

EAA 252 OSHKOSH Steve Wittman Chapter

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Next Chapter 252 Meeting

**October 10th
2:00 P.M.
7th Heaven**

Hangar, Chili Bash & Chapter Meeting

If able, bring a batch of your best chili to either dump into the pot with the rest – or leave as a stand alone.

Also - salads, deserts, or other accoutrements are always appreciated!

October Chapter 252 Meeting

The October meeting will again be at Chapter President Wayne Daniels hangar “7th Heaven”. Located along the East side of Wittman Airport there are two ways to get to Wayne’s place; by airplane or by car. Let’s see a few more airplanes there this year! C’mon! It’s an airport!

His hangar is located on the West end of taxiway Delta, that’s the one that provides access to the FVTC airport campus, Basler Turbo Conversions, etc. The Tower knows where the hangar is; just ask for it by name.

By car: Wayne and his wife Kathy live in the small subdivision near Steve Wittman’s old house. From Oshkosh go South on Oregon St. (County I) and then go West on Ripple Ave. to Red Oak Ct. Go North on Red Oak and you will find their place at the end of the road.

Please Note: contrary to what was reported in the September issue of the Pylon – there **will not** be Chapter officer nomination at the October meeting. So, there is no reason not to attend this meeting.

See the ad on Page 3 for additional information.

Young Eagle Incentive

By Chapter VP Doug Milius

If you’re looking for a reason to go flying and are looking for a good deal, I suggest you look into EAA’s Young Eagle program and sign up for a Phillips 66 Credit Card. Phillips 66 announced at Air Venture this summer they are upping their fuel rebate to \$2.00 a gallon if you fly Young Eagles for EAA. I’ve flown over 200 Young Eagles and haven’t missed a year of flying kids since EAA started the YE program.

It’s easy to sign up for the credit card (phillips66aviation.com) and all you have to do is make out a simple form along with your credit card receipt and send it off to Phillips 66 after you’ve flown your Young Eagle(s).

I’ve found this program to be very

Celebration of Flight Banquet Planning For 2010

It’s that time of the year again! The Banquet involves a lot of pre-planning, and Chapter Secretary Janet Davidson has been busy checking out our options for caterers, etc.

Several volunteers are needed to solicit items for the silent raffle, door prizes, etc. Be responsible for storing the raffle items, set up and help organize the Founders Wing, etc. A Chairman for the event has not yet been officially named. So, until then please contact President Wayne Daniels if you are interested in getting involved.

Janet has made arrangements for the featured speaker: Maj. General Pat Halloran. Halloran is a distinguished U-2 and SR71 pilot, and an active sport flyer. She reported that Halloran used to fly Tom Wathen’s deHavilland Comet replica, and ferried the Firecracker to Sun-n-Fun from Oshkosh last year.

rewarding knowing you’re helping to guide the future of our youth. Here’s a thank you letter I recently received from Nathan-“Dear Mr. Milius, Thank you so much for taking me on a Young Eagles Flight. It was really cool when we took off. It was like I was suddenly lighter! It was also exciting when we were landing. I will always remember this experience. Thanks again, Nathan”

Contact our YE chair-Eric Von for further details on YE flight opportunities.



*Doug Milius with Nathan
photo courtesy of Doug Milius*

2010 Dues Will Be Due Jan. 1

**Send \$20.00 to:
Janet Davidson
3218 Bellfield Rd
Oshkosh, WI 54904**
Dues are payable as of Jan. 1st & must be received before March 31st (to avoid being dropped from the Chapter membership).

2009 Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

October 10th

Chapter 252 Meeting
Chili bash, Wayne Daniels (7th
Heaven) hangar

November 12th

Chapter 252 Meeting,
Wings of Eagles Hangar
with John Douglas.

December 10th

Chapter 252 Meeting,
Fox Valley Technical College
Airport Campus

2010 Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

January 14th

Chapter 252 Meeting at Sonex
Narrative of Steve Wittman,
by John Monnett

February 11th

Chapter 252 Meeting
Location TBD

March 11th

Chapter 252 Meeting
Location TBD
Greg Raske, Hot Air Ballooning

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](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/fly-ins.htm)



Ellen Novak

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Ellen was my mom, and since 1979 the only surviving parent I've had. She was interested in travel and adventure more than hanging around the kitchen, but she was a darn good cook too.

