. While I have been told by any number of people to have faith in him and that his heart is in the right place,



# PRESIDENT'S CORNER- JEFF POINT CONT'D



as I mentioned in a column some time back, I am paying more heed to what is done than what is said. And what is being done is less than encouraging.

By now many of you have seen the advertisements for the new flightline pavilions. In 2011 they experimented with a single pavilion, located next to the comm center (just ask Scotty about that some time!) where, for a substantial fee, members could upgrade to VIP status and enjoy amenities such as air conditioning, free food and drink, and preferred front and center seating for the airshow. Apparently this was such a big success last year that they are putting in not one, not two, but FIVE of these pavilions, right on the flight line at show center. The effect of this location will be not only to displace a couple of dozen parking spaces in the homebuilt area, but will put much of the best airshow viewing area behind the velvet rope.

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Now, I get that EAA needs to raise money. The convention is not an inexpensive endeavor (despite the fact that 99% of the grunt labor is done by volunteers) and it needs to pay for not only itself, but raise funds for other EAA programs. I really do get that. However, I think that moves like this are not in the long term best interest of the organization. EAA is not an outfit for the high rollers, it is an outfit for the common folks. The whole premise on which it was founded was that common folks can achieve their dream of owning and flying their own airplane. And I think it sends the absolute wrong message to the majority of us common folks that we are good enough to come to the show, and even to build, restore and maintain the very airplanes that make up the show itself, but because we can't afford to fork over a big bunch of cash to EAA, we are relegated to second class citizen status.

And before anyone points out to me that many other large events have VIP areas and amenities, I'll point out that Oshkosh is not like these other events. The fact that it is not like these other events is a large part of what makes it so attractive. Most of you know that I am a big baseball fan. At the ballpark, there are club sections and luxury boxes where commoners like me are not allowed. I know this and accept this at the ballpark. Anyone out there want to see Oshkosh become more like a sporting event? Boorish, drunken behavior and cubic cubits of debris left behind afterwards? Or, do we think that we have something special, something worth preserving. The people and the culture of EAA are what make it special, and that culture should not be sold out to the highest bidder.

Enough ranting for one month. Hope to see you all at the meeting Tuesday. Until then, keep your airspeed up and enjoy the view from the cheap seats.



# 2012 MEMBER FLYING REPORTS

- We went to Door County with Todd and Kris yesterday. Ate at a great beach side restaurant north of Ephraim. Here's their web site and pictures. <a href="http://fredandfuzzys.com/">http://fredandfuzzys.com/</a> - Ken Klima
- ED NOTE: Todd Nettinger and his wife Chris came alone with Ken and Jane up to Door Count. It is my opinion that Door County/Ephraim Airport, is one of the the BEST locations in all of the mid-west for a day trip. If you have not been there you are missing a great opportunity.







Jane and Cris.



March Fly Out to Kalamaoo!

# CALENDER OF EVENTS



\*Monthly meetings are always 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Timmerman CAP hangar.

June Chapter Meeting- 6-26-12- Fly-in show and tell

July Chapter Meeting- 7-17-12 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday) or 7-24-12 (4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, during Oshkosh)

Friends of East Troy Airport Open House- 7/15 8am to ???

Air Venture—Oshkosh- 7-23 to 7-29-12

Young Eagles -August 4th 10am-1pm @ Captiol Drive Airport

August Chapter Meeting- 8-28-12- Hatzenbeller, ?

**Brodhead-**

Camping Trip- date/ location TBD

Fall Picnic- Fred Keip's hangar, Burlington, date TBD

September Chapter Meeting- 9-25-12- Esselstyn, jet glider project report

October Chapter Meeting-10-23-12- Banquet, Cliffords in Hales Corners.

November Chapter Meeting- 11-27-12- Stranak, aerobatic CFI

December Christmas Party- 12-11-12- El Fuego, 909 W. Layton av.

#### MISCELANEOUS EVENTS

Jul 7, 2012 Kenosha Wings and Wheels Kenosha, WI44 miles

Jul 7, 2012<u>11th Annual Hangar Dance</u>Madison, WI, USA50 miles

Jul 7, 2012<br/>
Pancake Breakfast Fly-in/Drive-in<br/>West Bend, WI22 miles

Jul 8, 2012EAA 1414 Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast & Young Eagles Rally Poplar Grove, IL, USA57 miles

Jul 13-15, 2012**B-17 Tour Stop**Madison, WI50 miles

Jul 15, 2012**East Troy Airport Open House**East Troy, WI, USA22 miles

Jul 23-29, 2012**EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2012**Oshkosh, WI63 miles

Jul 24-25, 2012**EAA SportAir Sheet Metal Basics Workshop**Oshkosh, WI62 miles

Jul 26-27, 2012**EAA SportAir Sheet Metal Basics Workshop**Oshkosh, WI62 miles



# BOARD MEETING MINUTES - SECRETARY—JIM HATZENBELLER

## Board Meeting Minutes for May, "2012"

The May Board meeting was called to order at 6:30 by President Jeff Point at the CAP hangar at Timmerman Field. Jim Hatzenbeller, Ken Klima, Tom Stranak, Sune Ericson, Darrell Kufalk and Joe Ptaszek were present. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved as published in the Chapter newsletter. The Treasurer's report was approved as published in the newsletter.

**Announcements:** The evening program will be a Chapter 18 slide history presentation given by Ron Wojnar and Don Mildebrandt.

**Old Business:** Discussion took place regarding Craig Henry's niece who is being sent to EAA Air Academy and sponsored by Chapter 18. It was decided to have Craig make the arrangements for who and how to make the tuition payment. The July meeting will take place at the CAP hangar as always but on the Tuesday before AirVenture, July 17<sup>th</sup>. The June program is the annual fly-in event.

