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MEETINGS

2nd WEDNESDAY of the MONTH

7:00 p.m.

DODGE COUNTY AIRPORT

NEXT MEETING

March 10

Bring a friend!

Board Meetings:

Same day and place as the chapter meeting.

6:00 p.m. sharp

Everyone welcome

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PREZ'S PRINCIPLES

Recognition. So often we forget to recognize the folks around us that make our world a great place to live in. In our Dodge County Flyers EAA Chapter 897's world we have many who deserve recognition from time to time. In the recent past, two of our chapter members have excelled not only in our busy chapter, but in other activities as well. They are Darren Muenchow and Mike "Rudy" Ploc.

Darren, one of our youngest members, has received the 2004 DAR Good Citizens award from Horicon High School which he attends. His background is overwhelming with accomplishments as he is recognized by this award for his qualities of dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. We should all be proud of Darren and the fact that he wants to share some of these qualities with us as a Chapter member. Darren also works as a Line Person at UNU. Please take some time to congratulate him.

Mike "Rudy" Ploc is also a well respected and recognized individual outside the Chapter. Rudy received recognition for his talents in woodcarving in local competition, not once, but twice! You should see some of his prized woodcarvings with intricate details! If we all remember, Rudy is the Chapter member who has brought the "Waterloo Cruisers" show cars to our Fund Raising Breakfast the past few years. Each year he manages to corral more cars. When Rudy pulls one of his incognito appearances at the airport, please give him heartfelt congratulations.

What is interesting about these two is they come from different times of life. Darren is one our youngest members and Rudy is in of one of our more mature age groups. They both have similar qualities and talents, both public and private. This is the good base foundation of members we need in the Chapter for the present and future of the Chapter to continue to be successful.

Along with our congratulations to Darren and Rudy, the crew that took care of the three day weekend Mall Show deserve applause too: Linda and Ben, Dennis and Carol, Dave and Deb, Bob, Stu and Zak, Don and Joan, Dick, Ron, Chuck and Lyette, Sasa and Christina, Dale, Dick and Reba, and Bob and Carol. Please excuse me if you were working and I forgot your name, we'll catch up!

DICK

MAKE PLANS NOW FOR OUR CHAPTER FLY-IN, DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST, JUNE 6, 2004

Help make 2004 the year of our best fly-in, drive-in breakfast. This year we are expecting to have biplane and helicopter rides as well as regular airplane rides. See page 4 for more details.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17, 2004 Reflections on Countdown to Kitty Hawk EAA Museum. 6:30 p.m.

Tom Poberezny will present a talk entitled Reflections on EAA's Countdown to Kitty Hawk. Tom will offer a personal look back on EAA's efforts to celebrate the Centennial of Flight in 2003. Admission is free of charge for EAA members, and \$5 for non-members. To reserve your seat, please contact Kate Robinson (920) 426-6869 or email krobinson@EAA.org.

March 20, 2004 Kermit Weeks Hangar Open House 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Get a rare, behind-the-scenes tour of EAA's aircraft maintenance and restoration center during the Kermit Weeks Hangar Open House. This is a great opportunity to see the facility and learn from staff and volunteers about the fascinating work that goes on there. Admission will be free with paid Museum admission, and to all EAA Members. For those wishing only to visit the hangar, the charge will be \$4 per person. The facility is located on 20th Street between the post office and the Hilton hotel and has a large blue "EAA" on the side. Parking is available.

April 3-5, 2004 Celebrating the life of Steve Wittman
EAA Museum plans to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of a true aviation legend - S.J. "Steve" Wittman. Also on Monday, April 5 - exactly 100 years to the day since Steve Wittman was born - a special evening program entitled "Memories of Steve" will be presented at 6:30 p.m. The event is free.

To reserve your seats, please contact Kate Robinson (920) 426-6869 or email krobinson@eaa.org.

