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**Next Chapter
 252 Meeting**

**Sept. 9th
 6:00 P.M.**
**ELO International
 Airport**

**ELO airport,
 otherwise known as
 “Williams” prvt
 airstrip on the
 Chicago sectional is
 located about 8 miles
 SW of Oshkosh,
 along Hwy 44
 between Fisk
 and Pickett.
 It’s on the North side
 of the Hwy, you can’t
 miss it.**



**Chapter Meeting & Corn
 Roast! Sept. 9th
 ELO Airport (Munsil’s)**

September’s meeting is also the Chapter annual corn roast (or is it boil?!). Chapter Board member Jim Casper is planning to furnish sweet corn and beverages, and brats will also be provided. That covers the basics, but we also encourage you to bring a dish to pass – good food is always appreciated!

As with past years, the meeting will be held at ELO Airport, home of Chapter member Munsil Williams. The address is 1211 Williams Road, near Pickett, WI 54964. Take Hwy 44 south and after passing Fisk, take a right on Bonnie View Rd., and another right on Elo Rd., followed by another right on Williams Rd. The cookout will be held in the first farmyard on the right. His airstrip runs parallel to Hwy 44 and lies between Hwy 44 and Williams Rd.



**September 11th
 Fly-In Breakfast**

For this event we have teamed up with the Wittman Airport businesses to make this event an Open House! We’ve tried to do a bit more advertising than for past events, so with good weather we could end up with a pretty good turn out from the public.

Our Chapter mission statement goes something like “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.”

Something like this Open House and fly-in breakfast is a good way to accomplish public outreach, as well as helping to promote our local airport and it’s businesses.

HELP NEEDED!

Contact **John Egan** (johnegan99@yahoo.com, or 920-419-5631). He is the fly-in breakfast organizer, but he needs you to make it work.

9/10/10, Friday night, 6:00 P.M. at the airport terminal – equipment set up.

9/11/10, Saturday, Saturday 6:30 A.M. for volunteers for final set up, cooking, aircraft parking, etc. We will start serving at 7:30 A.M.



Fly-in organizer John Egan provides a project update during the August meeting.

- Last Call -

Young Eagles Pilots (and airplanes) Needed for the Chapter Sept. 11th Fly-in Breakfast

Chapter Y.E. coordinator Bret Steffen needs airplanes and their pilots available to provide rides between 9:00 and 11:00 A.M. **Participating pilots need to plan to attend an 8:30 A.M. on-site pilot briefing.**

Pilots interested in participating – please contact Bret Steffen in advance at bstef@omro.k12.wi.us or (920) 379-8419, to help with event planning.

2010 Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

September 9th

Chapter meeting & Corn roast at
Munsil Williams farm

September 11th

Chapter 252 Pancake Breakfast &
Wittman Airport Open House

October 9th

Chapter meeting & Chili bust cook
out at Wayne Daniels hangar

November 11th

Chapter meeting at Sonex

December 9th

Chapter meeting & tour of the
Founders Wing, EAA Museum

January 20th

Chapter meeting, with discussion on
aviation fuels, at 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](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/fly-ins.htm)

Chapter 252 Plans To Continue With Aeromart In 2011

At the recent Chapter Board
meeting it was agreed that Chapter 252
would again manage the Aeromart
operation with Jim Kress and Warren
Baier as co-Chairmen.

Let your Chapter officers know if you
have an interest in being a part of the
Aeromart team.

Chapter 252 Will Consider a Permanent Meeting Place

Before the end of the year, a Chapter
committee has been tasked with
providing options for the Chapter
members to consider. Specifically,
building a reasonably sized hangar
building or taking over a portion of the
airport terminal building. Look for this
proposal before the end of the year.

New Chapter Officers For 2011

As Wayne has reported in his column,
the standard two year term is expiring.
This means that officer elections will be
held during the November meeting.
Nominations for officers will be discussed
at the October meeting.

Elected positions are President, Vice
President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

All of the other offices, and three
Chapter Board members are appointed by
the President.

If you would consider being nominated
to an elected position, or are interested in
an appointed position, please contact one
of the current Chapter officers.

EAA Webinar To Feature Wittman Buttercup Design

Scheduled for 9/14/2010 at 7:00PM
CDT. This presentation by Earl Luce will
cover the basic design features of the
Wittman Buttercup, as well as construction
tips for the builder.

