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Oshkosh - Sport Aviation Capitol of the World

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EAA Chapter 252 Member Meeting
Sonex facility - Wittman Regional Airport
7:00 pm - Thursday, May 12

Last month, Mary Jones, editor of EAA's *Sport Pilot* magazine, was in Friedrichshafen, Germany, as an EAA representative for the Aero 2005-International Trade Fair for General Aviation. While there, she participated in a panel discussion regarding sport pilot and light-sport aircraft. The overflow audience continued the discussion and questions even after the panel discussion has closed. Mary has agreed to share her experiences with our Chapter 252 members.

Polly and Dick Weeden with Gene Chase



Lon Nanke and Lyle Forsgren





President's Message Steve "Sky" Lark

The "Heavy Duty" flying season has finally

arrived and opportunities are endless for each of us to participate and help introduce others to aviation. One of those opportunities is to introduce kids to the thrill of flight! Jim Sonnleitner has served as our Chapter's Young Eagles coordinator for many, many years and is ready to hand over the stick to another volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering as Chapter 252's Young Eagle Coordinator, please contact me at (920) 688-2941.

Our chapter has the home field advantage of being in EAA's backyard, and as such, there are numerous opportunities that other chapters would very much enjoy! Here are some of the many opportunities you can participate in;

? Support Youth in Aviation by:

- Flying Young Eagles on Armed Forces Weekend in Milwaukee on May 14th and 15th. (contact Steve Lark for info)
- Participating and/or volunteering at Hops & Props at the EAA Museum on May 14th in support of EAA's Youth Education Programs. (visit www.eaa.org)
- National Eagle Flight Tour which stops in Oshkosh the weekend of May 28th (Contact Frank Friedman for info)
- International Young Eagles Day is June 11th and EAA is looking for pilots to fly kids! (contact Steve Lark for info)

? Volunteer at AirVenture by:

- Representing EAA Chapter Programs by volunteering to explain what Chapters are all about from a Chapter Members per-

spective by volunteering at EAA's Member Village (contact Steve Lark for info)

- Participate in a Chapter Work Weekend. EAA is looking for volunteers the weekends of May 21/21 and June 4/5. (contact Steve Lark for info)

So if you are looking for ways to participate in aviation right here in your backyard, here is a start!

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The Eagle Flight will stop at Wittman on May 30th, Memorial Day



Boise, Idaho pilot Jared Aicher ("acre") begins his ambitious journey on may 28th to fly to some 60 cities in each of the lower 48 to offer Young Eagle rides and to publicize EAA's Young Eagle program. On Monday, Memorial Day, the team will be in Oshkosh at Wittman Airport with the Cessna 172. Accompanying Jared are several representatives from Utah Valley State College, who will promote EAA's Aeroscholars program. While here, the team will fly at least three local Young Eagles.

Chapter 252's Frank Friedman is the Eagle Flight coordinator (237-3536) for Oshkosh. We expect the news media, including print, radio, and TV will be covering the event. Frank needs a couple of volunteers to help him on that day.

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Ol' Tattered Wingtips

Doc Mosher - 4/15/05

"Now that's musicianship!"



I missed watching the PBS film series "Jazz" on television. My local Neenah library has the full series on tape, so I was able to see it in its entirety. Episode 3 had some material on Bix Beiderbecke, the quintessential Roaring Twenties trumpet player, and Frankie Trumbauer, the C-melody saxophone player. It reminded me of the only time I ever met Trumbauer. Their performances on *Twistin' and Turnin'* (written by Trumbauer and Fats Waller) and *Singing the Blues* and *Riverboat Shuffle* are classics in jazz history. They both played with the Jean Goldkette orchestra and spent several years with Paul Whiteman. Trumbauer had his own band during several periods, which had players like PeeWee Russell, Eddie Lang, Joe Venuti, Jack Teagarden, Miff Mole, and Charlie Teagarden.

Trumbauer, born in Carbondale, Illinois, and Beiderbecke, who grew up in Davenport, Iowa, belie the fixed impression that all "real jazz" came from black players out of New Orleans. Not for a moment to take anything away from the fact that the groundswell of jazz actually did originate with black players in New Orleans (Louie Armstrong, Sydney Bechet, Kid Ory, Bunk Johnson, etc.), Beiderbecke and Trumbauer were white kids from the Midwest, who heard the New Orleans music and went on to blaze new jazz trails of their own.

