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# Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

## Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

The Chapter hosted students from Valders High School last month. We talked about the Chapter, how to become a pilot, and home building. They enjoyed sitting in aircraft. I thought they were a great bunch of kids who asked questions and were very attentive. It's refreshing to see youth with an interest in aviation. I really enjoyed hosting them.

Speaking of youth; Chris Gibson has stepped up to be the Young Eagles coordinator. Launched in 1992, the Young Eagles program has dedicated 30 years to giving youth ages 8–17 their first free ride in an airplane. We need to set a date to fly the kids that visited from Valders; possibly late April or early May. Pilots to fly those kids are needed. Please contact me and I can give you the skinny. Volunteer ground crew will also be needed on the day we fly.

Our scholarship request from EAA was denied because our Chapter is not active enough. I'm disappointed that a deserving person missed out. He shows up and is excited about aviation and I really would like to help him achieve his goals.

Chapter member Scott Frost will talk about his home build at the March meeting. See you there.

Jim



### Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesday  
6:30  
KMTW  
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## February Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order on February 14 at 1912 hrs.

George's treasurer's report revealed that switching to Community First Credit union is a success. CDs are earning 5% interest.

Legal paperwork for renewal of the hangar land lease is underway. We will probably need to meet with the Rahr Hangar Foundation Board of Directors for guidance because the wording is confusing.

The monthly video newsletter was played at the February meeting. There are digital ultralight webinars for EAA members on the EAA website to learn more about ultralight aircraft.

Future events like a Young Eagles fly date was discussed. Setting a date for the fly-in pancake breakfast was discussed. Probably June 1 or 8. These will be discussed at the March meeting.

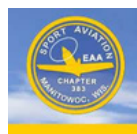
If you have ideas for events reach out to [JimZuege@gmail.com](mailto:JimZuege@gmail.com).

Meeting was adjourned at 2006 Hrs.

## Other Business

Membership dues are payable in January for the entire year. We are no longer paying dues based on the month you joined. Please pay your 2024 dues if you haven't.

If you have someone in mind that you would like to receive this newsletter please forward their email to [JimZuege@gmail.com](mailto:JimZuege@gmail.com) or [SherryZuege@gmail.com](mailto:SherryZuege@gmail.com).





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## Survey Results

54 surveys were sent in the February newsletter. Here are the responses.

Do you want food prior to monthly meetings?

Yes: 2 No: 3

What topic would you like to hear someone speak on?

- How to increase membership
- How to approach kids (16 and up), interested in flying, and their parents to invite them to our meetings and events. What role will current members take?
- A chapter building project person



Valders High School students interested in aviation visited Chapter 383 in February. These kids will get Young Eagles flights later this year. Thank you Chris Gibson for volunteering to be the Young Eagles coordinator. Pilots will be needed. To sign up call Jim Zuege at (920) 255-5142.

