



# Dodge County Flier



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## MEETINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> SATURDAY of the MONTH  
9:00 a.m.  
DODGE COUNTY AIRPORT

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

At Wisconsin Aviation, Dodge County Airport  
Juneau, WI

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

**MEMBERSHIP SAMPLER PANCAKE COOK OFF**  
**NOON - 2:00 P.M.**

Bring your economical pancake recipe for a taste test trial to this month's General Meeting. The Chapter will sponsor the batter – bring your own ingredients.

There will also be a group flyout to Baraboo.

## PREZ PRINCIPLES

Last month we had an interesting fly out to the West Bend EAA Chapter breakfast feed. Eight aircraft with pilots, co-pilots, and passengers enjoyed the flight over and back. One such aircraft took the scenic route home and managed

to spot an aircraft nose down against a row of pine trees. From its surroundings, it appeared it had been there for quite some



time – not sure if it was someone's idea of lawn art or not. The point is – you have to get out and fly or hitch a ride with someone willing to take you to have bragging rights for hangar flying! We do have another fly out scheduled this month following the Chapter General Meeting – check your calendars.

Responses to Dave Odekirk's Chapter Hangar improvement survey are coming in slowly. If you have not responded, you still can contribute. It is hard to try to please most when only a few respond.

Bob Krueger, the 2005 Pancake Breakfast Chairman, is plunging forward with a full head of steam since he has past experience. Some of us have stoked his fire for steam by volunteering up front. He still needs more steam to make the event as successful as it has been in the past. Contact him to keep the fire of success burning.

Tommy Cristea-Rist. has the Chapter Shop Area spoken for until April 30<sup>th</sup>. Anyone interested in shop space this Spring should contact Dale Wahl or myself.

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## COMING EVENTS

**March 25, 2005 Breakfast Fly-in**  
**Wautoma Municipal Airport Wautoma WI (Y50)**  
www.y50.org

**May 14, 2005 Third Annual Pancake Breakfast and Brat Lunch, Wittman Regional Airport Oshkosh WI (OSH)**

7 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Proceeds to benefit Civil Air Patrol, planned activities, breakfast and lunch, air rides, children's activities, raffle.  
Jon Jury (920)424-8090  
E-mail: jjury@orian www.orionflight services.com

**May 15, 2005 Fly-in breakfast, Tri-County Airport Spring Green WI (LNR) Pancake breakfast**

7 a.m. to noon  
Marc Higgs (608)583-2600

**May 21, 2005 Lumberjack breakfast Sparta/Fort McCoy Airport, Sparta WI (CMY)**

7 a.m. to noon  
Lumberjack breakfast provided by local eagles club.  
Shuttle to Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day activities.  
Jordan Skiff 608) 269-6511  
e-mail: dpw@ci.sparta.wi.us

**May 22, 2005 Pancake breakfast Brodhead Airport Brodhead WI (C37)**

7 a.m. to noon  
Breakfast and rides (608)756-3726

**May 28, 2005 Luncheon fly-in**  
**Wautoma Municipal Airport Wautoma WI (Y50)**

www.y50.org

**May 29, 2005 EAA Chapter 371 Breakfast Fly-in Portage Municipal Airport, Portage WI (C47)**

7 a.m. to noon  
Donations welcome.  
John Poppy (608)742-3300

**June 10-12 2005 SAA Annual Fly-in**  
**Frasca Field C16, Urbana IL**

Speaker for the Saturday night dinner will be former astronaut, Hoot Gibson.  
Contact: Sport Aviation Association  
P.O. Box 2343  
Oshkosh WI 54901-2343



### **YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS**

Contact:

Linda Ludtke (920)-885-2480  
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Dodge Co. Airport (920) 386-2402

### **PREZ'S PRINCIPLES** continued

Check your calendar for the April Activity of Hangar spring-cleaning. I'm sure there will be a feed-for-work enticement.

Speaking of feed, bring your economical pancake recipe to this month's General Meeting for a taste test trial. The Chapter will sponsor the batter – bring your own ingredients.

