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Good, Better, Best: An Iola Lunch

Text and images by R.G. Blocks

Founded in 1946 by Doc Wilford, the local Iola M.D., Central County Airport is as good as it gets. Today, as I approached from the south, monitoring 122.9 CTAF, it was apparent that the driver of a Cessna 180 and a RV were approaching the pattern intent on using Rwy 22. Wausau and Clintonville ASOS both were reporting winds 14 Gusting 20-24 right down Rwy 31. Traffic had been using 31 not more than ten minutes before these guys showed up. Then, some fellow while circling over the airport said the sock and local ASOS's were favoring 31. Like sheep, the driver of the 180 and RV said they'd use 31. Now that was Better.

Old Doc Wilford bought the 138 acres of potato farm we today call 68C or Central County. He first called it Iola Airport and enticed a couple of his friends, including the Iola gas station owner to build a hangar and join him. By 1948 Doc, realized that grass runways might suffer gopher holes, and gopher holes might damage airplanes. He thus tried to interest Iola into making it the town's airport. He'd shed risk by enticing his town. Despite creative arguments Iola was not interested in owning an airport. Neighboring towns felt similarly.

A local lawyer then introduced Doc to a better strategy. Each neighboring town could contribute a bit of money to improve the airport they jointly might call theirs. Doc turned the airport into a Municipal Corporation. It does not pay property taxes. However, hangar owners pay personal property taxes and the airport is owned and operated by the Central County Flyers Association. A best solution for all concerned was thus obtained in 1948.

Central County Airport Association built a community hangar four years ago. Each Friday, members of the Association and Non-Voting Associate Members such as myself show up to celebrate one of man's better ideas. Freedom of choice, freedom of flight and freedom to chose a great lunch with old friends. Here at 68C fine food, camaraderie, knowledge and laughter are dispensed. It could not be better.

None of the runways are paved. All are grass. None are flat. The runways are mowed. Non-runway areas are not mowed and by mid August are eighteen inches high or so. The taxiway lanes are mowed. Wires and trees are considerations on most approaches. But there are few obstacles if you depart a runway. Sandy soil implies a bit of prop wear. Wet grass is slippery. Today it was dry with gusty conditions. The guy ahead of me didn't clear 31 quickly so I did a right 360 in the pattern to keep my place in line. The guy behind me did the same. It's best to avoid objects on runways. I used the first 900 feet and quickly found a taxiway. Lots of traffic arrived in a short period.



Steinar Haga, SAS Captain, and Paul Johns enjoy a moment at Central County Airport.

Two-dozen airplanes, including mine were parked adjacent to the N-S runway when the blade stopped turning. The hangar door was open and Paul Johns greeted me warmly as I approached. Paul knows more about aviation, acoustics and radio reception than anyone. His antenna designs are legendary. He's taught me a thing or two in the past two decades and claims I'm a slow learner. His Iola buddies created a

nice display of Paul's memorabilia in appreciation for the wealth of knowledge he's dispensed. I go to Iola for more lessons.

We joked with David Hipschman, Editor of Sport Aviation, Steinar

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The President's Corner...

By: Jerry Baker

Dear fellow 838 members:

I write this on a Sunday afternoon after attending the “wings and wheels” breakfast at the Burlington airport. It was well attended, the day was beautiful and the fly in traffic was continuous. I am envious of their evident success.

PICNIC

We too had a successful event this month in the form of our annual picnic. Although the turn out was less than expected (lots of left overs), those who attend had a good time and enjoyed the food and company. You are missing out if you don't attend next year.

One of our newest members, Dr. Bruce Kaufman attended and shared pictures of his very nice GlobeSwift which will be on display in our museum soon. Thanks, Bruce for allowing us to make this aircraft a part of our display. Additionally, thanks for the very generous contribution to the Chapter museum expense fund.

MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 12th

As I said last month, this is a “must attend” for all members. I encourage you to make an extra effort to be there. Topics that will be addressed are:

- The Board of Directors slate of nominations for officers and directors for 2008 and 2009.
- A report by members who attended leadership workshops at AirVenture. This to include an open discussion of new ideas for Chapter activities, events, fund raising, membership issues and more.
- A candid open discussion of membership participation in Chapter activities and obligations. For example, how do we get members to participate in museum docent duties, building maintenance efforts and education efforts for the school kids. Should this be a condition of membership? Should we each sign up to a specific number of volunteer hours a year? This is an extremely important issue to address going forward. Please attend and offer your opinion.