She was instrumental in kindling my own interest in aviation, encouraging me to take flying lessons, and for many years organized our trips to the EAA Rockford fly-in, and later Oshkosh. In the mid-70's she became a student pilot and was active until, in 1981, an auto accident changed her life.

During her flying years, she had either owned or was part owner of a Cessna 150, then a Stinson 108, and finally a Beechcraft Musketeer. Randy

Invite a Friend

I don't have new members to introduce in this issue; so will use the opportunity to encourage another Chapter activity.

Organizations like our Chapter depend on people, on its members. People to provide ideas and helping hands to accomplish the work that we set out to do. This is our Chapter's real asset. We share our common interest, have some fun, and hopefully learn from each other.

To that end, encourage a friend to come along with you to the next Chapter meeting! Even if they don't join, the exposure for our Chapter would be good, and if they do join – then the more the merrier!

“Slip Sliding Away”

by Doug Milius

Some of you may remember the musical group from the 60's and 70's named Simon and Garfunkel. Garfunkel was a tall lanky drink of water with a large bushy hair. Simon was short with short dark hair. They had a number of big hits back then one of which was titled “Slip Sliding Away” I remember some of the lyrics which went, “The nearer you get to your destination-the more you're slip sliding away.” What does this have to do with flying you are probably asking at this point? Well I'll tell you.

A month ago I flew up to Appleton to fly a Young Eagle for the chapter. It was a beautiful day, CAVU and no wind. I flew back to OSH but it was one of those fine days you hate to put the wheels back on the concrete. Well, I went home and asked my wife Rosann if she'd like to fly to SBM (Sheboygan or for some-She's a Boy Again) for lunch. She agreed and off we went back to the airport. After another preflight we climbed in and were on our way. We flew over Elkhart Lake on the way over and checked out the race track. After listening to the SBM ASOS I set up for landing and taxied to the restaurant.

If you haven't tried the restaurant there you should. I especially like the all you can eat salad and soup selection. If you've a mind to you can try one of each of the soups they have made for the day. After enjoying our lunch and taking a few photos we were back in the plane and on our way.

When we approached OSH the tower told me to enter a right downwind for 9

and report entering the downwind. I did at which point the tower informed me that the Pioneer airport was active and to maintain 1000 ft or higher until established on final. Not wanting to extend my downwind to Fisk before I turned base I decided to exhibit my flying skills for Rosann and extended my downwind a bit and then turned base. After I turned to final I told Rosann, “I'm going to put the plane in a slip and we'll head down to the runway”. Unfortunately my intercom was cutting out and all she heard was, “Slipping-headed down”. OH-OH. After landing she asked me, “What the heck was that? I thought we were crashing.”

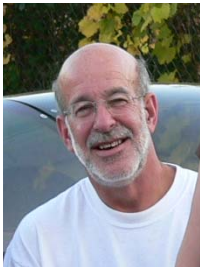
I guess I forgot that we'd never practiced that maneuver in the past although I've done a lot of slipping with other pilots and instructors. What she heard and saw was something completely different than what I was experiencing. I thought I was doing a great job losing altitude and she thought we were headed to our demise. If you've never been in a small plane executing a slip it is a fairly unusual attitude especially for a first timer. I apologized and told her I thought I said we were going into a slip to lose altitude. At which point she told me what she had heard through her headset.

So, you see, the nearer we got to our destination the more I was slip sliding away and in more ways than one!



Doug and Rosann Milius
Photo courtesy of Doug Milius

President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

The chapter once again enjoyed a great corn roast/brat fry at Elo International on Sep 10. Thank-you very much Munsil for again hosting this end of summer social! With the addition of the Rainbow Aviation class of Light Sport repairman group, it is estimated that 65-70 people enjoyed a terrific evening. Jim Casper again located and roasted some of the best sweet corn in the valley. Thanks to all who helped make the evening a great one! Lots of food and camaraderie was had, as well as watching Adam, Al and Joe with a few fly-bys! Thanks also to all who unanimously approved the by-law language change that is necessary for our application for tax-exemption status.

John Egan aka the "Pancake Pro" lead yet another successful chapter pancake breakfast at the Wittman Terminal on Saturday, Sep 12. This was our first use of the new chapter pancake grill. With a few adjustments it performed admirably! We are looking forward to many more events with the grill and thank John for the beautiful construction. Without all of the volunteers we had, it would be difficult to run an event like this and your time is very much appreciated. Thanks!

