



Dodge County Flier



VOLUME 13 NO. 5

DODGE COUNTY AIRPORT, JUNEAU, WI

May, 2006

MEETINGS

2nd SATURDAY of the MONTH
9:00 a.m. DODGE COUNTY AIRPORT
NEXT MEETING WILL BE ON
SATURDAY, MAY, 13
BECAUSE OF THE YOUNG EAGLE
EVENT, THE MEETING WILL BE
HELD AT 10:30 A.M.

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

CHAPTER OFFICERS

President: Dick Blawusch (920) 478-3304
Vice President: Dave Odekirk (920) 261-5134
Secretary: George Bamman (608) 764-5173
Treasurer: Glenn Ingram (920) 887-2507

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dick Blawusch, Chairman
Dale Wahl Dave Odekirk
Ron Romans Chuck Dwyer
Glenn Ingram George Bamman

DIRECTORS AT LARGE

Brian Lerwick Tommy Cristea-Rist

TECHNICAL COUNSELOR

Ben Ludtke (920) 885-2480

YOUNG EAGLES COORDINATORS

Linda Ludtke
Glenn Ingram

SAFETY OFFICERS

Chuck Dwyer
Dale Wahl

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Ron Romans

WEBSITE EDITOR

Brian Lerwick

Website: www.eaa897.org



Stu Ludtke prepares to fly his RV-4

PREZ'S PRINCIPLES

Well it may have taken a little more patience than I have to complete – but – Stu Ludtke gets an “ATA BOY”, “JOB WELL DONE” and finally, “CONGRATULATIONS on his completion of his RV and his first flight. It just goes to show that persistence pays off.

“DEAL or NO DEAL” is one of the latest TV game series on evening show time. With the rise in construction costs, we are running tight on \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$ for completion of phase one of the new Chapter Hangar. I'd like to propose an idea to offset the construction cost with your personal contribution with lasting recognition! I know of another Local Chapter that is doing this and it is going over very well. I'm copying the idea that each individual who chooses to donate a monetary dollar amount of \$250.00 will be the recipient of a WALL MONOGRAMMED BRICK that will be placed permanently at the East Wall of the New Chapter Hangar, next to the walk in door. You will be donating money with lasting recognition for generations to come – “DEAL or NO DEAL”? I'm looking for some input – give me a call or be ready for discussion at the next meeting.

Ok the weather gods got us again for the fly out to Kalamazoo Air Museum. But some of those going flew out instead to Reedsburg for breakfast as a local fly out. Stay tuned for other flights coached by Dale Wahl. Got any suggestions – contact Dale.

We have some heavy activity coming up in the next 6 weeks, so please do your part and help in any way you can. We have a large Young Eagles group on May 16. We have to seal the New Chapter Hangar interior floor before June 1. On the June 4 we have our annual Pancake Breakfast. The following weekend we will have Hangar Asset Moves to relocate our current Chapter assets from our old Chapter Hangar to the new. We're gonna be busy, busy and we gotta git'r done!

See ya on the 13th - **DICK**

UPCOMING EVENTS



YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS

Contact:

Linda Ludtke (920)-885-2480

Glenn Ingram (920) 887-2507

Dodge Co. Airport (920) 386-2402

On May 13 we expect about 45 Young Eagles from the Beaver Dam school system. Pilots arrive @ 8:00 a.m. Flying starts @ 8:30 a.m.

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

Pioneer Airport New Volunteer Orientation May 12

If you're interested in joining our dedicated and friendly team of volunteers, please sign up with Nicole Raudabaugh at 920/426-6135 or e-mail museum@eaa.org

International Young Eagles Day June 10

Hundreds of International Young Eagles Day events take place around the country each year. Whether you're a pilot or volunteer interested in getting involved, or a young person interested in obtaining a Young Eagles flight, be sure to visit <http://www.youngeagles.org/> for more information.

Ultralight Day June 17

Ultralight pilots interested in flying into the event should call Troy Toelle at 920/426-6847 to make arrangements.

Wings on Strings Kite Festival June 24

The Kite Festival will be held at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh on Pioneer Airport from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., with the grand launch of 200 kites at noon.

May 21 Pancake Breakfast Brodhead Airport, Brodhead WI

7 a.m. to noon

Drawings for free airplane rides.

Buzz Frank (815) 624-7583

www.eaa431.org

May 22 Lumberjack Breakfast Sparta/Fort McCoy Airport, Sparta WI

7 a.m. to noon

Lumberjack breakfast provided by local eagles club. Shuttle available to Fort McCoy Armed Forces Day activities.

Jordan Skiff (608) 269-6511

E-mail: dpw@ci.sparta.wi.us

May 27 Chicken Barbecue Wautoma Municipal Airport, Wautoma WI

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Barbecued chicken, baked beans, play money games, prizes, young eagle rides and more.

www.y50.org

May 28 Portage Municipal Airport Portage WI (C47)

7 a.m. to noon

EAA chapter 371 annual fly-in/drive-in breakfast \$5 advance tickets, \$6 at the gate. All you can eat pancakes, eggs "made to order".

John Poppy (608) 742-3300

June 4 EAA Chapter 897 Pancake Breakfast Dodge County Airport Juneau WI (UNU)

8 a.m. to noon

Open house, static displays, airplane rides available.

Tim Bentheimer (920) 386-2402

E-mail: tim.bentheimer@wisconsinaviation.com

November 12 - 2006 EAA Chapter 897 Banquet Bayside Supper Club

W9231 County Road G, Beaver Dam

Social Hour at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:00 p.m.

Start making your plans now.