Earl Luce reverse engineered the
Buttercup plans from the original aircraft
that resides in the EAA AirVenture
Museum.

This is one of the new webinars that
EAA is now offering as a service to
members. These live multimedia
presentations can be educational and are
interactive. They allow the presenter
to use slides and audio, and audience
members can ask questions, chat, or be
polled for their opinion. **Registration is
required, and space is limited. To
register, go to:**

[http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_content
detail.aspx?id=1258](http://www.oshkosh365.org/ok365_content/detail.aspx?id=1258)

Celebration of Flight Banquet 2011

Last year's event was a great success,
and your Chapter leadership intends to
follow up with a "as good as or better
then" event, although it will be tough to
beat last year's event!

The featured speaker has not been
identified. If you have any reasonable
suggestions, contact the event Chairperson
(& Chapter Secretary) Janet Davidson.

As with any of the Chapter events, the
Banquet requires a lot of work. If you are
approached with a request to help, please
consider getting involved. Contact
Banquet Chairperson Janet Davidson.



Wayne & Dan Muxlow at Aeromart 2010

The Muxlow Brothers Aeromart Volunteers

Chapter 252 has had the pleasure to
work with many dedicated and experienced
Aeromart volunteers these past two years,
but for this article I wanted to focus on two
of our volunteers that have been part of the
Aeromart experience pretty much all along
– and then some.

Dan and Wayne Muxlow have been
involved with aviation for their entire lives,
and with EAA since there ever was an
EAA to be involved with. They have been
long time Aeromart volunteers as well,
beginning with the 2nd year of the Green
Bay Chapter operation (the start of
Aeromart) in the 80's, and every year since
then.

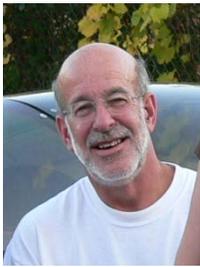
The brothers grew up in the
Bloomington, MN area, the sons of
Kenneth and Lucille. Their father had
become a pilot in 1929 - one of the early
Pietenpol flyers. He had learned to fly in
the Piet and then went on to get his Private
Pilots license in a Velie M5 powered Star
Cavalier (a standard category airplane).

When EAA was still trying to get off
the ground, Ken became an early
supporter, even taking the family to the
1954 fly-in in Milwaukee. Later, the
Muxlow family would camp out at the
Rockford fly-in, and today Dan and Wayne
continue with the tradition by attending
Oshkosh every year. While not a pilot
herself, Lucille was a constant companion
and supporter. She outlived her husband,
and at 100 yrs of age passed away during
Airventure 2009.

Dan learned to fly in and soloed in a
1940 Taylorcraft BC65 (good choice!), and
became a Private Pilot in 1962. He then

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President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

Don't forget our annual corn roast at ELO International (Munsil Williams turf runway east of Pickett). This will be on Sept 9th beginning approx 5pm. Bring a dish to pass please!

For those with some volunteering left, I am sure John Egan would appreciate a call or email for the Sept 11 pancake breakfast that the chapter will hold once again at the Wittman Terminal building. We will also be flying Young Eagles that day, so please contact our YE coordinator, Bret Steffen if you can help there.

October will bring the annual Chili Bash at the 7th Heaven hangar. Start perfecting your best chili recipe now. Additionally, October is the month for chapter leadership nominations. If you would like to serve the chapter in a leadership position or wish to nominate some else please consider attending and making a nomination. Chapter 252 is an active chapter with many activities and some new volunteers are always appreciated to keep us moving forward.

While Chapter 252 has had some excellent Pylon newsletter editors, I think Randy Novak has taken the newsletter to another level. The rest of the chapter leadership feels that way as well and this spring Randy's efforts were submitted to the EAA for the annual major chapter awards which are presented during AirVenture. While not taking home the national recognition, Randy's newsletters were given very high marks. In viewing those newsletters that were awarded we still view the Pylon as a top rate newsletter. Please join me and the rest of the chapter leaders in thanking Randy for an attractive and informative newsletter. In our view the Pylon IS an award winner, and we appreciate all the effort that he puts into it. THANKS Randy!



Chapter Member Eric Von, Dies 9/4/2010

Past Chapter Young Eagles Coordinator, Eric Von, had announced earlier this summer that he would be retiring as an officer of Chapter 252 and moving back to Florida. At the time we assumed, and I think Eric did as well, that he would be entering the retirement phase of his life, and was looking forward to relaxing and enjoying his favorite activities.

