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## Next Chapter 252 Meeting

December 9<sup>th</sup>

Doors Open at  
5:30 PM

Meeting starts at  
6:00 PM

- Note -

Earlier Start  
Time

(Wear Your Chapter  
Name Badge)

EAA Museum, in the  
“Founders Wing”  
section.

Snacks & treats  
are always appreciated!

## Paul & Audrey Poberezny To Host December Meeting



Dave Weiman, Midwest Flyer

Secretary Janet Davidson has made arrangements with Paul and Audrey to provide us with a tour of the collection of artifacts and memorabilia in the EAA Founders Wing. The collection provides a view into the past of EAA, and the Poberezny family. Each item probably has a good story behind it! **Please note – the meeting starts one hour earlier than the normal.** Come prepared with your questions!



*Maybe we  
can find out  
the story  
behind the  
P.A.F.?*

## Holiday Luncheon & Gathering

**December 11<sup>th</sup> – 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.

## Celebration of Flight Banquet - 2011

Reserve the evening of Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for the Chapter’s annual “Celebration of Flight” Banquet at the Founders Wing in the EAA Museum. It will be a catered meal provided by Sodexo/Ripon College. The cost is \$25.00 for members (including spouse or significant other!) and \$30.00 for non-Chapter members. This is \$5 more than last year, unfortunately expenses for a catered meal have gone up over the years.

The evening will feature guest speaker Rod Hightower, President and CEO of the EAA. Rod plans to cover several topics in his presentation. Expect to learn about the new EAA President, lesser known facts about EAA, plans to expand the Young Eagles program, and an update on EAA’s advocacy efforts.

As with past Chapter 252 Banquets there will be a silent auction, and of course the presentation of the coveted 2011 *Spirit of ELO Award!* Who will it be? Past members include George Rotter, Doc Mosher, Audrey Poberezny, Munsil Williams, to name a few.

**Janet still needs some help!** Contact her if you are able to contribute some of your time.

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**At this time Janet is looking for items for the silent auction.** If anyone has anything they would like to contribute, or if they know of any businesses that might donate items, PLEASE let Janet know. Thank you.

## 2011 Dues Will Be Due Jan. 1

Send \$20.00 to:  
**Bret Steffen**  
 212 Mound Street,  
 Berlin, WI 54923

Dues are payable as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> & must be received before March 31<sup>st</sup> (to avoid being dropped from the Chapter membership).

## December 7<sup>th</sup>! EAA Christmas In The Air Pearl Harbor Remembrance

As EAA recently promoted “A lively holiday atmosphere awaits visitors to EAA’s 27th annual Christmas in the Air next Tuesday, December 7, from 2:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the EAA AirVenture Museum. This free community holiday event features music performed by local groups, and a visit from Santa - by helicopter! Visitors can enjoy free cookies and milk and indulge in chocolate samples provided by local vendors.”

Also, let’s not forget the larger meaning around Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, that being the anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941. A service will be held at approx. 7:45 AM in Vette Theater.

**2010 - 2011**  
**Chapter Calendar**  
*and Wittman Airport Events*

**December 7<sup>th</sup>**

EAA's Christmas in the Air!

**December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter meeting & tour of the Founders Wing, EAA Museum

**December 11<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas luncheon at Munsil's!

**December 30<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter 252 Board Meeting  
 5:30 PM, location TBD

**January 20<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter meeting, with presentation on aircraft owner performed maintenance by Joe Norris.

