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Sheboygan Falls, WI

November 2011

2012 Board of Directors

Nominations and elections were held at the October Chapter meeting. The only ballots that were cast were for the office of President. Al Forner and Lee Kunze were the nominees. The remaining open positions had only one nominee.

Your 2012 BOD's:

President:	Lee Kunze
Vice President:	Gary Gritt
Treasurer:	Dallas Behnke
Secretary:	Open
Membership:	Luiz Cordeiro
Activities:	Gary Gritt
Young Eagles:	Charlie Fenton
Programs:	Open
Newsletter / Web Editor	Jack Erdmann



Photo by Luiz Cordeiro

Do you have a knack for taking notes? We are still in need of someone to fill the remaining term of Secretary which ends December 31, 2012.

Do you like to plan Aviation related activities? We are still looking for someone that is willing to coordinate programs for our monthly meetings. This can be done by an individual or a team of several people.

Please contact any Board member if you are interested in helping the Chapter in either of these open Positions.

This would be a perfect opportunity to implement any of your ideas!



Welcome New Chapter Members!

We had several new members join our Chapter at the October meeting. Please welcome Ken & Evie Wilterdink, Ralph Cowin, Ryan Graves, Adam Mason, Adam Smittkamp, Joe McGeorge, Joe Toman and Charlie and Debby Fenton



Photo by Luiz Cordeiro

At our September Chapter meeting, we had a tour of Windway Capital Corporation's hangers.

A good time was had by all in attendance.

Thank you Windway!



Photo by Luiz Cordeiro



From the Flight Desk of Leon Sigman (CFI @ MTW)

Without probing too far back, I can think of three incidents where multi-engine aircraft were seriously damaged while being pushed tail first into their respective hangars. Note that the word incident ends in the word, “dent”. When this happens, the guy directing the push says, “oh.....!” If it happens to smaller aircraft its called hangar rash, but the guy doing the moving also says, “oh.....!” If you hang around airports long enough you’ll encounter guys who are charged with the awesome responsibility of moving Piper Cubs to multi-million dollar flying machines, be it by tug, tractor or raw human strength. I don’t envy them their jobs. We title these often under recognized guys as line personnel, the real worker bees of your airport. Moving aircraft is but a small portion of their labors. Fueling aircraft is by far a high tech skill since every single plane has its fueling idiosyncrasies and if each procedure is not followed exactly, disaster awaits its moment.

In Manitowoc, I give hero worship to the three head guys; Rick, Eric, and Bruce. They’re the people who glance at the schedule book, advise instructors about fuel load for the trainers, pull the airplanes out of their respective nests, de-bug in the summer and de-ice in the winter. My job is a piece of cake compared to theirs, but that’s not all. Consider having a large airplane ready for 6:00 a.m. “wheels up” departure. It could mean Rick, Eric, or Bruce all are on duty before 5:00 a.m.... that means 10:00 Zulu time. Think about the other side of the coin, the arrivals who stimulate car rentals, fueling, food catering, seeing to the needs and comforts of the crew, and sometimes servicing aircraft toilets. You have to be technically trained to do that too. The very first humanoids transient aircraft crews see are the line guys. The very last folk’s transient aircraft wave goodbye too are the line guys. Indeed the *line grunts* are the very image and our most important ambassadors.

I could list dozens of duties that are performed, but not recognized. Line personnel morph into Bartenders since they also work the counter and listen to protracted tales of heroics, some really fascinating and some not so fascinating. And then there’s that ever present noise made by phones. At Manitowoc, our guys also handle most computer driven business transactions, make the coffee, and see to snacks, ice, towels, and toilet paper. As they say in the NFL, “these are our *go to* guys”.

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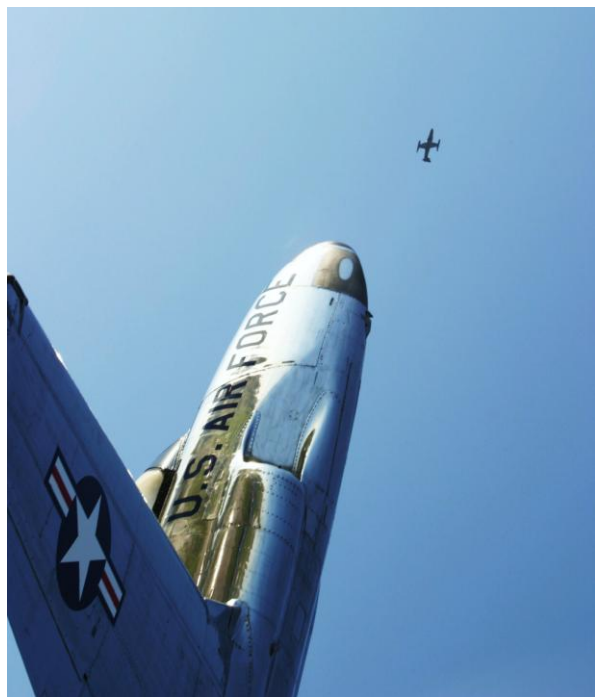
On the very day I'm writing this blurb, AVFUEL has a rep here giving ever additional training to our line staff. My Rolex tells me they're involved in hands on training for over four hours with safe fueling as the major subject.

