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MEETINGS

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

DODGE COUNTY AIRPORT

NEXT MEETING IS

Saturday, March 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 want to extend an invitation to all our members to attend our March 10 EAA 897 meeting, bring a friend! I believe as soon as the weather warms up we can have meetings at the hangar and maybe a cookout to go with the meeting.

Thanks to Dennis and Tim for completing the display cabinet for our members who purchased a brick, good job guys! I also want to thank Tony for making us aware that the EAA 897 trip book needs to be updated, Tony has also agreed to do the update. We have no response from the Town of Oak Grove officials in regard to our tax status, I will make an effort to contact them and report to you at the March meeting.

On Feb. 28 I attended a public hearing at Dodge County Airport in regard to several items the Dodge County Highway Commission wants to improve at the airport. We currently have new blood at the Highway Commission. Brian Field is Commissioner and Peter Thompson is Assistant Commissioner. In an effort to keep this short and to the point I will highlight several items they intend to petition the Bureau of Aeronautics in Madison for state and federal funding.

1. Crackfill and sealcoat airport pavement
2. Upgrade 02/20 runway lighting
3. Upgrade fueling facility
4. Purchase new snow removal equipment
5. Land acquisition/reimbursement for runway approaches
6. Reimbursement of adoption of land use zoning ordinances

If anyone has questions we can answer them to the best of our ability at the meeting. I will see if the honorable Tim Bentheimer will attend our March 10 meeting to assist in answers or concerns.

Keep smiling!

Randy

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 19 & 20 Deke Slayton Airfest

La Crosse Municipal Airport

See the Navy's Blue Angels perform, plus many other exciting events! Start on Friday night with the President's Reception Hangar Party!

Phone: 608-779-9994

June 2 & 3 Thunder on the Lakeshore - Manitowoc Airshow, Manitowoc County Airport

Annual Manitowoc Airshow and Balloon Rally. Fly-in pilots get free breakfast; seaplane landing site in the marina. Vintage warbirds, high powered military, hot air balloons, R/C planes, helicopters and jets, and some of the best award-winning civilian performers around! Phone: 920-482-1650

June 8 to 10 Southern Wisconsin Airfest Southern Wisconsin Regional Airport - Janesville

Gates Open 9:00 a.m.

Opening Ceremony 12:00

Aerial Acts Begin 12:15-

USAF Enlistment Ceremony 3:15

Saturday Only

USAF Thunderbirds 3:30 - Show Ends 5:00.

Disclaimer: Schedule subject to change. Southern Wisconsin Airfest Inc. is not responsible for schedule changes, performer cancellations, or show cancellation due to weather or matters of national security. Phone: 608-754-5405

June 17 Father's Day Fly-In, Drive-In Breakfast Palmyra Airport

One of Wisconsin's oldest Fly-In breakfast, our 57th year! Serving Radishes (Yep, you read that correct), Pancakes, Ham, Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Milk.

Phone: 414-732-8456

July 14 & 15 Milwaukee Air Expo General Mitchell Intl Airport - Milwaukee

Phone: 414-247-9055



YOUNG EAGLE FLIGHTS

Contact:

Linda Ludtke (920)-885-2480

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Dodge Co. Airport (920) 386-2402

EAA AIRVENTURE MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

April 14 & 15 EAA's Open Cockpit Weekend

10:00-5:00 p.m.

A rare 'insider's look' at EAA's aircraft maintenance facility on 20th St in Oshkosh, with tours of how EAA maintains its flying fleet. In the Museum, several aircraft will have their cockpits opened allowing visitors a unique look inside. Also on 4/14/07 a members only, behind the scenes tour of EAA's archives and collections. Included with Museum Admission. Phone: 920 426-6135

May 5 & 6 EAA Pioneer Airport Opening Weekend

8:30-5:00

The new flying season opens at Pioneer Airport with vintage aircraft activities, plus Young Eagles flights. Included with Museum Admission. Phone: 920 426-6135

June 23 EAA's Wings on Strings Kite Festival

10:00-5:00

One of man's earliest flying machines is celebrated in this family fun day featuring professional kite fliers, kite-making clinics and lots of room to launch your own kite! Free event Museum admission separate.

Phone: 920 426-6135

July 1 EAA's Aerospace Design Exhibition opening

8:30-5:00

Experience the innovations of wind tunnels and the progress made by them in this new exhibit designed in cooperation with NASA. Include with Museum admission. Phone: 920 426-6135

10 February, 2007
EAA Chapter 897 Meeting

President, Randy Clark, brought the February 10, 2007 meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Glenn Ingram made a correction to January's minutes. It is Dave Odekirk, not Glenn Ingram, who is renting Chapter hangar space.

Ron Romans made a motion to approve the minutes from the January meeting. Bob Mueller seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Glenn Ingram gave the treasurer's report. Glenn and Randy Clark addressed the tax bill that was received by the Chapter this year. Normally the chapter has tax exempt status. However, due to the new hangar, the paper work did not get submitted by the deadline, so the Chapter received a bill. Glenn submitted a letter to Oak Grove to ask for leniency. In the meantime the Chapter paid half the bill. It was paid with the phrase "paid as unlawfully taxed bill." The Chapter will try to get this money back. Dennis Winkel made a motion to approve the report. Dick Siedschlag seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Dale Wahl presented the hangar report. He is getting a quote for gutters.

The members present generally agreed that additional major work to the hangar should be postponed until after the pancake breakfast, to build some funds.

Dale Wahl will step down as Hangar Director. Glenn Ingram and Kip Elliot agreed to jointly take over the Hangar Director duties.