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

The Jerstad Agerholm Middle School has requested we host an “aviation day” for students. At this time, the date is not firm but will probably be the morning of September 12th. This is a large group of 200 kids in two 100 group “bunches”. We will need lots of members available to help!!

Roger Blocks is again hosting the joint EAA/ASM meeting on October 2nd. Those of you attended in the past know this has been a first class event. This year, the featured speaker will be Doug Do-

ers from DeltaHawk Diesel Engines, Inc. Plan to be there!!

It has been a great Summer. Let's keep it that way! Fly safely!

Jerry

Joint ASM / EAA Technical Meeting: Tuesday Oct 2nd

By Roger Blocks

The Milwaukee Chapter of ASM International and Racine's EAA Chapter 838 will hold a Joint ASM / EAA Technical Meeting at EAA Chapter 838 on Tuesday, Oct 2nd. Bring your spouse and your maturing student child or grandchild. The evening's events begin as early as 5 PM with flights (until sunset) for the students. Dining will begin at about 6:30 PM, catered by Infusino's of Racine.

Docents will open our SE Wisconsin Air Museum for the evening's activity by 5 PM. The workshop, hangar and library will also be open for viewing. Currently, two airplanes are under construction. Sponsors for the open-house aspects of the evening are Chem-Al, Inc (President RG Blocks) and Integral Systems, Inc (President Jim Vitrano). Both gentlemen are members of ASM and EAA.

Oct 2nd is ASM Student's and Teacher's Night. Several student scholarships and Teacher Grants will be awarded by ASM. Scholarship winners are encouraged to bring their parents and to arrive early for flying and social aspects. ASM scholarship and grant information is available: www.engr.wisc.edu/studentorgs/afs/Milwaukee/index.html
Presentations will occur in the museum at about 7 PM before the featured speaker.

Our featured speaker will be Douglas Doers a member of both ASM and EAA and an officer of Delta Hawk. His Wisconsin firm is an innovative developer of static and aircraft diesel engines. His product will be displayed as installed in an aircraft, and Doug will discuss materials applications for 'Jet-A and Bio Diesel' engine applications.
Please refer to: www.deltahawkengines.com for addition information.

Please call 262-637-4338 (8 AM – 8 PM) for dinner reservations for you and your several guests. This will be an educational evening, with a good-sized crowd, and an informative talk from under the wings of aircraft. You don't want to miss it. Kids will want to become material scientists, diesel engineers and entrepreneurs.. or perhaps simply pilots.

Pancakes and Open House

By Bob Helland and Scribo

Our ever popular Pancake Breakfast will take place on **8 and 9 September 2007**. And again we are part of the Midwest EAA Chapters Poker Run, thanks to the foresight of Bob and Marsha Helland.

Bob and Marsha are sending an announcement to all EAA members who live nearby, and we hope several of them will join us - both at the breakfast and in our chapter. So in addition to talking with your friends, please greet our visitors, and **make them feel welcome**. To that end it will be helpful if you will wear your name tag.

You do know, of course, that it is even more fun to assist at the event, so call Bob or Marsha at 886-8577, or send an email to rhelland@sbcglobal.net.

Next Tuesday, Sept. 4th, at 1 PM, we are going to be **setting up for the pancake breakfast**. If you can help set up or do some light cleaning for a couple of hours the help would greatly appreciated.

Iola continued



Hangar door open with seating for a hundred plus members.

Haga, a SAS Captain from Sandnes, Norway and his mentor, former corporate pilot Jim Peterson. Then, Tom Severson a former B-29 pilot introduced himself. Each person a pal of Paul: each a story.

Sitting down to lunch with Paul was another experience. Ron Underle said hello. He's an A&P who along with his son Mark rebuild and paint airplanes on the field. I think it was Ron who was once credited with saying, "The problem with Paul's antenna's design is that you can be in the pattern in Iola and be copying a guy in the pattern at Traverse City." Like Paul's antenna, truth and stories seem carry farther and best during lunch on Friday at Iola.

Paul has a best friend in Bill Kinsman, President of the Central County Airport Association. Bill, as Chief Cook and Bottle Washer, created the huge pleasure that an Iola lunch has become. It was Bill who is doing research on 68C's history that gave me essentially the

thumbnail version I've regurgitated here. Paul and Bill spent their second weekend of July first at the Mitchell Field Gallery of Flight where Paul made a presentation. Then the two buddies visited Chuck Heide's fly-in and lastly stopped at EAA 838 for the annual picnic. Bill Kinsman and Paul Johns two of God's better products. There is considerable competition for best at Iola.