May 15, 2004 Lumberjack Breakfast Sparta/Fort McCoy Airport Sparta WI (CMY)

7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Full pancake breakfast provided by Sparta Eagles Club. Join Fort McCoy for Armed Forces Day Activities. Jordan Skiff (608)269-6511
E-mail: dpw@ci.sparta.wi.us

May 16, 2004 Tri-County Airport Pancake Breakfast Tri-County Airport Spring Green WI

7 a.m. to noon

Marc Higgs (608)583-2600



YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS

Contact:

Linda Ludtke (920)-885-2480

Glenn Ingram (920) 887-2507

Dodge Co. Airport (920) 386-2402

YOUNG EAGLES REPORT

No Young Eagles were reported flown in February.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING TO DO?



Mike Benson of **Broadhead, WI** tells us over 240 rolls of toilet paper were used on this Beech 18.

UPCOMING EVENTS CONTINUED:

May 23, 2004 EAA Chapter 431 Pancake Breakfast Brodhead Airport Brodhead WI (C37)

7 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Dan Dueterbeck (262) 903-4367

E-mail: dbled@ticon.net

June 6, 2004 Dodge County Flyers EAA Chapter 897 Pancake Breakfast Dodge County Airport Juneau WI (UNU)

8 a.m. to noon.

Pancake breakfast, airplane rides, aircraft displays, antique farm equipment, motor cycles and custom cars.

Dennis Winkel (920) 485-4676

E-mail: dwinkel@powerweb.net

EAA Chapter 897
11 February 2004
Chapter Meeting

1. Dodge County Flyers EAA Chapter 897 meeting called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Dick Blawusch at the Wisconsin Aviation FBO, 22 members in attendance.
2. The Treasurer's report was read and approved. Beginning balance \$2838.71. Income \$1,926.00. Disbursements \$1,249.33 Balance on hand as of 1/31/04: \$3,609.16. Motion to approve/ seconded by Don Miller/Chuck Dwyer. Motion passed, all members present voted to accept.
3. The upcoming safety seminar @ Wisconsin Rapids will be held at the Meade Inn. (March 6)
4. Damon Skyler Seremet was introduced, two weeks old.
5. Linda Ludtke gave the Young Eagles Report. No YE's flown in January. On May 5, beginning at 8:30 a.m. we are scheduled to have 55 5th Graders from Beaver Dam.
6. Mall show coming up February 20,21,22 at the Beaver Dam Mall. A volunteer sheet was passed. Three pilots volunteered their planes for display. Chuck Dwyer, Dick Siedschlag, Ben Ludtke. Volunteers will coordinate to get the planes to the mall, and back.
7. Dennis Winkel is working on the plans for the pancake breakfast. Dwyer was given authorization to buy a Nesco, and Sasa Seremet to buy two 18 VDC drill kits to be used to stir eggs. Joan Woods and Linda Ludtke will coordinate the bake sale. No helicopter rides for '04. Too many problems. Odekirk will buy aprons for each member. Bamman to call Challenger to see if they want to bring a display A/C, rides?
8. Blawusch discussed the board's proposed '04 budget, \$5,800 income, \$3,800 expenses.
9. Dick Siedschlag gave a Kittyhawk trip report.
10. Rick Gempeler gave a report of a trip to Macomb, MS. (See page 4.)
11. Bob Krueger gave a slide show of various fly-ins.
12. Four members paid dues at the meeting.
13. Don Woods made a motion to conclude the meeting, was seconded, and approved by the members at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
George Bamman, Secretary

**CROSS COUNTRY FLIGHT
NOW WE'RE HAVING FUN!
BY RICK GEMPELER**



My sweetie Deb Tetzlaff and I took a 4-hour cross county flight to Bowling Green, Kentucky in our Grumman Cheetah (N9656U) affectionately known as "Buttercup". While in Bowling Green we visited with friends, did some sight seeing and toured the highly acclaimed Corvette museum. We recommend taking in the museum if you are ever in the area. Every model year ever made is on display in this spotless museum. The first Corvette rolled off the assembly line on June 30, 1953 with a sticker price of \$3,000. You can check out their website at www.corvettemuseum.com for the entire history of Corvettes. There are lots of horse farms and rolling hills in this beautiful state. Most homes are made of brick and property taxes are reasonable.

