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Pancake Breakfast Served 500 Hungry Visitors

By Scribo

Marsha and Bob Helland organized and directed this month's pancake breakfast, and, as usual, it was a rousing success. Bob said that approximately 500 visitors were served, and almost 30 chapter members worked on the event.

ate a hearty breakfast and toured the variety of aircraft that our fly-in visitors parked on our ramp.



Among the chapter members who shared their culinary skills were **Daryl Lueck, Bill Wolff, and Wayne Peach**.

The advance ticket distribution through our members worked well. Many members chose to pay for some or all of their tickets and give them out to friends and neighbors. One member we interviewed said that it he enjoyed being able to give an unexpected small gift, and the neighbors and friends reported that they enjoyed the breakfast and their visit to our museum. Their kids especially liked our Kitfox.

We had several first-time visitors, including a group of teenagers



Our Pancake Breakfast was modestly priced, which made it attractive for all members of the community. We cleared more than \$2000, part of **Marsha Helland** advises visitors **Mary Lou and Howard Short**

which we invested in additional tables and chairs

Our next pancake breakfast will be in conjunction with Wings and Wheels in September.

See more pictures on page four



The President's Corner...

By: Jerry Baker

Fellow Chapter 838 members,

SOME IMPORTANT SCHEDULE NOTES

Although Eddy does a great job of publishing our monthly "calendar", I would like to highlight a few "coming events" that I think are especially important to all members.

As I indicated last month, you will be contacted soon by phone and/or E mail for the purposes of scheduling your participation in **Chapter building maintenance**. This is an excellent way for you to help the Chapter defer costs by utilizing volunteer help vs. hiring professional services. Please do what you can.

The regular **Chapter membership meeting on June 14th** will feature a discussion of **Sport Pilots and Light Sport Aircraft**. This discussion will be lead by Ron Wagner from EAA International. Please bring a guest or invite anyone you think might be interested. It should be especially topical for those thinking of getting into or returning to general aviation.

Our **picnic on July 8th** will be held in lieu of the regular July membership meeting.

Your Chapter Board of Directors has agreed that **The August 9th membership meeting** would be an appropriate time to update the membership on the **status of building issues** that were raised during the informational meetings this last winter.

EAA INTERNATIONAL

As some of you know, because you signed my petition, I have filed for consideration as a member of the EAA International Board of Directors.

I was invited by Tom Poberezny to attend the Spring Board Meeting so I could get a feel for what the Board was all about. Obviously, of course, it was also an opportunity for them to "check me out".

The next step in the process will be further interviews during Air Venture in July.

My interest in being on the International Board is to represent what I feel to be some pressing issues concerning the interface between International and Chapters such as 838.

If I am elected to the International Board, I will inform you of the issues and outcomes.

In the meantime, my experience during the Spring Board Meeting opened my eyes to avenues of communication that we as a Chapter can well use to our advantage when communicating with Interna-

tional.

Have a great flying summer but watch for those thunderstorms!

Jerry

Young Eagles: Rain and Sun

By Brian O'Lena

Our monthly Young Eagles (YE) program on Saturday, May 13th, was rained out. However we held YE flights on Thursday, May 18th, for the Explorer post and experienced great weather and smooth air. Ten Explorers from our post received longer than usual flights courtesy of **Lee, Warren, Sean, Brian, Roger, and Eddy**, with **Tom** handling the paper work.

We would like to encourage all of you to volunteer at our next YE event on **Saturday, June 10th**. That will be International Young Eagles day, and we would like to have a large turnout. Hope to see you on June 10th.

Cell Phones

Please donate any old cell phones that you have. There are boxes in the chapter and terminal buildings. Proceeds will go to purchasing a computer projector for the classroom.

