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**Oshkosh - Sport Aviation Capitol of the World**

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**The regular monthly meeting of EAA Chapter 252  
Thursday evening, December 8<sup>th</sup> - 7:30 pm  
Sonex facility on the East side of Wittman Airport.**

**Chapter member Joe Norris will present a program concerning  
Airworthiness Inspections.**





**Annual Christmas Party at Pickett -  
(Munsil's Flight Strip)  
Saturday morning - December 10<sup>th</sup>  
- 9:30 til noon or so**

Munsil Williams says that EAA 252 members are especially invited to be part of the annual get-together and Christmas party at his home and farm. As usual, bring a dish to pass and your own tableware. If the Medicare Five assemble, we will have music. This is a family affair and kids are welcome.

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**AirVenture Holiday "Hoopla Sale"  
at Aeronautica Gift Shop  
Saturday, Sunday, Monday - Dec.  
10, 11, 12**

In conjunction with the annual "Christmas in the Air" program, the Aeronautica gift shop will be having its "Hoopla Sale." Plan to duck into Aeronautica for a few minutes other than the "Christmas in the Air" program to take advantage of unique, special savings. Been looking for a Christmas present? Avoid the afternoon and evening crowds for your own shopping. Then come back later for the program.

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**Monday, December 12 -  
2:30 - 8:00 pm  
Annual "Christmas in the Air"  
program**

The popular "Christmas in the Air" program will draw area people to the Museum for free admission to the Museum, along with special events of music, Santa appearance, special tours, free refreshments, and just plane fun.

It's a family event. Invite your neighbors for the free admission event, and have them bring their kids. Each year various schools and other groups present traditional Christmas music and caroling.

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**Saturday, December 17 - Annual  
Wright Brothers  
Memorial Banquet  
Open bar 6:00 - Dinner at 7:00**

The third annual Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet will be held in the Eagle Hangar. \$30 per person for EAA members. Call for your reservation (426-6880).

This is always a sellout crowd, and this year will continue that tradition. The speaker for the evening will be Scott Crossfield, longtime military and civilian test pilot. A frequent visitor to Oshkosh, we feel like he is really "one of us."

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**Monday, Dec. 26 through Friday, Dec. 30 - Kid Day Activities**

This is a great opportunity to bring the kids (including grandkids) to the Museum during the Christmas holiday week. As an EAA member, you have free admission to the Museum. In addition to a normal Museum visit, there are special activities for kids.

**Stamp Scavenger Hunt** - Pick up a stamp scavenger hunt kit in the Museum gift shop and search the Museum to find the right answers

**Coloring Table** - Choose your favorite holiday or aviation picture and color it. The coloring table is set up in the Gann exhibit area. Gives you a picture to hang on your refrigerator.

**KidVenture Gallery** - Upper level of the Museum features special hands-on action displays, including flight simulators.

**Dino-Soar** - See very early flight. Touch a real dinosaur bone and check out the fossil display. Watch out for flying dinosaurs overhead!

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**Wednesday evening - January 18 - 7:00 pm - EAA Eagle Hangar - Richard Bong and the P-38**

Christable Grant, director of the Richard Bong Heritage Center in Superior WI will present a program on Bong's legendary accomplishments as a P-38 fighter pilot in WWII. This will include an indepth tour of the Museum's P-38. Terry Coleman, a P-38 pilot will be on hand to share his WWII experiences.



**Saturday, January 28 - 10:30 til ? - Pioneer Skiplane Fly-In**

This get-together breaks the January blahs. This year it will be held on this date whether there is snow or not. If there is no snow, wheeled planes are welcome. If snow, then skis are in fashion. If you plan to fly in, get prior briefing from Sean Elliott - 426-4886 to register.

Audrey Poberezny's birthday is traditionally celebrated in the hangar with chili and cake. Bundle up and come on out for our mid-winter party.

## Ol' Tattered Wingtips

by Doc Mosher

### A romantic flyaway to Europe in a B-25 - a good story, but it was not to happen



Today, the most famous playboy of all - Porfinio Rubirosa - is a footnote. But in the 1950s, headlines kept up with nearly every action of Rubi. Born in the Dominican Republic in 1909, Rubi was the son of an army officer, serving the dictator of the Dominican Republic, Rafael L. Trujillo (kept in power by the CIA). Rubi's father was named head of a Dominican mission to France, and young Rubi attended the university in Paris, where he majored in sports, women, race cars, polo playing and night clubbing.

