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# Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

## Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

AirVenture 2024 is in the books. It was the nicest flight I've ever had the pleasure of landing in Oshkosh. Traffic was light due to a large, perfect-weather, window of opportunity to land.

Some of the projects I helped out on this year were a new bridge in the south- south 40 to walk over a ditch, a new sign for the seaplane base, cooling areas, cellphone charging stations and the new Air Boss stand. You can see the pictures starting on page 4.

Congratulations to my friend Randy Rettler! He had an article written about him and his plane during AirVenture. [Randy Article](#). Then at AirVenture he won a bronze Lindy for third best homebuilt and was featured on NBC 26. [Randy Lindy](#). He was also the only pilot from Wisconsin to win an award this year. Randy hangars at KMTW.

Every year I fly to Washington Island for the annual fish boil in my little Sonex and this year my buddy Jon wanted to fly along. We haven't been running as much and let's just say it shows. When I ran my weight and balance I could either take Jon OR fuel. Thank you Jon, you were my inspiration to look for a bigger plane to build. I found it at AirVenture! Don't tell the wife!



### Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesday  
6:30  
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One of my goals this year was to go spend time at The Blue Barn. This is the go-to destination for chapters.

- Attend forums about growing your chapter, and engaging youth.
- Learn about chapter resources and best practices.
- See EAA's chapter youth programs, including the Young Eagles Build and Fly program, the Young Eagles Workshops program, and AeroEducate.
- Learn how chapters can participate in the Ray Aviation Scholarship.
- Enter for a chance to win a new Lincoln TIG welder for our chapter.
- Learn all about the EAA Young Eagles program.

I'm so excited about the growth of our chapter especially now with the introduction of the Flight Simulator, Kristen Eben as our Youth Aviation Education Coordinator, and Mark Eben our Website Manager, and Chris Gibson our Young Eagles Coordinator. I can't thank you enough.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) mission is to increase participation in aviation by promoting the "Spirit of Aviation". We are working toward growing our chapter to be an integral part of the Manitowoc aviation community by providing learning and aviation activities to help teach the next generation about aviation.

Wednesday 8/14 1730 hrs please attend the burger and brat cookout. We will then have our meeting to announce major changes coming up and a new mission statement.

Here's a teaser: Monthly Wednesday meetings will be business only. A monthly Saturday meeting will be coffee, donuts, a social hour followed by an activity or speaker. This opens up the possibilities for us to fly, build, host a youth activity and so much more.

Coming up:

August 17, 0800 hangar and office clean out to make a home for the simulator.

September 14 Young Eagles

Jim

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## 2024 Wisconsin Airport Events

### **August 17 Shawano Annual Fly-In and Car Show**

Shawano Municipal Airport (KEZS)

0900-1400

Free to the public, offering food vendor vouchers to all fly-in pilots. See warbirds, skydivers, police and fire demos, Wisconsin Army National Guard Blackhawk helicopter, classic cars, and static aircraft displays. Green Bay EAA Chapter #651 to host Young Eagle Rally. Authentic Canadian shore lunch with walleye, camp potatoes, beans, and bread.

### **August 18 Boyceville Airport Booster Club 52nd Annual Pancake Breakfast**

Boyceville Municipal Airport (3T3)

0700-1100

Pancake breakfast with funds raised going to help support local youth aviation education. Helicopter Candy Drop at 1100 for the kids. Menu: Pancakes, Eggs, Sausage, Juice, Milk, Coffee.

### **August 31 Shell Lake Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast**

Shell Lake Municipal Airport (KSSQ)

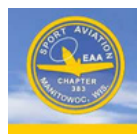
0730-1100

Fly-in or drive-in pancake breakfast with pancakes, sausage and beverage. Cost is \$10 for adults, kids 5 and under are free. This is held in conjunction with Shell Lake Town and Country Days celebration.

### **August 31 12th Annual Death's Door BBQ Contest - Cancelled**

Washington Island

Following the recent passing of Death's Door BBQ organizer Richard Jepsen, his family, Kansas City Barbecue Society members, and the event's committee announced that the contest is canceled for 2024. Jepsen nurtured the contest from humbled beginnings to make Death's Door BBQ Contest one of the premier barbecue showcases in the Midwest and the entire country.





The new OSHKOSH sign at AirVenture. Perfect photo opportunity!



The new sign at the seaplane base.

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The new bridge in the south 40.



Hopefully my new project.

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The National Guard using our space for training.



T-34s using our space for training.

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Great Pics from Julie Hautlaub of the T34s at KMTW.

