

APRIL 2025

Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

Recent rain, sleet, snow and high winds made me think I wouldn't be flying for a while. A break in the weather Sunday morning April 6 let me get out and enjoy a little sky time.

Our event book is filling up. It's great to see participation and so much going on.

- The Old Glory Honor Flight is April 16.
- The Seabee unveiling is May 3.
- Young Eagles is May 31. Any pilots who can fly kids need to have a current background check that takes about 20 minutes to fill out.
- The pancake breakfast is June 7.

We've voted to install an air radio in the hangar with our young eagle credits.

We've submitted our chapter for the fundraising lottery for the pancake breakfast service at AirVenture.

Here's the agenda for the April business meeting:

- Organizational chart vote and implementation
- Set the chairs and executive board
- Decide times for the pancake breakfast
- Flooring in the hangar

Here's the agenda for the Monthly Gathering:

Finish up the Seabee. Anyone who has helped with the project will be signing on the inside before the door is bolted shut.

Jim



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**Monthly Business Meeting
2nd Wednesday 1900 hrs**

**Monthly Gathering for an
activity or speaker
3rd Saturday 0800 hrs**

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Seabee Unveiling

The unveiling of the newly restored Seabee is Saturday May 3, 2025. The event starts at 1230 hrs with the unveiling at 1300 hrs. Music, food, drinks, corn hole matches and door prizes.

In 2023 a heavy windstorm ripped through the area and damaged the Seabee that stood proudly at the entrance of the Manitowoc County Airport since 1991. The storm damaged the rudder and did substantial cosmetic damage

EAA Chapter 383 along with high school students have repaired and painted the Seabee. The unveiling will showcase her new “old” color. The event is open to the public and all EAA members past, present and future.



Storm-damaged Seabee 2023



Restored Seabee 2025

Have you paid your chapter dues?

Chapter dues expire every December 31st. There are lots of names on the list that have not paid their dues for 2025. Please pay your yearly dues before April 30. Contact George for questions about paying your dues. (715) 850-1420 or gbamman@hotmail.com.

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Old Glory Honor Flight Mission 73

Leon Sigman is going to Washington DC on Old Glory Honor Flight Mission 73.

Old Glory was founded in 2009 by a group of Appleton volunteers. Their mission is to honor local veterans one mission at a time because it's never too late to say thank you. Honor flights are for all veterans who served prior to 1975. The flights are free for



Each flight has trained volunteers, a medical team, professional photographers and others who ensure the vets get red carpet treatment. Visitors are encouraged to greet the return flight on Wednesday, April 16 at Appleton International Airport. Anticipated arrival is 2100 hours. Wear patriotic colors and listen to Swing Time Big Band while waiting for them to land.

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 that is loaded with information!](#)

EAA Chapter 383 Facebook Page

[Link to Facebook page](#)

Manitowoc EAA 383 Minutes

03/12/2025

14 members in attendance

Pledge of Allegiance

Agenda

Treasurer Report

Operation Organization Chart

President

Vice-President

Treasurer

Secretary

Wings

Homebuilding Education Public Relations Special Projects Property/Maintenance
Safety

General Membership

Homebuilder Techniques - Manitowoc Youth Aviation - Publicity - Fly-ins - Fly-outs
Hangar, Clubhouse, Maintenance - Safety - Powerplants - Young Eagles - Newsletter
Pancake Breakfast

Event Dates

Seabee Unveiling – May 3rd, 2025 ~1-3pm

draft – April 24th-27th, 2025

Young Eagles Day – May 31st, 2025

Pancake Breakfast – June 7th, 2025

Fund Raising

AirVenture Pancake Breakfast opportunity – put in for Tuesday or Thursday

5k? Duck Waddle? Runners are Crazy!

Chile Fly-in (used to be in Wausau...in January)

Raffle – We have Class A and Class B Raffle permits

Send ideas to Jim – old or new...any idea's a good idea.

Jim moved to use the Young Eagle credits to buy a radio for the hangar. Seconded. Carried.

Club House Improvements

Replace carpet with tile? 800 sq feet donated at cost... \$2200 (retail ~\$6000) Tabled to April

New Business

County is excited about our Chapter activities. Fear of what could be happening with the airport have been eroded. The schools are talking about what is happening here and good word is making it back to the county council.

Kicking off the airport master plan, the airport is looking to us (383) to head up the interaction with the public over the master plan. We are being instrumental to justify ways and means for grants for this airport to exist and have updates...like tiedowns.

Gary moved to adjourn. Seconded. Adjourned