Co-pilot Deb handled putting all the frequencies into the Comm. radio. We navigated using VOR's and sectional charts. Navigating this far via VOR's definitely brought back memories of the days when I was getting my pilot's license. Upon our return to Wisconsin, Deb suggested it was time to purchase a GPS. Not being one to argue with such logical thinking, I agreed after thinking about it for a full 2 seconds. We eventually decided on a Garmin 196 GPS with a moving map. I cannot say enough good things about this wonderful GPS. The moving map is amazing and the accuracy of this unit is unbelievable. Cross country flights are fun and provide an excellent opportunity to hone your navigation skills.

Working for a living absolutely interferes with our flying. Who ever said; "The grass isn't always greener..." needs to punch in for us on Monday morning.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST MEETING NOTES
FEBRUARY 8, 2004 1:00 PM
DODGE COUNTY AIRPORT**

Present: Dennis Winkel, Carol Winkel, Dick Blawusch, Dave Odekirk, Cristina Seremet, Sasa Seremet, Baby Seremet, and Bob Hartwig.

Date: June 6, 2004, 8 a.m. - noon.

Menu: unchanged - pancakes, eggs, sausage, coffee, milk, orange drink.

Cost: age 0-2, free; age 3-10, \$3; age 11 up, \$5. Free to CAP and WI Aviation Employees as before.

Suggestions: Request purchase of two Nesco type roasters and two 18 volt 1/2 inch chuck cordless drills.

Volunteers needed to:

Clean egg griddle by March 1, and to update electrical or convert it to gas between March 1 and April 1.

Serve as Raffle chairman - otherwise no raffle.

Serve as Bake Sale chairman.

7 Hills Skydiving will be invited to have static display because insurance costs are too high for jumping.

Helicopter Rides: As a courtesy this will be approved by the airport manager. We will not have the same pilot as last year due to safety and attitude issues.

Dick Blawusch will: Research Sam's Business Card. Research liquid eggs (time and safety concerns). Contact CAP. Check on Big Band type music. Invite Car Club.

Dave Odekirk will: Research aprons with Chapter logo, to be issued to individual members but kept with Chapter supplies.

Dennis Winkel will: Research Trimotor or biplane rides. Check with Piggly Wiggly, Juneau, to see if there are any changes due to new store. Contact Aaron to see if he is available for DJ (costs? Big Band music?). Continue magazine announcements. Develop and distribute "One Free Breakfast" coupons to be used for the Barn Show, PowerCom Park, and Dodge County Fairgrounds racing. Inventory supplies. Helicopter Rides. Check with Linda Ludtke about organizing door prizes. Check status of Johnson Wax plane for static display and Antique Power Club display.

Sasa Seremet will: Research restaurant supply store in Milwaukee.

Notes respectfully submitted by Carol Winkel

***EAA CHAPTER 897 PUTS ON A GOOD SHOW
AT THE BEAVER DAM MALL***



On February 21 through 23, members of EAA Chapter 897 displayed Dick Siedschlag's Fisher FP-202 Koala, John Brady's Rans S-7, and Chuck Dwyer's Falconer S-14 Miranda at the Beaver Dam Mall.

Members also set up tables with aviation magazines, coloring books, maps, and

information about EAA. The display drew a good number of people with several asking how to join EAA and Chapter 897.

Don Woods was able to get the use of a 24 foot enclosed trailer and a large pickup truck to bring the airplanes to the mall.

***SMALL LIGHTWEIGHT PRE-HEATER
YOU CAN CARRY IT ALONG ON YOUR WINTER TRIPS.***

What can you do when there is no pre-heat at the airport that you are visiting? You can pull out your trusty homebuilt pre-heater and, about an hour later, you are ready for your flight home.



The small unit puts out 8000 BTU's and warms up my C-150 in about a half hour. I carry a blanket to cover the cowling while the heater is working.



The pre-heater consists of a Century Trail Scout Stove (\$20) which is available from Fleet Farm stores, www.rei.com or other camping supply stores. A self starting model is available for a few dollars more.

The stack consists of a 6" adjustable stove pipe elbow (\$1.50) The elbow can be twisted to get the angle that fits your airplane. Since taking this picture I have safety wired the stove pipe to the burner. This allows me to carry the pre-heater with one hand.

Before you use the pre-heater, check that there are no fuel leaks in the engine compartment, and be sure that there are no flammables above the pre-heater outlet.

Ron Romans