

EAA 252 OSHKOSH Steve Wittman Chapter



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Next Chapter 252 Meeting

Dec. 11th

Doors Open at
6:30 PM
Tour starts at
7:00 PM
Meeting at
8:00 PM

(Wear Your Chapter
Name Badge)

EAA Kermit
Weeks Hangar
on 20th St.
Wittman
Regional
Airport
(North side)

Snacks & treats are
always welcome!

- December Meeting - EAA Kermit Weeks Hangar

December's meeting will feature a tour of EAA's B-17 *Aluminum Overcast*.

John Hopkins, Manager of Aircraft Maintenance will be our tour guide for the evening. Among other things we'll get to see the B-17, Ford Tri-Motor, and the Bleriot project.

EAA's B-17 was delivered to the Army Air Corps in May of 1945, too late in the war to see any action. It was privately purchased in 1946 for the staggering sum of \$750.00. The plane was stripped of its military equipment and worked for a living as a cargo hauler, aerial mapping platform, and a duster.

The plane was purchased in 1978 by a group (B-17's Around the World) whose goal was to return it to military condition. The project may have been bigger than anticipated... resulting in the donation of the plane to the EAA in 1983. Since being donated the plane has undergone extensive restoration and repairs by the EAA maintenance staff and volunteers.

Aluminum Overcast was restored in the colors of WW II's 398th Bomb Group, which flew hundreds of missions over Axis held territory during the war. The plane re-enacts a B-17G that was shot down on its 34th combat mission over Le Manior, France, on August 13, 1944. Veterans of the 398th helped finance the bomber's restoration.

Air Adventure Museum Annual Christmas In The Air

This year on Dec. 8th will be EAA's 25th Annual "Christmas in the Air" FREE Holiday Celebration and Open House. It starts at 2:00PM, Santa is scheduled to arrive at 6:30 and stay until closing at 8:00.

Just "Plane" Chocolate (translates to free treats/snacks) will return as well as performances by over 20 musical, madrigal, and choral groups from the Oshkosh area. See you there!



Pearl Harbor Day Ceremony December 7th

As in the past this service will be conducted during the morning hours of December 7th.

On Sunday, December 7th, at 7:45 A.M., AMVETS Post 7, along with the Oshkosh Patriotic Council and the EAA, will host this event in the Eagle Hangar, located inside the EAA Air Museum. Veterans and Patriotic groups are expected to provide representation.

The program itself starts promptly at 7:55 A.M., and will feature two Pearl Harbor survivors, and Colonel Tony Blando (retired) will be the speaker.

Coffee and rolls will be served by the Post 7 Auxiliary.

This will be the 61st Pearl Harbor Ceremony that the Oshkosh Patriotic Council and Amvets Post 7 have conducted.

The public is encouraged to attend.



Banquet planning at Mary Latimer's home.

Celebration of Flight Banquet Planning

Planning continues for the Chapter's annual Celebration of Flight Banquet, scheduled for **February 7th**. On Nov. 22 Wayne Daniels, Pat Keesler, Pat's guest Kerry Fores, Mary Lattimer, Charlie Becker, Jim Casper, and Randy Novak all met at Mary's home to review the project.

The featured speaker was discussed. Janet is leading this effort, as well as making arrangements for the catering.

Pat, Mary, and Kerry will primarily focus on soliciting items for the silent auction. This event has been the Chapter's best fund raising event, thanks to the silent auction. Proceeds from the event are intended for our Chapters various projects.

If you can help, please contact any of the current officers (or this editor) and we'll be sure to get your name routed to the correct person.

Chapter Calendar

December 8th –

Christmas in the Air
Airventure Museum, OSH

December 11th –

Chapter 252 Meeting, EAA Kermit
Weeks Hangar, 6:30 P.M.

December 13th –

Munsil's Christmas dinner
Potluck dinner, starts at 10:00 A.M.

December 20th –

Iola Christmas dinner,
Central County Airport,

January 15th –

Chapter 252 Meeting, Sonex
Aircraft LLC.

January 24th

Pioneer Airport Ski Fly-In
Audrey's Birthday

February 7th –

Chapter 252, Oshkosh Celebration
of Flight Banquet

For Wisconsin aviation events check out
the calendars at:

<http://www.eaa.org/calendar/>

<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/fly-ins.htm>



Holiday Dinners & Gatherings

December 13th – Munsil William's Annual Christmas Dinner - All are welcome!