The next time you taxi to an FBO parking spot, the guy who places the chocks under your wheels may not move too fast. Remember, he's the first one here and the last one to leave....he may be a bit tired. Oh by the way, did I mention that this job is just plain ugly and dangerous. *Line guys*, I salute you!

Leon, CFI



Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin T-33 Gate Guard



The photo above has a T-33 conducting a "Flyover" during the dedication ceremony.

The photo at the right is the Blessing of the T-33.

Both photos are by Luiz Cordeiro

The dedication of the Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin's Gate Guard took place on Saturday October 8th.

Among the festivities was a presentation by Terry J Kohler titled "Witness to the Fighter Jet Age".

The T-33 was just one of several aircraft flown by Terry during his Military Career.





Summary Report of Sheboygan County Aviation Corporation Board of Directors Meeting October 20th, 2011

The Board of Director of the Sheboygan County Aviation Corporation met at the Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin on October 20th for its monthly meeting.

The highlight of this meeting was a presentation by Roger miller of Miller Engineers and Tom Trestler of the Windway Flight Department. With the mounting of the T-33 gateguard aircraft, there were some questions and concerns about this unique pedestal. They presented engineering drawings and answered questions regarding the strength, weight and ability to withstand loads of this display. The footing and pedestal together weigh about 40 tons. The plane and mounting pipe together weigh only about 4 tons. They indicated that the display would be able to tolerate winds up to 100-120 mph before failing and that the wings would probably tear off the plane before that.

J. Schillcutt, the treasurer, presented the financial report through September 30th. It showed us in good shape and included the income/expenses for the "Saving the Ghost Birds" premiere and the T-33 unveiling.

Dave's president's report included our continuing membership in the Chambers of Commerce in the surrounding cities to promote us. We also discussed the lease renewal for Frontline aviation and the fact that we now have our own Wi-Fi service in the building to cope with increased demand.

In Fund Development, Chris is working with several potential donors and has donated software to track donors and volunteers. She is also working with the Volunteer Center of Sheboygan County to cultivate new volunteers.

We have one new member of our new Advisory Council – Pat Trotter of Sheboygan Falls. This will complete the Council and we will not be adding any new members to the Board of Directors.

Dan is adding some details to the museum and has asked the Sheboygan Area Radio Kontrol club (S.H.A.R.K.s) to help with refurbishing some of the larger models over the winter.

The high school Aviation Course is going well with 10 students + 1 adult (auditing). Chris suggested that we set a goal to have 5% of the high school juniors take this course. Also, we might ask these students to volunteer at the AHCW in appreciation for the course.

This year's Santa Fly-In is scheduled for December 3rd with Dan Miller and Seth & Brenda Minster coordinating. Please contact them if you would like to help.

Dan reported that the movie nights still bring in about 50-60 people even when it competes with a Brewers play-off game. Next month's movie is "Behind Enemy Lines" on November 11th (Veteran's Day).

Jack reported the EAA Chapter 766 election results – congratulations to the new president, Lee Kunze.

Finally, Dave read a proclamation by Gov. Walker proclaiming September 13th, 2011 "Saving the Ghost Birds Day" in Wisconsin. We will have some DVD's of the film "Saving the Ghost Birds" which premiered in Sheboygan (at the Weill Center) on September 13th. Sales will help both the AHCW and Terry Kohler's investment in this cause. Contact Jerry Baumann if you like to purchase a DVD.

EAA Chapter 766 2011 Board of Directors

President:	Jack Erdmann	Young Eagles:	Lee Kunze
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Treasurer:	Dallas Behnke	Programs:	Vacant
Secretary:	Vacant	Newsletter/website:	Jack Erdmann
Membership:	Luiz Cordeiro		

Calendar of Events

November 7, Monday	EAA Chapter 766 BOD's Meeting 6:30 PM. All members are welcome to attend
November 11, Friday	Movie Night 7:00 PM Behind Enemy Lines
November 17, Thursday	AHC BOD's meeting 6:00 PM
November 21, Monday	EAA Chapter 766 Meeting 6:00 PM Hangar Talk 7:00 PM Program
December 3, Saturday	Santa Fly-in 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM Santa arrives at 1:30 PM



Submissions to Propwash should be made by the 25th of each month to Jack Erdmann @ jherdman@gmail.com or N5633 Willow Rd, Plymouth, WI 53073

