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EAA Chapter 766

February 2022

February Meeting

EAA Chapter 766 members and visitors are encouraged to attend the **February 21** hybrid meeting: in-person or online. "Hanger Talk" with food will begin at **6:00 PM**. A volunteer member will bring the main dish. Other members are asked to bring a dish to pass. The chapter meeting will start at **7:00 PM**. An interesting program will follow the meeting.

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Sheboygan County Memorial Airport - KSBM

Elevation - 755.2 ft. CTAF/UNICOM - 122.7 Pattern Attitude - 1555.2 ft. Wind Indicator - Yes

Runway 4 / 22 (037 / 217 Magnetic)
Dimensions - 6800 x 100 ft.
Surface - Grooved Concrete
Traffic Pattern - Left

Runway 13 / 31 (132 / 312 Magnetic)
Dimensions - 5002 x 75 ft.
Surface - Asphalt
Traffic Pattern - Left



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EAA Chapter 766 Meeting Minutes 1-17-22

In-person Attendance:

Mike Jones, Ralph Cowin, Ruthie Roenitz' Rob Lammers, Xavier Piper

Virtual attendance:

Jim Fintelmann, Lee Kunzie, Tony Kolar, Tom Wilson (taking notes), Bruce Becker, Dan Dominguez

Meeting called to order at 18:56

Discussion about whether the chapter needs its own 501(c)3 nonprofit status as required by EAA chapter guidelines. Jim believes that since the chapter operates under the auspices of AHCW, that is not required. To be further investigated

Mike requested nominations for a vice president, no nominations received

Mike requested nominations for program director, particularly since we can bring in people from anywhere.

Monthly Young Eagles flights, need pilots to sign up. Not a rally, but looking for pilots to be able to fly on Saturdays or Sundays once per month. Jim asked if they needed to be chapter member, Mike said no, only an EAA member with the appropriate youth protection information completed.

Wings and Wheels: Need to start planning for 2022. Question is whether we do a pancake breakfast. Currently club does not have enough members to host, should we join up with other organizations? Ask the Flying Club? Last sign-up sheet had ~25 people volunteering. Could we have EAA bring airplanes to the airport for more visibility? Could we reach out and see if we could get a DC-3 at the airport to have more interest? Basler?

Ruthie: Could we have people dress up in period attire?

Who will reach out to:

Food trucks last two years were on/off, what do we do if we cancel again this year?

Classic car people

Airport

EAA that can bring airplanes over

Bruce: Luiz had a lot of information. Bruce will also add something to the newsletter

Dan: Will talk to Waukesha CAF to see if they would fly one/many airplanes up for the event. Can we offer free breakfast to anyone flying in for the event?

Tom: Wausau is already advertising their event

Ruthie: Can we have fire/EMS available to show what they have on field?

Movie night last week had 24 people attend

Jim Financial Report: Two deposits for \$540 for dues paid. Dispersed \$398 to EAA national chapter dues. Chapter is financially stable

Any additions/corrections to last month's minutes? No.

Last month's meeting minutes accepted.

Any additional items? No.

Ski plane fly ins coming up, Oshkosh has their Winter Fest Feb 12.

Meeting adjourned at 19:45

Submitted by Tom Wilson

EAA Chapter 766 and AHCW 2021 News & Notes

EAA Chapter 766 Events

EAA Chapter 766 Membership Meeting (3rd Monday of each month)
Hybrid meetings - In-person and WebEx format
“Hanger Talk” with food at 6:00 PM and meeting at 7:00 PM
Interesting program will follow the meeting

IMC Club Safety Meeting (1st Monday of each month) – currently on hold
Tony Kolar, CFII and Dave Rudd, IMC Club Coordinator

VMC Club Safety Meeting (2nd Monday of each month) - currently on hold
Laurie Probst, AGI and Bridgett Nottestad Neu, VMC Club Coordinator

Saturday Morning Hanger Talk with Coffee at the AHC

EAA Chapter 766 has “Hanger Talk” with coffee and sweets every Saturday morning from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Aviation Heritage Center. Whether you fly-in or drive, everyone is welcome.

Movie Night at the AHC

On January 14, 2022, twenty-four people came to watch the movie Memphis Belle. Chris Henry, Museum Programs Coordinator at EAA, introduced the film including additional information of the Memphis Belle.

