



EAA 252 OSHKOSH Steve Wittman Chapter

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Next Chapter 252 Meeting

**No Regular
Meeting For
July**

**The Focus For
This Month Is
AEROMART!
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July 18th - AEROMART Chapter 252 Work Party

Saturday July 18th will be a Chapter work party for the initial set up and final planning for the AEROMART tent and site.

At the July 9th Board Meeting, Chairman Jim Kress reported that the tent has been erected. Warren Baier will be picking up shelving and display fixtures on Friday the 17th. A few helping hands are needed the following day to help with the initial set up. Start time is 8:00 AM, or after breakfast. Breakfast is available at the Volunteer Kitchen, located near the “red barn”.

A good way to access the site is to take the Hwy 26 exit #113 off US Hwy 41, go east on Fisk Avenue and then north on Knapp Street to Schaick Ave. If you come upon an EAA guard, tell them you are a volunteer for setting up the AEROMART tent. You will be directed to the temporary AEROMART parking named Lot F, located just south of exhibit building D. Park there and walk the short distance to the huge AEROMART tent. For additional information contact Jim Kress at jim.kress@att.net or phone 920-233-5660

Chapter 252 Members Still Needed To Help At AEROMART

Chapter members are still needed to help staff the tent throughout the week.

Daily shifts are 8 to 1, 10 to 3 and 1 to 6. AEROMART volunteers will receive a daily parking and gate admissions pass in exchange for a five-hour working shift in the tent.

Contact Jim Kress at jim.kress@att.net or phone 920-233-5660 to sign up.

July 25th - AEROMART Chapter 252 Work Party

This is the big day! Saturday is the start of AEROMART for 2009!

Chapter volunteers are needed to help with the final set up of tables and supplies. Start time is 8:30 AM. Breakfast is available at the Volunteer Kitchen, located near the “red barn”.

We need to be operational by 1:00 PM. Our first pre-registered vendors are scheduled to arrive Saturday afternoon to drop off parts.

Some items are still needed for the work party:

- 1) To borrow long extension cords that we can use all week.
- 2) A couple of cordless drills with phillips screwdriver bits.
- 3) Used 8 or 10 inch wide lumber that is 6 to 8 feet long, that can be used to make some 12" high table shelving.

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With enough helping hands the work should go quickly. For additional information contact Jim Kress at jim.kress@att.net or phone 920-233-5660.



Post-AEROMART Recovery/Celebration!

A cook out will be held Wednesday, August 26th at the EAA Weeks Hangar, starting at 6pm. Held in conjunction with the monthly Chapter Board Meeting, the Board would like to show its appreciation to all the members who have helped. A preliminary summary on the Chapter’s AEROMART experience and results should be available for review.

Welcome New Members

2009 Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

July 18th

Chapter 252 AEROMART Work Party, 8:00 AM at AEROMART

July 25th

Chapter 252 AEROMART site work Party, 8:30 AM, at AEROMART

July 27th – Aug. 2nd AEROMART 252

EAA Air Venture

August 26th

Post fly-in & AEROMART Party
EAA Weeks Hangar

September 10th

Chapter 252 Meeting
Corn roast and pot luck at ELO
International, 6:00 PM

September 12th

EAA Chapter 252 fly-in breakfast
Wittman Airport Terminal

October 10th

Chili bash, Wayne Daniels (7th
Heaven) hangar

November 12th

Chapter 252 Meeting, TBD

December 10th

Chapter 252 Meeting, TBD

For Wisconsin aviation events check out the calendars at:

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

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

September 12th Chapter Fly-In Breakfast

John Egan is again taking the lead on organizing Chapter 252's September Fly-In Breakfast.

At this time, most of the effort is going into construction of the new Chapter rotating pancake grill (we'll know we've made the big time when we have our own grill!).

If you want to get involved, contact John at johnegan99@yahoo.com, or 920-419-5631.

Pictured is the grill framework "on the gear".



Brett Steffen (EAA #870589) was first introduced to our Chapter at the November 2008 meeting as a guest of Bob Warner. Brett is the Principal of Omro High School, and at the time was considering an airplane restoration as a school project for select students (many of us will recall meeting some of those students at subsequent Chapter meetings).