However, it was recently reported to the Chapter Board that Eric was in very poor health due to an aggressive cancer and he and his wife Debey were flown to Florida on Thursday (9/2/10), via an EAA airplane and staff member, to be close to home and friends.

Only hours ago, it was reported that Eric passed away this morning.

Coincidentally, the Chapter Board had been discussing the possibility of an aviation scholarship program. At the recent Chapter Board meeting it was decided that out of respect for all of the work that Eric has accomplished to promote aviation through Young Eagles, the Chapter would compliment his work by creating a scholarship program oriented towards helping a Young Eagle further their aviation training.

E-mail messages can be sent to Debey at: von23@earthlink.net. We will try to keep everyone up to date on any further news.

Re-printed here is Eric's introduction as a Chapter officer, originally printed in the December 2008 issue of *The Pylon*.



Eric (EAA 737034) was born in Dayton, Ohio, only about 2 miles away from the Wright Bros. Bicycle shop. His grandfather worked at Wright Field, and his mother did drafting for Aero Products during WWII. He grew up in Cincinnati, OH and took his first flying lessons at Don Fairbanks' Cardinal Air Training at Lunken Airport in Cincinnati where Embry-Riddle and Aeronca were originally located.

After graduating from Ohio State in 1969, Eric worked for American Airlines customer service. He later attended Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach (where he met his wife Debey). After graduating from E.R. with an MBA, he worked at their Aviation Research Center until the mid-1980s. A variety of interesting aviation related jobs and experiences followed until Eric moved to Oshkosh in 2006 to take a position with the EAA.

Eric had previously joined EAA in 2003, becoming an active member of Orlando's Chapter 74 with heavy involvement in the Young Eagles program. Debey also enjoys flying and earned her private pilots license in 2007. Eric and Debey maintain their Florida home and often travel back to Florida.

Start Making Plans For Our October Chili Bash!



Is having an October Chili Bash!!!

This will include a short chapter meeting including Chapter Officer nominations!!

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 9th

Where:
Wayne's hangar

What:
Bring a small batch of your favorite chili. We can either blend it all together or you can offer it separately. Also,

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Dan flying the Weber Extra 300

built a Pitts S1C (which he still has) and now flies his Cessna 210. He also flies an Extra 300S, ferrying the airplane around the country for Tim Weber Airshows. Dan holds Private Pilot and A&P Mechanic ratings.

Dan still has the BC65 after buying it in 1963. In the early 90's he helped author Chet Peek with research for *The Taylorcraft Story*. That experience got Dan interested in the history of his own plane, which makes for an interesting story. As Dan tells it "It was made in Oct 1940 and delivered to Douglas, AZ to T-craft dealer Charlie Mayse. Mayse was a colorful character who lived near Mexico, and was known to run booze (among other things) across the border. Mayse only had the T-craft for 2 weeks when it went to a flying club in Phoenix. One of the club members was T. R. "lefty" Mofford. In later years, he started the Phoenix police department and carried badge #2. He also had a gym/athletic club and would fly to LA weekly to pick up the talent for professional boxing or wrestling matches. He married Rose Perica. You might know her as Rose Mofford. She always had a beehive hairdo and was AZ Secretary of State but became governor in 1988 when then governor Evan Mecham was impeached. Rose and T.R. were divorced in 1957 but she cared for him until he died. Anyway, I thought I would try and call Rose to see if she had any pictures of T.R. and his planes. I talked to her on the day she and then governor Janet Napolitano released the Arizona state quarter. She was a very nice lady but had no pictures." Dan is presently helping a friend research Arizona's aviation history.

Dan worked for Control Data Corp (General Dynamics) in Bloomington, MN for 35 years. Dan worked primarily

on the company's military contracts, providing airborne computer systems for the U.S. Navy. Dan noted that while he was involved in the F/A-18 project, that he "took the first 2 mission computers to McDonnell Douglas in St Louis for the "new" F/A-18 fighter and spent 3 years there until first flight and then went to Pax River, MD for flight test". Later, Dan was with the General Aviation part of the company, but when Control Data Corp was bought out by General Dynamics, that Department was shut down and he was out of work. By that time Dan was tired of snow, and Phoenix sounded interesting. He went to work for Honeywell Commercial Avionics doing the same type of work that he had been doing at Control Data. Many corporate and commercial aircraft now use the communications technology that Dan worked on. After a corporate re-organization, the company wanted to move him to Florida, and so seven years ago Dan decided to retire. Dan still lives in Pheonix with his wife Gail.