On October 10 the annual Chili Bash will again be held at the 7th Heaven Hangar on Taxiway Delta. See attached flyer for more details. This is an open event, so please feel free to bring another aviation enthusiast along! It would be great to gain some new chapter members to enjoy some of our social events and contribute to our chapter!

Chapter 252's next big event will be the **Annual Community Celebration of Flight** banquet to be held in February 2010 in the new EAA Museum Founders Wing. We will soon be assembling the committee to plan this great celebration. If you would like to participate on this committee (many hands make light work!) please contact any of the chapter board members. Help make the 2010 banquet the best ever!

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Is having an October Chili Bash!!!
This will include a short chapter meeting

WHERE: WAYNE & KATHY DANIELS 7TH HEAVEN HANGAR
3778 RED OAK CT, OSHKOSH WI 54902
(APPROX 100 YDS EAST OF CLOUD NINE HANGAR ON TAXIWAY DELTA -OSH)
ASK OSH GROUND FOR PROGRESSIVE TO "7TH HEAVEN"
CALL MY CELL @ 410-0107 IF YOU CAN'T PROCEED UNDER YOUR OWN NAVIGATION!

When: Saturday, October 10th, 2009 starting at 2:00pm

Please bring a batch of your favorite Chili.
We can either "blend" everyone's chili or everyone can sample the individual prize winning recipies....OR BOTH!!!
Also please bring a salad or desert appropriate to a chili meal,
If you plan to take a load off of your feet, then bring a lawn chair as well.

There have recently been some questions as to what the chapter will do with the monetary proceeds from events like the pancake breakfasts, chapter banquets and the AirVenture AeroMart tent. I think most are aware that one of the chapter's long-term goals is to build a chapter hangar/clubhouse. This should help grow visibility of our chapter and to grow its membership. Additionally a goal of a chapter tool crib is envisioned

for items not in most builders' shops. Other uses would be for scholarships for local youth to become involved in aviation as well as other charitable donations. If you have other ideas, please come to chapter meetings and contribute your thoughts. The only bad ideas are the ones that are not shared!

The Young Eagles Experience

Impacting The Lives Of Others

It's interesting to observe how the things we do in our lives can impact the lives of other people. Unknowingly we become mentors. Sometime as a pilot giving a young child a ride, or as a Technical Counselor working with an apprentice or a homebuilder.

The Young Eagles program is a great opportunity for us, as pilots, to introduce to newer generations the wonders of flight. Maybe too, it provides us with a brief glimpse into our own past. We can re-experience through their young eyes – what most of us first experienced many years ago.

One of our newer Chapter members, Mark Beduhn is a very active Young Eagles pilot, having given many rides in his Cozy MK IV.

Mark had mentioned to us how he had given a YE ride to a young girl this past summer that turned into a real aviation experience for her and her dad. She wrote about the experience, submitting her story to Mark who has allowed me to re-print portions of it.

What follows here are excerpts from a story called **Dream a Dream**, that was written by 15-year-old Ruth Rockafield.

“...It was morning, Sunday the 14th of June, 2009, bright, clear and sunny. Our whole family packed up to the Rhineland fly-in. What we knew about it was just what Dad had seen in the flier, which was very little. Pretty much all he knew was that there were going to be airplane rides there. We all wanted to fly of course, but if there was a charge we wouldn't be able to afford it.

When we arrived, we found out that the airplane rides were part of the EAA Young Eagles program, and that they were free! We signed up, and then while waiting to fly I read through the pamphlet that was given to me. I'd never heard of Young Eagles before, and now I can't say enough good about them. I wonder how many children the Young Eagle pilots have helped realize their dream of flying?

My brother, sister, and I all got to go in the same plane, an experimental homebuilt called a Cozy Mark IV. Our pilot, Mark Beduhn, introduced himself and showed us the plane we would be flying in. Because I was the tallest, I got the front seat where I

go the best view, and got to see all of the instruments! I was quite sure that it couldn't get any better than that!

After buckling up, starting the engine and talking on the radio, we accelerated down the runway and off into the air. I was so dizzy with it all that breathing was almost out of the question. DREAM A DREAM Ruth Rockafield! It was such a lovely day. The part of the world that I knew as “home” stretched away into a hazy horizon. A few fluffy cumulus clouds floated in the blue, blue sky above, and reflected in the sparkling lakes far below. We were going so fast – around 200 mph – but it seemed like we were almost not moving up there in the vastness of the heavens.