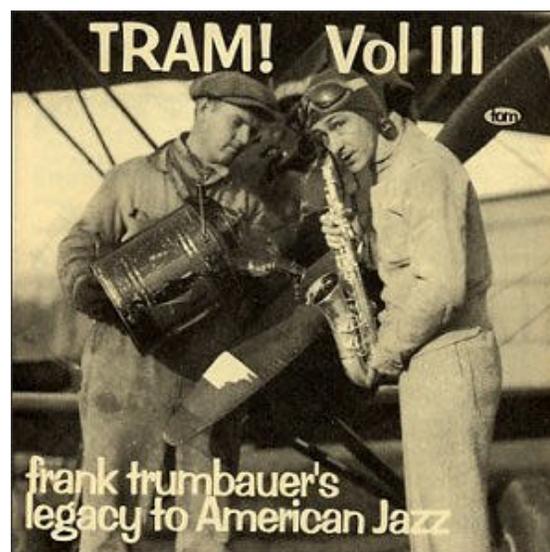
As a kid in my hometown of Elmira, NY, I was steeped in the history of jazz from Congo Square on, and the history of the people who invented and nurtured it. At the same time, I was very aware of Bix and

Tram and Jack Teagarden and their style of music.

About 1953 or so, there was a QB party in Manhattan that took place on a CircleLine boat. In addition to all the aviation luminaries, I met a fellow named Trumbauer who worked for the CAA. "Gee, I don't know if you realize it, but the Trumbauer name is famous in jazz," I said. "Yeah, kid, that's what I hear." Of course, he was the famous Frank Trumbauer himself, who had forsaken the music business to make his mark in aviation. During WWII, he had been a test pilot.

Later conversation developed a story about Trumbauer and Bix. Seems the two of them were in a seedy hotel in Gary, Indiana. Since they could not pay the rent, they were sneaking down the outside fire escape, instrument cases in hand. As Tram said, "As we were stepping down the steel grate fire escape, it set off a metallic vibration. Well, Bix had a small problem. He would periodically release anal gas - but as I listened, he was farting in chords with the hum of the steel fire escape! Now that's musicianship!"

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Harold Neuman's "Little Mulligan" could use some help



This famous airplane, flown many years by race pilot Harold Neuman, is in the EAA AirVenture Museum. In need of major repair and restoration, it is now located at Pioneer Airport, where it is disassembled and already undergoing major rework. They could use some help on this, whether you are an old hand or a novice looking to learn such skills. Give 'em a call!

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Baier Champ damaged in accident at Wautoma

Bob and Carol Baier's Aeronca Champ had just completed extensive maintenance work and was being test flown at Wautoma Airport. A partial power failure did not allow return to the airport, and the airplane suffered severe damage.

The pilot (not one of the Baiers) had injuries and was flown in the Theda Star helicopter to Neenah. His recovery is going very well.

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SAA "gathering" at Urbana set for June 10-11-12



The annual gathering of Sport Aviation Association members at Frasca Airport in Urbana, Illinois is set for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. This is a member-only meeting and fly-in (you can join there, however) and has a representative group of fun airplanes show up every year, as well as a representative group of fun people. To join, call Doc at 727-1534 or George Blechel at 235-8744.

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Chapter 252 members can provide FAA flight exams

Several of our chapter 252 members (Mike Potopinski, Jim Kress, Gene Chase) are FAA biannual check pilots.

Rusty Sachs is a pilot examiner for Sport, Recreational, Private, and Commercial Pilot certificates, as well as Instrument Rating and Flight Instructor certificates. Call Rusty at 426-6801 or e-mail at rsachs@eaa.org.

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Catching the Springtime Rays at Pickett

Jim Casper is Manager of Pioneer Airport



Our own Jim Casper, who recently retired from Leach, has been named the Manager of Pioneer Airport for the summer. Jim's experience as the chairman of AirVenture aircraft parking for many years certainly qualifies him for the Pioneer position. Jim says that he would welcome any Chapter 252 members who want to volunteer their efforts at Pioneer to call him.