It's a potluck dinner, starting at 10:00 AM. The location is Elo International Airport, just off Hwy 44 between Fisk and Pickett. Bring your own plates and utensils.

December 20th – Iola Christmas Dinner, Central County Airport (68C) -

Dinner starts at 12:00 PM. Many Chapter members are familiar with the Friday noon dinners at "Iola" and the Central County Flyers Association. Bill Kinsman reports that there will be no charge (how's that for keeping with the Christmas spirit!). Central County Airport is located North of Waupaca, East of Iola.

Eleanor Schlapman 11/17/18 – 11/15/08

Eleanor Schlapman, age 89, of Winneconne, passed away on Saturday morning, November 15, 2008. Bill Schlapman (EAA 133433) regularly attends Chapter 252 and Elo functions. He was less visible for the past few months as he helped care for his wife.

Please keep Bill and the Schlapman family in your thoughts and prayers.

individuals and employees who helped support the EAA organization through the years.

Paul Poberezny's own personal interest in homebuilt aircraft did not begin with EAA. In the pre-war decades amateur built aircraft were popular throughout the country, and he was acquainted with a Milwaukee based group called the Milwaukee Lightplane Association. Out on the west coast Les Long and others had been promoting the homebuilt aircraft movement through their Lightplane Association of America (later called the Amateur Aircraft League). The Oregon group called for reasonable training and medical requirements for recreational pilots, and the creation of an "Amateur Experimental License".

The advent of WW II brought many restrictions on personal aviation (all in the interest of National security). In the immediate post war years things did not look like they were going to improve anytime soon, and action was needed.

Welcome New Members

Scott Severson –

Scott (EAA 874664) joined 252 in late October. Scott and his building partner, Keith Wiegmann (who also recently joined the Chapter), are building a Sonex. Scott works on smaller pieces at his home, and transfers the parts to Keith's shop where there is room for the larger assemblies. Scott met Keith while learning to fly with the Freedom of Flight Club.

This is his first homebuilt project, but he does have an extensive aviation background. Scott grew up in the Beloit area, but frequently traveled North to see his uncle Tim Buttles, where an airplane ride and a tour of Tim's latest projects were usually waiting. Uncle Tim's enthusiasm greatly influenced Scott's passion for flight and airplanes.

Scott has worked for Gulfstream Aerospace in Appleton for 8 years. There they receive in new green airplanes that need to be finished (interior, avionics, and painting). The facility also refurbishes older product (corporate aircraft). Scott works in their extensive paint shop. One of his personal goals is to go back to school to get his A&P Mechanic Rating. Scott and his wife Ann live in Hortonville with their four daughters.



Scott and Ann with daughter Breanna.

There was a need for an organization like EAA to carry on this work.

Since 1952 the EAA, and the Poberezny family, have taken the lead in promoting the amateur built/recreational aviation movement to be organized and safe. The privileges that we enjoy as builders, flyers, and enthusiasts of these aircraft can be attributed in large part to the early efforts of the Poberezny's.

EAA's Origins & The Founders Wing

At the November meeting the membership unanimously voted to support a recommendation from the Board of Directors to donate \$1000.00 towards this new EAA project. This new addition to the museum will focus on the origins and early days of EAA.

When considering EAA's beginnings and evolution, it's natural to focus on the organizations founder, Paul Poberezny. However, another person has worked for just as many years to support him and the organization. Over the years Audrey Poberezny has been a loyal and dedicated supporter of Paul and his vision for EAA. She has shared everyday of this EAA journey since day one.

There were also the other early EAA officers like Leo Kohn and Robert Nolinske (when monthly meetings were held at Milwaukee's Curtiss Wright Airport). There were also a number of

Vice-President's Message



By Ken Osmond

People. That's what makes the difference. Governments, businesses, organizations, churches or schools by themselves mean nothing. It has always been the case that individual people who step up and contribute their time and personal resources, and share their passions that have made the world a better place. The last line of the US Declaration of Independence underscores such a fact, "we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor."