I was happy! When we landed after much too short a time, I couldn't thank Mark enough for helping me realize a dream. **It is amazing that the Young Eagles pilots willingly donate their time, planes, and fuel to fly kids – I think that's wonderful.** I'm proud to be a member of the Young Eagles, and if I ever have the chance, I'd love to fly other kids some day. I was given my dream, maybe I could give someone else theirs...

A few days later I got an e-mail from Mark's wife Regina... Several short e-mails later Mark wrote to me: “I have a special opportunity for you. If you are interested in coming to AirVenture 2009, I can pick you and your father up in my plane, and fly you to the show for a day...”!

We had a good weekend at AirVenture, and with Mark and his family. I thank God for the way He's blessed me, and I can't afford the words to thank Mark enough for the opportunities he gave me. There was a time when I thought that special things happened to other people and not me. I think this last year has proved that very wrong. I feel very privileged to have been given the things I have. Mark has helped me see my dreams of flying much more clearly, and I found a lot of support and information on becoming a pilot at AirVenture. I've been given the chance to get this far and I hope to take this dream as far as it can take me. Now I have a new dream, to become a commercial airline pilot. With all the dreams that have been fulfilled just in the past year; who's to say that I can't achieve anything more? With God's help, I'll find my dreams, and make

them reality.”

Editor – my thanks to Ruth for allowing me to share part of her story.



Ruth Rockafield with her Young Eagle Pilot, Mark Beduhn.

Photo courtesy of Ruth Rockafield.

Chapter 252 Charting Our Course

As Chapter President Wayne Daniels mentioned in his column, there has been some discussion about just what the Chapter's short and long-range goals area. Over the years the Chapter has talked about many things, sometimes at the Board meeting level, sometimes at the general Chapter meetings.

It seems our Chapter is in transition of moving to the next level of activism. We are regularly organizing fly-in breakfast events. We are in charge of Aeromart. We are talking about a permanent meeting place (clubhouse, hangar). We are buying more equipment to support our activities. The Chapter is taking on a considerable amount of responsibility and taking in a fair amount of money.

Maybe most importantly the Chapter has become an active part of the local aviation community. Sure, we could maybe do more to promote ourselves, and the local airport – but we're getting there. Which all begs the question; what is our responsibility to our members and our local community – aviation and non-aviation? Should we sponsor Aviation Education Scholarships? Should we donate to local Oshkosh charities? Should we focus only on what the Chapter needs?

Your Board members have recently been talking about this, and so you should expect to see some discussion about this in the near future. If you have strong feelings about what the purpose of the Chapter is, what is our Mission Statement; please talk to any of the Executive Officers and Board Members.

Good Turnout For Sept. Chapter Meeting/Corn Roast



Corn's ready!



The Chapter had a great turn out of members and guests at Munsil William's ELO Airport. A few flew in, many more drove in.

Thanks to Jim Casper for bringing the sweet corn and beverages. The Chapter provided the brats and many people contributed deserts and other dishes. Most of all thank you to Munsil for allowing the Chapter to use his place.

Chapter President Wayne Daniels held a short meeting. Adam Smith was celebrating his birthday and so Janet made a couple of pineapple upside down cakes for us! All in all – a good time was had by all.



Birthday Boy!



Munsil acknowledges a grateful group.

Chapter 252 Gains Experience With September Fly-In

Compared to others, our Chapter was relatively inexperienced in organizing and running a fly-in breakfast. The September fly-in was another great opportunity for us to refine the process and learn by doing - sometimes the best method - and we are learning fast!

This event was the big inaugural event for our new pancake grill! Thanks again to John Egan, Wayne Daniels, Doug Milius, Randy Novak, & Jeremy Monnett for partaking in it's construction.

Thanks again to John Eagan as overall event Chairman, and Janet Davidson for food and equipment coordination and procurement. John reported there were a few problems, but overall the event went off as planned.

Thanks again to all the Chapter members who pitched in and helped out!

Note - All photos courtesy of Michelle Hammett.



Miss Oshkosh Chelsea Hammett was again in attendance, shown here with a few of the members in attendance.



Dave Coan and Miss Oshkosh after her airplane ride. Did the crown damage the headliner?



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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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