On February 11, 2022, **Air America**; A film about a secret airline, under the CIA, that smuggles contraband. **Neil Hansen** will introduce the film and may share stories from his time in Southeast Asia.

Neil Hansen was a captain for Air America, the CIA's secret airline, in Vietnam and Laos during the Vietnam War era. Neil brings audiences with him into the cockpit and onto the dirt mountain landing strips of Southeast Asia during a time in history when flying conditions were risky and avionics technology comparatively primitive.

Air America pilots risked their lives over the skies of Southeast Asia during the days of the Vietnam War and the secret war in Laos. Air America did not operate within the context of the U.S. military, instead performing their duties as "shadow warriors," owned and operated under the Central Intelligence Agency.

Air America, the CIA's aviation arm was in existence during the Cold War era from 1952 until the fall of Saigon in 1975. It operated covertly in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War and the Secret War in Laos, largely unbeknownst to the American public. After 1984, the Freedom of Information Act allowed those employed by Air America to finally begin telling their stories. Beyond telling of the covert operations with Air America (and including the day he had the dubious honor of being on three downed aircraft in a single twelve-hour span), Neil addresses his post-Air America time when he was flying for a fly-by-night commercial carrier in Cambodia in 1975. He escaped from there literally hours before the entire country fell to the Khmer Rouge at the time of the Cambodian holocaust. Neil escaped, in essence, by stealing a plane and flying in the blind, sans flight plan, from Cambodia to Bangkok, only a matter of moments before the murderous Khmer Rouge marched into Phnom Penh.

Neil's book *FLIGHT: An Air America Pilot's Story of Adventure, Descent and Redemption* was released in March of 2019 (History Publishing Company), and the audio version released in October, 2021.

Biography

Neil Hansen was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He obtained his commercial pilot's license before graduating from high school. After a stint in the Air Force as a helicopter mechanic, he became a charter and executive aviation pilot, most notably for Teamster president Jimmy Hoffa. In 1964, Capt. Hansen signed on with the CIA's airline, Air America. He was based in Tachikawa, Japan, where he flew DC-6s, and later, Saigon, where he headed up the Beechcraft, Dornier 28, PA-23 and C-46 programs as the Assistant Manager of Flying, Vietnam. He later transferred to Vientiane, Laos and flew the C-123B & K, eventually becoming the only 123 captain whose entire crew survived a shoot-down. After he separated from Air America in 1973, he became a Buddhist monk for a short time. Following his time with Air America, Hansen flew for the New Zealand forest service and as a pilot for tourist flights. In 1974, he returned to Southeast Asia and flew with several carriers in Cambodia during the little-known emergence of the Khmer Rouge, a holocaust which would ultimately take the lives of 1.7 million people. He escaped with his life from Cambodia by stealing a plane and flying in the blind to Bangkok, mere hours prior to the murderous troops closing the airport. From Bangkok, he returned to Laos and flew for the Royal family until the communist takeover, escaping into Thailand once more. He returned to the U.S. in 1975, where he continued to fly with charter and corporate organizations.

Capt. Hansen has flown more than 130 single engine airplanes and 25 multi-engine. He has amassed more than 29,000 total flight hours, 9,000 of those hours in a combat zone. He presently resides in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Written by Luann Grosscup

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Programs – Vacant
AHC Representative – Tony Kolar

EAA Chapter 766 Membership

EAA Chapter 766 currently has 45 members. If you know of someone who is interested in joining, please contact our Membership Director, Luiz Cordeiro at lcordeiro@att.net or 920-457-4590. Please click [HERE](#) for the application form on the membership page to join EAA Chapter 766.

EAA Chapter 766 New Member

Please welcome John Lehnert to EAA Chapter 766. John retired to the Greenbush area following his retirement from ManpowerGroup's marketing intelligence group in Milwaukee. He's been fascinated with general aviation since he took his first \$5 introductory lesson in the late '60's in a Piper 140 at the Sylvania Airport adjacent to I-94 in Racine County. However, general aviation took a backseat to family and career. Retirement is enabling John to scratch the aviation itch. He's taken a few hours of dual instruction with Steve Krog's CubAir in Hartford, but he isn't certain a rating will be his ultimate aviation goal. Instead, he's thinking that the completion of a

Submitted by John Lehnert

wooden sailboat a few years ago provided him with the fundamental skills to tackle a more ambitious project such as a Pober (Corben) Junior Ace or Pober Pixie. John is open to suggestions and advice. He's also open to opportunities to assist 766 members with their projects.