Returning home in 1932, he married the daughter of General Trujillo, Flor de Oro. Named to a succession of minor government posts, he divorced Flor, which did not seem to harm his relationship with Trujillo. Posts in Europe and Argentina allowed him time to hone his skills as an international lover. In France, he married French film star Danielle Darrieux, and during their five years together, his fame as an intense "playboy" grew, with the newsmen of the time trumpeting his affairs. Shortly after his divorce in France, he married Doris Duke, the richest woman in America. That marriage was short term, but allowed him to acquire a sizeable chunk of money, real estate, and a B-25 airplane. In the winter of 1952, he set about to romance the glamorous Zsa Zsa Gabor in New York City.

He brought the B-25 to Teterboro Airport. Rubi established a friendship with Duke Krantz, pilot of the Bendix B-25 (used for electronics research) and told him about his

plan to spirit Zsa Zsa off to Europe in the B-25. At the time, Clyde Pangborn, the legendary Gates Flying Circus pilot (along with Duke, "El Diablo") was in and out of Teterboro ferrying airplanes to Europe. Duke asked me to have Pang get in touch with him to warn Rubi of the folly of Rubi flying the B-25 to Europe with Zsa Zsa as a copilot.



Discussions did take place, and Duke and Pang both assured me that the proposed romantic tryst was simply a publicity stunt (as if the couple needed any more publicity) and would never really occur. Sure enough, it never did happen.

Rubi's fame as a lover was well earned, and his list of beautiful women was into the hundreds. His polo playing was excellent, his race car driving was superb, and he really was a romantic fellow. Of course, there were whispered stories about his anatomical endowment as the key to his success. There was even a song, a hit in Paris, about Rubi, and halfway through the song and dance it was the sign for all the men to grab at their knees and shout "Rubi - Rubi" much like the more modern "YMCA." To this day, in Paris, at better restaurants, the huge wooden peppermill is called "the Rubirosa."

One day at Teterboro my mechanic, Fred Hayunga, and Rubi found themselves side by side in the shop locker room, each addressing urinals. They engaged in banter, and Fred later stated that the legendary phallus was of normal (though perhaps somewhat manly) proportion and not at all the basis for legend. So much for legends, B-25 romantic getaways to Europe or otherwise.



## **ANNUAL COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF FLIGHT!**

EAA Museum, Oshkosh, WI  
**February 4<sup>th</sup> , 2006**

Hosted by EAA Chapter 252/Steve Wittman Chapter  
Master of Ceremonies: John Monnett

**Cocktails at 6:00 pm (cash bar)**  
**Catered Dinner at 7:00 pm**

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

**Win great Door Prizes!**  
**Participate in the "Silent Auction" of Aviation Items!**  
**Guest Speaker: TBD**

Invited guests and aviation legends include:  
Paul & Audrey Poberezny \* Gene & Dorothy Chase  
Norm & Loretta Petersen \* John & Betty Monnett  
Bill Brennand \* Munsil Williams

**\$30.00 per person**  
**(\$20 for dues-paid Chapter 252 members)**  
Please reserve your tickets no later than January 23rd  
Payment in advance.

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*Open to all EAA members, aviation enthusiasts, and friends.  
Help make our annual event a night to remember!*

## **EAA Chapter 252 Calendar of Events**

**Thursday, Dec. 8 - 7:30 pm - Chapter 252 Member Meeting - Sonnex facility,  
East side of Wittman Airport - Joe Norris "Airworthiness Inspections"**

**Saturday, Dec.10, 9:30 til noon - Elo Areodrome, Pickett WI - Annual Christmas  
party - Munsil Williams' farm**

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the P-38"**

**Saturday, Jan.28 - 10:30 til ? - Pioneer Airport - SkiPlane Fly-In**

**Saturday, Feb.4 - AirVenture Museum Annual Community Celebration of Flight -  
Dinner at 7:00pm**

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