**Young Eagles**: It was reported that 319 kids were flown at the Young Eagles event at the 128<sup>th</sup> Air Force re-fuelers group in conjunction with Armed Forces week. The next Young Eagles events are scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at Capitol Drive and June 23<sup>rd</sup> at Timmerman Field. Discussion took place regarding some type of banner or signs for use at Young Eagles event. Joe displayed a table sign which he had made up for the Chapter that was used at our booth for the International Learn to Fly event. A motion was made, seconded and passed to reimburse Joe \$42 for the sign. After discussion, it was decided to participate again next year in conjunction with Gran-Aire for this event.

**New Business:** A discussion took place regarding revival of the Sport Aviation Assn. by Ed fisher. Applications were made available to join and the cost is free with contributions being appreciated. The spring picnic will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at East Troy and will begin at 11:00. It's being hosted by don Patterson and Ken Klima. It was reported that the restaurant at Reedsburg has closed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary).

# CHAPTER MINUTES-SECRETARY JIM HATZENBELLER



## Chapter 18 Minutes from the May "2012" Meeting

The May meeting was called to order by President Jeff Point at 7:35 PM at the CAP Hangar at Timmerman Field.

Announcements: Guests were asked to introduce themselves and 6 people did so. The Chapter picnic will be held on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at East Troy and will be hosted by Ken Klima and Don Patterson. It was reported that the Sport Aircraft Association is being revived by Ed Fisher. Applications to join were made available. Cost to join is free, with donations being accepted.

Young Eagles: It was reported that 319 Young Eagles were flown May 12 & 13<sup>th</sup> during Armed Forces weekend at the 128<sup>th</sup> at Mitchell Field. Chapter 18 Young Eagle events will be on June 2<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Pilots needed at all events. There is no event scheduled for July. Although not part of Young Eagles, it was decided that Chapter 18 will participate again with Gran-Aire in next years "International Learn to Fly Day". This year was our initial participation in the event. We had a table staffed by Joe Ptaszek with assistance from Jim & Dee Becker. A suggestion was made to expand our presence there with a display board with photos and pilot information from Chapter 18.

Flying and Building Reports: Ron Scott reports that the ailerons are on the Fokker. Carroll Rands reported that his Sonex kit is for sale. Jerry Roeder reported that he and wife Judy are gluing the fuel tanks on their RV9A project. Mike Felske reports that he has the original wheel pants for his Piper Clipper and he is restoring them. Dave Hoefgren reported that he is building a hangar at Palmyra for his RV10. Mark Matelski reported that he is no longer welding samples, but actual parts for his Hatz Classic. Brian Krebs reported that his RV8 now has logged about 30 hrs. flight time to date. Tom Stranak reported that he is working on the spinner for his RV7.

**Tech Counselors:** No report **Flight Advisors:** No Report.

**New Business:** It was announced that the July Chapter meeting will take place at the CAP Hangar on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, one week before AirVenture.

Break was taken and was then followed by the monthly program, which was a slide presentation of old EAA and Chapter 18 photos. It was presented by Ron Wojnar and Don Mildebrandt. A contest was held for those who could answer the most questions regarding the photos. First prize was a 6 pack of beer. The contest came down to the wire with Mrs. Mildebrandt just barely beating out Ron Scott.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50pm.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary)

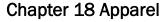


# TREASURER REPORT- TREASURER KEN KLIMA





We have the new EAA Calendars for sale. Bring \$10 to the chapter meeting and help support your local EAA.





Chapter 18 Apparel is on sale now. T-Shirts, Hats, Coffee Mugs, and much, much more. Order anytime and no minimums. Each purchase will help to support the chapter.

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May -2012	Checking S	Total	
Beginning Bal. 5/1/12	\$721.02	\$2,177.75	\$2,898.77
Receipts			
Dues	80		
Coffee	35		
Eggs	18		
Interest_		0.36	
Total Income	133	0.36	
Expenses			
Donation EAA, A.Earhart	-100		
Donation Young Av. Racine	-250		
Nametags	-24.32		
Sign for table_	-42		
Total Expense	-416.32	0	
Ending Balance 5/31/12	\$437.70	\$2,178.11	\$2,615.81

# MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

#### **FOR SALE, RENT or LOAN**

- Sonex Airframe Kit #1190 (Standard, Dual, VW) "Easy Build" Laser Cut Metals with Machined Angle Components and Pre-Assembled Main Wing Spars. Some work in progress. Complete Kit cost was over \$19,000, Asking \$18,000. Located at Air Troy Estates (East Troy). Carroll Rands 262-994-9009 or ccrands@yahoo.com
- 2. Zenith CH200 about 35% finished. The plane is located in the Burlington area and the family wants to sell it. Betty Ashworth 847-502-3034
- 3. For Sale: Marvel-Schebler MA3SPA carburetor. P/N 10-3237 for a Continental C-145. \$300. Fred Keip 262-835-7714 (after 6 PM) or fredkeip@aol.com

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#### **WANTED TO BUY, RENT or BORROW**

- 1. Mike Felske is looking for 3-4 unairworthy metal wing ribs. Contact him at: wings@wi.rr.com or 262.379.0251
- 2. TAILWHEEL TUBE & FABRIC PROJECT: 1/1/2010]I am looking for a tailwheel project. It can be a plane you already stripped down to tubes and want to get rid of, or something damaged and sitting for years in need a major renovation. Must be very affordable engine not required. If you have something, let me know. Todd Wenzel (chapter 18 member) 414-218-6784 todd.wenzel@wenzel-software.com

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