**February 5<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter 252 Celebration of Flight Banquet in the Founders Wing, EAA Museum

**April 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Wittman Birthday Fly-In Breakfast  
 Wittman Airport Terminal

**Hello From George and CeCe Donaldson!**

Now that we have reached our winter haven in Abbeville, LA. my wife and I would like to say thank you to all the great people in 252. Since we live in our motor coach we have no real home, we spend Nov. through Mar. in Abbeville and then we travel for a month or so and end up at Oshkosh from early May through late Sept. while we work at EAA. Then we travel until Nov. and start the cycle all over again. Since we have no real home we decided to join Chapter 252. I tried to get my wife to go to my first meeting, at Pioneer Airport, with food of course, but she didn't think she would feel comfortable. I finally talked her into going to the Aug. meeting and now she is hooked. She looked forward to the rest of the meetings and events, and enjoyed working at the pancake breakfast. We can't believe the friendliness of your chapter, nothing like my old chapter. So once again let us say thanks for being the great people you are and really making us feel like we belong. We will be looking forward to the May meeting. See you then.

**Welcome New Members!**



**Muffy Bryan** - During our last Chapter meeting, I finally took the time to sit down and talk to Muffy about her background and aviation interests - she had joined the Chapter in early 2010. She lives in Oshkosh with husband, and fellow Chapter member, Hal.

Muffy grew up in the Yakima, Washington area. She recalls getting a helicopter ride at a young age, and during her teen years she had a fondness for the P-51 Mustang. Her dad had earned his Private Pilot certificate, and often took her to the Yakima Air Show with him.

She attended Central Washington University in Ellensburg, WA, and graduated with a degree in Food Science and Nutrition. It was there, in 1993, that she met future husband Hal. Her own interest in flying was reinforced after meeting him, and his job with EAA is what brought them to Oshkosh.

Muffy has taken a pinch hitter type course, and enjoys helping Hal with navigation during their cross-country flights. She looks forward to every flight with Hal, and remembers many interesting experiences they have shared together. For 2011, she is looking forward to participating in more Chapter functions.

**Kelly Nelson** (EAA #787745) - Kelly works for EAA headquarters as an Associate Editor for EAA Publications. She helps select and edit content for EAA Sport Aviation, does some writing, and coordinates the production process.

Kelly's start in aviation came about when she met her boyfriend, Nate, (now husband) while he was attending FVTC. He was a student in the pilot program, and one of his friends gave Kelly her first small



airplane ride. After that she started working at Basler Flight Service and before too long was taking flying lessons herself.

She received her private certificate in 2006. Last year she received a scholarship through Women in Aviation, which paid for her tailwheel endorsement flight training while flying a J-3 out of Hartford this past summer. Recently, she took an introductory flight in a Robinson R44 helicopter, and is hoping to begin work on that rating next spring. Kelly enjoys participating in the Young Eagles program, and is also President of the local Women in Aviation-Oshkosh Chapter.

Kelly also enjoys cooking, baking, and hunting. She and Nate live in Oshkosh with their two-year-old son, Hunter. They are looking forward to building their own plane someday.

**Cecil Streeter** (EAA # 590681) - The EAA Oshkosh Fly-in (Airventure) is what inspired Cecil's interest in aviation. He has volunteered at the main gate membership booth since the mid-1980's. He earned a



Private Pilot certificate and owns a share in a 1978 Cessna 172.

His own focus on aviation has been as an EAA Volunteer, and functioning as an activist/mentor for promoting aviation through various youth programs and activities. Cecil is a member of the EAA Education Advisory Committee. Prior to joining 252, Cecil was a member of Chapter 444 for 10 years.

Cecil retired after 30 years experience as a High School Guidance Counselor at Oshkosh West High School. Presently he is serving as the Chamber of Commerce Education Coordinator.

Cecil's other interests include politics and community service. He is a member of the Oshkosh Southwest Rotary club.

Cecil lives in Oshkosh with his wife Susan. They have two children; Carl (30), and Eric (34).