During these restless weather times for flying, time could be spent on aircraft maintenance. Take a peek at this month's EAA Sport Aviation magazine. They have a good article on do's and don'ts of aircraft maintenance.

Spring is on the calendar horizon, which means graduation for some. If you know one of these individuals, don't forget that EAA has sponsorships for persons seeking an aviation career. The deadline is near for submitting names and qualifications.

Crunch time is here as Ron Romans is awaiting the Prez's Principles for the newsletter. See you Saturday at the FBO for the meeting and activities.

Bring a friend!

**Dick**

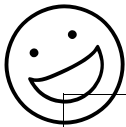
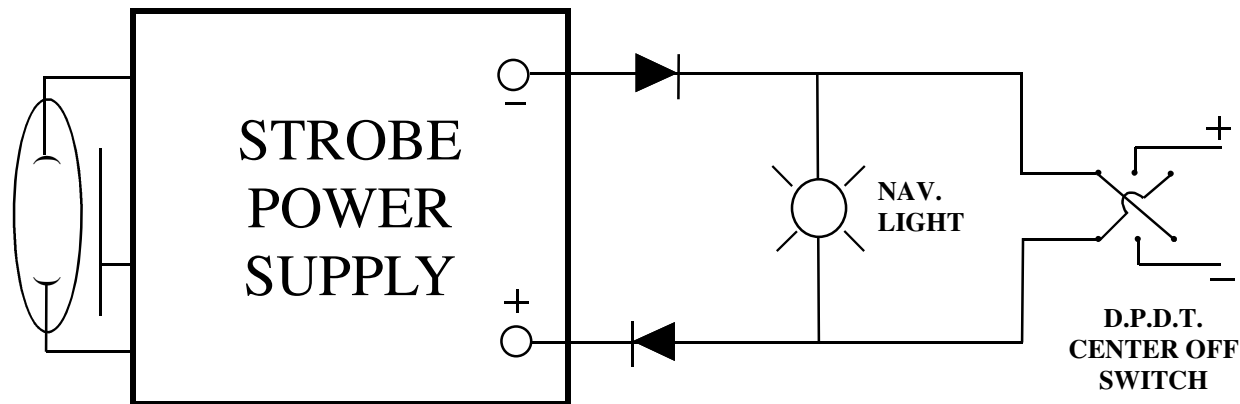
# TWO FUNCTIONS WITH TWO WIRES

BY BEN LUDTKE, TECHNICAL COUNSELOR

**Nav. or nav. and Strobes.** The drawing below is for a two wire installation as used in wood or fiberglass airplanes. This system can be used on metal planes if the lights are not grounded to the airframe. The two wires that you have strung for power (+) and ground (-) now become either polarity depending upon whether you want nav lights or nav and strobe lights. The switch is double pole double throw with center off position. The diodes in system isolate the strobe power supply from the nav. lights. When you

select only the nav.lights, the diodes block the power from the strobe power supply. When you select nav. **and** strobe lights, polarity is reversed and power flows to the nav. lights and to the strobe through the diodes. The wires, switch, and circuit breaker must have the capacity to handle the full load of both the strobes and the nav. lights. The diodes need only have the capacity to handle the strobe.

*Ben*



One day the pilot of a Cherokee 180 was told by the tower to hold short of the active runway while a DC-8 landed. The DC-8 landed, rolled out turned around, and taxied back past the Cherokee.

Some quick-witted comedian in the DC-8 crew got on the radio and said, "What a cute little plane. Did you make it all by yourself?"

The Cherokee pilot, not about to let the insult go by, came back with a real zinger: "I made it out of DC-8 parts. Another landing like yours and I'll have enough parts for another one."

**12 FEBRUARY 2005**  
**EAA CHAPTER 897 MEETING**

The February 2005 meeting was brought to order at 0913 by president Dick Blawusch at the at the Dodge County Airport, with 16 members and guests present.

There was a moment of silence for a departed Sheboygan aviator.

Dick expressed our appreciation to Linda Ludtke for her contributions to the success of the annual holiday dinner and silent auction.

