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A SPECIAL NIGHT CELEBRATING FLIGHT

Saturday Night, February 7, 6:00 pm
EAA AirVenture Museum - Oshkosh

CHAPTER 252 DIRECTOR'S MEETING

Monday Night, February 16, 7:00 pm
Basler Turbo Conversions - South Oregon Street, Oshkosh

CHAPTER 252 MEMBER'S MEETING

Monday Night, March 1, 7:00 pm
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Joe Norris: First Authorized AB-DAR

Taken from EAA website

Yes, Joe Norris was featured in last month's Pylon. But, history was made January 23 when the first amateur-built designated airworthiness representative (AB-DAR) was officially and fully authorized to perform homebuilt aircraft inspections on behalf of the FAA. Suitably, the first AB-DAR hails from EAA Chapter 252: Joe Norris, senior aviation information specialist. Joe received his final orientation via telephone interview Thursday from the principal inspector at Minneapolis (MSP) Manufacturing Inspection District Office (MIDO).

EAA worked extensively with FAA over the past several years to develop the AB-DAR program to help alleviate a growing backlog of inspection requests from amateur-built aircraft builders. EAA facilitated recruiting more than 60 AB-DAR candidates, and also played a key role in developing the required training course and materials.

David R. Smith, an Aviation Safety Inspector (ASI-Manufacturing) working out of MSP MIDO, gave Norris the orientation, the last required step in the AB-DAR approval process. MSP MIDO Office Manager Andrew B. Lown signed Norris' DAR certificate and letter of authorization. "Now that all the steps are completed, Dave Smith will be sending me the appropriate paperwork that I'll need when I certificate an amateur-built aircraft," Norris said. "I will then work with Dave on scheduling certifications that he (or his office) would like me to handle."

Link to the article at eaa.org:

http://www.eaa.org/communications/eaanews/040123_norris.html

We're All Safer Now

Taken from AVWeb

By [Mary Grady](#)

Newswriter, Editor

The light bulb only cost 77 cents, but without it, a "No Smoking, Fasten Seat Belt" sign on a Comair flight was dark, and it stayed out for four flights. In response the FAA started a four-year investigation culminating in a one inch-thick report, and a proposed \$44,000 fine.

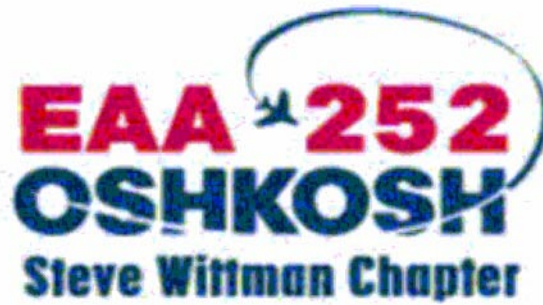
"It's not simply the fact the light was out, but the follow-up actions required were not taken," FAA spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen told reporters. Nonetheless, the case was settled after Comair replaced the bulb and agreed to pay the fine ... after it was reduced to \$3,000. But we're all safer, now. A Comair spokesman said the FAA was just doing its job and the company has no complaints with how the government handled the case. It's possible some taxpayers may feel differently.

Link to the article at AvWeb:

http://www.avweb.com/newswire/10_05_a/briefs/186584-1.html

Membership Dues – 2004

Yes, it's Annual Dues Time! Send your check or hand your cash to Frank Friedman, our Treasurer. The price is \$20 for the whole year. Don't make Frank have to come after you!



A SPECIAL NIGHT CELEBRATING FLIGHT!

EAA Museum, Oshkosh, WI

February 7th, 2004

Hosted by EAA 252/Steve Wittman Chapter

Master of Ceremonies: John Monnett

Cocktails at 6:00 pm

Dinner at 7:00 pm

Come & join us for a memorable evening with Aviators,
Airplanes, Food & Fun!

- Win Door Prizes, including a Round Trip Airfare Ticket!
- Participate in the "Silent Auction" of Aviation items!
- Enjoy a presentation by Museum Director, Adam Smith!
- Fly the Wright Flyer Simulator!

Invited guests and aviation legends include:

Paul & Audrey Poberezny

Gene & Dorothy Chase

Norm & Loretta Petersen

Bill Brennand

Munsil Williams

\$25.00 per person

Please reserve your tickets no later than January 30th

Payment in advance or at the door.

RSVP to: Frank Friedman, Secretary, Chapter 252

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Open to all EAA members, aviation enthusiasts, and friends.

Help make our annual event a night to remember!

Chapter 252 Calendar of Events

January 31, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm
Nearly Yearly Groundhog Chili Fly-In, Brodhead Airport
Brodhead WI (C37)

Saturday, February 7, 6:00 pm til ?
Chapter 252 Annual Banquet

Sunday, February 8, 10:00 am til 2:00 PM
3rd Annual Ski Fly-In
Mondovi WI (WS69)

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