8 April, 2006
EAA Chapter 897 Meeting

The April 2006 meeting was brought to order by President Dick Blawusch at 0905 at the Dodge County airport, with seventeen members and guests present.

Blawusch introduced Don Propst and Dick Vavra, who is building an Aero 601. Dick has built a Challenger in the past.

Glenn Ingram read the March 2006 Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Brian Lerwick, seconded by Dick Siedschlag to approve, and was accepted by the members.

Blawusch discussed a new method of fundraising that is being used by an area church, which has a pari-mutual aspect. Glenn Ingram will be setting up a meeting soon to gather more information on how the fundraiser operates.

Dale Wahl gave the hangar report. The brick fascia needs to be applied to the East side, picnic area. There is more concrete work to be done to complete the apron and in the picnic area. The floor needs to be sealed. Lerwick, Wahl, and Clark will head up a work party to pressure wash the floor, and then seal it.

Planning continues for the June 4 Pancake Breakfast. The Chapter grill and other items that are still stored in the old chapter hangar can remain there until the day that they are moved over to the Wisconsin Aviation hangar for the event, they will be moved into the new hangar after the event.

A chapter workday has been scheduled for June 10 for cleanup of the new hangar and organization of the breakfast items. Ingram proposed that we replace some of the unsuitable storage cabinets and shelves with some pallet racks that may become available to the chapter.

Young Eagles Report. The next Young Eagles event is scheduled for the morning of May 13, starting at 8:30 am. Linda Luedke expects that there will be 40 fifth graders participating. We will need at least 5 pilots, aircraft and plane captains. Due to insurance requirements, the participating pilot must be an EAA National member. Thus far, we believe that there are likely 6 aircraft, a like number of pilots and plane captains available. All available pilots and ground crew not already signed up are encouraged to participate too. Please contact Glenn Ingram if you are available.

Nominations for recognition at EAA Oshkosh are open, need to be completed and sent to EAA Headquarters by May 31. Categories include Newsletter Editor (Ron Romans nominated) Web Editor (Brian Lerwick nominated) and Major Achievement Award (Chapter 897 Nominee needed!). Please contact Dave Odekirk to nominate an individual from Chapter 897 whom you feel deserves recognition.

Blawusch informed the members that a chapter member had approached the board with an offer to donate an unfinished project aircraft to the chapter for completion. Members were asked to consider all aspects of the donation and be prepared to discuss at the next chapter meeting, which will start at the end of the May 13 Young Eagles Event.

CFII Pat Konz gave a presentation on safe arrival and departure operations at uncontrolled airports. He encouraged all pilots to know the local pattern at the airport, be brief and accurate in communication, and to conform to FAR/AIM standards for uncontrolled airports.

The July meeting will be held on Saturday at Dennis Winkel's campsite on the grounds at AirVenture.

Dale Wahl reported that we expect that there will be a flight of 50 Cessna aircraft departing from UNU on July 23 bound for OSH.

The meeting was concluded at 10:14 am.

Respectfully submitted,

George Bamman
Secretary

WAYNE ATKESON WINS WATCH AT THE AOPA PILOT TOWN MEETING



Tuesday, May 2, 2006, AOPA sponsored a meeting for pilots at the Country Springs Hotel in Waukesha. The main speaker was APOA President Phil Boyer. AOPA Great Lakes regional rep, Bill Blake, also gave some comments.

Phil Boyer explained that all AOPA members and anyone joining AOPA will be entered into the AOPA sweepstakes to win a completely restored Cherokee 6. More information can be seen at:

www.AOPA.org/sweepstakes

Phil Boyer told us that on Sept. 30, 2007, airport funding ends. There is talk about user fees: enroute fees, terminal fees, flight service fees, etc. Phil explained that this would create a safety hazard because fewer people would use these services. Phil explained safe ways to lower the cost of these services through modern technology. Presently, \$60 million is collected from aviation fuel tax. He explained that we have progressed from VOR to GPS and soon will progress to precision approaches with WAAS. He said to start saving your money for the next mandatory change - the replacement for our transponder, the ADS-B. The ADS-B. will not only tell ground radar where you are, but will tell you where other aircraft are. The ADS-B. is

computer driven and uses satellite information to produce a wealth of safety information in the cockpit.

Phil explained the AOPA's Airport Watch Program, modeled after the neighborhood watch program, with 600,000 pilots with eyes and ears watching for unauthorized access, anything out of place, or anyone misusing aviation lingo. Pilots should call the local sheriff or call 1-866-GA- SECURE. Director of Homeland Security for TSA (Transportation Security Administration), Kip Hawley, thinks that the AOPA's Airport Watch Program is workable and will do what government programs can't.

While on the subject, Phil Boyer explained that TFR's have been violated over 3000 times to date. Not once by terrorists!

AOPA has also been fighting to ban landfills near airports (seagulls). They are also fighting to exempt sales tax on GA aircraft and parts, and thanks to AOPA, the ethanol legislation died.

Finally, Phil held up the box of registration forms and AOPA great lakes regional rep, Bill Blake, pulled the winner of the AOPA watch from Sporty's Pilot Shop out of the box. **And the winner was...**

Wayne Atkeson

Wayne, nearly knocking his chair over and waving his watchless arms, stumbled up to the front. Phil Boyer presented Wayne with the watch, noting that Wayne wasn't wearing a watch. (Wayne was thinking, "Who can afford a watch and an airplane too.") Wayne walked back to his seat with the biggest grin that I've ever seen on anybody.

Did you know that AOPA has an online safety seminar? It even qualifies for the "Wings" program. Contact;

www.aopa.org/asf/online_courses/