



**Next Meeting**

**Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 P.M.**

(Wear Your Chapter  
Name Badge)

**Sonex Aircraft**  
511 Aviation Road  
**Wittman**  
**Regional**  
**Airport**  
**(East side)**

From Oregon St.&  
Hughes, take  
Hughes west to Red  
Tail Way, enter  
through the security  
gate. Sonex Aircraft  
is straight ahead.

*Sonex builder, and Manager of  
the Sport & Recreational unit of  
New Zealand's CAA aviation  
authority, Rex Kenny (far left),  
John and Betty Monnett, and  
Sonex builder Mark Norgate  
(far right) at SportAvex.*

**- November Meeting -  
Featured Speaker,  
John Monnett**

Earlier this year John and Betty Monnett took had taken a 17 day visit to New Zealand and Australia. At the November meeting John will talk about the trip and their experiences while there.

The first stop was Tuaranga, New Zealand where John had been invited to be a speaker at the SportAvex Annual Fly-In and Air Show. The fly-in also provided an opportunity to meet builders and conduct forums on Sonex aircraft and AeroConversions.

From New Zealand they traveled to Bundaberg, Australia, to visit the Jabiru and Microair factories.

*Photo and information courtesy  
of Sonex Aircraft LLC.*



**- November Meeting -  
Officer Elections for  
2009/2010**

Nominees for the elected officer positions were announced at the October meeting. They are:

- President – Wayne Daniels
- Vice President – Doug Milius
- Janet Davidson – Secretary
- Charlier Becker – Treasurer



*Pictured with Wayne's Sonex from the left  
are Doug Milius, Wayne Daniels, Janet  
Davidson, and Charlie Becker.*

All are well qualified and look forward to leading your Chapter through the next two years. Charlie is presently serving as Treasurer.

**Celebration of Flight  
Banquet Planning**

Planning has started for the Chapter's annual Celebration of Flight Banquet, scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup>. Your new officer nominees Charlie Becker, Wayne Daniels, Doug Milius, and Janet Davidson have already started working on the initial planning. I understand Mary Lattimer will again be helping to solicit items for the silent auction (thank you!).

This event has been the Chapter's best



fund raising event, thanks to the silent auction.

**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.

**2009 Dues  
are payable.  
Send \$20.00 to  
Charlie Becker  
3965 Sharratt Dr  
Oshkosh, WI 54901**

## Chapter Calendar

### November 13<sup>th</sup> –

Chapter 252 Meeting, Sonex  
Aircraft LLC, 6:30 P.M.

### December 8<sup>th</sup> –

Christmas in the Air  
Airventure Museum, OSH

### December 11<sup>th</sup> –

Chapter 252 Meeting, EAA  
Kermit Weeks Hangar, B17 Tour,  
6:30 P.M.

### February 7<sup>th</sup> –

Chapter 252, Oshkosh  
Celebration of Flight Banquet

For Wisconsin aviation events check out  
the calendars at:

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

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

## Wittman Airport Promotion

### - Airport 101 -

Wittman Regional Airport will offer a series of two informational programs about the airport and its value to the community year around (not just during the fly-in). The programs will be held on Wednesdays, Dec. 3rd and 10th, beginning at 7 p.m. each evening. They are intended to demonstrate how Wittman Airport is an important part of the National Airspace System, and an important local asset.

Participants will have a chance to meet some of the people responsible for the operation of Wittman Airport, learn about airport land use, the physical layout of the airport, aviation/airport terminology, and have a chance to tour some of the facilities. They will also learn the financial facts regarding Wittman Airport, how it is funded and how it creates income.

Hundreds of jobs directly and indirectly depend upon Wittman Airport. Several airport-based companies will have representatives there to explain how the airport is necessary for them to conduct business.

A light snack and beverages will be provided.

The program is free, however reservations are needed for planning purposes. Please contact the airport office at 920-236-4930 or Robert Mark at [rmark@wittmanairport.com](mailto:rmark@wittmanairport.com) to reserve your place.

