

January 15, 2008

Next meeting:

February 2, 2008
10 a.m.
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Out 'n About... by Laurie Probst

Each year, on the anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first flight, I do a special Aviation Day with my students. I feel this is a wonderful, real-life application of science in my classroom, and also a way that I, as both pilot and teacher, can introduce them to the world of flight. This year, my first graders were visited by a Southwest Airlines captain, and we compared the cockpit of a 747 to a Cessna to show what was alike and what was different. The children then asked him questions about flying "big" planes. After that, parent helpers came in and we rotated the students through centers. Each center focused on one of the four forces of flight.

The girls in the picture are working with gravity, dropping "helicopters" and adding weight with each successive trial. The kids had a blast, making jet fighters, parachutes, loop planes, and helicopters. The



hallway outside my classroom was filled with flying objects!

After all of these fun activities, our day was topped off with a field trip to Waukesha County Airport-Crites Field. A member of the Waukesha Aviation Club came out to greet us and the children were given a tour of the museum exhibit in the terminal, the flight planning area, and even allowed out on the ramp



to watch a few landings and look at the parked planes. The Airport Operations Manager joined us and we talked about how he makes sure the runways are clear, signs are lit, etc. to keep pilots safe. It was a very informative visit! When we arrived back at school, each child was given a wings pin and envelope filled with fun aviation activities to take home.

Meeting Notes

Our January Chapter meeting was held at Sonex Aircraft on Tuesday, January 8, 2008. This was a general meeting to elect officers and firm up our schedule and programs for the year.

President Kelly Nelson welcomed two new members: Karon Towns and her niece Patty DePas. Others in attendance were Laurie Probst, Rose Dorcey, Kathleen Witman, Marion Blakely, Betty Monnett, and guest Jessica King.

Our Oshkosh Chapter has received official status for the coming year. We have met the all the requirements, which include sponsoring an outreach meeting and having a recruiting of membership event. We will have good representation at the WAI Conference in March in San Diego with 6 members attending.

The 2008 schedule of programs was discussed and refined. It is posted on the website and in this newsletter.

March is Women's History Month. The Women's Center at UWO has invited us to participate in an event they are sponsoring. They would like to have an open house during the downtown Gallery Walk on Saturday, March 1 from 5-8 p.m. Our contribution would be an exhibit of photos and artwork of women in aviation.

The 99s of Wisconsin have invited our chapter to their meeting. Saturday, March 8 at 10 a.m. in Fond du Lac. Watch for more details about both of these events.

Election of officers was held. Officers for 2008 are:

- President – Kelly Nelson
- Vice President – Rose Dorcey
- Secretary – Betty Monnett
- Treasurer – Kathleen Witman
- Membership – Mary Jones
- Outreach – Betty Monnett

Betty talked about the Sonex Education Package that Sonex Aircraft sells. It

is a starter packet for students who have a desire to learn more about building an airplane. The materials were laid out for members to view. Members were invited to attend the Workshop at Sonex on February 2 to build one of these projects.

Announcements:

- **Our February meeting date has changed!** The chapter has been invited to participate in Sonex's Sonex Builders Workshop on Feb. 2 at 10 a.m. We will participate in the hands-on portion of the workshop, building a portion of a Sonex wing, and learning how to build from scratch and work with sheet metal. Please RSVP to Betty Monnett ASAP if you would like to attend!