The reason I stop at Iola. Paul Johns, a dear friend..

Written by Roger G Blocks, Friday, August 17, 2007 while reflecting on what was a great day a stop at 68C made. Seeing an old friend and perhaps making a new one puts it among the best.

Editor's note: If you are not familiar with Paul Johns' story, go to <http://eaa838.org/hfame.asp#johns> to read the citation presented when Paul was inducted into the SE Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame. There you will find out about Paul lying in the weeds in Indiana - literally - working as an electrical and aviation technician, teaching as an instrument flying expert, pilot of DC-3s, pilot of Pan Am Boeing 314 flying boats--the famous Clippers - corporate pilot, and aircraft builder. What a guy!



What A Great Summer We're Having

Pictures By Phil Fountain From Young Eagles and Our Picnic



Mom helping her Young Eagles with the YE brochure.

Observe that the daughter in pink is enraptured with *Contact*.



Donna Anderson helping aspiring YEs with their registrations.

Dean Zakos strapping in his Young Eagles.



Joe Schimanski and friends are ready for their adventure.

Parents and chapter members wait at Eagle Overlook



Paul Johns came to our picnic, and Jerry Bovitz got to chat with Paul in our museum.

Some of our members enjoying themselves at our picnic.



Dr. Bruce Kaufman flew in to the picnic with his Cirrus, Blue Kids One. Bruce will soon have a very nice Swift on display in our museum.



Explorers Plan An Active Autumn

By Nick Fisher and Scribo

On 6 September 2007, the members of Explorer Post 218 will challenge the golfers of Chapter 838 to cut-throat Mini Golf at Muligans. Afterward winners and others will repair to the upstairs room at Muligans to taunt each other and consume vast amounts of Derango's pizza. This annual athletic contest commences at 6 P.M. Start working out now in order to be at the top of your form and show those guys what you're made of.

On 4 October 2007, Chapter 838 plans to conduct Young Eagle flights for Explores. Civil twilight that day is 6:55, so we'll start the flights at 5 p.m., and the Explorers will host a light dinner for the pilots. Plan on helping to fly these interested and interesting young people.

On 18 October 2007 the post will host an Open House for those who might be interested in joining Post 218. If you know young people who are interested in aviation, or who might be with the right encouragement, urge them to attend this open house.

DCA ADIZ Changed

By Scribo

I received the following notice from FAA regarding the revised Washington D.C. ADIZ that is in effect as of the beginning of this month.

"It is strongly recommended that all pilots flying under Visual Flight Rules (VFR) within 100 nm of the DCA VOR/DME complete special awareness training for the Washington DC Metropolitan Area. This training is available in the Aviation Learning Center at <http://www.FAASafety.gov>."

"Information can be found at: http://www.faa.gov/airports_airtraffic/air_traffic/publications/notices/"

The 12 page brochure that tells you all you ever wanted to know about the DCA ADIZ is easy to get to, but it isn't very user-friendly. The training program to which they refer is better, but you do have to wade through a short registration process. Six chapter members in three airplanes are going to the DCA area at the end of the month, so we are motivated to study the material so as to avoid an encounter with an attack helicopter.

If you are going in that direction, it would be worth your time and effort to get familiar with where not to go, as a minimum. Remember to be aware of Camp David, too. It's always restricted, but it grows much larger when it's occupied by POUS.

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Museum Open 9-3
Museum Open 10-4						
2 Museum Open 10-4	3 Labor Day	4	5 Museum Board	6 Mini-golf Muligans. 6 p.m. w/ Explorers	7	8 Pancake Bkfst 0700-1200 0900 Young Eagles Museum Open
9 Museum Open 10-4	10 Marvels of Mechanical Mysteries 7 p.m.	11	12 Chapter meeting 7 p.m.	13	14	15 Museum Open 9-3
16 Museum Open 10-4	17 Aeronautical Apparatus Aficionados 7 p.m.	18	19 7 p.m. Board	20 Post 218 Meeting 7 p.m.	21	22 Museum Open 9-3
23/30 Museum Open 10-4	24 Pacer et al Builders 7 p.m.	25	26	27	28	29 Museum Open 9-3

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Chapter Meeting

12 September 2007

Nominations for 2008 leadership

Chapter 838 Events:

Wednesday	7 p.m..	12 September	Chapter Meeting
Wednesday	7 p.m.	19 September	Board Meeting
Mondays	7 p.m.		Hanger Builders

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