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Thoughts Aloft

Manitowoc EAA Chapter 383 Newsletter

Chapter Logbook

by Chapter President Jim Zuege

Please remember to pay your dues because it is an annual due that is payable in January. If you pay your dues in July they are still only good until December.

The airport manager will be at the next meeting to talk about the airport and the June 3rd airport days. Think about how you will donate your time and ideas.

Here's a good chance to volunteer your time and give back to the club. The Festival Brat Barn is available and we can use it to earn some money for the club. We need to nail down a date.

Manitowoc Fire Department is looking for a donation for student learning. We will take a vote at the next meeting.

If you are working in the hanger, please make a donation to the heat and electric. The utilities recently doubled.

Come to the next meeting with your ideas and input.

There's a great story on page 2. If you are willing to share a story call the Writer at (920) 255-5141.

Jim



Monthly Meeting

2nd Wednesday

6:30

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Ken Schuler had a secret



Ken Schuler is a past Chapter 383 president. He served for about ten years.

Years ago, he and his wife lived on a dairy farm near Valders and they both flew Eagle ultralights with a canard. They were taught to always watch for a place to land because the two-stroke engine was less than trustworthy. Ken made 11 emergency landings in his ultralight days.

One day he was flying east of Valders at about 2,000 feet over a friend's farm. He thought if he had to make an emergency landing, he could land in his friend's field. At that split second – SILENCE! That little two-stroke was dead. He set up for an emergency landing, circled in, and safely landed in the field. He quickly spotted the problem; the engine was upside down and a spark plug fell out.

He walked to the milk house but couldn't find anyone. He walked to the house and still couldn't find anyone. He went to the shed and spotted an old Oliver and pulled the spark plug thinking, "This might work." Low and behold it worked! He did a first run up, taxied back and did a high speed run up and took off toward home. When he landed, he pulled the spark plug, jumped in his car and drove to his friend's farm. He put the spark plug back in the Oliver. His friend didn't know a thing has happened. Ken fessed up the next time they played cards.

Today Ken and his wife live on Cedar Lake in Manitowoc County. Ken, at 81 years old, is an avid slalom water skier, iceboater, and pilot of his homebuilt Rans S6.

