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## MEETINGS

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

DODGE COUNTY AIRPORT

### NEXT MEETING IS

**Saturday, February 10, 2007**

**Bring a friend!**

Board Meetings:

Same day and place as the chapter meeting.

8:00 a.m. sharp

**Everyone welcome**

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to extend an invitation to all our members to attend the February 10 EAA 897 meeting, bring a friend! I want to remind everyone that EAA 897 dues need to be paid by January 31, 2007. If for some reason you were unable or forgot to take care of it, as soon as Glen Ingram receives your dues you will be re-instated. I also need to point out for insurance reasons please join EAA Oshkosh. EAA Oshkosh carries insurance for EAA 897 during events like pancake breakfast or fly-ins etc. This is very important for all of us to participate in EAA 897 events and insurance coverage will provide peace of mind if we encounter an incident.

Next I want to thank everyone who decided to help out with all the different positions we have in our organization. Those who decided to resign and take a break thanks for your past dedication and support.

I am very anxious to hear a report on the Florida Fly out. It sounded like a great flying trip and we can all hear about it at the February 10 meeting. FYI our banquet meeting place has been reserved for next November and Linda Ludtke will give more details at the meeting.

Keep smiling

*Randy*

## 2007 CHAPTER BANQUET

**SUNDAY, NOV. 4, 2007**  
**BEAVER DAM COUNTRY CLUB.**  
**SOCIAL HOUR AT 5:00 PM.**  
**DINNER AT 6:00 PM.**  
**COST: \$16.00**

Speaker to be announced.  
Make your plans now.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**February 10 (Alternate date February 11)  
Ski and Wheels Fly-in and Chili Feed  
Northport Field Royalton WI (38WI)  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Sponsored by EAA chapter 444  
Wayne Poppy (920) 982-2897

**February 11 Fly-in  
Log Cabin Airport Mondovi, WI (WS69)  
10 a.m. to ?**

Lunch @ noon, chili/hot dogs, refreshments.  
Doug Ward (715) 2874205  
E-mail: ohm.judie@mayo.edu



### **Saturday March 3 14th Annual Wisconsin Ultralight / Light Sport Aviation Safety Seminar**

Mead Inn Hotel Mead & Convention Center,  
Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin.

Registration: 8:00 a.m.

Seminar: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m

Admission: FREE

Door Prizes and "BIG TICKET RAFFLE ITEMS"

### **HANGAR SPACE FOR RENT AT UNU**

New 40x48 hangar with electric bi-fold door, share with owner whose airplane is under construction. \$100 per month.

I also have a new NSI electric variable pitch 3 blade composite propeller for sale for \$1500.

Contact Roger Vavra @ 262-629-9591 or  
e-mail at rogerdodger@nconnect.net

### **YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS**

Contact:

Linda Ludtke (920)-885-2480

Glenn Ingram (920) 887-2507

Dodge Co. Airport (920) 386-2402

### **SIZE COUNTS**

Shortly after landing at a big international airport in his Cessna 150, our hero strolls into the busy airport cafeteria for a bite to eat. He finds an empty table by the window to keep an eye on the airport comings and goings. Shortly thereafter, a striking woman walks up and asks to share his table. Naturally, he invites her to sit down. After several minutes of small talk, the woman asks if he is a pilot. He responds, "Why, yes, I am -- I fly a C-150." Knowing next to nothing about airplanes, she asks him what a C-150 is. The pilot looks out the window and spots a C-130 Hercules taxing out for takeoff. Pointing to it, he tells his companion, "See that plane over there? That is a C-130. **I fly a C-150!**"



### **SPY PLANE**

At Lockheed Martin's Advanced Technology Laboratories in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, colleagues are working on a Nano Air Vehicle modeled after the humble maple seed, it's a single blade two inches long, with a tiny rocket thruster at its tip.

13 January, 2007  
EAA Chapter 897 Meeting

President, Randy Clark, brought the January 13, 2007 meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. with 20 members in attendance.

Dick Blawusch made a motion to approve the minutes from the December meeting. Glenn Ingram seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Glenn Ingram gave the treasurer's report. He urged members to get current on their dues. Tim Hoversten made a motion to approve the report. Chuck Dwyer seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dale Wahl presented the hangar report. He called about the gutters, and as of the meeting, nothing had been done. Currently, Glenn Ingram is renting hangar space in the Chapter hangar.

Several members felt that the plaque cabinet should be finished with a glass or Plexiglas front. Dick Blawusch also proposed that all of the plaques through 2006 should be finished and the cabinet should be brought up to date.

Dale Wahl requested a report on the status of the trophy for the spot landing competition that he won and was told that there will be one made.

Tommy Cristea-Rist resigned from the position of Director At Large.

Linda Ludtke gave the Young Eagles report and announcements. She thanked those that flew Young Eagles in 2006. She listed the following members and the number of Young Eagles they flew in 2006.