Brett grew up in Reedsburg, WI and remembers listening to stories about his step-grandfather's aviation experiences. Brett moved to the Omro area about 5 years ago and originally joined EAA soon after. However, other priorities surfaced and his interest in aviation was deferred for a couple of years.

Now Brett is back into it full speed. He re-joined EAA last year, joined our Chapter, joined the Winnebago Flying Club, soloed a few weeks ago, and is presently looking forward to his first cross country work! He is still working on an Aeronca Sedan project with Bob Warner, but also has developed a keen interest in building an airplane, and is looking forward to AirVenture 2009 as an opportunity to scope out the various designs (that's what it's all about!). He reports that his exposure to the other members of Chapter 252 has really kindled the desire to build something.

Brett and his fiancée Heather Mullally live in Berlin, WI. Brett reports that Heather and her son have also picked up the aviation bug, and any plans he may have for an airplane will certainly need to take them into consideration.



New Chapter member Hal Bryan joined EAA about 10 years ago though his exposure to the organization goes back to when he was a kid. He attended his first EAA Convention in 1989 with his dad (in a T-50, see below) and has not missed one since.

About 50 years ago Hal's parents first met while serving as crewmembers on a United Airlines DC-6. As a second-generation pilot in a flying family, Hal started out flying the family's 1944 Cessna T-50 (Bobcat) when he was 4 years old. He soloed a Quicksilver ultra light at 14, and earned his Private Pilot License at 18 at the controls of a Piper Cherokee. Since then, he's logged time in more than 35 aircraft types, including his favorite, the de Havilland Tiger Moth. He is an active pilot; holder of a Transport Canada license as well as FAA certificates & ratings (Prvt SEL, IFR, complex, high performance, tailwheel, and high-altitude).

Over the years Hal has been exposed to a variety of aircraft, and aircraft projects. He is interested in having one of his own, and is keeping an eye open for a Bellanca Cruisair or Tiger Moth. He really does not consider himself skilled as a mechanic, but is eager to learn more.

Hal is EAA's new Online Community Manager and is working on the new "Oshkosh365" initiative. He previously worked for Microsoft, where he was a member of their Flight Simulator Team. He is also an adviser to the Smithsonian's National Air & Space Museum and the National Aviation Hall of Fame, and serves on the Education and Learning Advisory Board at Seattle's Museum of Flight. He and his wife Muffy are in the process of relocating to Oshkosh from Seattle, WA with their cats and "too much stuff".

President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

Chapter 252 is now less than three weeks from undertaking one of the biggest projects in quite some time. Aeromart will be a large undertaking, but it will result in knowing that we have provided a service to the thousands of attendees at AirVenture Oshkosh. Many builders and restorers depend on this venue to find that elusive item for their project. Had we not taken this on, there was a good chance that Aeromart may not have continued? That said, we still could use your help, even if only for a single five-hour shift..."many hands make light work"! Please contact Aeromart Chairman, Jim Kress at

jim.kress@att.net

or

OshkoshAeromart@gmail.com

or

920-233-5660

to volunteer some time... you'll be glad you did!

August will not have a regular monthly meeting just as July. But we will make that up in September when on the 10th Munsil Williams will once again host the annual Chapter corn roast at ELO International (Pickett WI) at 6:00pm. Come and enjoy some great corn hand roasted by our own Jim Casper!

Following the corn roast by only two days the chapter will hold the second of two pancake breakfast's this year on Sept 12th. Once again John Egan will be spearheading the flapjack extravaganza! Hopefully the chapter will be showing off our newly constructed revolving grill for this event. I'm sure John can use some assistance for the breakfast, so contact him at johnegan99@yahoo.com

So I hope everyone has a great Airventure and even more so, I hope to see you at the Aeromart tent sometime during the week and then enjoying a great corn roast followed by the pancake breakfast in September.

Our newest chapter activity has received a good amount of promotional publicity, not only in the EAA magazines, but in it's electronic publications as well. Re-printed here is the latest press release to be supplied to EAA and all FBO operations in Wisconsin. Check out our AEROMART website.

- AEROMART - One Of AirVenture's Most Popular Activities Returns For Another Year In 2009

Call it a swap meet, consignment sale, or clean out the hangar sale; AEROMART provides one of the best places for individuals to sell all those extra aircraft parts or other aviation related items. EAA members with unused or extra parts can turn them into cash while helping others complete their projects.