## President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

As my two year term as Chapter 252 President comes to an end I want to sincerely thank ALL chapter members for making my job easier. Without the efforts of each and every member we could not have accomplished all that we did in the past two years. I am especially appreciative of the chapter board members, Doug Milius – VP, Janet Davidson – Secretary, Charlie Becker – Treasurer and board members, Jim Casper – Chapter Historian, Randy Novak – Newsletter Editor, and Bret Steffen who completed the term of Eric Von (Young Eagle coordinator) upon his passing. Additionally, Aeromart chairmen Jim Kress & Warren Baier, and Pancake Breakfast chairman John Egan. The leadership and dedication to the chapter of all of these individuals are examples of what makes a successful chapter. Many thanks to all of you and the countless others from the chapter that “Made it Happen”

The past two years have had many activities and projects and with the help from everyone the next two years will have at least as much success, and hopefully more. I would like to welcome the new slate for the next two year term of Chapter 252 leadership. Seems I was drafted for another two years as your Chapter President. (My first official act was to proclaim an Executive Order of a term limit of a maximum of two terms at any position!!) Welcome to Charlie Becker as VP, Bret Steffen as Secretary and Al Follendorf as Treasurer! I have also re-appointed board members: Jim Casper as Historian, Randy Novak as Newsletter Editor, and Doug Milius will take over as our Young Eagle coordinator. I also look forward to the continuing leadership of Janet Davidson as our Banquet Chair, Jim Kress/Warren Baier for Aeromart, and John Egan as chairman of our increasingly popular pancake breakfasts! Please give all of these leaders the help necessary for the continued success. Thanks!!

Congrats to members Charlie Becker

## Chapter “Membership Officer” Needed!

The Chapter Board has recommended the addition of a nominated officer who would be responsible for membership promotion and retention. This person would help new members with their applications, and introduce them into the Chapter.

We’re maybe not sure what the title would be – maybe Vice President of Membership, or Junior Vice President?? Here is your chance to create your own job! Contact Wayne Daniels if you are interested. We could use the help!



## Steve Wittman Birthday Fly-In for 2011 Sign Up to Help Now!

Scheduled for **April 2<sup>nd</sup>**! We would like to repeat the good success that we had with last year’s fly-in. A considerable amount of planning needs to take place in the next few months. Cooking pancakes and actually running the event that day is only part of the job.

- Early promotion to magazines and event calendars that serve the mid-West. Some want 4 months lead-time.
- General event promotion, making up posters and flyers, mailings to Chapters, FBO’s, etc.
- Specific event promotion, contacting Tailwind builders, arranging for displays or presenters, etc.

**At this time volunteer’s are needed to help contribute for some of the tasks above. Specifically a volunteer is needed to take the lead on event promotion!**

Please contact the event organizer:

John Egan  
[johnegan99@yahoo.com](mailto:johnegan99@yahoo.com)  
(920-419-5631)

and Barry Elk for the successful airworthiness inspection last week of their Sonex project. The project is a long time effort with many assistants from EAA staff that were introduced to homebuilding. They finished just in time to begin flight-testing in the challenging Wisconsin winter weather! Safe Flights guys!

## Chapter 252 Members Host “Webinars”

Charlie Becker reported that some of our Chapter members would be presenting “Webinars” in the near future. As the EAA site explains, “EAA is now offering a regular series of webinars as a new service to members. These live presentations are informative and interactive, allowing the presenter to use slides and audio, while audience members can ask questions, chat, or be polled for their opinion. Registration is required, and space is limited.

To participate in a Webinar, go to [www.eaa.org/webinars](http://www.eaa.org/webinars) and click the title of any of the presentations offered to register.

Date / Time (CST)	Title	Presenter
12/2/10 7:00PM	Owning and Flying a Homebuilt - What You Need to Know	Joe Norris
12/16/10 7:00PM	Flight Before the Wright Brothers	Adam Smith
1/5/11 7:00PM	Building a Blériot XI	Fred Stadler

## Chapter 252 Board of Directors Meetings

These meetings are open to ANYONE in the Chapter membership who is interested in attending. To facilitate attendance, we will try to publish the date, time, and location of each Board meeting in the Chapter Calendar of each preceding issue of *The Pylon*. Also, look for announcements by e-mail.