Bennett Ludtke	1	Pat Konz	5	Glenn Ingram	10
Ron Romans	4	Ed Lachendro	14	Chuck Dwyer	2
Dale Wahl	4	George Bamman	3	Dennis Winkel	1
Randy Clark	27				

The new Young Eagles flight goal for 2007 is 50.

Dick Blawusch stated that Pat Konz informed him of a program that the EAA has in which people can earn college credits for taking a Young Eagles course. EAA Oshkosh has more information on this program.

Glenn and Ron requested a list of all the pilot Young Eagle EAA #'s and Young Eagle #'s for the Chapter records.

Dale Wahl gave us an update on the Bahamas trip. He informed us that there are 15 people planning to attend. The group will leave on Feb. 3. They will meet up with Tommy in Georgia. The group will go from there to Daytona and on to the Bahamas. Dale is also planning a Kalamazoo trip at the end of February. He will report further in the Feb. meeting.

Several members gave project and newly purchased aircraft reports. Tim Hoversten reported that he would attend the builder's workshop in Mexico, Missouri.

Dick Blawusch suggested that dues be paid in a timely manner each year by January or February. He felt the newsletter should not be sent out to those who do not pay their dues. Glenn Ingram also thanked all the members who prepaid their dues for a block of years in advance.

Dave Odekirk asked to audit the books after the meeting.

Randy Clark invited Norman Wolfe to give a demonstration of the Frasca simulator located at the airport.

Dale Wahl made a motion to adjourn, Bob seconded, motion approved to conclude the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Wald

Secretary

## ***SEBRING LIGHT SPORT FLY-IN***

by Dennis Winkel

Yes, we made a good dent in Mike Schultz's beer and chips inventory. The weather at the show was great - sunny with a nice breeze. There were a lot of planes and vendors displaying their wares. The LSA planes were busy flying prospective buyers all day long and I have heard over 600 people received intro flights during the 4 day show. It was great to talk to dealers and vendors without all the noise and commotion of some larger air shows with all the jets and warbirds blasting your ear drums. Most of the vendors and dealers were very happy with the expo and plan on returning next year. I think this type of expo will continue to grow as more and more new planes enter the market place and, with more competition, hopefully prices will start heading downward. AirVenture and some of the larger shows are great but a lot of people are looking for venues that showcase new modern fun-to-fly airplanes that the average Joe can fly. One thing that really impressed me was how much quieter the new LSA are. Something that will be much appreciated by our airport neighbors.

Besides the expo you could walk across the street and watch race cars practice at Sebring raceway. There were a lot people taking race car pictures at the end of the day. Sebring is a great excuse to get out of Wisconsin for a few days or just add it to your Florida vacation plans.



*Photo by Dennis Winkel*

Mark Reupert tries out an Allegro 2000



*Photo by Dennis Winkel*

Vulcan Aircraft's prototype Raptor 105 turbo diesel engine

**I just found this account of a different type of chapter breakfast.** It sounds kind of fun. It might be fun for our chapter to try it some time on a small scale.

“The San Manuel EAA chapter had a different breakfast this time than the normal pancake breakfast. After you paid your \$5.00, you were handed a baggie and a sharpie to write your name on the baggie. After you did your John Henry, they put a few stirred up eggs in the baggie. You were then handed the baggie back and were able to put whatever other things you wanted in with the eggs. I added onions, cheese, green peppers, mushrooms and ham. When you moved down the line, you handed the baggie to one of the women behind the table and she tells you to come back in 20 minutes. She put the baggie in a pot of warm water to cook. In the mean time, they served fruit in a cup, and many different types of donuts, etc with lots of hot coffee while you were waiting. After 20 minutes you went back to the table and they pulled your baggie out of the pot, put the now cooked omelet on a plate and added some sausage. The omelet was excellent and quite a change from pancakes.”

*Dennis Winkel*

## ***2007 SKI PLANE FLY-IN AT PIONEER AIRPORT***



Photo by Dennis Winkel

January 29, 2007. A 1946 J3C-65 Cub owned by Jerry Ness.

Jerry flew his J3 Cub from Rapid River, Michigan, about 110 miles North of Green Bay. Anyone who has flown a J3 Cub in the winter knows what the word “cold” means. Over 200 people came to see almost two dozen ski-planes. The weather was cold, but the Chili was warm and everyone had a good time.

