

SEPTEMBER 2022

Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

September is here already and I've been so busy I forgot about our annual corn roast. Luckily Gary and George reminded me. So, we pulled things together last minute and we will have a corn roast at our September monthly meeting. Corn will be ready at 6:30; please bring a dish to pass. We'll have a quick meeting at 7:00 ish.

I managed to sneak in some flying; I went to Death's Door BBQ fly-in at Washington Island. There were about 30 planes there and some great BBQ. I would have stayed longer but the weather forced an early flight home.

I hope a few of us can make it to the Oconto Fly-In on September 17. If the weather is nice it's a fun event to see and plenty of good eats. You can read more about it on page 3 of this newsletter.

Brian, the airport manager, asked our chapter to help out with pilots who fly into MTW for AirVenture next year. We would run a shuttle to OSH in the morning and return in the afternoon. Who's in?

I would like your ideas for speakers and possible tours.

Respectfully,
Jim



Monthly Meeting

**2nd Wednesday
6:30**

KMTW

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August Minutes

Call to Order

A meeting of the EAA Manitowoc Chapter 383 was called to order by Jim on August 10, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The secretary was absent so Mike recorded the meeting. (The secretary is taking his behind the wheel for driver's education to earn his driver's license. How great such a young man takes on the responsibility of being the chapter secretary. - Editor's note)

Approval of Minutes

All of the members in attendance approved of the previous month's minutes.

Rahr West Foundation \$50,000 donation

The Rahr West Foundation is offering a \$50,000 donation to a non-profit organization who comes up with an idea to benefit the community. Chris Gibson volunteered to write our grant application. Our grant will focus on building a high-wing aircraft and reach out to high schools to participate as part of their STEM program. STEM education is a teaching approach that combines science, technology, engineering and math. A committee was formed to review the grant and present it to the club.

Replacement door

Jim will get bids to replace the front door on the club house that is in bad condition and deteriorating.

Adjournment

John made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Scott seconded the motion.

Submitted by Jim Zuege per meeting recording made by Mike.



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Events at WI Airports

September 17 - Oconto Fly-In Hosted by the Oconto Elks Lodge

Oconto-J Douglas Bake Municipal Airport (KOCQ) 0900-1600

Veteran's Ceremony at 1000, huge car show, antique tractors, youth activities, amusements, military displays, encampment, vendors, RC model planes, music, and food vendors. Also a TBM Avenger display and rides, large warbird display, plane and helicopter rides. Rides are FREE for 12 and under or anyone that flies in for the event.

September 18 - EAA Chapter 1622 Wings & Wheels

New Holstein Municipal Airport (8D1) 0700 - 1500

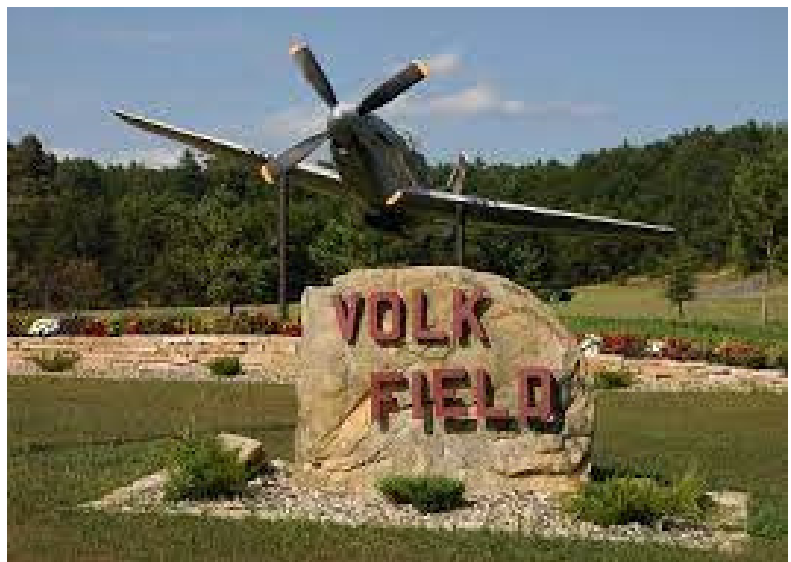
Fly-In breakfast, food, plane rides, and a car show.

November 5 - Volk Field Fly-In/Drive-In and IFR/VFR Seminars

Volk Field (KVOK) Time and specific address to be determined.

Here is your chance to land at an active military airfield - Volk Field Air National Guard Base in the village of Camp Douglas in Juneau County. It is known as the Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center. Pre-registration is required to attend this event and to access the airfield.

Events tentatively include a facility tour, FAA safety seminar, WisDOT passport stamp, breakfast, and lunch.



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The Greatest Kindness

By: Lee Wolf

Shakespeare might have said something to the effect of "Thou dost the greatest kindness."

It was the eve of AirVenture when twenty nine T-34s provided color and form on the ramp at MTW while the good guys and gals of EAA Chapter 383 were providing food and friendship to pilots and guests. The dedicated FBO staff were keeping up with fuel orders, answering questions, helping wherever possible and eliciting friendship to people from all over the USA and Canada. Everyone involved worked hard to make the T-34 gathering a fine event.

Let's blame Minnesota for nasty weather because that's where all the nasty stuff comes from. In this instant the word ugly better suits the condition forecast arriving Saturday evening with words like: possible tornadoes, 50-mile per hour gusts, heavy downpours, and the worst word was hail! Would you leave your airplane on the ramp? A few pilots chose to relocate their airplanes to airports not in the path of rapidly approaching weather events. Twenty one aircraft and their owners remained at Manitowoc airport pleading for secure hangar space. The good guys at the FBO moved quickly to make the needed confines. Owners of private hangars restacked their own airplanes to create protective space for 19 T-34s, one Super Cub, and one C-182. All of these valuable aircraft were provided shelter from the storm. Not one machine remained exposed.

Yes, a short story; and a story with a happy ending. All 21 aircraft found safety via the efforts of the FBO staff and the airport bums of Manitowoc.

As Earnest Gahn, American aviator, author, and sailor said, "We are indeed a band of brothers."



EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022

- A record setting year

- Attendance 650,000 which is 7% more than 2021 and exceeds the previous record of 642,000 set in 2019.
- Total aircraft: 18,684 aircraft operations in the 11 days from July 21-31. That's approximately 121 takeoffs and landings per hour when the airport is open.
- Total show planes: 3,226 including 1,375 registered in vintage aircraft parking, 1,156 home-built aircraft, 369 warbirds, 137 ultralights, 87 seaplanes, 77 aerobatic, and 25 rotocraft.
- Camping: more than 12,000 sites.
- Forums, workshops, and presentations: More than 1,400 sessions throughout the week.
- Social Media: More than 83,000 hours of viewing EAA video clips online during the event.
- International guests: Attendees from 92 countries outside the United States.
- EAA Aviation Foundation: The mission is to grow participation in aviation. They raised more than \$2 million dollars.
- Media: 797 media representatives on site from six continents.
- Economic impact: \$170 million just in the five counties in the Oshkosh region (Winnebago, Outagamie, Fond du Lac, Calumet, and Brown).

One Week Wonder Flies

The One Week Wonder project began as a kit on the first day of AirVenture 2022. On the last day of the show the aircraft did its first taxi during the air show. Our Chapter President, Jim Zuege helped all week in the build and over 2,200 people stopped in the booth to pull a rivet.

The first flight was August 18 at Wittman Regional Airport with pilot Joe Norris at the controls of the Sonex Waix-B.