Now belonging to an EAA Chapter is not nearly as dramatic as forming a new country that will eventually become a beacon of democracy, freedom, and human rights, but I would argue that at its core it can be just as meaningful to a small community of people. "We mutually pledge to each other" are perhaps the most important words in that last line. Our chapter has never been and certainly should never be about the officers or the board. It should be about the relationship between all of us and the commitment we make to one another with respect to our common interests and passions in aviation.

The chapter can't be about a handful of people generating entertainment for a few people who show up on meeting nights. In order for the chapter to have meaning it has to be about investing in each other, making personal contributions of time and interest in one another and the causes we endeavor to engage in. The chapter in and of itself is meaningless. It is the collective affection, respect, and commitments we make to each other as we form friendships, contribute to the cause of aviation and the greater community that matter. Some chapter members have made enormous contributions and some have made modest ones, but all are just as important as the next. We have war

veterans, engineers, designers, pilots, instructors and aviation leaders in our chapter. We also have people who have not been any of those things but who contribute their interest, knowledge and enthusiasm for aviation and of our group every chance they get.

My greatest hope for the chapter, now that there is a new era of leadership, is that we will create a new opportunity to invest in one another and welcome more enthusiastically those who wish to join us.. That we will live in the moments that we are together and celebrate the unique experiences, gifts, passions, and lives that we all possess. Each one of you is an essential part of something that is special and worth cherishing. Embrace each opportunity to show your appreciation for one another. Yes thank people for volunteering, making financial contributions, providing goods or services, and their participation. I hope however, that we will begin to celebrate something more simple, more enduring, and perhaps most important. Celebrate and enjoy that fact that we are all here and that we share something unique to our little group. Get to know your fellow chapter members. Invest in them and let them into your life and your heart. Be in the moment.

There is no greater pain than the feeling of personal regret. I hope that as members leave, move away or pass on that none of us wishes we would have gotten to know them better. I hope instead that we are able to say of each other that we are lucky to have known one another and proud to call each other friends. I hope.

2009 Dues are payable.

**Send \$20.00 to:
Janet Davidson
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Oshkosh, WI 54904**

**Dues are payable as of Jan. 1st
& must be received before
March 31st (to avoid being
dropped).**

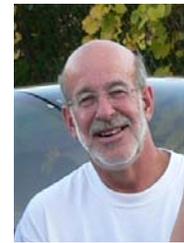
Chapter 252 Officers for 2009/2010

Four members are elected by the membership: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and they serve a 2-year term. Three additional members are appointed by the president and serve as the Board of Directors, for no specified term.

Executive (elected) Officers

Wayne Daniels, President –

Wayne (EAA 693527) grew up in Carpentersville, IL, not far from O'Hare Airport, which gave him a good view of aircraft flying overhead. He entered military service with the Navy and was stationed on the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise as part of an A6 squadron. After his active service in the Navy, Wayne went to work for the U.S. Post Office until his recent retirement.



He took flying lessons from Larry Marks at Valley Aviation, and received his Private Pilots license in 1987. Wayne also currently holds an instrument rating. He was a member of the Fox Valley Flying Club for 19 years, flying their Cessna 150, Sundowner, and Cherokee. Since 2006 he's been flying his Sonex, which he started building in 2002, about the same time he joined EAA.

Wayne and his wife Kathy have one of the best seats in the house during the Oshkosh fly-in. Located near Steve Wittman's old house on the southeast boundary of the airport. His hangar (known as Cloud 9) is one of the few on Wittman Airport that is adjacent to his house. Wayne has hosted the Chapter Chili Dump meeting there for the last 4 years. He shares his hangar with fellow Chapter member Al Byer and Jabby (the guard cat).

**Doug Milius,
Vice President –**



Doug's attraction to aviation must be either genetic, or it could be because he was exposed to it since day one. His father was a B-17 mechanic in the military, and later worked as a mechanic for North Central Airlines out of

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Minneapolis, Doug's hometown. Doug (EAA 190535) earned his Private Pilots license in 1976 and also presently holds an instrument rating. In 1981 Doug joined EAA, and both he and his dad began volunteering at the Kermit Weeks hangar – working on airplanes and helping out as needed.

Doug has owned an Aeronca Champ and Grumman American AA1A, and is currently flying his 1962 Cherokee 160. He's been thinking he might want to rebuild or build an airplane. Doug has been retired for about 2 years after a career with the Wis. Dept. of Revenue.

