

MAY 2025

Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

Pray for good weather on May 31, because our Young Eagles Rally has 30 students signed up and ready to fly. We start at 0800. Randy and Maggie Rettler volunteered recently in Sheboygan so a Sheboygan pilot will join us for the day to return a favor. We will need volunteers to help as ground crew. Set up and briefing will happen prior; watch your email for more information.

George has to step down as treasurer due to personal reasons. Thank you George, for your service. In the words of George Jones, who's gonna fill his shoes? A volunteer is needed ASAP.

Our chapter Pancake Breakfast and fly-in is June 7. More info to come. It's being actively advertised. Please cooperate Ma Nature.

The Seabee is done and back in the Manitowoc County hangar. The county is in charge of putting it back on the stand.

Jay Baeten's fly-ins started again - it's a sure sign of summer flying!

Jim



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Board Meeting

Wed. May 14 1900 hrs

Member Gathering

Sat. May 17 0800 hrs

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Wisconsin Airport Events

May 17- **New Richmond Fly-in and Car Show** New Richmond Regional Airport 0800-1100 Fly in and support VFW and check out nice hangars, neon signs, and cars.

May 17- **Pork & Pickles Fly-in** Batten International Airport Racine 1100-1500 Lunch, live music, hangar promotions.

May 21-**Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame: Snapshots of Wisconsin Aviation** History Clintonville Municipal Airport 0700-0900 The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame presents short stories about aviators and the planes they flew during the early days of aviation in Wisconsin. This presentation highlights moments, places, and personalities in the state's aviation history from early airfields to warbirds and grassroots flying communities.

May 21-**I love America! Spring Kickoff** Watertown Municipal Airport 1700-1900 A salute to veterans and first responders with classic brats and burgers on the grill.

May 25 -**EAA Chapter 371 annual pancake breakfast** Portage Municipal airport 0700-1200 All you can eat, car show, and Army helicopter display.

June 1- **BASE Fort Atkinson Wings & Wheels Fly-in** Fort Atkinson Municipal Airport 0800-1200 Pancake breakfast and static displays.

June 7 -**8th Annual Flour Drop Contest** Lawrence J Timmerman Airport Milwaukee 1000 The pilot and passenger team whose sack of flour lands closest to the target wins.

June 7 -**Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Pancake Breakfast** Manitowoc County Airport 0700-1200 Pancakes followed by burgers and brats. Special parking for classic cars.

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Seabee Done

The storm damaged Seabee repairs are completed. The work was done by chapter members and students. Brenden LeMay won a achievement award for his participation.

EAA Chapter 383 has a web page. It contains:

About us, Contact us, Event Calendar, Youth Activities, Merchandise, In the News and Social Media, Newsletters, Young Eagles, Chapter Event Photos, Technical Counselors, Ray Aviation Scholarship.

[Link to the webpage](#)

EAA Chapter 383 Facebook Page

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Manitowoc EAA 383 Minutes

04/09/2025

16 members in attendance

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Treasurer Report

EAA AirVenture

Chapter 383 is in the lottery for EAA pancake breakfast.

Chapter Pancake Breakfast

Chapter pancake breakfast is set for June 7 from 0700-1100 to serve pancakes and 1000-1400 to serve burgers and brats.

Bronze

EAA gives active chapters a rating depending on their activity level. We were 1 point from earning a bronze award.

Organization Chart

We rearranged our organizational chart due to not having a RAHR hangar board. By including elected members and chair people we now have a full board.

Educational Chair - Kristen

Publication Chair - Josh

Special Projects Chair - Nadine

Property and Facilities Chair - Jesse

Safety and Inspections Chair - Brian

The chairs will serve a two year term and are responsible for the activities in the Operations Manual.

Clubhouse Flooring

We will clean the carpet and research new flooring options through the summer.

New Business

Simulator is up and running and we are working on management and use details.

Sign Posts

There are empty sign posts at the airport entrance that need EAA signs on them. The publicity chair will produce a couple of ideas.

Invincible Plane Prints

The prints are in the hands of the Manitowoc Historical Society to preserve so they don't deteriorate any further.

Jim moved to adjourn the meeting.