



# EAA 252 OSHKOSH Steve Wittman Chapter

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## Next Chapter 252 Meeting

**January 14th**

**Doors Open at  
6:30 PM  
Meeting starts at  
7:00 PM**

(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.

Snacks & treats  
are always appreciated!

## 2010 Dues Were Due as of Jan. 1

**Send \$20.00 to:  
Janet Davidson**

**3218 Bellfield Rd  
Oshkosh, WI 54904**

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).

## January Chapter 252 Meeting

Chapter member Jim Casper will provide a presentation on the life and career of S.J. Wittman - pilot, airport operator, and our Chapter namesake.

The presentation will be similar to the one he provided as part of the Wittman birthplace sign dedication in Byron, WI in 2009. Jim's presentation will be supported with reminiscences provided by Bill Brennand, George Rotter, Allen Bonsen, Bob Baier, John Monnett, and others who had a personal connection with the famous pilot.

## Banquet Preparations Continue...



*Chapter officers Wayne Daniels, Doug Milius and Jim Casper work on the silent auction donation list.  
Photo by Peter Moll.*

Thanks primarily to the efforts of event Chairperson Janet Davidson and some of the other Chapter officers, final preparations for the banquet are underway. But there is still more to do.

Contact Janet if you are able to help with either event preparations, or on the night of the banquet.

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## Chapter 252 Celebration of Flight Banquet 2010

EAA Chapter 252, the Steve Wittman Chapter, will host its *Annual Community Celebration of Flight* banquet on February 6, 2010.

The banquet will be held in the "Founder's Wing" of the EAA AirVenture Museum, 3000 Poberezny Rd., Oshkosh, WI. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm with a cash bar followed at 7:00 pm by a buffet meal catered by Sodexo/Ripon College.

The evening will include a "silent auction" of items donated by aviation affiliated businesses or celebrities who have personal interests in aviation. Proceeds from the auction will benefit Chapter 252 projects.



*Maj. Gen. Pat Halloran*

Featured speaker for the evening will be Maj. Gen. Pat Halloran, U.S. Air Force (Retired). Halloran joined the Air Force in 1949 from his home in Minnesota. He flew 100 combat missions in the F-84 over North Korea in 1952. Beginning in 1956 he flew the U-2 high altitude reconnaissance aircraft for over 8 years, accumulating over 1600 hours in that aircraft. He then flew the famous SR-71 Blackbird for almost 8 years. His later Air Force years were spent in command and staff positions, with his

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## 2010 Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

### January 9<sup>th</sup>

Chapter Strategic Planning Meeting  
Batten Board Room, EAA  
8:30 A.M.

### January 14<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 252 Meeting at Sonex  
Narrative of Steve Wittman,  
by Jim Casper & friends

### February 6<sup>th</sup>

Celebration of Flight Banquet  
Location EAA Museum

### March 11<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 252 Meeting at Sonex  
Greg Rasske, Hot Air Ballooning

### April 10<sup>th</sup>

Wittman Birthday Fly-in Breakfast  
Wittman Airport Terminal

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>

## Chapter 252 Strategic Planning Meeting

This past weekend (1/9/10) your Chapter officers and Board of Directors hosted a planning meeting that all members were invited to attend. The meeting went off well with quite a few Chapter members participating (Wayne Daniels, Doug Milius, Bret Steffen, Janet Davidson, Bob Baier, Cindy Boelk, Warren & Rene' Baier, Jim Casper, Mike Goetzman, Chris Ott, Randy & Terry Novak, Charlie Becker, Joe Norris, John Eagan, and Eric Von).

The meeting started at 8:30 A.M. and lasted until about 1:30 P.M., with a short break for lunch. The results of the recent Chapter Survey were reviewed. A good amount of material was discussed which should help to provide direction for the Chapter over the next few years. The work remaining is for the Chapter officers and Board to act upon the recommendations and information that were discussed.

Thank you to the folks at EAA HQ for allowing us to use the boardroom for our meeting. The accommodations were comfortable and we had everything we needed for a productive meeting.