Aviation History Through Film at the AHC

An Educational and Enlightening Journey led by instructor, Dan Miller

Second Friday of each month

Doors open at 6:30pm Classes begin at 7pm

Cost: \$2 per night or \$20/annually, payable at first session

January 14th- Memphis Belle: The true story about the infamous B-17 “Memphis Belle” and her crew completing their tour of duty.

February 11th - Air America: A film about a secret airline, under the CIA, that smuggles contraband.

March 11th- Only Angels Have Wings: A man who runs a very small airline faces a flight with the roughest weather conditions he’s ever seen.

April 8th- The Flight of the Phoenix: The crew of a cargo plane crash in the desert and they must build a new plane out of the wreckage to escape the desert.

May 13th- The Astronaut Farmer: A farmer fulfills his lifelong dream of being an astronaut and builds a homemade rocket in his barn.

June 10th- Lancaster Skies: A Spitfire pilot overcomes his past and escorts a Lancaster over Berlin.

July 8th- Bat 21: A pilot is shot down during the Vietnam War and with little communication, he waits for rescue and witnesses the horror reality of war.

August 12th- Flight of the Intruder: Two A-6 Intruder pilots, during the Vietnam War, are frustrated with their attack tactics and take it into their own hands.

September 9th- Breaking Through the Clouds: A film about the women air racers during the 1930’s.

October 14th- October Sky: A boy and his friends have a dream to build model rockets, but his alcoholic father wants him to work in the coal mines.

November 11th- The Red Baron: A 2008 film about the Red Baron, Manfred von Richthofen.

December 9th- Air Force: After the attack on Pearl Harbor, the crew of a B-17 is assigned to the Philippines and endure constant attacks.

Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin website



Videos, Webinars and Speaker Series

Click [HERE](#) to view the EAA videos, webinars and Speaker Series.

Museum Revitalization: Project 21

Creating a Year-Round Destination for Education & Training in Oshkosh. Project 21 addresses two of EAA's most important priorities — pilot safety and inspiring the next generation of aviators. The two-story, 30,000-square foot addition located on the south-side off of the iconic Eagle Hangar will feature an innovative Pilot Proficiency Center and a hands-on Youth Education Center. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

SportAviation

Click [HERE](#) for EAA SportAviation - the digital monthly magazine (username and EAA number is required)

Join EAA

No matter what aviation means to you, this is your year-round home for aviation! Click [HERE](#) for information to become a member.

Events at EAA

The EAA Aviation Museum and grounds is home to many special events and programs throughout the year. They bring us together and bring life to our historic collections and exhibits. Here are the events coming up in the next few months. Click [HERE](#) for additional information.

GENERAL AVIATION NEWS

New scholarships to help veterans earn private tickets as first step in aviation career

The [University of North Dakota Aerospace Foundation](#) has received \$300,000 from [The Ray Foundation](#), which will be used for scholarships to help 25 U.S. military veterans earn their private pilot certificates, with the intent that the veterans will pursue careers in aviation. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Five Ways to Save Money During Training

Prepare for each lesson. Know what's next. Use a home study course. Train consistently. Communicate issues early. Click [HERE](#) for the entire article from Sporty's

Proposal to Build 16 Wind Turbines in Sheboygan County.

An unknown developer has filed a proposal to build 16 wind turbines scattered through the southern half of Sheboygan County. The name of the developer has not yet been released, but the proposal was filed with the [Federal Aviation Administration](#) in mid-December.

The FAA will approve the project based on whether the turbines will obstruct aircraft at their proposed height and locations.

After that, approval of the turbines will likely fall to Sheboygan County municipalities. Click [HERE](#) to read the entire story. Sheboygan Press Article

EAA Chapter 766 Earns EAA Silver Recognition for 2019



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Deadline for submission is the 20th of month prior to publish month.

Please note: Hard copy/printed pages cannot be used.

Future Membership Meetings

March 14, 2022 "Hanger Talk" with food at 6 PM and meeting at 7 PM

April 18, 2022 "Hanger Talk" with food at 6 PM and meeting at 7 PM

An interesting program will follow the meetings

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