Doug and his wife Rosann live in Oshkosh. Doug continues to be a regular volunteer during the fly-in, and has worked in Flight Line Operations directing aircraft traffic for about 18 years.

Janet Davidson, Secretary –

Janet (EAA 653207) lived on a farm near Glasgow, Scotland, where she would watch the local training flights from the nearby airport. She



came to the United States in 1991 for the purpose of learning how to fly (this decision was inspired by watching the movie "Air America"). After receiving her ratings

(ASEL, AMEL, ASES, CFII), she moved back to the U. K. and flew for the airlines for 7 years. The move to Oshkosh happened in 2001, and Janet joined EAA at that time. She is a volunteer pilot for EAA, often flying their photo plane. Janet is also a corporate pilot for C.R. Meyer flying their Cessna 421 or Citation V.

Janet and her husband, Adam Smith (EAA 653205), own a Cessna 180, and are partners on a Clip-wing Cub. She had previously owned a Nanchang CJ6 (similar to a Yak 18) that she purchased in Yorkshire, England and had shipped to the U.S. This airplane was based in Oshkosh until early 2006. Janet and Adam live in Oshkosh.

Charlie Becker, Treasurer -

Charlie (EAA 515808) and his wife Theresa live in Oshkosh. They moved here in 1999 after he accepted a position



with the EAA, where he now serves as Director of Member Programs.

Charlie grew up in St. Louis, MO. His father had become a late in life pilot and must have triggered his son's interest in aviation. Charlie, his dad, and an instructor flew to the Oshkosh fly-in one year, and Charlie became an EAA member soon after. Charlie started taking flying lessons in 1993, and received his Private Pilots license the following year. Charlie is a graduate of Marquette University and a C.P.A.

He's presently involved with a couple of airplane projects: a Fischer Classic in the basement, and he's a member of a group project building a Sonex (Oshkosh Builders Club). He is in partnership with Chapter member Joe Norris on a 90 H.P. Super Cub. Previous to that he was in partnership on a 65 H.P. Aeronca Champ, and a Cessna 170B. His first airplane was a Fischer 404. Charlie has previously served as Chapter Vice President and more recently Treasurer.

Board of Directors-

Jim Casper, Board Member –

Jim and his wife Pauline live in Oshkosh. Jim joined EAA (#056712) in 1970, the first year the fly-in permanently moved to Wittman Field.



In 1975 he started helping as a volunteer with Flight Line Operations and Exhibit Buildings, and about this same time joined Chapter 252. Since then he,

and his family, have been regular volunteers at the fly-in. Pauline is co-Chairman of flight line operations, as well as their two daughters (who started directing airplanes when they were 12 or 13 years old). Jim is now Vice Chairman of Flight Line Operations for the fly-in, and Manager of Pioneer Airport during its operating season.

Jim always had an interest in airplanes, and pretty much anything else of a technical/mechanical nature. His early hopes for being a military pilot were hindered by eyesight problems, but he still has an interest in becoming a pilot, and maybe building his own airplane – maybe something in the Light Sport category? Jim believes that a Sonex, or Xenos would be a good choice. The Xenos, because he has had

an interest in sailplanes ever since seeing some of the high performance European examples.

Jim retired from Leach Co. in 2005, and started working at Pioneer Airport soon after. Jim and his wife Pauline live in Oshkosh.



Randy Novak, Board Member and Newsletter Editor –

Randy (EAA 057117) started

flying in 1971. He attended his first EAA fly-in in 1968 and joined in 1970. Randy and his wife Terry are both Private Pilots and A&P Mechanics and have lived in Oshkosh since 1980. They have owned several homebuilts; Flybaby, Sonerai, Starduster Too, and a few antique/classic and modern types as well. They have a hangar on the East side of Wittman Airport that presently houses the Starduster, as well as Stinson 108-1, Taylorcraft BC12-D, and Great Lakes 2T1A projects. Their son Aaron is also interested in all things technical in nature, and volunteers during the fly-in in the welding workshop.

Randy has previously served as President, Secretary, Newsletter Editor, and EAA Designee with various Chapters. He has worked for R&R Airport (Manager) Hodge Aero, EAA Air Museum, Wag-Aero, Monnett Experimental Aircraft, and is presently employed at Mercury Marine as a Manager of Current Product Engineering.