## Chapter Building Committee

This committee continues to work towards providing the Chapter Board with a recommendation for a permanent meeting place.

At this time, a planning for a hangar structure is in process, a design that would help to perpetuate the memory of Steve Wittman in the local community.

You, as a member can still help by letting your ideas be known. Please talk to any of the committee members: John Egan, Randy Novak, Wayne Daniels, Charlie Becker, Brett Steffen, Gary Wilson, and Peter Moll.

## Meet Your Chapter 252 Officers for 2011 - 2012

President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer officers are elected, and usually serve a 2-year term. Three additional members are appointed by the president as the Board of Directors, for no specified term. Additional officers may be assigned.

### Executive (elected) Officers

**Wayne Daniels, President** – Wayne (EAA # 693527) returns for another term as Chapter President.

His inspiration for aviation came from growing up in Carpentersville, IL, not far from O'Hare Airport, and spending 4 years in a Navy A-6 Intruder Squadron on USS Enterprise.

Wayne was a career Navy man, 1971-1998 retiring as Chief Petty Officer (Administration). That was followed by 28 years with the US Postal Service. Lately he has worked part-time for EAA's SportAir Workshops; and for Sonex Aircraft in Formed Parts production & Warehouse.

Wayne holds a Private Pilot Certificate with an Instrument Rating. He also holds a Repairman Certificate to maintain his homebuilt Sonex.

He and his wife Kathy live in Oshkosh, on the S.E. corner of Wittman Airport, with one of those "through the fence" agreements leading to their hangar 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven. They have two children, Cheryl & Carla, and 3 grandchildren.



**Charlie Becker,  
Vice-President** -

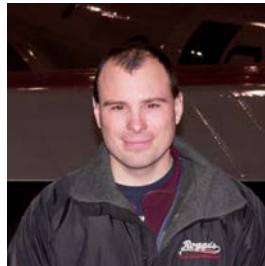
Charlie was the Treasurer for the last term, but returns to the V-P office, one he has held in the past. Charlie (EAA

#515808) and his wife Theresa live in Oshkosh. Charlie works for the EAA as Director of Member Services.

Charlie grew up in St. Louis, MO. 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 is a C.P.A.

Charlie's first airplane was a Fischer 404. He has been involved in a couple of airplane partnerships over the years; Aeronca Champ, Cessna 170, and Piper SuperCub.. Recently he finished a VW powered Sonex, along with several other employees from the EAA staff.

**Bret Steffen,  
Secretary** –  
Brett Steffen (EAA #870589) was first introduced to our Chapter at the November 2008



meeting. Brett is the Principal of Omro High School. He and his wife Heather live in Berlin and have two sons, Ewan and Dylan.

Brett grew up in Reedsburg, WI and remembers listening to stories about his step-grandfather's aviation experiences.

Now Brett is into aviation at full speed. He re-joined EAA in 2008, joined our Chapter, joined the Winnebago Flying Club, earned his Private Pilots Certificate, and recently purchased a Piper Warrior (congratulations!). Brett is also working on a Jr. Ace Project (sweet!).



**Al Follendorf,  
Treasurer** – Al (EAA #841808) lives with his wife Jean in Neenah. They have three children, Joy, Dawn, and Mark. Al is an independent

financial advisor (Follendorf Financial) and specializes in financial strategies for Senior Citizens.

Al earned his Private Pilot Certificate in 1975 after helping to form the LaCrosse Flying Club. The club grew to over 30 members and 3 airplanes. Prior to that he had been a radar technician with the Air Force (69 – 72), and so later used the GI Bill to get his Instrument Rating.

Al is an avid outdoors man; active in hunting, fishing, X-country skiing, kayaking, and just about anything else.

He joined Chapter 252 in 2007 to help him get back into and enjoy flying. He is presently building a Sonex Waiax.