Sonex trailer detained by highway accident in Indiana

The Sonex display trailer was in a damaging highway accident while on the way to Sun'n'Fun in Florida. Nobody was injured, but the display items, including a Sonex airplane, were severely damaged and could not be used at the Sun'n'Fun show. John says things are back to normal now, with repairs completed.

Help Gina get ready for AirVenture!

Each year Chapter 790 helps collate materials for the Teacher Day Resource packets that will be distributed to school teachers during AirVenture, on Thursday, July 28th. In the past, these packets have been assembled by noon, and refreshments are available.

Get in touch with Gina Raddatz at EAA Education Department. She's the Kid Venture person. Phone 426-6570.

Book Review: "NorthStar Over My Shoulder" by Bob Buck

As a new green co-pilot, I grabbed every opportunity to learn about flying larger airplanes. *Sparring with the Weather*



by Bob Buck became my handbook.. Years later, I met Bob Buck, since he was a glider pilot, in addition to being a longtime TWA pilot. Bob started writing, and was encouraged by Leighton Collins (yes, Richard's dad), publisher of the wonderful little "Air Facts" magazine. We are all better because of this.

Bob's newest book, *North Star over my Shoulder*, is sort of a summation of his flying career, and you will be fascinated with his history of the airlines, as well as his fun flying. It's a thick one, 440 pages or so, with lots of pictures. Soft cover from Simon & Schuster, it costs \$15.00.

Ed. Note: (Bob Buck is the author of four previous books, including *Weather Flying* and *The Pilot's Burden*.)

AirVenture Museum Activities



Friday, May 13 - 10am to 3pm
Pioneer Airport Volunteer Training
Volunteering at Pioneer Airport is a fun thing to do. Areas of activity include tram driving, ticket sales, and moving airplanes. Call Nicole Raudebaugh at 426-6135 or e-mail museum@eaa.org.

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Saturday night, May 14 - 7 to 10 pm **Hops and Props**

EAA, Oshkosh North-western, and Fox River Brewing are holding a beer-tasting and snack evening, with great music. It will be catered by the Supple Restaurant folks. Learn how to pair good food and good beverage, and become a discerning taster. Coffee and sweets will close out the evening. You must be 21 years old or more.



Admission price of \$35 includes food and sample beverage tastes, a commemorative tasting glass, museum entrance, and music. Join the group at **6 pm** for a premium Beer School experience and learn about the brewing art from brewmaster Brian Allen.

Ticket sales are limited. Call 426-6886 or e-mail Mmiller@eaa.org. Tickets may be available at the door for \$45.

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Saturday, June 11 - All day **EAA's Motorcycle Rally**



Motorcyclists from the Midwest will converge on Pioneer Airport. Registration fee \$10.

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Saturday, June 11 - All day - **International Young Eagle Day - Pioneer Airport**



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Saturday, June 18 - all day - Ultralight Day (rain date Sunday, June 19 - Pioneer Airport

More than 40 ultralights from the Midwest will be flying at Pioneer.



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Saturday, June 25 - all day - Wings on Strings Kite Festival

A full day of kite flying sponsored by the kite society of Illinois and Wisconsin and the Gift of Wings kite store. Kite-making workshops, noon launch of more than 300 kites, and free kites for first 100 kids to sign up for "Kids' Mad Dash" at 1pm. Expert kite fliers will demonstrate their fantastic kites.



EAA Chapter 252 Calendar of Events

Thursday, May 12, 7:00pm - Regular Chapter Member Meeting - Sonex facility,
Wittman Regional Airport - Oshkosh

Friday, May 13, 10am to 3pm - Pioneer Airport volunteer training

Saturday night, May 14, 7-10pm - AirVenture Museum - Hops & Props beer and food tasting party.

Thursday, May 26, 7pm - Chapter 252 Director meeting, WestEnd Pizza

Saturday, June 4th, 3pm - Regular Chapter Member Meeting, New hangar of Joe Norris, Eastside of Wittman Airport

Friday, Saturday, Sunday, June 10-11-12 - Sport Aviation Association Gathering at Frasca Airport, Urbana, Illinois

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'Coupes and Cubs at Pioneer