

APRIL 2022

# Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

## Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

I am happy at the increase in activities we are doing as a chapter. Please keep bringing your ideas for speakers and activities! In February we had a demonstration on surface care of aircraft. In March we had a presentation on the use of Corvair engines to power planes.

Ten chapter members got together in March to tour Sonex Aircraft at Wittman Regional Airport. They are located on Perimeter Road in Oshkosh. The tour was good. I've been there several times. The first was to pick up my Sonex kit. The wife was a little nervous when she saw my airplane come to me in flat cardboard boxes, "some assembly required". I flew in a couple of times for Sonex open houses. The time with the greatest impact is when I flew in with fellow Sonex builder, pilot, and former chapter member Russ H. Suffice it to say that the wife was not pleased to have to drive to Oshkosh to pick us up and when she got there she saw a "wrinkled" airplane with a shredded wood prop. Russ had a "good" landing that day.

***"If you can walk away from a landing, it's a good landing. If you use the airplane the next day it was an outstanding landing."*** Chuck Yaeger



## Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesday

6:30

KMTW

Chapter 383

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# March Minutes

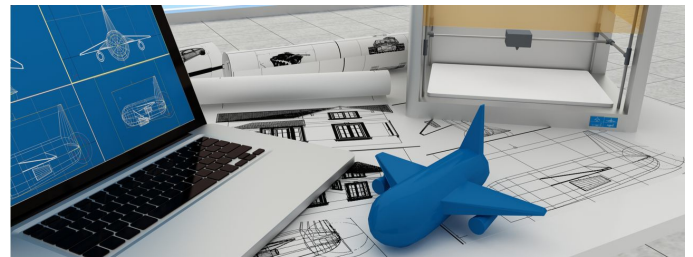
The meeting was called to order.

- George Bamman presented the treasurers report. The club is solvent.
- The club needs a secretary. Duties include attending 1 monthly meeting, taking notes, and sending those notes to the newsletter editor. You can handwrite the notes and call them in if you wish. Volunteer by contacting Jim or speak up at the April meeting.
- MTW Airport day will be June 4. Discussion was about supplying breakfast or lunch for the day as a chapter fundraiser. The attendees decided to do both. Mark your calendars for June 4 airport day to volunteer with you fellow chapter members.
- The meeting was adjourned by Gary H and seconded by John B.

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## 3D Printing in Aviation

Boeing, Airbus, GE Aviation, and NASA have used advancements in 3D printing on a production scale. Now it is trickling into other industries. Aerospace trends continue to be a driving force behind wide adoption of 3D printed production. We have a local expert in our midst; Bill Herman.



Bill has printed parts for his RV aircraft. **Bill will speak at the April meeting and show examples of his work.**



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# Events at WI Airports

- April 16 - **1st Flyout of 2022 Sam's Airport Diner** Tri-County Regional Airport (KLNR) Spring Green.
- April 23 - **S.J. Wittman Birthday Fly-In Breakfast** (KOSH) Pancake breakfast is free for pilots of homebuilt aircraft that fly in.
- May 29 - **EAA Chapter 371 Annual Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast** Portage Municipal Airport (C47)
- June 4 - **Manitowoc County Airport Fly In Breakfast and Lunch and Rummage** (KMTW) An airport rummage sale for the hangar owners and tenants. Pilotsmith Flight School will be there to answer flight training questions.
- June 5 - **BASE Wings & Wheels** Fort Atkinson Municipal Airport (61C) Country style breakfast and classic cars.
- June 12 - **Wild Rose Annual Spring Fly In** Wild Rose Idlewild Airport (W23)
- June 17-19 - **3rd Annual Corny Solstice Fly In** Cornucopia Airport (W123)
- June 24 - 25 - **Wings Over Wausau** Airshow and music as part of Wausau's BIG weekend
- July 16 - **Fly-In Fish Boil** at Washington Island Airport  
<https://washingtonisland.com/58th-lions-club-fly-in-whitefish-boil/>
- July 25 - 28 - **AirPower History tour** at ATW. Fly in the iconic B-29 Superfortress "FIFI" and the B-24 Liberator "Diamond LIL"
- July 25 - 31 - **EAA AirVenture**