Wayne has stayed closer to home, living in Bloomington, MN, and has worked as a Data Processing Manager with Johnson Plastics for 39 years. He is a Private Pilot and owns a collection of airplanes that any antiquer would be envious of: a Piper Pacer, a 65 hp Velie (M5) 113 Monocoupe, and two (yes, 2) Cessna C-34 Airmasters.

The 113 is a rare bird, precursor to the more common Warner powered models that would come later. The type certificate was issued in 1929 to Mono Aircraft Co. of Moline, Illinois. Some people who would later make their own name in aviation worked for that company - Don Luscombe and Clayton Folkerts. Phoebe Fairgrove Omlie worked for the company as a promotional pilot, demonstrating the

aircraft at airshows and air races.

Wayne reports that his Monocoupe had been airworthy up through 2006, but is now going through restoration. When finished it will be black and orange with high-pressure 24x4 tires, making it look very similar to John Hatz's old Monocoupe that is now in the EAA Museum. I recently stumbled across an older article about a Velie Moncoupe being flown at Creve Coeur airport back in 1999 (Creve Coeur Airport, St. Louis, MO is a hot bed of antique airplane activity). After reading through the article I realized that I was reading about Wayne's airplane, and none



Wayne's Velie Monocoupe

other than brother Dan had been at the controls!

Any Cessna Airmaster is a desirable antique airplane, but one of Wayne's Airmaster's has the distinction of being the factory prototype (s/n 254), a plane that their father had purchased in 1948 (Wayne was 6 mos. old when he had his first ride in it). It's a bit confusing as all Cessna aircraft were simply s/n'd sequentially, and Wayne had noted that the previous aircraft (s/n 253) was a model EC-2, the last plane that Cessna built before closing the plant during the depression years.

The C-34's are disassembled right now, patiently waiting their turn for restoration.



The Muxlow family with their prototype Cessna C-34 Airmaster. The photo was taken at the Cessna factory, Wichita, Kansas in 1960. The Muxlow's had been to the Tulsa Antique Airplane Fly-in, and by prior arrangement they stopped into the Wichita plant on the way home. Wayne pointed out that he is the better-looking, younger, short one. Their mom made the custom shirts.



Aeromart General Manager Jim Kress addresses the group, summarizing Aeromart's activities and achievements for 2010.

The Weeks Hangar provides an appropriate setting for a Chapter event, and as always the food was greatly appreciated!



August Chapter Meeting & Aeromart Appreciation Cookout

August 25th was our August meeting, combined with a cookout to show our appreciation to the Aeromart volunteers. The weather was nice. Maybe too nice, as to my eye the turnout seemed a bit low, but then again I did not take a head count.

The food was great, and after we had eaten President Wayne Daniels led us through a Chapter meeting. We did get an Aeromart re-cap from Jim Kress, information about the Sept. corn cookout at Munsil's from Jim Casper, and an update on the Sept. Fly-In planning from John Eagan.

Thank you to Doug Milius and Wayne Daniels for doing most of the cooking and bringing supplies, and thank you to the members who brought a dish to pass! Thank you also to the employees and volunteers of the Weeks Hangar for putting up with us for the evening.



Final Aeromart Activity For 2010

A few weeks ago, the Chapter Board and Aeromart volunteers met at Wayne Daniel's hangar to sort and otherwise prepare all the payment checks for mailing to our Aeromart customers. Thank you to all of you who helped – it made the work go much faster.

The work was followed by pizza supper and a fairly long Aeromart debriefing meeting during which positive and negative aspects of 2010 Aeromart were reviewed and discussed.



An evening was spent stuffing envelopes with sales sheets and checks.



For Membership in Chapter 252

Send \$20.00 to:
Janet Davidson
2781 Fisk Avenue,
Oshkosh, WI 54902

Chapter 252 Name Tags

For those chapter members who do not yet have their nametags, or who never received them, please contact Janet Davidson at gbvfx@hotmail.com or 920 203 0046. They take about 2 or 3 weeks for delivery from when the order is put in.



Newsletters Available At 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. Annual dues are \$20 for all current members of the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA).

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