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Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

Happy June. The newsletter is late because the wife and I were in South Padre, Texas for R&R. Our timing was just right to see and hear the SpaceX launch from the Boca Chica site across from South Padre island. It was SO loud and all of the windows on the island rattled like a strong hurricane was going through. Unfortunately visibility was poor that day but it was still amazing to witness.

Poor weather caused the Young Eagles flights to be cancelled on June 8th during the KMTW fly-in and breakfast. The good news is the chapter received a \$100 donation from American Legion Auxiliary. Thank you American Legion! After-event discussion concluded that everything went well but promoting the event needs to improve. The date for next year's fly in is set for June 7. The Young Eagles flights are rescheduled for September 14. We will need pilots and ground crew volunteers.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the people that helped with the fly-in and Young Eagles. Even though the weather did not cooperate to make it a huge success, it was successful in bringing everyone together. Let's hope next year the weather is better.

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Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesday 6:30 KMTW Chapter 383 Hangar 22 1805 Freedom Way Manitowoc

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Codey Lai is stepping down as secretary to pursue his path in aviation with the Airforce Academy. Good luck Codey! I'm sure you will do well. Keep in touch!

James Grossmann was nominated to the secretary position and it was put to a vote. The vote passed without opposition. Thanks James!

Please welcome a new pilot to Chapter 383! His name is Mason Haven and he passed his check ride on June 9. Congratulations Mason and welcome to 383.

Saturday August 17 at 0830 is a planned cleaning and organizing day at the club house. We will do some much needed updating. This is not only needed, but necessary to make space for the flight simulator that Joshua Honey is generously donating to the club. I'm excited to see the energy Joshua has brought to the chapter with his donation. This might be the shot in the arm our chapter needs to grow or at least be more active in the aviation community. Please come and volunteer. Be a part of the growth of Chapter 383.

Our next meeting is July 10. We will plan for hosting the T-34s. For those of you that are new, every year the T-34 pilots use KMTW as their home base for meetings and to visualize, walk through, and practice for their spectacular air performance at AirVenture. We provide the clubhouse as meeting space and prepare and serve a few meals. We also provide the smoke oil fill up. It's pretty exciting to witness everything they do and be able to talk with them. You hear some incredible stories!

Volunteer needed to manage the website and social media.

Volunteer committee needed to oversee the flight simulator use and scheduling.



2024 Wisconsin Airport Events

June 20 Flying Sloppy Joes Social Adams County Airport (63C) 1700-1900 Fly in or drive in. Sloppy Joes are on the menu.

July 7 EAA Chapter 93 Middleton Pancake Breakfast Middleton Municipal Airport Morey Field (C29) 0730-1200

All you care to eat pancakes, sausage, bacon and eggs made to order will be served by the Morey Airplane Company.

July 13 Wings Over PDC Prairie du Chien Municipal Airport KPDC 0700-1100

Brisket n' eggs with hashbrowns provided by the Rotary Club. Airplane displays, military aircraft, medflight, Army trucks, airpline rides and aircraft fly bys.

July 19 Wautoma Rotary Canadian Shore Lunch Fly-in/Drive-in Wautoma Municipal Airport Y50 1700-1900

Authentic Canadian shore lunch with walleye, camp potatoes, beans, bread and beverage.

July 20 Pistons and Props Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport KJVL 0900-1700

Historical aircraft, live music, car show, hangar dance, and a beer garden.

