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MEETINGS

2nd SATURDAY of the MONTH
9:00 a.m.
DODGE COUNTY AIRPORT

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

▶at our chapter hangar◀

Dodge County Airport, Juneau, WI

Board Meeting:
Same day and place as the chapter meeting.
8:00 a.m. sharp

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CHAPTER WEB SITE UP AND RUNNING

Thanks to Brian Lerwick our chapter website is now online. Please visit www.eaa897.org and check it out. In the near future the newsletters will be sent to the website.

Ron Romans

PREZ'S PRINCIPLES

Well, another successful Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast hosted by the experienced groups of our Chapter & Wisconsin Aviation will go down in the memories of those who attended. Success is measured in many ways and we have met the challenge. Our Chapter Aviation goals are Flying, Food, and Family Fun. We did it! The rewards were good food, abundance of flying machines, families experiencing aviation at different levels, and also some monetary support. The excitement of those who had rides in the EAA Sparrow and of the young children who competed in singing and sit-ups for prizes will be remembered. Another success was the two new members recruited into our Chapter. We can look forward to another successful Chapter Fly-in next year that will fulfill the 3F"s.

Another couple of Chapter success stories to be thought of and remembered: First will be this Saturday's Chapter Meeting in the "New/Old" Chapter Hangar, most likely for the LAST TIME! That's right, the sale is near completion, and talks with Dodge County are progressing fast. It's not too late to make suggestions to Hangar Director, Dale Wahl, on the "Wants & Needs" of our soon to be New Chapter Hangar. The second success, and one of the most important for the year, is the return of Dick Siedschlag! Dick is on the mends; back locally in a Madison Hospital. Dick has had a long fight with medical conditions that would have taken most of us down. We'll get more info on Dick and share it at the Saturday meeting. We can't do a fly-by for him, but we could do a group drive-in for a visit!

On a final note, a Thank You goes out to each and everyone who was able to help and participate in the successful Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to those outside the Chapter who assisted and participated. We'll keep you in mind around our Annual Meeting time.

Dick

2005 COMING EVENTS

June 12 Wisconsin Aviation Open House
Watertown Municipal Airport (RYV)
7:30 a.m. to noon.
Pancake breakfast sponsored by the Wisconsin Chapter of the 99's. Static display of aircraft, airplane rides.
Jim Schumacher (920) 261-4567

June 18 Interstate Flyers Fun Fly
Bloyer Field Tomah WI (Y72)
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Food available, model airplane games, must be an AMA member to fly model airplanes, all are welcome. Robert Pearson (608)378-4755

June 19 Fathers Day Fly-in
Palmyra Municipal Airport, Palmyra WI (88C)
7 a.m. to noon.
Pancake breakfast, fastest pancake griddle in Wisconsin, 54" diameter rotating griddle surface. Donald Agen (262)495-4342

June 19, 15th Annual Wings and Wheels
Sheboygan County Memorial Airport (SBM)
7 a.m. to ?
Free admission, pancake breakfast 7 a.m. to 11 a.m., variety of foods, antique airplanes, tractors, cars model trains, helicopter and/or airplane rides, petting zoo Glen Valenstein (920)467-3714

June 19 Annual Fathers Day Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast, Waupaca Municipal Airport (PCZ)
7 a.m. till the food is gone.
Pancake breakfast, skydives, model aircraft fly-bys, aerobatic demonstrations, airplane/helicopter rides
Russ Bargo (920)867-3201

June 19 Optimist Fly-in Breakfast
Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo Airport (DLL)
7 a.m. to noon
Breakfast, money goes to local kids activities.
Linda Marshall (608)522-5227

June 26 Rio Aero Club Annual Pancake Breakfast
Gilbert Field, Rio WI (94C)
7 a.m. to noon
Breakfast, static homebuilt and antique aircraft displays, fresh peas by the pound if in season.
(920) 992-3038 Ralph Moser (847) 736-4603

YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS

Contact:
Linda Ludtke (920)-885-2480
Glenn Ingram (920) 887-2507
Dodge Co. Airport (920) 386-2402

YOUNG EAGLE REPORT

Saturday, May 21st. We flew 55 kids and 6 adults. We had 10 pilots and 9 ground crew. It went very well. We will have more 5th graders again next year about the same date.

