

Chapter Banquet a Huge Success

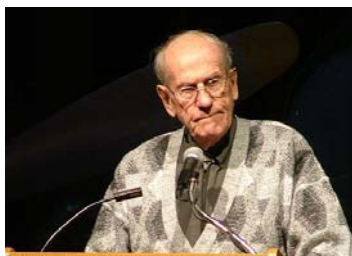
Fun was had by one and all who attended this year's EAA Chapter 252 Annual Community Celebration of Flight event. One hundred and twelve guests were in attendance. Notable members and guests included our dear friends Paul and Audrey Poberezny, Gene and Dorothy Chase, and John and Betty Monett.

John Monnet graciously served as our Master of Ceremonies with considerable help from Kathy Drummond.

The keynote speaker, Pete Buck, gave a fascinating presentation on the "Skunk Works" that was absolutely riveting by all accounts. He outlined the projects currently in the pipeline, some projects that are now well known, and the overall future of aviation innovation.



Pete Buck takes questions from the audience following his presentation.



Paul Poberezny addresses banquet attendees.

Paul Poberezny also took a moment to address the audience as he has done at past events. His knowledge of and commitment to aviation, his country, and us were once again very apparent in his remarks. Paul spoke of the human side of technology, aviation, and their relationship with current events in the world. His comments were very thought provoking and an appropriate compliment to the presentation by Mr. Buck.

The silent auction experienced some fierce bidding on some items. The most coveted auction pieces were the aviation prints that included Sonex blueprints signed by John Monnet and Pete Buck, an Old Crow print signed by "Bud" Anderson, and of course the Midwest Airline tickets. The generosity of the auction item donors to the auction is greatly appreciated: New View, Myers Aviation, Orion Flight Services, Basler Flight Services, Basler Turbo Conversions, EAA, and the Hilton Garden Inn.

Door prizes were also supplied by Planet Perk Café, The Exclusive Company, Basler Turbo Conversions, New View, US Bank and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections. Yes, the WDOC provided several interesting door prizes to the cause. The Taycheedah Correctional Institute items and the Barry Manilow cd's were hot items. **EAA252**

Chapter Calendar Dates

Your comments and suggestions regarding chapter activities is much appreciated. Please submit your ideas to Steve Lark at 688-2941 or skylark7@aol.com.

Chapter Meeting March 8	Dale Walker - Green Bay FSS 7:00 PM Sonex Hangar
April 12	Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Sonex Hangar
May 10	Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Sonex Hangar
May 16	Chapter Fly-Out EAA 838 Breakfast Racine, WI
June 14	Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Sonex Hangar
June 16	Chapter Fly-Out EAA 1331 Klunckenfarten Fly-In Wuatoma, WI
July 23-29	EAA Airventure NO MEETING
August	NO MEETING
September 15	EAA 252 Pancake Fly-In Oshkosh, WI
September	Munsil's Annual Corn Roast
October	Wayne Daniel's Annual Chili Bash Wayne's Hangar
November	Chapter Meeting 7:00 PM Sonex Hangar

Midwest EAA Chapter Poker-Run Shaping up for 2007

The Midwest EAA Chapter's Poker-Run is a "connected" series of EAA Chapter fly-ins that provide an opportunity for flyers and chapter members to participate in a common and fun activity. The event is an incentive for the aviation community to attend more local events and be active in aviation.

Beginning in the spring, running throughout the summer, and winding down in the fall, poker "players" collect game tokens at each participating fly-in they attend. At the last fly-in of the season, "players" bring their game tokens and exchange them the right to draw cards, one per token. From those cards, each player will build their best poker hand. Cash prizes are awarded to the top hands.

Last year's results were mixed due to weather and the inevitable challenges of an inaugural event, but interest and excitement are building for the program.

There are 13 "connected" chapter events that make up this year's program. Event sites include airfields in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin.

We have scheduled two EAA 252 Fly-Outs to encourage participation throughout the year (see Chapter Calendar Dates). You don't need a plane to participate. You can drive or you can hitch a ride with a fellow member in either their car or plane. We will make announcements at chapter meetings to remind people to connect with one another.

EAA Chapter 252 Pancake Fly-In

Our chapter event is scheduled for September 15th from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

We are planning to provide a pancake breakfast for \$6 per adult and \$3 per child under twelve. Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk, and coffee will be the standard fare.