Dick called for a motion to accept the January meeting minutes. Bob Muller offered the motion, seconded by Glenn Ingram, and the motion was approved unanimously by the members present.

Glenn Ingram read the Treasurer's report, and it was approved. There was discussion on details of the income and expense entries for the annual dinner. It was noted that the payments for the meals was less than the restaurant charges. Not all of the members who signed up were able to attend, perhaps due to weather or for other personal reasons. The chapter had to cover the cost of those unpaid meals.

Dick and other members reported on what they learned when they attended a Sport Pilot seminar at EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh. The FAA is still sorting out regulations. There are some interesting items to note regarding limitations on flight instructors. Members who are interested in the classification should check with EAA for more information.

Dick reported that Dave Odekirk and Brian Lerwick had audited the treasurer's reports for 2004. There were no discrepancies noted.

While at EAA, Dick met with a representative for KITLOG, a software program that was written to guide and assist kit builders. The representative donated one copy of the software to Chapter 897. Dick had a blind draw for the software. Dennis Williams was the winner. If you are interested in the program, it is available for \$49.95 at [www.kitlog.com](http://www.kitlog.com).

Kip Elliot, Ben Ludtke, Tim Hoversten and Dennis Winkel gave builders' reports.

The chapter has a copy of a CD titled "The RV Story". Contact Dick if you are interested in seeing it.

Dennis Williams and John Yoh attended a Sonex builder's seminar, where they built a short aluminum airfoil section.. The cost was \$200.00, deducted if you purchase plans.

Adverse weather conditions have prevented recently planned fly-outs.

Dick and others talked about West Bend's pancake breakfast, held the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month. He described how they had financed many improvements to the chapter hangar through the last several years.

Dave Odekirk reported on the response that he has received to the hangar questionnaire.

Bob Krueger gave a report on the progress of the plans for the pancake breakfast. He expects that EAA will have the 1925 Swallow Biplane at UNU for rides. The cost will be \$125.00 per person. There is room for two passengers. The chapter must guarantee that there will be at least 8 riders. \$25.00 of each

ride will be returned to the chapter. He has made arrangements with radio stations to promote the breakfast, and plans to submit to the cable TV local access channel. Please contact Bob to work out the job that you would like to volunteer for. If you have a favorite pancake recipe, please share it with Bob.

We are planning to have a fly-out to Baraboo after next month's meeting.

We anticipate that Tommy will be ready to move his project out of the chapter hangar by the end of April. Please contact one of the hangar committee members or an officer if you are looking for construction space.

The meeting adjourned at 10:35.

A questionnaire was passed out to the membership to determine what course should be set for possible additions to the hangar.

At the conclusion of the presentation, the successful silent auction bidders collected their items. This year Ron Romans was the successful bidder for the EAA jacket.

A motion was made seconded and approved to adjourn at 20:15.

Respectfully submitted,  
George Bamman  
Secretary

***E-MAIL FROM THE EAA CHAPTER OFFICE***

Greetings Chapter Leader,

You are invited to attend the EAA Chapter Leaders Barbecue on Friday April 15th at Sun n Fun 2005, Lakeland, FL. (RSVP Required). Wisconsin style Bratwurst served at 5:30 p.m. Located in the EAA Publications Tent - Sun n Fun Grounds - In the woods directly east of Johnson's BBQ. Come join us for some great food (FREE!), and evening of interacting with other Chapter Leaders, and EAA Staff. All Chapter Leaders are invited.

**Also invited are any Chapter Members who are interested  
in the future direction of EAA and your Chapter.**

If you plan on attending, please RSVP (800) 236-4800 ext. 4876 please include your name, Chapter Number, and EAA Number, or fax at (920) 426-6560. If you are bringing other Chapter Leaders/Members with you, please include their information in your reply. Space and food is limited so please don't wait to RSVP.

Please share this message with all members of your Chapter who do not have e-mail. Keep up the great work, and we hope to see you in Lakeland!

Troy Toelle  
EAA Chapter Office