Tim Hoversten and Dennis Winkel finished the cabinet in the hangar.

Tony Sobczak will update the EAA Event book in the Airport lobby.

New member Andy Switalla was welcomed.

Linda Ludtke has Young Eagle tax deduction forms available.

Glenn Ingram said that they would like to organize some Young Eagles flights on the days of the Chapter meetings in May, September, December. They also encourage other flights.

Dale Wahl and Tommy Cristea-Rist filled us in on their adventures in the Bahamas and stateside.

Dennis Winkel and Mark Reupert went to Sebring to the Florida Light Plane Expo. Mark Reupert also attended the ski-plane fly-in at Pioneer Airport. It was an EAA event.

Dale Wahl has a trip to Kalamazoo planned for March 3.

Tim Hoversten and his wife went to Mexico, Missouri. They attended a rudder building workshop, after which they came back with a rudder and assembly.

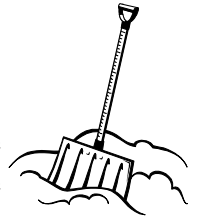
Dennis Winkel and Tim Hoversten are willing to co-chair the pancake breakfast. It will be the first Sunday in June.

Linda Ludtke made a motion to adjourn, Bob Mueller seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy Wald
Secretary

DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE WEATHER, SEE DALE WAHL



Cue the Indiana Jones music here:

February 3, 2007, 15 hardy members of EAA Chapter 897, led by seasoned explorer, Dale Wahl, braved 6 degree below zero weather, and climbed into their four frail single engine airplanes and began a journey to find the SUN.

Lower music volume here:

The four planes struggled to 9,500 feet where it was 21 degrees below zero. A cold Northern wind sped the planes to 210 miles per hour. Huddling in the flight of four small planes were: Dale Wahl, flying his Bonanza, with passengers Dick Siedschlag, Joe Imilkowski, and Roger Hunter; Tommy Cristea-Rist, flying his Piper Commanche with his wife Chris; Cristina and Sasa Seremet, flying their Piper Cherokee 140 and their children, Damen and Dejana; and Jeff Kornetzke, flying a Grumman Cheetah traveled with his children Lisa, Kyle, Emily, and Abby.

In less than four hours, they arrived in Athens Georgia and 55 degree weather. Fuel tanks were filled and shorts replaced long underwear. Boots were out and sandals were in. Runny noses were out and large grins were in.

Cue "Beach Boys" music here:

After fueling up, they flew to Fort Pierce, Florida. Where they enjoyed 68 degree temperatures during a two-night stay at the Royal Inn on Fort Pierce Beach.

Cue calypso music here:

The group then flew to Treasure Cay, Abaco Island where it was 68 degrees and then to Rock Sound Eleuthera Island, both in the Bahamas where it was 78 degrees. At Rock Sound Eleuthera Island, they rented some condominiums. Some of the group went snorkeling in the coral reef while others lay on the beach.

Dale said that they drive American cars on the left hand side of the street so that the driver is next to the curb. The roads are narrow and the speeds are fast. It's hard to judge how close you are when you are driving on the other side of the car, and don't have a wreck as there are no hospitals there.

Breakfast at Ingraham's Beach Inn at Rock Sound Eleuthera Island was \$164 because it was during the off-season. Cuban cigars were \$10.

Cue the Indiana Jones music here:

Sooner or later all good things must come to an end and they had to return home. Everyone donned their long johns, winter jackets, mittens, and scarves and headed home. (Do you know how a wool scarf feels on a sunburned neck???"OUCH")

Arrival back home to the Dodge County Airport was uneventful. Everyone thought that their sunburn faces were windburn, but deep down inside, there was a warmth to their bones that they haven't felt since last August.

All in all it was a cheap vacation because everyone chipped in for fuel. The trip cost each participant just under \$1000. "We had a good time," Dale said. "It was a heck of an experience." Dale said plotting their next trip to Baja, Mexico next January should be easier. "Now we know how to file an international flight plan, and what you can take through customs and the best ports of entry for small aircraft."

Anyone for Baja, Mexico? See Dale Wahl. He doesn't just talk about the weather.

“EAA Chapter 897 Travel Book”

Greetings to all,

As some of you are already aware, I have been given permission to update the Chapter Travel Book located in the lobby of Wisconsin Aviation at the Dodge County Airport. The book has not been updated in many years and is in need of an overhaul.

The front of the new book will be devoted to things to do right in our area. For example: Local restaurants in Juneau, Horicon & Beaver Dam, Hotels, etc. This will be great for those pilots flying into KUNU that are looking for something to do while waiting for the weather clear.

The middle of the book will be devoted to places that our members have had memorable flights to. Example, Madeline Island, Lone Rock, Dayton (*not to be confused with Daytona!*), & Kalamazoo.

The rest of the book will be devoted to you! Pictures of your airplanes, work in progress, and pictures of you at exotic locations...you name it!

But I can't do it without your help! Please use the form provided (or just send me an e-mail with **“EAA 897 travel book”** in the subject line) with any information you can give me. Where did you fly to dinner last week (or last year)? Was it good? How is the progress on that RV-4? Do you have photos?

As I receive information I will reformat it to fit the book so don't worry too much about the order of the information you give me.

With your help we can have a really valuable and useful book! The form on the following page can be used to write your suggestions or you can contact me at the locations below.

Thanks in advance for your prompt support!

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Remember to put ***“EAA Chapter 897 Travel Book”*** in the subject line!

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