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Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

SURVEY SAYS...

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

Last month's newsletter included a survey and 14 people responded. The intent is give our club direction. We will move forward to fulfill the wants of the chapter members. Read the survey results on page 2.

One of the survey items was to do more hands-on training, so let's jump right in! February's meeting will feature *things to get your airplane cleaned up for spring*. Come learn about aluminum polishing and general surface care.

Looking ahead to March, I might schedule a tour of the Sonex factory in Oshkosh. We'll discuss it at the February meeting to gauge the interest.

Jim

Demo at Feb. meeting

Waxing may seem like a no brainer; *grab a rag and some turtle wax and go for it*. On the contrary; it's actually a science based art-form. You must know your surface, your product, your application medium, how it all works together, and most importantly, know when to stop before you do damage.

Jim Zuege has more hours driving a buffer than he cares to admit. He will do a buffing demo at the February meeting and give you a chance to get hands-on.

Share your area of expertise at a future meeting.



Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesday

6:30

KMTW

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Why are you a paid member of Chapter 383?

- 60% Talk to other aviation enthusiasts
- 20% Interested in home building
- 20% Incorporate aviation into life

Chapter 383 does **less** than I want - 71%
Chapter 383 does **exactly** what I want - 29%

What would you like to see the Chapter do?

- 50 % - work on home-built (hands-on) techniques
- 40 % - have more speakers for training and entertainment
- 10% - Engage in youth aviation like Young Eagles

Based on majority response, the newsletter will continue **monthly**.

What information do you look for in the newsletter?

- What's going on with the chapter and around the airport - 70%
- Meeting minutes - 10%
- AirVenture information - 10%
- Stories about other member's projects - 10%

Thoughts about this chapter?

- More hands-on projects
- Work on an airplane project and show progress
- Fly in, airshow, Young Eagles
- Build something
- Group fly outs
- More surveys

Dues



Dues run from January 1 to December 31 each year and are only \$20.

If you have not paid your dues by the February meeting, you will no longer receive the monthly newsletter.

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 9. You can pay by:

- Mail to: Chapter 383 1805 Freedom Way Manitowoc, WI 54220
- Give to a chapter officer
- Bring to the February 9th meeting

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Survey results guide 383 direction

The Manitowoc fly-in is a thing of the past. It was great while it lasted.

Moving forward there is no interest in hamburger fly-ins or being a club that just has a monthly meeting and does nothing else.

The club has enthusiastic members who would like to see the club do more. More hands-on activities, more speakers, and more fly outs. Meetings are becoming robust conversation about what to build or what to work on. Join the meeting and share your ideas. Do you have a speaker in mind? What would you like to learn? Have you heard of a breakfast fly-out date? Bring it up at the next meeting or email it to JimZuege@gmail.com.

A newsletter editor has been solicited with no luck. Club President, Jim Zuege has twisted his wife's arm to do it. She actually likes writing and editing. Please share story ideas, fly out dates, your projects, and stories with her and she will edit them and include in the newsletter. You don't have to write a story, just share the idea and she will research and write it to fill in the gaps. Send information to SherryZuege@gmail.com.

The moral of the survey story is we need to do more to make the club have value for its members and to recruit new members or Chapter 383 will fade away.

Send your ideas, information, and pictures for the newsletter to SherryZUege@gmail.com

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What's New at MTW

Manitowoc County Airport, under the direction of Airport Foreman Bryan Linger has a full to-do list for 2022. These items include:

- Update the rest of the runway/taxiway lights to LED.
- Correct any drainage issues on the property.
- Trim the trees around runway approaches for safety.
- Repair tiedowns.
- Repair and seal pavement cracks.
- Update pavement paint.

The airport would love to have volunteers. If you want to volunteer please reach out to any staff member in the FBO.



Events at WI Airports

[June 24-25 Wings Over Wausau Airshow](#)

Pancake breakfast and airshow each night. The event is free for those to fly in.

[July 25 - 31 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022](#)

2022 marks the 75th anniversary of the U.S. Air Force. Celebrate the past, present, and future in the world of flight at AirVenture.