AEROMART will have a new location this year at the south end of the exhibit area - right next to Camp Scholler - making it easier for campers to transport their parts to and from the AEROMART location.

Parts should be dropped off at AEROMART when you arrive at AirVenture. You'll pay AEROMART \$1 per consigned item at check-in, plus 12 percent of the sale price when the item sells. When you leave AirVenture, stop by to pick up any of your remaining unsold items.

This year pre-registration is also available for AEROMART! Persons or businesses wishing to list at least twenty-five items for sale may do so by purchasing pre-registration sales tags. The tags cost \$1.00 each plus \$5.00 per hundred tags for shipping and handling. Please mail your request along with your check or money order for tags to: AEROMART, Jim Kress, 1199 Elmhurst Lane, Oshkosh, WI 54904-9312. Upon receipt, you will be "priority mailed" the sales tags you requested, tamper-evident tie wraps to attach the tags to your merchandise and a vendor sales contract. Pre-registering will allow you to simply drop off your items at the AEROMART tent when you arrive thereby avoiding the congestion and registration paperwork. Pre-registration deadline is July 15th.

For more information about how AEROMART works for both sellers - and buyers, visit the website at www.Aeromart.webs.com. The website includes an "Information for Sellers" page with information on how sellers can prepare in advance to reduce their check-in time. The site also has the answers to many other commonly asked questions - just visit the FAQ's page.

AEROMART is an all-volunteer operation now operated by Oshkosh's own EAA Chapter 252.

If you cannot find answers to your specific questions about AEROMART, or if you are interested in volunteering at AEROMART; contact the AEROMART staff by e-mail at OshkoshAeroMart@gmail.com



Does your shop or hangar look like this?

Maybe you should join AEROMART's ranks of satisfied sellers?

For information visit the AEROMART website at www.Aeromart.webs.com.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF AIR

WHY SOMETIMES GIRLS AND AIRPLANES DON'T MIX

By Doug Milius

Before any women reading this get the wrong impression and want to come over to my house and protest my male chauvinism please read on. This story relates to an experience I had in my adolescence growing up in Minnesota.

My Father worked as a mechanic and technical manual writer for North Central Airlines (the Blue Goose) for 13 years as I was growing up in Minneapolis. He would haul my brother and me out to the airport when he had to work on Saturdays. My brother and I didn't mind as we would spend hours standing by the fence watching planes take off and land. "Here comes a C-117 flying Boxcar, or a Globemaster or an F-86" we'd shout at each plane we'd see. The most common planes were DC-3s interspersed with DC-6's. If we weren't by the fence we were inside the hanger where our dad was working exploring the inside of a North Central DC-3.

My brother and I spent a lot of our free time building plastic airplane models. We had B-25's, B-17's, Corsairs, P-40's, P-51's and the like hanging from our ceiling in our bedroom. In our younger years we would make an airplane out of cardboard boxes and outfit the cockpit with old instruments our dad had brought home from work. We bombed a lot of targets from the inside of our basement always safely returning from our mission although sustaining a fair amount of enemy flak and fighter damage. This was back in the days when kids actually had an imagination before Gameboys and the like came to destroy any sense of actual adventure on a kids part.

As my brother and I grew a little older our interests shifted from the plastic models to balsa, dope and fabric remote controlled planes. Our dad had a large RC Aeronca type high wing model painted green with a silver stripe down the fuselage. We could look at this model but we weren't allowed to play with it. I suspect it was a model our dad built before my brother and I came along and it probably reminded him of a time before screaming, demanding kids interrupted his life. Anyway, we knew enough not to do anything that might damage this model.

To placate our wanting a larger balsa model like his he helped us build a similar but somewhat smaller high wing balsa plane one winter. When we finished building and painting it, we thought it was a thing of beauty. It had a large red wing and a fuselage with silver accents. The plane sat proudly on its main rubber wheels and its tail wheel. It looked so perfect we were afraid to fly it for fear it might be destroyed and all of our work would be in vain. It dwarfed our other collection of planes hanging from our bedroom ceiling. We sat it on the top of our dresser in our bedroom to be admired each evening before bed and each morning when we woke up.

