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Next meeting:
October 16, 2007
6:00 p.m.
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Bill Brennand to Speak at October Meeting

Bill Brennand, former national air racer, aircraft restorer, and former owner and namesake of Brennand Airport in Neenah, Wisconsin, will join us for our October meeting, October 16, at 6 p.m.

According to the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame website, Bill started flying in Oshkosh at Wittman Flying Service in 1943, and received his private pilot certificate in April 1944. He added additional ratings over the years, including: commercial pilot certificate, flight instructor, multi-engine, instrument, and seaplane ratings, as well as a airframe and powerplant mechanic certificate with inspection authorization.

He worked for Steve Wittman from 1943 to 1950, where he helped Steve restore aircraft and raced *Buster*. His first air race was the 1947 National Air Race in Cleveland, Ohio, where he took first place in his class. He took first again the next year in Miami and again in Cleveland in 1949 (Wittman was third). Racing against Wittman in Miami in 1949, Brennand took second place with Wittman beating him out. Three races in 1950 earned another two first place finishes and a second, again



losing to Wittman. In races in Detroit in 1951, he finished fourth and again in 1952 he finished in third place.

Bill ran a small FBO from 1953 to 1993, specializing in used aircraft sales, flight training, maintenance and rebuilding aircraft. He also flew as a corporate pilot and was chairman of the EAA seaplane base for over 20 years. He was inducted into the Wisconsin Avia-

tion Hall of Fame in 1995.

For more information on the event, or to RSVP, please contact Kelly.

Scholarship Season Returns

We began our meeting with a PowerPoint presentation of some beautiful photos taken in Alaska by Bonnie Kratz. She was asked to be a presenter at the WAI Regional Conference in Anchorage Sept. 6-13. While there, she and her husband took a two hour floatplane ride over the glaciers where she captured some wonderful views. Thank you for sharing with us Bonnie!

We discussed what a great experience it is to attend a WAI conference. Those who have attended in the past have found the conferences to be an inspiring gathering of women with positive energy and like minded interests. The next one coming up is in San Diego on March 13-15, 2008. Several of our members plan to attend.

It should be mentioned that for the first time, we had two women pilots fly

in for our meeting. Laurie Probst flew from Waukesha and Julie Hartlaub from Manitowoc. Thanks for coming!

One of our members, Debi Walker is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and it's Honor Degree, The Military Order of the Cootie. Deb was recently elected as the first woman Jr. Vice Commander of the Grand of Wisconsin for the Military Order of the Cootie. Congratulations to Debi!

Future meetings were discussed. Our next meeting is set for Tuesday, October 16 at Sonex Aircraft. Bill Brennand will be our guest speaker.

Our November and December meetings will be moved up to the second Tuesday of the month. November 6 will be a planning meeting for next year. December 4 will be our Holiday Gathering at West End Pizza.

Announcements:

- The EAA museum staff has asked that someone from our chapter lead the Girl Scout groups around the museum for a tour highlighting women's contributions as we go. The tours are scheduled from 12 p.m.-1 p.m. on the fourth Saturday of each month from September to April. A sign-up sheet will be available at each meeting to fill the slots. If you cannot attend the meeting, please let Kelly know if there is a date you can volunteer.
- A hotel room has been booked for the 2008 Women in Aviation Conference in San Diego. The conference runs from March 13-15, and the room has been booked from March 11-16 for those who want to arrive early and participate in the events scheduled on Wednesday (including a visit to an aircraft carrier!). With four people in the room, hotel for the week would be about \$200/person. If you are interested please contact Kelly.