## End Of The Season For Poker Run

Mike Dean, Secretary for the Midwest EAA Chapter's Poker Run group, provided the following information. October 12th was "game day", hosted by chapter 1177, Palmyra WI, for the 2008 poker-run. We had 18 people register with poker hands, which was down slightly from last year. Here is the finishing order:

### Cash prize winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – \$250 – Robert Mischo, Burlington WI
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – \$150 – Jim Uick, Racine WI
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – \$100 – Kris Christian, Fond du Lac WI
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place – \$75 – Paul Nippa, Spring Grove IL
- 5<sup>th</sup> Place – \$50 – Mike Dean, Genoa City WI
- 6<sup>th</sup> Place – \$25 – Neal Dauphin, Hartland WI
- 7<sup>th</sup> Place – \$25 – Bill Bargholtz, Palmyra WI
- 8<sup>th</sup> Place – \$25 – Pete Snodgrass, New Berlin WI

### Other players, in finishing order:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Place – Jim Brown, Wind Lake WI
- 10<sup>th</sup> Place – Gerald Adsit, Sullivan WI
- 11<sup>th</sup> Place – Michael Corso, Twin Lakes WI
- 12<sup>th</sup> Place – Wil Venske, Stoughton WI
- 13<sup>th</sup> Place – Sharon Martin, Palmyra WI
- 14<sup>th</sup> Place – Rick Jelinek, Palmyra WI
- 15<sup>th</sup> Place – Rick Martin, Palmyra WI
- 16<sup>th</sup> Place – Don Ripp, Waunakee WI
- 17<sup>th</sup> Place – Dave McCoy, Hellenville WI
- 18<sup>th</sup> Place – Simon Smith, Janesville WI

The event organizers were disappointed in the level of participation, particularly from members of participating chapters. Last year they had around 25 players, while this time there were only 18. Event organizers reminded everyone that the intent of the game was to attract people to the chapter fly-ins, but with the low turn out they are questioning if it's worth the effort. At this time the event will likely be postponed for a year while the organizers re-group.

## Your Chapter Resources

Your chapter has many resources that are available to new members, new airplane builders, or new pilots. The resources come in the form of all your fellow members with their accumulated experience, and those recognized by EAA as technical or flight advisors. The chapter also has a collection of information available to the members, which will be listed in a future newsletter issue.

Your Chapter EAA Advisors are:

### EAA Technical Counselors-

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Note: there are additional advisors in this region, but they may not be members of your Chapter. For a complete listing visit the EAA website at:

<http://members.eaa.org/home/lookup/index.html>



## President's Message



By  
Steve  
Lark

I have served as the Chapter President for the last 4 years (how time flies!). The Chapter leadership team has worked to find the next Chapter leadership team and it is now time to elect a new set of volunteer leaders to serve for the next 2 years. The elections will be held at the November 13th chapter meeting.

I have enjoyed the 4 years serving the Chapter and I hope I have left the Chapter a little better off than when I took over, just as the previous leaders have. Although my travel schedule with my new consulting job doesn't allow me to participate as much I would like, I promise not to be a stranger at future meetings.

I have made many new friends along the way. Thanks to everyone's input and assistance over the years and I encourage each of you to volunteer and help keep the Chapter strong!!! To borrow from John F. Kennedy; "Don't ask what your Chapter can do for you, but what can you do for your Chapter!"

## Thank You To Our 2008 Officers!

To Steve and the other outgoing Chapter officers; thank you for all of your hard work that you have put into the organization during this last year.



**Ken Osmond:**  
Vice President  
News Letter Editor  
Membership

**Mark Ballwanz:**  
Secretary



**Charlie Becker:**  
Treasurer

Steve Lark was also the Young Eagles Coordinator for 2008.