### Appointed Officers Board of Directors

**Jim Casper, Historian** –

Jim and his wife Pauline live in Oshkosh. Jim (EAA #056712) joined 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 retired from Leach Co. in 2005, and started working at Pioneer Airport soon after. Jim and his wife Pauline live in Oshkosh.

*To be continued next month – Young  
Eagles Officer, Newsletter Editor,  
Membership Czar(?)*

## First Flight For EAA Staff Built Sonex - Congratulations!

Charlie Becker recently announced to the Chapter the first flight of their Sonex project! An 8 year project it was the result of input from many EAA employees. Charlie was involved since the beginning. See the full story at: [http://www.eaa.org/news/2010/2010-11-30\\_sonex.asp](http://www.eaa.org/news/2010/2010-11-30_sonex.asp).



*Barry Elk, Charlie Becker, & Joe  
Norris with the Sonex.*

## November Chapter Meeting

Wayne Daniels reviews proper wire terminal crimping.



This meeting went much better than many of us expected. I say that because I usually viewed Chapter 252 interests as more of a social organization. The November meeting had multiple technical demonstrations as the feature presentations for the evening, plus it was election night – and we still had about 32 members and guests in attendance! Visitors in attendance were Jeff Rodgers of Oshkosh, Aaron Novak of N. Fond du Lac, and Joe Cunningham of Manitoba Pass, AK.

Elections went smoothly with minimal time spent by candidates competing for the positions available. The Chapter officers for the next term are President Wayne Daniels, Vice President Charlie Becker, Secretary Bret Steffen, Treasurer Al Follendorf. Members appointed to the Board of Directors are Jim Casper (Historian), Randy Novak (newsletter editor), and Doug Milius (Y.E. Coordinator). There may be additional appointed officers to be announced later.

Janet Davidson is managing the Celebration of Flight Banquet for February 2011. She was not available for an update, but Wayne did announce that she was looking for additional help. So far, Muffy Bryan, Rene' Baier, and Jane Smith have agreed to help – but a few more helpers would be appreciated.

The rest of the meeting was spent with the members breaking out into small groups to see the hands-on technical presentations. Presentations were: Fluid lines and fittings by Charlie Becker, Fabricating nicopress sleeves/control cables by Joe Norris, Fabricating electrical wiring terminals by Wayne Daniels, and Aluminum welding with oxy/acetelyne by Aaron Novak, and building wood ribs by John Egan. Thank you to all the presenters. There were many positive comments all around, and so we can probably look forward to additional technical oriented programs at a few meetings next year. Let us know if you have any requests for particular topics, techniques, etc. Owner maintenance of certified aircraft was one recommendation; let us know what you think about that. *rkn*



Charlie Becker assembles a fluid line assembly.



Aaron Novak demonstrates gas welding aluminum sheet.

**EAA Chapter 252**  
**- Airplane Spoken Here -**



John Egan demonstrates Pietenpol wood rib building techniques.



Joe Norris shows how to inspect for a properly completed nicopress.

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 Community in Oshkosh  
 and the Surrounding Area  
 Since 1965*

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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.

**EAA Chapter 252 - Our Mission Statement**

*A social organization intended to honor the aviation legacy of S.J. Wittman through the promotion of recreational aviation in the Oshkosh and surrounding area. To promote aviation growth & safety through aviation oriented youth programs, public outreach, and member education.*

**What's In It For Me?**

The opportunity to:

- Participate in a family oriented organization where everyone shares a common interest.
- Learn from your fellow members.

**To Learn More About Us**

Contact the officers shown below, or visit the Chapter 252 website at [www.eaa252.org](http://www.eaa252.org). On the website you'll be able to view our past newsletters, check out our calendar of events, and follow links to other related sites.

**Attend one of our monthly meetings.** Held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at various locations. Chapter meetings typically feature guest speakers and other special programs of interest.

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