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The April meeting will be held on Tuesday April 26th, 7:30pm CAP Hangar Timmerman Field. **Mistaken identities can change your life, especially if they are still voting on a new Pope...Bring your name tag!**

Program: The RV Story, plus a message from the FAA on Runway incursions

Chapter 18 Calendar of Events

April 2005

4/26/05 Monthly Membership meeting,
7:30pm CAP Hangar, Timmerman Field

May 2005

5/10/2005 Board meeting 7:30pm
hosted by Fareed Guyot. Location TBA

5/14-15/05 EAA Chapter 18 Young Eagle
Rally at Armed Forces weekend. 128th

Refueling Wing-Pilots and Ground Crew
needed.

5/24/2005 Monthly Membership Meeting,
7:30pm CAP Hangar, Timmerman Field

June 2005

6/5//05 EAA Chapter 18 Brat and Burger
Bash Fly-In 10AM-2pm?? at Capitol Drive
Airport (02C) Volunteers needed.

CAMILLA THE HANGAR QUEEN HAS SPOKEN

Well, they always talk about April Showers but since we don't have any chapter picnics scheduled for this month the weather has been fairly nice. Hopefully some of you had good trips to Sun 'n Fun earlier this month. Sun 'n Fun officially marks the end of the aviation hibernation and the start of the fly-in season.

The next event on the chapter calendar is the Young Eagle rally in conjunction with the Armed Forces Day Show at the 128th Air National Guard Refueling Wing. This is always one of my favorite chapter events. It is a lot of fun to fly Young Eagles, and the tower at Milwaukee does a great job of making this event easy and fun. Even if you are not a pilot we need your help. Dean and the crew do a great job of handling the logistics on the ground side. Gert and the gang keep the flight line moving in an orderly fashion.

Last year we set a record for the number of kids flown due to the dedication of the volunteers that helped both in the cockpit and on the ground. I encourage you to take part in helping make this Chapter 18's signature Young Eagles effort this year. It is also the start of the spring fly-in breakfast season, so watch the calendar in this newsletter for upcoming events in the area.

For those of you that have finished your projects and are now flying, you might want to consider inviting a fellow chapter member to ride along to one of the fly-ins. It might just be the inspiration they need to get back to work on their own projects. See you all at the meeting!

CHAPTER NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER MAKES DEBUT

This month's issue of "The Flypaper" is the first to be published by Jeff Point. Jeff offered to takeover the printing and mailing duties last month in an effort to save the chapter money and keep dues at their present level. Jeff reports that of the approximately 50 mailed paper copies of the newsletter, he has reduced that further to 38. Further reductions are expected. Thank you to all who now receive and those who have recently switched to the electronic version of "The Flypaper". This includes one charter member who's only email address belongs to his spouse, but he is willing to make the marital sacrifices to save the chapter money! Publisher Point requests that members have patience as we embark on this new distribution system as there will undoubtedly be hiccups. Jeff encourages members to contact him with questions, problems, or to join the electronic mailing list. jpoint@mindspring.com or 414-915-9173

TREASURER'S REPORT - Fritz Jorgenson

March 2005 showed income of **\$330** from dues and calendar sales for an ending balance of **\$758.53** in the Checking account. Savings drew interest income of **\$0.11** for an ending balance of **\$750.46**.

Chapter 18 MINUTES FROM MARCH 2005 MONTHLY MEETING

The March meeting was called to order by President Eric Whyte at 7:45PM at the CAP Hangar at Timmerman Field. Eric made the following announcements. A sign up sheet will be sent around for the annual work party in preparation for AirVenture 2005. It was also announced that the format of the newsletter is being changed. Jeff Point, the new, newsletter editor reports that about half of the chapter members are getting the newsletter electronically. He would like to see this cut down even more in order to keep our costs down. Samples of the new format for the newsletter were passed around. Notify Jeff if you are able to make the change to the e-mail version of the newsletter. Eric also reported that the EAA chapter in Grantsburg needs help. The city is considering closing the airport. It might be helpful in their decision process if you contact the city and tell them you plan to land there at some future date. Tom Martin is now in good health again and will continue with his board position. Guests were asked to introduce themselves and 2 people did so.