Bob Greco Will Attend Air Academy

By Ken Sack

Robert Greco, a member of Explorer Post 218, has been selected to attend the EAA Advanced Air Academy Camp from July 28 - August 6, 2006. The cost of the Air Academy session will be subsidized by \$242 of Young Eagle Jaguar credits from our chapter, \$100 of Jaguar credits from EAA Chapter 18 in Milwaukee, \$100 from the Post 218 Committee, and about \$400 from the Chapter 838 Foundation. This camp will provide an atmosphere for mature students to become totally immersed in the world of flight. Ground instruction and introductory recreation flight experiences highlight this meaningful, action-packed camp. It combines "in-the-air" and "on-the-ground" hands-on activities. Bob will also be volunteering at AirVenture 2006 with Post 218 at the Explorer Base from Sunday July 23 - July 27.

Bob is a junior at Park High School. He plans on majoring in Mechanical Engineering at Milwaukee School of Engineering, Purdue University, or University of Iowa and he believes that the Air Academy camp will be a prime opportunity for him to find out what kind of aerodynamics are involved with engineering a plane.

Aviation Adventure Day 2006

By Steve Myers

Images by Tom Christensen

On May 17th, 250 Prairie School Children, ages 3 to 10, visited Chapter 838 as part of an Aviation Adventure Day exercise. The host for the event was Curt Johnson, the Chairman of JohnsonDiversey Inc. and an accomplished ...and rather famous...pilot. The underlying purpose of the Aviation Adventure Day was to enable the children to get "up close and personal" with a variety of SC Johnson Corporate aircraft, especially the Sikorsky S-38 Carnauba.



The children arrived at Chapter 838 on a beautiful, sunny morning and gathered in the Museum area. The big hangar door was open and

soon an SC Johnson Falcon jet made a low altitude fly by. It was followed by a Sikorsky S-76 helicopter and a Cessna Caravan on floats. Then came the biggest thrill of all. The Sikorsky S-38 Carnauba taxied up, turned around in front of the museum area and shut down. To the delight of the children, Curt Johnson climbed out and joined them.

The students had, as a part of a Prairie life adventure program, studied the original journey to Brazil made by Curt's grandfather, H.F. Johnson, in search of Carnauba palm trees, a source of high quality wax. They also learned about the journey made by Curt, his father, Sam, and brother, Fisk, in 1998, to re-create the original trip. Both journeys were brought to life by a series of pictures that were projected on a large screen.



Curth used on the original trip. Sometime after H.F. Johnson sold it, that aircraft crashed in the water off the coast of Indonesia. Underwater wreckage has now been found and it just might be the remains of his grandfather's aircraft. Curt and Fisk plan to go to Indonesia

this summer to investigate. Then, after answering a number of questions from the excited boys and girls, Curt said good-bye and got into the Carnauba. Soon the engines responded with a roar and the aircraft taxied off. Moments later it was airborne and made a low pass that pleased the cheering and applauding audience. The Aviation Adventure Day truly was an adventure for the Prairie kids that day.



Milwaukee School Kids Visit

By Scribo

A small group of kids from a special program in MPS, who have been studying aviation, completed their studies with a visit to our chapter. **Tom** and **Lee** gave them our Young Eagle classroom presentation, the students toured our museum, then we showed them Kenosha Military Museum's C-130.



Curt talked to the children about the trip his grandfather made in the 1930's and the 1998 trip that he, his dad and brother experienced. He emphasized the pleasure of flying and the satisfaction that he now feels when he relives those precious memories.

Curt also talked about recent searches that have been made in an attempt to find the Sikorsky S-38 aircraft that his grandfa-



More Pancake Breakfast Pictures



Joe Schimanski explained the Kitfox to sisters Ariel and Ariane Swenson and Martha Moutes.



The Blackhawk Formation Squadron's aircraft were impressive parked on our ramp.



We were pleased to welcome the **Blackhawk Flight Formation Squadron**. They are a group of pilots from the Northern Illinois/Southeast Wisconsin area, who are interested in the art of formation flying.



They appeared even more impressive as they made a flyby in two flights of three, as they departed KRAC.

Another unique and interesting airplane, whose owners flew to KRAC for our delicious pancakes, is this Cessna 206. **Frank and Sharon Schorsch** of Salem, Wisconsin, named their Stationaire Tingmissartog II, (on the nose, just above the stripes) after Charles and Anne Lindbergh's Lockheed Sirius, with which they surveyed future airline routes in 1933. Like Charles and Anne, Frank and Sharon, both of whom are pilots, have flown their craft to many interesting places. Examples include Yellow Knife, Lake Louise, and many remote Canadian lakes with good fishing.