*There was good participation by everyone.*



*Charlie Becker did a good job leading the group through the discussion.*



## Volunteer Support Needed For AEROMART

Planning is already in process for Aeromart 2010.

Interested in helping out? Want to be a part of one of the most popular attractions at AirVenture? Contact Aeromart Chairman Warren Baier at: [skylight97@greenbaynet.com](mailto:skylight97@greenbaynet.com) or (920) 583-3242

## Munsil's ELO Christmas Holiday 2009

Back on December 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter member Munsil Williams hosted the annual Holiday potluck gathering for area pilots and aviation types. As always, the food was great with plenty to go around. This is a popular event with the normal ELO crowd and something everyone really looks forward to. Thanks to Munsil for again putting up with us!



*Chapter members Jim Casper, George Rotter, Norm Petersen, Bill Schlapman, & Wil Schaick*



*Plenty of food to go around.*



*Munsil mingles with friends.*



## President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

I would first like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! May 2010 be safe, prosperous and enjoyable for all. I am hoping that this year will see increased chapter membership as well as continued success for Aeromart and other chapter activities. I would also like to give my sincere "Thanks" to fellow officers (VP – Doug Milius, Sect – Janet Davidson and Treas – Charlie Becker) and board members (Newsletter Ed – Randy Novak, Historian – Jim Casper and YE Coord – Eric Von) for their leadership in the chapter this past year. Additionally two members have really stepped up as event chairs and done a superb job – Jim Kress orchestrated our first year of Aeromart and John Egan with his continuing organization of our Pancake Breakfast/Fly-in's. Many thanks to all of you and other chapter members for work on all of our events. The newest challenge the chapter has accepted is the creation of a Steve Wittman exhibit at the terminal bldg at Wittman Field. This will be co-chaired by Jim Casper and Cindy Boelk. This project is in it's infancy and any contribution and support would be welcomed by Jim and Cindy!

Many thanks to Dennis Moehn and the Fox Valley Technical College staff for a very interesting tour and presentation of the courses available. I heard a large number of compliments on the tour and how members enjoyed it. Seems that one of the more popular areas was the flight simulators. Several members enjoyed a brief flight of the Oshkosh area on the very realistic simulators, and would welcome additional opportunities. I have taken a number of tours at the FVTC campus, but this was the first time to see the extensive welding area. With the increase in manufacturing contracts for Oshkosh Corporation, the demand for skilled welders has also increased. This has resulted in a very high demand for this program with training nearly around the clock. It was impressive to see the many

## S. J. Wittman Museum Planning For Airport Terminal

Members of Chapter 252 and Wittman Airport Manager (and Chapter member) Peter Moll conducted an initial project meeting on 12/16/09. The purposed of the project is to provide a decorative and educational historical display of S. J. Wittman and Wittman airport within the airport terminal building.

Attending were Wayne Daniels, Doug Milius, Jim Casper, Randy & Terry Novak, Cindy Boelk, and Peter Moll. The project goals were discussed and initial action items assigned. Basically, the Chapter and Airport, and EAA HQ, will work together to create a small museum in the old baggage carousel room area. Jim Casper and Cindy Boelk volunteered to serve as co-managers of this project. This promises to be an interesting project, and any members wishing to get involved should talk to Cindy or Jim at a Chapter meeting, or contact one of your Chapter officers.



S. J. Wittman

types of training available.

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. 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! Janet Davidson has agreed to assume the overall chair for the banquet and is accepting volunteers. Currently the highest priority is the solicitation of auction items. Please give Janet a call or email if you can help out here. The featured speaker this year is Pat Halloran, who will share his experiences flying the SR-71 as well as the U-2 high flying reconnaissance aircraft.

2010 dues are now being accepted by Janet Davidson, so please see her ASAP!

## Banquet, *Continued From Page 1*

final assignment in the Pentagon - Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, before retiring in 1983.

A long time EAA member, Halloran also has an extensive background flying vintage and sport aircraft, and was inducted into the Minnesota Hall of Fame in 2006. He is an active member of the EAA, and presently owns and flies a Lancair high performance sport plane.

His presentation for the evening, including a slide show, will be on the U-2 and SR-71 military programs that he was involved with for 17 years.