## Welcome New Members

**Keith and Jenny Wiegmann** of Oshkosh were introduced to the group at the chili bust meeting.

We learned they were working on a Sonex project, along with their partner Scott Severson. Keith had narrowed his choice for a homebuilt project down to two choices. When he heard about a partially completed Sonex project offered on Barnstormers, it just seemed like it was meant to be, as the Sonex had been his first choice all along. It sounds like there is quite a bit of work to go, so they'll have the opportunity to really enjoy the building experience.

Keith (EAA 561683) has been an EAA member on and off for about 15 years. Though he's always had an interest in aviation, he didn't start flying till about 11 years ago after taking his first lesson with Steve Davies. His first ever airplane ride was with none other than Larry Marks of Valley Aviation. More recently Keith has been keeping current by flying as a member of the Freedom of Flight club. Jenny doesn't fly – yet – but volunteers she would like to learn when the Sonex is finished.

Long time Oshkosh residents, Keith and Jenny operate Valley Landscaping.



**Dennis Moehn** (pronounced main) was also introduced to the group at the October chili bust/meeting. Dennis (EAA625368) resides in Oshkosh, and is working as an A&P aircraft technician instructor at Fox Valley Technical Institute. Dennis joined EAA in 2000.

Dennis is a graduate of the Black Hawk Technical Institute A&P program in Janesville, WI. After receiving his A&P license he worked at Delta Airlines for 18 years.

Dennis grew up across the lake from Oshkosh, near Stockbridge on the family farm. His interest in aviation came as a result of the EAA activity in the area. The farm was apparently located near one of the aerobatic practice areas, and he would watch the planes fly while he was out baling hay or picking stones. Dennis started flying in 1986.

Dennis recently acquired a 1966 Cessna 172 project out of Central County Airport. At this time he's going through the structure; inspecting, cleaning corrosion, painting. The engine is a high time Cont. 0-300, so he plans to overhaul the engine as well. It's a lot of work, but Dennis plans to have his plane flying for next summer.

# October 11<sup>th</sup> Chili Bash/Meeting

The October meeting was held in conjunction with the annual Chapter Chili Bash. Wayne and Kathy Daniels again hosted the event at their hangar, 7th Heaven. Members who attended were treated to their choice of chili varieties and tasty deserts. Members aircraft in attendance were Wayne's Sonex, Al Beyer's Zenith, and Randy Novak's Starduster.

A short meeting conducted by Charlier Becker followed dinner. Guests and new members were introduced. Doug Milius introduce Bob and Char Sigman of Appleton. Bob flies a CT, LSA out of Appleton. Future meeting topics were discussed, followed by a round table review of member's projects and/or flying aircraft. The Chapter officer nominees for 2009/2010 were announced.



*Jabby*



# No Sunshine For Annual Chapter 252 Fly-In Pancake Breakfast

The food, tables, and cooks were ready; but someone forgot to file the proper forms with the FAA for VFR weather (or maybe they aren't in charge of that, I don't know, sometimes I get confused).

September 13<sup>th</sup> dawned and the thing a fly-in planner worries about most happened – solid IFR weather, and there's not much we can do about that. Everything else was in place, and despite the weather we still had a respectable turn out of drive-ins.

This year's event was held inside the Wittman Regional Airport Terminal – which turns out to work very well for this type of event. There was plenty of parking space for cars and airplanes, plenty of seating room, nice indoor rest room facilities, and good visibility and easy access from 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The location worked out well for the chapter, plus is a good draw to bring people into the airport terminal. Thanks to Wittman Airport Manager Peter Moll for his cooperation and support.

Thank you to all the Chapter members and spouses who helped out the day of the event.

*Photos courtesy of Mark Ballwanz.*



*Palmyra Chapter 1177 members brought their grill and cooking expertise to help out. The all stainless steel, thermostatically controlled, rotating, AND home made cooking grill was the technical hit of the day. Kudos to the Palmyra bunch for demonstrating that homebuilders do more than build airplanes.*





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Oshkosh, WI 54901



**Newsletters Are Available On-Line At [www.eaa252.org](http://www.eaa252.org)**

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](http://www.eaa252.org). Annual dues are \$20 for all current members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).*

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