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MEETINGS

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

**WE ARE BACK TO THE FALL SCHEDULE
NEXT MEETING IS**

**Saturday, October 10, 2009
9:00 a.m.**

We will meet at Wisconsin Aviation FBO
Board Meetings:
Same day and place as the chapter meeting.
8:30 a.m. sharp

Everyone welcome

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Members of Chapter 897 have been busy finishing and flying their new home built planes. Roger Vavra has just finished flying the 40 hours off his bright yellow 601XL Zenair and will be flying to far away airports. Ben Ludkte has been flying his Protech taildragger and is getting used to its flying qualities. Bob Hartwig has his beautiful polished Sonex assembled at his hangar and it is nearly ready for an inspection. I have been busy flying and fixing a few nagging but minor problems on my RV-3. Last month we discussed building pedal planes as a chapter project. I'll report on the progress that I have made on changing them to a cad format at the October 10, 2009 meeting.

Make sure to keep your calendar open for the annual chapter banquet Saturday, November 14, 2009 at the Iron Ridge Inn. See Linda Ludtke for tickets for this great chapter event and be sure to bring an item for the silent auction. Also if any one of you would like to volunteer to do a short educational demonstration or talk at our upcoming chapter meetings please give me a call at: 920-296-0645.

Dennis Winkel

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BRICK CAP ON CHAPTER HANGAR COMPLETE

Our thanks to Cleo Kahlhamer and Mike Digman.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Friday year round

Central County Airport, Iola (68C)

A sumptuous noon lunch is served at Central County Airport in an amazing clubhouse/hangar. See the website for each week's menu.

<http://netnet.net/~wjknjan/lmenu.html>

Contact: Bill Kinsman Phone: 920-244-7808

October 23 Friday Fish Fly Tri-County Regional Airport Lone Rock, WI (LNR)

5 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Friday fish fly – every Friday until November. Piccadilly Lilly Airport Diner in cooperation with the local EAA chapter.

Merlin Bauer E-mail: merlinb@charter.net

October 24 Donut Days

Brennand Airport Neenah, WI (79C)

7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Coffee and juice, fresh pastries, chat with old friends.

Bill Brown (920) 721-9237

E-mail: bill.brown@alcan.com

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES

Friday and Saturday, October 24 and 25

EAA's Haunted Hangar Oshkosh, WI

5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

All the lights are turned off in the Museum and spooky guides will lead guests on an exciting flashlight tour through a Haunted Hangar. Watch out for Halloween ghosts and surprises. Reservations are not required, but recommended by calling 920-426-6880 or by visiting our secure registration site <http://www.airventuremuseum.org>

Contact: Kathy Hanson Phone: 920-426-6880

Saturday, October 24

EAA's Slightly Haunted Hangar for younger visitors

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

EAA's Slightly Haunted Hangar is a fun and friendly way to celebrate Halloween. They'll have the opportunity to trick or treat in the EAA AirVenture Museum, play holiday-themed games, participate in Halloween activities and even come dressed in their favorite costume.

<http://www.airventuremuseum.org>

Contact: Kathy Hanson Phone: 920-426-6880



YOUNG EAGLES

Contact:

Glenn Ingram (920) 887-2507

Linda Ludtke (920) 885 2480

Dodge Co. Airport (920) 386-2402

Ruth Mack flew four Young Eagles on September 4th.

Glenn Ingram flew five Young Eagles on September 12th.

INTERESTING WEBSITES

Van's RV-12 updates

<http://www.vansaircraft.com/public/rv-12int1.htm>

Did you know that there is a RV-11 in the works? See it's progress here.

<http://www.vansaircraft.com/public/rv-11int3.htm>

Runway overshoot on St. Barthélemy's notoriously short runway 10/28.

<http://www.avweb.com/eletter/archives/avflash/1460-full.html#201166>

Can you spot Gary Dornfeld, Bob Hartwig, and Phil Hansen at Iola?

Don't miss this one.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W4d-LGHV84Y>

Ride on a U2 spy plane

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1PmYItnlY5M&NR=1>

EAA Chapter 897

Minutes

September 12, 2009

Dennis Winkel called the meeting to order in the Chapter hangar at 0900 with 17 members, and one guest present.

Treasurer's Report verbally provided by Glenn Ingram. He is working on having the insurance premium corrected to reflect that a scissors lift was used for only a limited time and not on an ongoing basis. Ron Romans made a motion to accept the report. Cleo Kahlhamer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Minutes: August minutes were reviewed. Ron Romans made a motion to accept the minutes. Wayne Atkins seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Young Eagles: Glenn Ingram left the meeting to fly Y.E. Ben and Linda Ludtke provided ground support.