The chapter is also working on providing Young Eagle rides and other activities that will draw in the surrounding community.

Chapter leaders see this as not only a fun activity for the chapter, but a way for the aviation community to involve local citizens in a more manageable and intimate setting.

Additional details will be announced as they become available.

If you are interesting in volunteering or have suggestions for the event, please share them with your chapter leaders over the next few months or give them a call. EAA252



Poker-Run Events Calendar

May 6	EAA 22 Rockford, IL
May 12	EAA 838 Racine, WI <i>*EAA 252 Fly-Out</i>
May 19	EAA 60 Beloit, WI
June 16	EAA 1331 Wautoma, WI <i>*EAA 252 Fly-Out</i>
June 17	Palmyra Flying Club Palmyra, WI
June 23	EAA 1323 Walworth, WI
July 15	EAA 932 Greenwood, IL
August 19	VAA 11 Brookfield, WI
August 26	EAA 93 Cottage Grove, WI
September 8	EAA 838 Racine, WI
September 15	EAA 252 Pancake Fly-In Oshkosh, WI
October 6	EAA 1429 Richland Center, WI
October 14	"Game Day" EAA 1177 Palmyra, WI

Note: Schedule not final.

Norm Petersen Honored with the “Spirit of Elo” Award



Perhaps the most heart warming and inspirational moment of the chapter banquet was the enthusiastic standing ovation Norm Peterson received as he accepted the “Spirit of Elo” Award.

The award is presented annually to the person who has made outstanding contributions to “grass-roots” flying and aviation camaraderie. This year’s recipient, Norman Petersen is a beloved Chapter 252 Member, a former EAA employee, an aviation historian, accomplished aircraft builder, and an all around friend to local aviation.

In his acceptance speech Norm was typically humble, humorous and in possession of a great aviation story to tell.

Norm shared the story of the first aircraft he ever took a ride in and how he followed it over its life-span. What was apparent to us was how the that airplane ride influenced Norm and connected him with other people who had also been touched by this aircraft and aviation.

Norm Petersen is a very special man who is quick with a kind word or joke, a friendly smile and a willingness to share of himself with others. Norm’s presence, remarks, and hearty smile were a fantastic reminder of just how lucky we all are that life’s twists and turns brought him here to us in Oshkosh.

Norm and the others who have received this honor represent the

best in all of us. Something we all strive to be in this wonderful little community of ours.

Congratulations Norm! **EAA252**



Norm Petersen accepts Spirit of Elo award from John Monnet with Gene Chase and Munsil Williams looking on.

Reminder:

What: Chapter Meeting

When: March 8, 7:00 pm

Location: Sonex Hangar

Speaker: Dale Walker,
Green Bay FSS

National Aviation Hall of Fame — Where is Steve Wittman?

The National Aviation Hall of Fame was founded in 1962 in Dayton Ohio. In 1964, the NAHF became the only aviation organization to be chartered by an act of Congress. One of the NAHF's main objectives is to honor and recognize United States citizens and residents who have significantly contributed to advancements in air and space flight.



It may be a surprise to some that

our namesake Steve Wittman is not currently an inducted member of the National Aviation Hall of Fame. A fact that our fellow chapter member and EAA Museum Director, Adam Smith, pointed out this past week.

We would like to begin work on the nomination process as a chapter activity. We are currently seeking volunteers to lead and participate in the process.

If you are interested, please contact Steve Lark as soon as possible. Our objective is to have the nomination completed before Airventure 2007.

In order to submit a nomination, a person must first be a member of the NAHF. Membership is small

formality and only costs \$45. The real work is documenting the storied career of Steve Wittman. As Adam put it, “Steve Wittman is notably absent...his accomplishments are worthy of induction.

We could not agree more. **EAA252**



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About Us

Our chapter is named after famed aircraft designer, airplane racer and Oshkosh resident Steve Wittman.

EAA Chapter 252 offers the opportunity to share the spirit of aviation with a group of local EAA members.

Our members are mostly people who enjoy the company of others who love aircraft, are fascinated by flight, and appreciate the history of aviation in America. They include r/c enthusiasts, pilots, aircraft builders, and aircraft owners.

Join Us!

Regularly meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 PM. Dates are subject to change, call to confirm, visit us at www.eaa252.org. Annual dues are \$20 for all current members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).



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