Building Reports: Chris Esselstyn reports that he is working on the electric system and antenna's on his Modified Cozy MK 4. He has a DAR lined up for inspection and is hoping to do an engine run in the near future. Wayne Peach reported on his Seahawker project. The tail section is done and he is working on the fuselage. It will be powered by a modified Chevy engine. "Curly" Freiesleben reported on the Fokker project. It will now have a modified control stick, with a "belly curve" in it. Fred Keip reported that he is working on his Wag-A-Bond and is putting the gear on at this time. He also has his Lycoming O-290 rebuilt and ready to run. Eric Anderson reported that Bob Lang's RV is moving to the final stages of construction and that they are finishing up with firewall forward and the electrical work

Flying Reports: Mark Jones reported on the 1st flight of his KR2s. He also had a video clip of the historic event taken at Hartford airport. Fred Keip reported on taking a flight north from Burlington. Not much snow at Burlington, but quite a lot of snow north of there.

Tech Counselors: Ron Scott showed a copy of a newsletter from Oct. of 67. (*editor's note: someone questioned if this was when the Fokker project was started*). He also reported that the Travel Channel will air the program "Made in America" which will feature the American Champ factory. The program will air on April 26 at 8:30 PM, April 27 at 11:30 PM and April 30 at 3:30 PM. He also reported that the Sport Aviation Assn. will be having a Fly-in in June. Contact Ron for details. He also turned in a jacket with the chapter 18 logo on it which he found at the ultralight seminar in Wisconsin Rapids. It will be kept at the CAP hangar until someone can claim it as theirs. Fred Keip reported that he has a drill press for sale. Fritz reported on the corrosion that was found on his wing spar, and brought in the offending part for others to see and know what to look for.

Young Eagles: Pilots and ground crew will be needed for Armed Forces week-end. This will be held at the 126th's facility on May 14 and 15. Start time is 10:00 AM.

The Chapter Fly-In will be held on June 5th at Capitol Dr. Airport. Many volunteers are needed for this Chapter fund raising event. Contact any board member to offer your services. Deserts and grills are also needed. This Fly-In will also be part of our spring picnic. The fall picnic will once again be hosted by Craig Henry at his hangar at East Troy on Sept. 17th.

Minutes and treasurers report was approved as reported in the newsletter. Meeting break for coffee and donuts which was then followed by the best, feel good, video program of the year. It dealt with oils and your airplane engine. If you missed this remarkable program, contact your chapter secretary and he will make arrangements so that you can view this video in the privacy of your own home. Meeting adjourned at 9:40PM. Respectfully submitted, Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary)

CHAPTER 18 BOARD MINUTES FOR April 2005

The meeting was called to order by President Eric Whyte at Paul Comte's house at 7:45 PM. Jim Hatzenbeller, Tom Martin, Dave Alberti, Gert Van der Sanden, Fareed Guyot and Fritz Jorgenson were present.

The minutes from the March Chapter meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was also given and accepted. Programs for upcoming meetings were discussed. The April, program could be a video entitled the RV Story, or possibly a talk on painting and upholstery, depending on the speaker's work schedule.

Chapter Fly-In: Fareed reported that things are coming together. He has the EAA insurance forms filled out, and permits have been taken care of with the City of Brookfield. We are listed on WI DOT website for fly-in's. Fareed reports that the next thing to do is begin the marketing phase of the fly-in. Fareed will also create a signup sheet for volunteers. Each specific duty will be handled by "a committee". This will be headed by an experienced volunteer and volunteers can sign up to work with that committee. Set-up will be done on Saturday, the 4th. Many volunteers are needed.

Young Eagles: Gert reported that 5 pilots flew 32 scouts at Oshkosh on April 2nd. The Armed Forces week-end is still on this year at the 128th. Date is May 14th & 15th. We are planning to fly kids on Saturday and Sunday. Start times are 10:00 and 9:00 respectively. Pilots and ground crew are needed. A sign up sheet will be passed at the April Chapter meeting.

Announcements: This will be the first month that Jeff Point will be doing the publishing duties of the newsletter. If you are able to take the newsletter by e-mail, let Jeff or any board member know. Paul and Gert agreed to get together to sort out which cables are needed to hook up speakers to the new chapter projector. Eric has nomination papers from EAA for the Major Achievement Award. At this time, a chapter member is under consideration for this award. Tom has agreed to run the October dinner meeting again this year. It will be held at Meyers Family Restaurant again as in the past 2 years. If anyone has a program suggestion, please contact Tom or any board member. Gert has suggested that he would like to see someone else take over the duties of tool librarian and chapter historian. These duties only require storage of chapter tools, loaning out of the tools and storing of the chapter's past records. These duties can be separated and could be divided between any 2 chapter members. Contact Gert if you are interested in helping out with one of these positions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM to coffee and cake. Respectfully submitted, Jim Hatzenbeller (Secretary).