Linda Ludtke

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www.airstripamerica.com
Enter any airport identifier.
Example: UNU for Dodge County.

AIRVENTURE WORK PARTY

On May 14, after the May chapter meeting, Chapter 897 (that's us) sent a work party to EAA headquarters in Oshkosh. Dick Blawusch, Dale Wahl, Dave Odekirk, Dennis Winkel, Kip Elliot and son, Ken Aston, and Ron Romans worked with EAA crews to prepare for *AirVenture 2005*. Chores included installing borders for plantings around buildings, putting up fences, and preparing a van for painting. Dale, Dick, and Dennis flew their planes to the work party while the rest of us drove. At 5:00 p.m. EAA provided a great meal for all.

One person in the work party. who will remain nameless (state worker), was the first person to break out in a sweat. The sweat started as soon as we were told that we would have to do manual labor. The look on his sweaty face was priceless.

14 MAY 2005
EAA CHAPTER 897 MEETING

President, Dick Blawusch brought the May 2005 meeting to order at the Dodge County Airport at 0915 with 16 members and 2 guests present.

The meeting started with builder's reports.

Glenn Ingram gave the Treasurer's report. The members present approved the report.

Brian Lerwick reported that the Chapter 897 website is up and running at www.eaa897.org You can find a link on EAA's website in Chapters – find a chapter.

The June 11 meeting will be held in the chapter hangar, beginning at 8:00 a.m. for the board meeting, 9:00 a.m. for the regular meeting.

Dale Wahl reported that he had successfully concluded negotiations to sell the chapter hangar, subject to the Chapter obtaining approval from the county board to build a new chapter hangar. He planned to meet with them on April 16. The plan that has been discussed so far is to build a 44' X 60' hangar with a roof overhang of 16', to create a sheltered picnic area on the side of the hangar. Plans include space for one rental as well as the workshop area. The door will be a 14' high bi-fold.

The Young Eagle day is scheduled for Saturday May 21, 8:00 a.m. pilot/safety crew briefing, with flights to commence at 9:00 a.m.

Dennis Winkel reported that the food has been ordered for the June 5 Pancake Breakfast. Please contact Bob Krueger if you have not yet signed up for a volunteer position. The EAA Swallow is coming down from Oshkosh, and we have scheduled to have a minimum of 10 rides. Please bring 2 bakery sale items. Set-up is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. Saturday, June 4, and 8:00 a.m. to start serving on Sunday, June 5.

There was a discussion about Chapter membership. The $25.00 Chapter 897 membership does not include any benefits to the national EAA organization. Chapter members should be members of EAA Oshkosh so that the member can be covered by their insurance for Chapter events. If an individual wishes to be a part of the Dodge County Flyers group, it is also with the understanding that they are not a voting member of EAA Chapter 897.

George Bamman requested candidates for the 2005 Nomination Forms to be submitted to Headquarters for Newsletter Editor, Web Editor, and Major Achievement Awards.

The meeting concluded at 10:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
George Bamman, Secretary

EAA CHAPTER 897
2005 BREAKFAST HIGHLIGHTS

Photos by Jerry Schachtner, Don Woods, and Ron Romans*

Joyce Block sold breakfast tickets while Tommy Cristea-Rist hawked lottery tickets.

Pancake crew, Dick Blawusch, Dave Odekirk, and Joe Imilkowski, hard at work.

The crowd grew.

Tommy Cristea-Rist watches while Ali Block (eyes closed) draws the winning ticket.

Dick Blawusch, Chapter president, cleaning pots and pans, proving the saying, "No good deed goes unpunished."

Bob Krueger, breakfast organizer, gives a thumbs up after flying EAA's Swallow.

*Hi-resolution pictures available from Ron Romans