The banquet is open to the public; you do not need to be a member of EAA. Cost is \$25.00 per person. There is no charge for admission into the museum. Tickets should be purchased by January 25, 2009 and are available from: Chapter 252, %Janet Davidson, 3218 Bellfield Rd., Oshkosh, WI 54904, (920) 232-9238 or gbvfx@hotmail.com.

### Civilian Aviation -

Halloran is a long time EAA member (#2879). He was president of EAA Chapter 1, in Riverside, CA, when they restored Paul Poberezny's "Little Audrey" and donated it to the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh. He was the only person to have flown the restoration. Over the years he has owned about a half dozen various vintage and homebuilt aircraft (Globe Swift, Mustang II, Lovings Love), and presently owns a Lancair 235.

He has accumulated several hundred hours flying "Golden Age of Aviation" replicas from the 1930's such as the 1934 British deHavilland Comet and Tony LeVier's 1938 Firecracker racer, and has flown both of those aircraft at Oshkosh and Sun & Fun air shows.

Halloran holds FAA ratings for Single Engine, Multi Engine, Commercial Pilot and Instrument. He was inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame in 2006. He presently lives in Colorado Springs, and is still actively involved in the EAA and it's activities.

### New Patch For 252

What do you think of this new design? Look for more information at a future meeting.



# CELEBRATION OF FLIGHT!



## Annual Community Banquet

**Open To All Aviation Enthusiasts, and Friends of Chapter 252**

- **Door Prizes!**
- **Silent Auction - proceeds to benefit Chapter projects.**
- **Meet the 2010 "Spirit of ELO" Awardee**

### Featured Speaker:

**Maj. Gen. Pat Halloran**  
U. S. Air Force (Retired)



Hear Maj. Gen. Halloran talk about his experiences flying the famous U-2 and SR-71 aircraft!



Pat Halloran joined the Air Force in 1949 from his home in Minnesota. He flew 100 combat missions in the F-84 over North Korea in 1952. Beginning in 1956 he flew the U-2 high altitude reconnaissance aircraft for over 8 years, accumulating over 1600 hours in that aircraft. He then flew the SR-71 Blackbird for almost 8 years. His later Air Force years were spent in command and staff positions, with his final assignment in the Pentagon - Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, before retiring in 1983.

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### Where:

**EAA's AirVenture Museum "Founders Wing", Oshkosh**

### When:

*Saturday, February 6, 2010*

- Cocktails at 6:00pm (cash bar)
- Catered Buffet at 7:00pm (Sodexo/Ripon College)

**Cost: \$25.00 per person (\$20 for dues-paid Chapter 252 members)**  
**Payment by January 25, 2010 is encouraged for planning purposes.**

**Payment in advance to:**  
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# December Chapter Meeting



*A&P Instructor and Chapter member Dennis Moehn was our primary host for the evening.*

Chapter member Dennis Moehn and the other folks at Fox Valley Tech did a great job supporting our December meeting. We had 22 members (including a few spouses) who attended. Not bad considering the weather.

Janet provided an update of the Banquet planning, and noted she was looking for some help from the membership for the silent auction portion of the project. She also mentioned she had collected quite a few dues for 2010.

Jim Kress provided an update on Aeromart for 2010. He and chairman Warren Baier were seeking a Chapter member to take the lead on providing Aeromart volunteer support. Al Follendorf volunteered, but would like someone else to share part of the duties with him.

John Eagan spoke about the January (30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>) Sport Air workshop. He will be volunteering along with Jim Casper and Wayne Daniels.

John has been working on different ideas for a new Chapter logo, to be presented in detail at a future meeting.

After the business portion of the meeting we were treated to a detailed tour of the campus by Dennis, welding instructor Ben Ceberg, and flight instructors Ben Lefebre and Charlie Mader. Dennis and Ben provided a good look at the aircraft mechanic, avionics, and industrial welding facilities. Ben and Charlie spoke about the flight programs, and even allowed us to do some crash and go's in the school's flight simulators.

The evening was entertaining and educational – and that what it's all about!



*Flight Instructors Ben Lefebre and Charlie Mader provided simulator time.*



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

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