VAN DER SANDEN TIRED OF BEING A "TOOL"

Gert Van der Sanden is looking to resign from his Tool Librarian and Chapter Historian duties. We thank Gert for taking on this dual role. President Whyte is taking volunteers for both positions. **Tool Librarian duties include:** Managing the inventory, identifying tools that need replacement, and submitting requests to the board for new tools based on membership need. The **Chapter Historian** is the keeper of the chapter archives. This is an evolving position. In the short term the board would like the Chapter Historian to photograph chapter meetings and events. Longer term projects include creating a yearly scrapbook, which could be in the virtual form. Most important is to describe the yearly goings on in the chapter through text and pictures. Other long term projects include documenting the contributions of long time chapter members through interviews, and biographies. One member is requested to head up this effort but other members are encouraged to contribute and assist.

CHAPTER 18 BRAT AND BURGER BASH COOKING

The Chapter 18 Brat and Burger Bash is 1.5 months away and it is time to assign duties and start gathering resources and supplies. The event is Sunday June 5th at 10am until approx 2pm although we wont turn any late arrivals away. We are hoping to catch pancakers from area airports. To avoid the messy problems of food service permits and such, we will be selling a plate for \$5.

We are fortunate to have the support of Brookfield Aero in this endeavor. For those of you that don't know, Brookfield Aero is an all volunteer operation that exists solely to keep Capitol Drive Airport in operation. They mow the grass, pump fuel and maintain the facilities. They are not a traditional for-profit FBO. Brookfield Aero volunteers are willing to help us but we cannot abuse their goodwill.

Air Operations: Gert Van der Sanden will coordinate this area. We need aircraft marshallers, wing walkers, and safety line monitors. We also need orange vests, wands, stanchions, and caution tape. We need at least 10 people to volunteer in this area. Please contact Gert or Fareed if you are interested in volunteering for this area or have supplies to contribute.

Auto Parking: Andy Jaske will coordinate this area. We would like a co-chair that has a car to also volunteer for this area. We will need at least 3 volunteers to direct cars to parking spots, and at least one to serve as a crossing guard to keep patrons from getting flattened trying to cross Gumina Rd. We will at least need cones, and a directional sign. Please contact Andy or Fareed if you are interested in volunteering for this area or have supplies to contribute.

Food Service: Craig Henry is coordinating this area. The cooks are going to prepare a baseline amount of food and then get more as the demand dictates. I request that chapter members bring store bought or home prepared sides Pot-luck style to minimize our costs. All supplies needed for a cookout apply here. Please register your contribution with the Jeff and Craig. If any member has a line on a cheap Port-to-let please step forward...the one toilet in the Airport office will not be adequate for this event.

Marketing: Fareed will be coordinating this area but the entire chapter needs to help in this effort. Anyone with sign making acumen is requested to step forward. Fliers to area businesses and Churches will be our main local advertising. We would like to post a sign along Capitol Drive in front of the airport. If any of you plan airport hopping in the coming weekends, please let Fareed know. We request your help in distributing the gospel. Also, we will need assistance in making a sandwich board to place at the Chapter 897 pancake B-fast in UNU that will be occurring on the same day. It's likely we can get some stragglers from there.

Please remember that the Fly-in Chair is based in Rockford so please contact the area chairs so that tasks can be assigned and completed expeditiously.

Fareed Guyot

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PATTERN IMPATIENCE PEEVES PITTS PURVEYOR

Dear Mr. Decathlon,

I left the airport angry today, which is not a good thing, especially since this is usually the place I run to when I need to escape from this thing called my life. I had a tough week with my Pitts, "Grace". From having to do a precautionary dead-stick landing on Sunday during my first flight in her since December, a week of trouble shooting an elusive engine roughness problem, and being cutoff in the pattern three times in five minutes, twice by the same airplane. I felt like you and the world were trying to kill me.

I spent the first few hours of the night wondering when did we start flying like we drive? No manners and plenty of impatience. Are we entering a new era of "Air Rage"? After an extensive annual with a logbook entry that felt like it should have stated, "Rudder found airworthy, replaced rest of aircraft", I was getting anxious to fly again. Sunday (4/3/2005) was a day we all wish for, clear, blue, and 40-something. "Grace" appeared ready and I felt like it was time to get back on the horse. As I sat at the end of the runway, a beautiful Chipmunk made a low pass. Little did I know that in thirty seconds, the pilot of this plane would become my rodent angel and first example in this week of what is right with aviation. Throttle to the wall brought "The Grin" back. With my "climbing left turn so I can ditch it back into the airport if 'Grace' is having a bad day" just about complete, I started to reduce power when I felt some very interesting shakes and vibrations.

