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Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

I plan on flying to the 2023 Oconto Elks Fly In and Car Show on September 16. It's a good show. I hope to see other chapter members fly in too.

The big corn roast is this month on Wednesday September 13. The feed starts at 1800. Please bring a dish to pass. A few people to arrive early (around 1700) would be great to help to set up. Since we're having a corn roast there will be no formal meeting.

Our newest member, Mason, was given a donation for flight training and he is on his way! He has already logged flight hours and is planning to take the written test. Way to go Mason!

We've been talking about a Rahr Hangar flying club. What type of plane do you think would make a good kit to build? Or should we look at an orphan project instead? Send your thoughts to JimZuege@gmail.com.

Jim



Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesday
6:30
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Shortest Runways at Commercial Airports

Not all runways are built the same. Some are relatively short, while others are remarkably long. Some are as narrow as 40 feet wide, while the widest are 200 feet across. Runways can be built out of asphalt, concrete, dirt, or even on riverbeds in the backwoods. The shortest runways are exclusively used for general aviation, but this article will tell you the shortest ones used for US airline operations.

John Wayne Orange County is the shortest commercial runway in the US. It's 32 miles southeast of LAX. The runway is 5,700 feet. A lot of locals use it to avoid LAX.

Hilton Head Island Airport on the southern coast of South Carolina is the smallest runway. It's 5,000 feet long and only 100 feet wide. Landing at Hilton Head requires full flaps, max braking, and a non-negotiable touchdown in the first 1,000 feet of the runway.

Key West International is 5,706 feet and the standard 150 feet wide. Key West airport is the most southerly airport in the 49 US states excluding Hawaii.

Washington Reagan Runway is 5,204 feet. This one has a unique approach, extremely tight security restrictions, close to the capital and close to the Potomac River.

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2023 Wisconsin Airports Events

September 16 2023 Oconto Elks Fly In and Car Show

Oconto - J Douglas Bake Municipal Airport (KOCQ) 0900-1100

Opening ceremony honoring veterans at 1000. Huge car show, tractors, warbirds, plane and helicopter rides, and youth activities. Mobile fuel trailer and discount on 100LL for those who fly in.

September 16 Wittmann Airport Fly-In Breakfast & Airport Expo

Wittmann Regional Airport (KOSH) 0730-1100

Pancake breakfast and airplane rides. Free food for pilots of home-built aircraft who fly in!

September 30 3rd Annual Fall Color Fly-In/Drive-In

Ontonagon County Airport - Schuster Field (KOGM) 0900-1600

Enjoy the beautiful fall colors as you fly or drive along the shores of Lake Superior. Lunch will be served. Pilots have a chance to win a future 2-day car rental with hotel stay along with other future stay prizes.

October 15 Volk Field Fly-In/Drive-In and IFR/VFR Seminars

Volk Field (KVOK) 0800-1600

Don't miss your one chance per year to land at an active military airfield! Events include facility tour, FAA safety seminars, WisDOT passport stamp, breakfast and lunch. Special documentation and registration are required. [Here's the link to sign up.](#)