Chapter Hangar: General discussion to increase utilization. Suggestion to organize equipment effectively and mark shelves. Members were encouraged to work on a wish list for the tool library.

Air Academy: Dennis Winkel will be talking with Linda Ludtke about how to proceed.

Fall Meetings: These have resumed at 0900. Please provide input for speakers, in services, social events.

Annual Breakfast: Cleo Kahlhamer made the motion to have the breakfast on the first Sunday in June 2010 from 0800 to noon. Dick Siedschlag seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Pedal Plane Project: Consensus that there is sufficient interest in proceeding with building pedal airplanes as a group project. Dennis Winkel will work on converting the paper plans to CAD plans. Mike Digman is willing to share the use of his Shopsmith. Cleo has a router, and Ron Romans has access to a workshop.

Website: Members are encouraged to provide current info, articles, and photos to Brian.

Runway: Work continues, so be aware and check for restrictions before flying.

Annual Meeting: Ron Romans made a motion to pay for lodging at the Iron Ridge Inn for the speaker on the night of the meeting. Stuart Ludtke seconded the motion. Motion passed. The silent auction will be held at the meeting as before.

Builder's Projects: Bob Hartwig will be bringing his Sonex to the airport next week. Cleo Kahlhamer is working on his second wing of his Ultra Cruiser. The first is finished. Dennis Winkel is flying his RV-3. Stuart Ludtke is flying his RV-4.

Adjourn: Ron Romans made a motion to adjourn. Bob Hartwig seconded it. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Winkel, secretary



MIDWEST LSA EXPO IN MT. VERNON IL

The weather was cold and the wind chilled us, but some sun peeked out and made the trip worth it. Mike Schultz drove Dennis Winkel, Ron Romans and Al Kind to Mount Vernon IL to see what is new on LSA scene. We weren't disappointed. Here is a sample of what we saw:



Rans S-19 powered by a
Rotax 912ULS 100hp



Jabiru USA Sport powered by a
Jabiru 3300 (120 hp)



Sport Cruiser RTF powered by a
Rotax 912-S 100hp



Rans S-7LS powered by a
Rotax 912ULS 100hp



FA-04 Peregrine powered by a
Rotax 912ULS 100hp



Highlander by JustAircraft powered by a
Rotax 912-S 100hp

DID YOU EVER WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FIRST AIRPLANE YOU EVER BOUGHT?

I DID

Ron Romans

One day, while I was gathering up information for the newsletter, I thought, “What ever happened to my old Taylorcraft?” So I went to the FAA web site, <http://registry.faa.gov/aircraftinquiry/>. You can enter any aircraft number and find the present owner and his address. You can also enter a person’s name and get a list of all the planes that person owns. I got the name of the owner of my first plane (Dorwin) and wrote him a letter. I included my e-mail address. Dorwin responded with information about my old Taylorcraft. It’s in a barn in Dansville, Michigan and has been there for the last 30 years. It had been recovered with new

fabric when Dorwin’s hangar collapsed in a storm - but the plane wasn’t in it. Then he took the wings off and put it in his barn until a new hangar was built. Before the new hangar could be built, Dorwin’s health prevented him from flying the plane, so it was never returned to flying status. On Sept. 22, 2009, I went to see my old plane. It brought back many good memories. What I found was the plane stored in a barn like you only dream of, and it was my old Taylorcraft! Dorwin is thinking of donating it to an aircraft museum, possibly in Ann Arbor, Michigan.



30 years of dust covers the plane.



I spent many happy hours in that seat.



This is how it looked when I had it at Aero Park.

WE NEED MORE PICTURES IN THE NEWSLETTER.

Send your pictures to ronromans@wi.rr.com with any information you can add for publication in a later newsletter. You will be given credit for the pictures when published.

DO YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL?

Even if you only have dim memories of it. Contact me and I will develop an interesting story based on your experiences. As everyone knows, all pilots love a good aviation story.

*CHAPTER BANQUET AT THE IRON RIDGE INN
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14*

Cocktails at 4:30 Meal at 5:30

Bring something for the silent auction



Lynne Eaton and her RV-6 she calls "Norma Jean"

Our guest speaker, Lynne Eaton, will take us on a trip to Alaska
in a plane she got from our own Geoff Downey.

Lynne now owns an RV 6 and has more stories to tell.

Expect a very enjoyable evening for the whole family

Menu: Salad bar, choice of beef tips or chicken cordon bleu,
choice of noodles or potatoes, includes dessert.

Tickets are \$16.00 ea.

Contact Linda Ludtke at 920-885-2480 or benandlinda@peoplepc.com

No later than November 3rd.

Everyone is welcome!

You don't have to be a chapter member to attend!

The Iron Ridge Inn is located at 131 S. Main St., Iron Ridge WI.