Now, I'm not the sharpest guy, but the old noggin immediately figured out this was not good. The ditching procedure that I was taught and practiced now became the real thing. Power off, and a quick radio call to clear the pattern. I don't remember much else except the Chipmunk that was in front of me made an immediate break and became an airborne air traffic controller; Budd Davisson began talking through my headset from somewhere in Arizona. Ten seconds later I was sitting on the runway wondering if my HMO covered seat cushion removal. This short, "first flight" of the year became example and lesson one: We are a brotherhood that will do whatever possible to help each other out and there is no replacement for a good instructor.

The rest of the week was spent trying to figure out why "Grace" seemed to be suffering from the Lycoming engine Ebola virus. This is where the "Round Knights of the Square Table" stepped into action. Scotty, Dave, Bill, Gonzo, Bob, and the others began to offer their advice, experience, and suggestions, to a fellow pilot and his mechanic who were scratching their heads. Example and lesson two: Mistakes happen no matter what initials we have next to our name. That's why that gray "story telling hair" that hangs out at airports, trying to pass on a vast wealth of knowledge. Listen!

Yes, Mr. Decathlon, I left the airport angry at you, but I now just feel a twinge of pity, and want to thank you. I fly because I love to. Because of your impatience and un-patternlike conduct, I was able to spend an extra two minutes in my now well running airplane. I pity you for not taking the time to stop and meet some of the people I have mentioned; you might just have learned something. I just hope my friend in the Chipmunk is flying the day you need it most, then some of these lessons might just sink in.

-Craig Henry

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS FLY AN EAGLE

Armed Forces Weekend will be held May 14th and 15th at the 128th Air Refueling Wing. The 128th has invited Chapter 18 to return and hold our Young Eagle rally. Last year was a record year for Young Eagles flown, it will take a large volunteer effort to match or exceed that record. Those with and without aircraft are strongly encourage to lend a hand.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YOUNG EAGLE RALLY BY CHAPT. 18 PILOTS

5 Chapter 18 pilots gave 32 eager Boy Scouts rides on a beautiful April Saturday (4/2/05) in Oshkosh. The Boy Scouts spent the night in the EAA Museum, serenaded by Elevator music that the staff forgot to turn off. The encampment was capped off with a flight after touring the Weeks Hanger earlier in the morning. It was a nice warm up to the bigger effort to come at the 128th in May.

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SPORT PILOT CONTINUES TO BE FIRST

Several sport planes have received (or are close to receiving) certification as special light sport aircraft (S-LSA) at this week's Sun 'n Fun Fly-In in Lakeland, Florida. As of Thursday, two newly certificated S-LSA are: an **Evektor SportStar**, N400EV, imported from the Czech Republic by Sport Aircraft International, Kerrville, Texas (owned by Jeff Conrad, SAI president); and a **Flight Design CT**, N109CT, imported from Germany by FlightStar Sportplanes, Ellington, Connecticut. (Both aircraft are insured by the EAA Aircraft Insurance Plan, administered through The Falcon Insurance Agency.)

EAA FLIES IN FACE OF WI POWER PLANT

EAA and the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics are joining EAA members in Western Wisconsin in opposing a proposed ethanol plant site because its storm/infiltration pond would attract large numbers of geese and ducks, endangering aircraft approaching and departing nearby Boyceville Municipal Airport.

EAA YOUNG EAGLE AIRCRAFT GETS UPGRADE

The EAA Young Eagles program is ready to head back to the sky today thanks to the generosity of Glasair Aviation of Arlington, Washington. The EAA Young Eagles GlaStar (N232YE) was officially returned to EAA president Tom Poberezny Thursday by Mikael Via, president and Chief Operating Officer of Glasair Aviation LLC, GlaStar manufacturer, during an unveiling at the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In in Lakeland, Florida. During a special ceremony.

Chapter 18 Fly-Market

RV-8 tail kit: completed (with primer) at Alexander Technical Center Wing kit, prepunched with landing light and A-kit (wing sensing unit) for Proprietary Software Angle of Attack Indicator Preview plans and all documentation for above \$7800. If you or any member of the Chapter is interested, you can contact me here (920.426.4827) or at home: smspangler@charter.net; 920.685.5457.

RV-6/A wooden fuselage jig for sale: \$75 (OBO - just trying to cover the cost of the wood). Available immediately. Jim Schmidt - 262-644-1506

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