One evening our parents had a social gathering at our house with friends of our Dads from work. I guess I was about 12 years old at the time and was just realizing that girls, well you know, were girls and not some alien life form you didn't want to have anything to do with. I remember one of my Dad's friends had a daughter at this party that caught my eye. She was cute with long flowing brown hair. I of course had to try to impress her. I told her how we spent the winter building this work of art and how it would fly to great heights. I went on saying it would probably fly up over our house, over the trees and into the clouds above.

We had a fairly large hill in our back yard that would be the perfect spot to launch the plane. Out came the plane from the house, up to the top of the hill my new found friend and I climbed to a point just before the woods started. I wound and wound on the prop tightening the rubber bands until I could hardly hold it back from all the tension. I lifted the plane over the top of my head and gave it a powerful thrust up into the air. I imagined the plane to soar in the sky forever and gently land on our street just as all the planes had done that we had watched at the airport.

Up the plane went, the prop roaring, as my new friend and I watched it climb for about 10 feet and then down, down, down it went. It wasn't soaring at all! It was in a death spiral heading for people standing in our back yard. I yelled, "LOOK OUT!!!" just as it came screaming down crashing and smashing into our back fieldstone patio. It was an un-survivable crash. The

prop, the wings, the tail, everything was in pieces. People were gasping in horror at the carnage. We quickly ran down the hill to survey the damage. I went inside our house to get a box to load what was left of our plane into and carried it inside.

After the party was over and the people all left I knew the inevitable talk with my Dad was coming. He asked why on earth did I have to try to fly our plane at that particular moment in time. I, using my great communicative skills said, "I don know". My Dad kind of glared at me but I have a feeling my Dad saw me with his friend's daughter and knew what was going on and in a way was glad he had a son that was interested in the opposite sex, if you know what I mean. I never saw the brown haired girl again because shortly after that my Dad left his job at North Central, my parents sold the house, and we loaded up all of our stuff and moved to Wisconsin.

So this, you see, is why sometimes girls and airplanes don't mix.

To Join EAA Chapter 252

Annual membership is \$20.00,
and is payable each January 1st.

Contact:
Chapter Secretary
Janet Davidson
3218 Bellfield Rd
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EAA Chapter 252 Meeting Minutes

June 11th, 2009

Location: Pioneer Airport, Pitcairn Hangar

Board Members present:

Charlie Becker, Doug Milius, Jim Casper, Randy Novak,
Wayne Daniels, Eric Von

Proceedings

1. **Guests & New members** – President Wayne Daniels started the proceedings by welcoming guests: including Beth Houland (from Tailwinds), John & Susan Vette, Alyson Zierdt..
2. **Aeromart updates** – provided by Charlie Becker and Jim Kress. Aeromart activities, and volunteer staffing needs were discussed. A volunteer sign up sheet was passed around.
3. **Review of upcoming Chapter activities** – Wayne reminded members that there would be no regular meetings scheduled for July and August. However, in September the Chapter will have the annual corn roast on Sept. 10th at ELO (Munsil Williams) and the Chapter fly-in breakfast on Sept. 12th at Wittman Airport. On October 10th, Wayne will again host a chili dump at his hangar, 7th Heaven.
Eric Von noted that Young Eagle Pilots would be needed for the Sept. 12th fly-in. He also reported that June 13th was National Young Eagles Day, and some local pilots were needed to provide rides.
4. **Misc.** – Vice President Doug Milius read a notice received from the Wis. Aviation Hall of Fame and Women in Aviation Chapter. On June 16th a traveling display featuring the story of A. P. Warner (the first airplane flight in Wisconsin occurred near Beloit, WI 11/4/1909) would be at the Wittman Terminal.
5. **Featured Speaker** – The Pitcairn hangar provided the perfect background for Bill Zierdt's very interesting presentation on the development of helicopters in the United States. The presentation included old movie footage, slide show, and scale model helicopters.

We learned why Philadelphia, PA became known as the center of rotor wing development in the U.S.A., and how early development was primarily carried by a few companies such as Sikorsky, Piasecki, Young, and Hiller. Bill did a great job explaining the technical reasons for the success and failures of various designs, and how the designs evolved.

Submitted by Janet Davidson, Secretary
Randy Novak substituting.



Bill Zierdt describes a detail of Bell helicopter development.



The setting was perfect for a presentation on rotor wing development.



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Items for submission are welcome and must be received by the newsletter editor no later than 3 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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