### ***BUYING EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT***

**Buying an aircraft from another state far away?** I have bought several and would like to share some of the problems you may encounter. First it is difficult to make a trip on short notice to look at and hopefully test fly the plane if it is complete. My first plane was in Boulder City, Nevada so flying into Vegas wasn't too bad. I was lucky, I got to test fly the plane on a good day. A hundred mile flight down the Colorado River, and I was sold! Two weeks later I returned with Co-Pilot Denis Winkel to fly my new purchase back to Wisconsin. An eight hour flight delay on the commercial flight out there cost us the first day and a rare Nevada fog delayed our trip another day. It's best to plan extra days and not take chances with marginal weather. Planning the route and fuel stops helped, but having a good Co-Pilot and GPS made all the difference as none of the planned fuel stops worked out, and the weather can determine your route. Also best to plan a day to practice flying your new experimental aircraft before a long cross country trip. I took two hours of dual instruction to satisfy the insurance company's requirements and was very glad I did.

My second airplane purchase was in Atlanta, Georgia. I bought this plane sight unseen, as it sounded too good to wait until I could get a flight down there to check it out. The pictures looked perfect and the owner said all the right things. My plan again was to fly it back to Wisconsin. Again with the help of Dennis Winkel we planned our trip and departed at sunset with our RV-6A to fly it back. The weather forecast was good, but reality was not. And we had to turn back as the weather closed in on us and just got worse throughout the day. Again the help of a Co-Pilot and a good GPS were invaluable. With no further available time off from work I decided to have this new purchase shipped up. I'll have more on that next month, as well as lessons learned from buying sight unseen.

*Mark Reupert*

## ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS***

**02/24/2007 -to- 02/25/2007**

EAA Family Flightfest  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**03/03/2007**

EAA's Hops and Props  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**03/07/2007**

EAA Winter Speaker Series  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**03/27/2007**

EAA Winter Speaker Series  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**04/14/2007**

EAA's Open Cockpit Weekend  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**05/05/2007 -to- 05/06/2007**

EAA Pioneer Airport Opening Weekend  
Pioneer Airport - Oshkosh, WI

**05/12/2007**

EAA's Living History Days  
Pioneer Airport - Oshkosh, WI

**05/19/2007 -to- 05/20/2007**

Deke Slayton Airfest  
La Crosse Municipal Airport - La Crosse, WI

**06/02/2007**

EAA's Living History Days  
Pioneer Airport - Oshkosh, WI

**06/02/2007 -to- 06/03/2007**

Thunder on the Lakeshore - Manitowoc Airshow  
Manitowoc County Airport - Manitowoc, WI

**06/08/2007 -to- 06/10/2007**

Southern Wisconsin Airfest  
Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport - Janesville, WI

**06/09/2007**

EAA's International Young Eagles Day  
At an Airport Near You in - Wisconsin

**06/23/2007**

EAA's Wings on Strings Kite Festival  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**07/01/2007**

EAA's Aerospace Design Exhibition opening  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**07/07/2007**

EAA's Living History Days  
Pioneer Airport - Oshkosh, WI

**07/14/2007**

EAA's Space Gallery Opening  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**07/14/2007 -to- 07/15/2007**

Milwaukee Air Expo  
General Mitchel Intl Airport - Milwaukee, WI

**07/14/2007 -to- 07/15/2007**

EAA's Space Exploration Weekend  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**07/15/2007 -to- 07/20/2007**

2007 National Cross Country Air Races / Marion Jayne  
Stevens Point Municipal - Stevens Point, WI

**07/23/2007 -to- 07/29/2007**

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh  
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**08/17/2007 -to- 08/18/2007**

EAA's Murder Mystery Dinner  
Pioneer Airport - Oshkosh, WI

**08/18/2007 -to- 08/19/2007**

EAA's Good Ol'Days  
Pioneer Airport - Oshkosh, WI

**09/08/2007**

EAA's Living History Days  
Pioneer Airport - Oshkosh, WI

**09/21/2007 -to- 09/23/2007**

EAA's Vintage Fantasy Flight Camp  
AirAcademy Lodge - Oshkosh, WI

**10/05/2007 -to- 10/07/2007**

EAA's Bell 47 Fantasy Flight Camp  
AirAcademy Lodge - Oshkosh, WI

**10/06/2007**

EAA's Living History Days  
Pioneer Airport - Oshkosh, WI

**10/13/2007 -to- 10/14/2007**

EAA's Fall Color Flights  
Pioneer Airport - Oshkosh, WI

**10/19/2007 -to- 10/20/2007**

EAA's Haunted Hangar  
AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**10/19/2007 -to- 10/21/2007**

EAA's Photo Fantasy Flight Camp  
AirAcademy Lodge - Oshkosh, WI

**10/26/2007 -to- 10/27/2007**

EAA's Haunted Hangar  
AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**10/27/2007**

EAA's Slightly Haunted Hangar  
AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**12/10/2007**

EAA's Christmas in the Air  
AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI

**12/14/2007**

EAA's Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet  
AirVenture Museum Eagle Hangar - Oshkosh, WI

**12/26/2007 -to- 12/31/2007**

EAA's Kids' Days  
AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh, WI