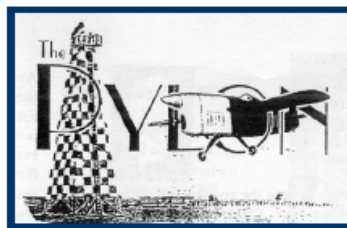




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Come to the Banquet in '08

February 2, marks the date for the 2008 Oshkosh Aviation Celebration hosted by EAA Chapter 252. All are welcome to this grand event to be held in the EAA AirVenture Museum's Eagle Hangar. Cocktails are at 6:00 pm and dinner is scheduled for 7:00 pm (see page 3).

Our guest speaker is quite a find. Greg Cayon is a former Air Force One pilot and currently a pilot in the corporate world. He will share his experiences on Air Force One as well as many others from his stellar career.

The evenings program will also include the usual silent auction, door prizes, raffles, and of course honored guests such as:

- Paul & Audrey Poberezny
- Gene & Dorothy Chase
- Norm & Loretta Petersen
- John & Betty Monnett
- Bill Brennand
- Munsil Williams

This event is of high importance to the chapter as it is our primary fund-



raising event for the year. Please try to bring as many guests and promote the event to as many people as you can. The public is welcome and the entire aviation community is especially welcome. In fact, two other organizations (flying clubs) in the area have already chosen to join our event.

Please RSVP to Charlie Becker (see contact info on page 4) as soon as possible. Please try to pay in advance if possible, but if you can't, just make sure you let Charlie know you are coming and how many people will be in your party.

We'd love to see you there! **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.

Jan 10	Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM Sonex Hangar
Feb 2	EAA252 Oshkosh Aviation Celebration of Flight Banquet 6:30 PM Eagle Hangar EAA AirVenture Museum
March 13	Orion Open House/ Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM Orion Flight Services
April 4	Steve Wittman Birthday Celebration/ Chapter Meeting Wittman Regional Airport Terminal Bldg Time TBD
May 8	Chapter Meeting 6:30 PM Sky Ranch

Welcome to 2008's First New Member

Please welcome John Weber to our chapter! John is our first new member in 2008.



John is currently building an RV-7A and has a wealth of welding experience. Thirty years of heli arc, aluminum, magnesium, stainless, and other material welding and building experience to be exact.

John currently resides in Oshkosh with his wife Loraine. If you run into him at any of the meetings, be sure to introduce yourself and make hi feel welcome. **EAA252**

**253 DAYS
 UNTIL OUR
 CHAPTER
 FLY-IN**

Please think about how you would like to contribute to an event important to the future of our chapter.

EAA Young Eagles Soar Above Omro

Did you know you can put the spark of fun in a young person's eye, all with a few gallons of avgas? That's exactly what happened on November 3rd at the Oshkosh Sky Ranch as EAA Chapter 252 members and friends shared the joy of flight at the Young Eagles Flight Rally.



Photo: Rebel Alliance Theater troupe hung out at the Sky Ranch for a couple of hours playing games and enjoying a sunny November morning highlighted by their airplane rides.

Members of the Rebel Alliance Theater were our special guests. The Alliance is a group of high school students that put on regular community theater performances at Omro's Little Wedding Chapel. The flights were intended to give the students a new perspective on life, the world and a bird's eye view of the Omro area. A more picture-perfect morning could not have been planned with light winds, clear blue skies and smooth air. Chapter pilots Adam Smith (Clipped Wing Cub), Charlie Becker (Super Cub), Bob Warner (Cessna 172) and Chapter friend H.G. Frautschy (Aeronca Sedan) were in constant motion, not only flying the kids but also about a dozen adults. We really sent the message of the generosity of our local aviation community.

There have been several Young Eagle Rallies at the Sky Ranch this year and a number of individual Young Eagles flown there as well. The recent event is the kick-off of a more aggressive Young Eagle Program within

Chapter 252. It has been shown nation-wide that the Young Eagles Program, in addition to benefiting the young people involved and the pilots that enjoy the flying, has brought positive community goodwill. This is something tangible that the Chapter can be doing to help to create a positive image for local aviation.

The Young Eagle Rallies is only one way to boost the energy of the Chapter with some young enthusiasm by "adopting" a few of our Young Eagles that show an interest in wanting to take their aviation and EAA connection further. A specific challenge and opportunity for the Chapter would be to



Photo: Bob Warner with YE Bob Franks

sponsor a young person to the EAA Air Academy next summer. The Chapter receives "credits" (one per Young Eagle flown) that can be used to sponsor a dollar's worth of tuition for a young person to attend the Academy. If you like the idea of sponsoring a young person, please think about a nomination/application process and how EAA252 will make up the difference in tuition for each child sponsored. Bring your suggestions to Bob Warner. He is anxious to hear your ideas about how we can engage young people in our Chapter's activities. For example one idea may be for our chapter to pick up the \$10 EAA student membership fee for a few of the Young Eagles that have flown with us.



Photo: H.G. Frautschy with Wayne, Amanda and Emma and his Sedan.

On International Young Eagles Day in June 2008 we will be holding another event at the Sky Ranch. If you are interested in participating in the event, please contact Bob Warner to volunteer. **EAA252**

Meeting Reminder:

What: Chapter Meeting

When: January 10th
6:30 PM

Where: Sonex Hangar

Speaker: Steve Krog
Flight Instructor

Topic: [Grass Roots Flying in Taildraggers](#)



Celebrity Pilot of the Month:

Zach Braff of *Scrubs*, *The Last Kiss*, and *Garden State* has been taking flying lessons in secret for months. In fact, he is being trained in the same Cirrus that Angelina Jolie had lessons in. BRS Chutes are required by the studios it seems.

2008 EAA252 Oshkosh Aviation Celebration

**EAA AirVenture Museum, Oshkosh, WI
Saturday, February 2nd, 2008**

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

Guest Speaker: Greg Cayon

Greg is a past Air Force One pilot and fly's as a corporate pilot for Kohler Corporation. Greg will share his experiences and stories from his days as a pilot for Air Force One.

**Cocktails at 6:00 pm (cash bar)
Catered Dinner by LaSure's at 7:00 pm
Carved Prime Rib and Turkey and all the trimmings!**

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

Win great Door Prizes!

Participate in the "Silent Auction" of Aviation Items!

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

\$25.00 per person

(\$20 for dues-paid Chapter 252 members)

Please reserve your tickets no later than January 21st, 2008

Payment in advance.

RSVP to:

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Phone (920) 426-1854 or eaapilot@sbcglobal.net

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

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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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