Eric Von, Board Member and Young Eagles Coordinator –

Eric (EAA 737034) was born in Dayton, Ohio, only about 2 miles away from the Wright Bros. Bicycle shop. His grandfather worked at Wright Field, and his mother did drafting for Aero Products during WWII. He grew up in Cincinnati, OH and took his first flying lessons at Don Fairbanks' Cardinal Air Training at Lunken Airport in Cincinnati where

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Chapter Shop Notes:

Your Chapter Technical Counselors and Flight Advisors have an extensive background – lets tap into that knowledge and challenge them (questions can be kept anonymous)! Send your questions to the Newsletter Editor.

Winter Flying and the Airplane Engine - As good Wisconsin Pilots we know...

It's cold out there. Pre-heat your engine to prevent engine damage (spun bearings or scuffing are not unusual), and make sure the oil has some temperature prior to your first application of high power – like run-up or take-off.

While multi-grade oils certainly reduce the risk, they are not a 100% substitute. Many people still run straight grade oil in the winter. Not a problem. You can run it all year round as long as you take the proper pre-heat precautions. Follow the engine manufacturers recommendations!

Avoid fast cool downs – carry a little power on final to maintain some engine temperature.

Have fun! Despite the cold and wind winter flying can offer some of the best flying conditions.

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Embry-Riddle and Aeronca were originally located.

After graduating from Ohio State in 1969, Eric worked for American Airlines customer service. He later attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach (where he met his wife Debey). After graduating from E.R. with an MBA, he worked at their Aviation Research Center until the mid-1980s. A variety of interesting aviation related jobs and experiences followed until Eric moved to Oshkosh in 2006 to take a position with the EAA as their Planned Giving Manager. He also manages the First Wing Legacy Society, Memorial Wall and Compass Hill tribute areas, and the stewardship of EAA's Scholarship funds.

Eric had previously joined EAA in 2003, becoming an active member of Orlando's Chapter 74 with heavy involvement in the Young Eagles program. Debey also enjoys flying and earned her private pilots license in 2007. Eric and Debey still maintain their Florida home and often travel back to Florida.

Steve Lark, Ex-Officio Board Member -

As the Past Chapter President of two terms, Steve may sit on the board to help provide continuity between the previous and new administrations.

November 13th Meeting at Sonex

The meeting was called to order by Ken Osmond. There were brief discussions about future meetings and the spring banquet, and a round table of project updates. The EAA Founders Wing was briefly discussed, and a motion was made and approved for the Chapter to donate \$1000.00 to the project (buy a brick). New member Scott Severson was introduced to the membership. The list of new Chapter officer nominees for 2009 (as published) was announced. There were no additional nominees, so a motion was made and carried to cast a unanimous ballot voting in the new officers for the 2009/2010 term. Munsil announced the dates for both his Christmas dinner, and the dinner at Iola. The meeting was very successful, with about 38 people in attendance.

Bob Warner brought a guest; Brett Steffen, Principal for Omro High School. Bob is working with Brett to possibly establish an aircraft re-building project at the school. The project (an Aeronca Sedan) is being supplied by Bob and is intended for select students to work on through their High School years. The project is in the initial planning stage, so there are many details yet to be worked out. Brett gave an impromptu talk on the project, and was able to meet many individuals who were interested and wanted to find out more about this project. We'll try to get additional information as the project progresses.

John Monnett provided an interesting presentation about the trip that he and Betty had taken earlier in the year to New Zealand and Australia. The trip offered them the opportunity to experience sport aviation in that part of the world. Photos from the fly-in they attended in Tuaranga, New Zealand showed a mix of traditional and newer homebuilt and light sport type designs, and a location and attitude that provided a real grass roots type of event. During the trip they were able to meet a number of Sonex builders and other interesting people.

Thank you to Sonex for allowing the Chapter to use the facility, John Monnett for his presentation, Kathy Daniels for bringing snacks, and Jim Casper for bringing beverages.



Vice President Ken Osmond



Brett Steffen, Omro High School Principal



John Monnett





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Items for submission are welcome and must be received by the newsletter editor no later than 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting date.

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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