Work Weekend Opportunity at Oshkosh

By Ken Sack

Chapter 838 will have a Work Weekend at EAA in Oshkosh the weekend of June 24 and 25. As of May 22, Chapter 838 is the 4th chapter signed up for this weekend. This should be a good time, and you will be able to see something that you accomplished when you attend the convention. You can brag to your friends when you return during AirVenture.

You may want to drive or fly up Saturday or Sunday morning, work that day and drive or fly back that evening. You may also arrive Saturday morning, stay overnight in the bunkhouse free of charge and return Sunday afternoon. EAA will provide bunks, meals, and a special program or tour of a facility Saturday evening. EAA provides 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast and lunch on Sunday. Meals are free for volunteers, whether you stay overnight or not.

If you plan to stay overnight in the bunkhouse, you need to bring our own pillow, sleeping bag or blankets, towels, toiletries and any special drinks or snacks. They have a refrigerator in the bunkhouse. If you would like to participate please let me know. Advance registration is not required, but it will be helpful.

What will we do?

The Aviation Explorer Base is an official part of AirVenture, and any volunteer work done at the Explorer Base is considered volunteer work by EAA. The Explorer Base may be extending the deck on the kitchen building that was built a few years ago. During AirVenture

the first year that the building was open, Explorers and advisors built the current deck on the front of the north side of the building which wrapped around to the doors on the east and west side. We have asked EAA if we can extend the deck on the east side of the building, which is a great place to watch the air show in the shade of the building. Our first request was to build an observation deck in memory of Carl Helmle, but that was not approved by EAA for safety reasons, but we want to extend the deck so more people can watch the air show in the shade.

If the Explorer Base does not get approval to extend the deck by June 24th, or if there are more chapter members interested in volunteering, we will do whatever work has been requested by EAA somewhere on the EAA AirVenture grounds. There always is a number of projects that need help. Many involve carpentry, others involve painting, and others involve working around the grounds. Basically the volunteer center has a list of tasks that need to be completed, and people sign up in the area where they want to work.

Call me, Ken Sack, at 262-554-9714, for more information

<i>June 2006</i>						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
				Post 218 Meeting		
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Hanger Builder Nite 7pm		Museum Board			Young Eagles 9 AM
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Hanger Craftsmen Builder Nite 7pm		Chapter Meeting 7pm	Post 218 Meeting		
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Hanger Craftsmen Builder Nite 7pm		Board Meeting 7 pm			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
	Hanger Craftsmen Builder Nite 7pm				Donna's Donuts is in abeyance	

Chapter 838 Visits Commemorative Air Force

By Scribo

Images by Mike Palazolla and Scribo

For our May chapter meeting, **Frank Fonk** arranged for us to travel to the CAF facility at Waukesha's Crites Field. Due to an error by the charter bus company, we had to drive up in our own cars (POVs, if you were in the military). With that logistical difficulty easily overcome, we enjoyed a warm reception from CAF Col **Stan Goran**, Maintenance Officer **Chuck Gilpatrich**, and Historian **John Kmet**. They shared a bit of background about the CAF and their unit. Then we spent most of our visit inspecting their BIG restoration project, a

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poon.



Jerry agrees that it's real big, but the principle is the same as our Pacer. **Louie** and his dad, **Tom**, seem to express their opinion as well.

Right: Chuck Gilpatrich with one of their radial engines.

Left: 838 members inspect the wing leading edges mounted on a fixture.



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Chapter Meeting

14 June 2006

Sport Pilot Expert from OSH
Come and learn about Sport Pilot and Light Sport Planes

Chapter 838 Events:

Wednesday	7 pm	14 June	Chapter meeting
Saturday	9 am	10 June	Young Eagles
Mondays	7pm		Hanger Builders

838 is a happenin' chapter. We have many opportunities for **your** participation and enjoyment.

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