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## Next Chapter 252 Meeting

Because of the Steve Wittman Birthday Fly-In Breakfast there will be **NO** regular Thursday meeting for the month of April.

**The next regular meeting will be May 12th.**

## No Chapter Meeting For April

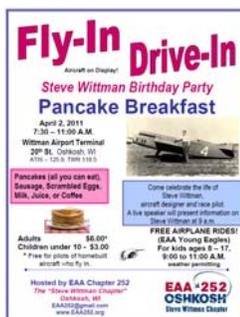
However, if you feel so inclined, you are always welcome to sit in on the Chapter Board of Directors meeting: **April 28<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 PM, EAA Lunch Room.**

## Spring (S.J. Wittman Birthday) Pancake Breakfast is a Success

By  
*John Egan, Fly-In Event Coordinator*

The success of our spring event provides testament that our chapter members, family and guests were ready and willing to turn out to support our yearly Steve Wittman Birthday Celebration and Pancake Breakfast. After days of grounding weather, the skies cleared enough for folks to fly in to KOSH for an early aviation venue.

Our morning started with a group of 30 EAA chapter members from around the country who were in town to attend an EAA chapter leadership seminar. After breakfast, many of the leadership participants sought out our rotary grill to better understand the workings of



it, and to take photos with hope to build one of their own. The chapter leaders will take what they learned from our proven processes to host fly-ins at their home airports.

This event was our sixth time at the Wittman Terminal Building and our dedicated volunteers have become well accustomed to the tradition. Our pancake cooks decided to move their cooking operation in doors which provided a cozy and effective work space for themselves out of the wind,

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## International Learn To Fly Day – May 21<sup>st</sup>.

As part of EAA's INTERNATIONAL LEARN TO FLY DAY ([www.learntofly.org](http://www.learntofly.org)), Chapter 252 is hosting a special celebration – social get together and cook out at the EAA's Weeks Hangar on 20<sup>th</sup> st.

It could be described as a mini fly-in, or maybe a Young Eagles event for youth of all ages. Information will be available about how someone can obtain his or her pilot's license.

Chapter members who have aircraft are encouraged to bring them along. If weather permits consider providing a flight to a fellow non-flying member, or perhaps a visitor who may be interested in pursuing an aviation experience.

Visitors who go for a flight will be offered a complimentary, 6-month membership in EAA (with full membership benefits). We may even be able to pick up a few new Chapter members.

Look for more information about this Chapter event in the next issue of the *Pylon*.

## Young Eagles Activity At The Birthday Fly-In

*By Doug Milius, Y.E. Coordinator*

The first Young Eagle rally of 2011 for Chapter 252 was a resounding success due to the efforts of our chapter volunteers. Ground volunteers Chuck Lucas, Steve Owen, Warren Baier and Bob Blake helped with the ground flight line operations and paperwork. Pilots, Bill Corley, Gary Geisler, Steve Schapiro, Adam Smith, Brett Steffen, and Scott Wilson donated their planes and piloting skills to fly 33 Young

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**We Want You!**



**As An Aeromart Volunteer**

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

**April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter Board Meeting, 5:30 PM  
EAA HQ Lunch Room

**April 30<sup>th</sup>**

8 AM till noon, FVTC fly-in  
breakfast. Seminar at 10:00 AM.

**May 12<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter 252 meeting. Wittman  
Airport Control Tower.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>**

International Learn To Fly Day  
EAA Weeks hangar 10:00 AM to  
1:00 PM, Chapter participation TBD

**June 9<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter 252 meeting, at Sonex,  
Pat Keesler on the Tailwind

**June 18<sup>th</sup>**

Young Eagles Rally, details TBD

**July 14<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter 252 meeting, Float Plane  
Flying, location to be confirmed

**July 23 – 30<sup>th</sup>**

Aeromart, Chapter 252 function

**August 17<sup>th</sup>**

Aeromart Thank You cook-out at  
EAA Weeks hangar, 20<sup>th</sup> St.

**September 8<sup>th</sup>**

Corn roast at Muncil Williams,  
Elo International Airport

**September 10<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter 252 Pancake Breakfast  
Wittman Airport

**October 15<sup>th</sup>**

Chili dump at 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven,  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**November 10<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter 252 meeting,  
Hands-on building tips?

**December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Chapter 252 meeting, topic TBD

**January 12, 2012**

Chapter 252 meeting, topic TBD

**February 4, 2012**

Celebration of Flight Banquet  
(date to be confirmed)

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)

**Newsletters Available 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.

## Welcome New Members!

Chapter 252 continues to grow in size. This month we are introducing two new members. We have more – but sometimes it takes a while for me to prepare the introduction materials.

NEW MEMBERS – please get those questionnaires returned to me – Thank You.



Chapter member Jane Smith (EAA 832265) is another one who joined during the past year. She was previously mentioned in the *Pylon* for her part in helping to manage the recent Celebration of Flight Banquet this past February.

Jane grew up in and went to school in Neenah. She worked for the State Senate

in Madison, then joined the Navy for the adventure, serving as a Naval Officer. She has spent time in Newport, RI; Virginia Beach, VA; and Laramie, WY. While in Wyoming she worked for a non-profit organization, a Church, and the University of Wyoming. Eventually she would return to Neenah and as she says "...was lucky enough to find my dream job at EAA".

Jane's introduction to aviation came about as her former husband was a pilot (CFI) and they owned several airplanes together. "When I was married to my pilot husband, aviation took over his life. I started going to the hangar with him to spend time with him and met lots of great folks. I took a few flying lessons and a Pinch-Hitter course but knew I wasn't interested enough to get my license. I still have no desire to be a pilot, but I am learning that I like to be around airplanes (and airplane people!). I have been lucky enough to have a ride in the Ford Tri-Motor, the B-17, and the Goodyear Blimp."

Jane's hobbies include: reading, scrapbooks, card making, and cooking.



Heather Gollnow is another newer member who joined a couple of months ago.

She started flying in 1997 at the age of 19. She is an active pilot and holds a Commercial ASEL, Instrument & CFI ratings. She plans to work on her Instrument CFI next, and would eventually like to get a seaplane rating.

Her interest in airplanes and flying began when her kindergarten class took a field trip to Clintonville Airport. There were no pilots in her family, but perhaps more important was that they supported her interest and would take her to the EAA

Fly-In, various aviation youth programs – and as Heather says "listening to me babble about airplanes!". Heather reports that she does some aviation-related writing (*I see a newsletter piece in the future! – m*). She is also active in promoting women to aviation, and recognizes that even if they don't become pilots themselves – it's important that they support the people in their lives who have a passion for aviation.

Heather presently works for ITT Technical Institute in Green Bay as the Chair of the School of IT, where she provides oversight for all of their IT programs. She is continuing her own education and is working on a PhD in Information Technology. Heather has agreed to help out with the Chapter and Aeromart websites.

Heather presently lives in Menasha. Her other hobbies include working out at the gym. She also enjoys traveling and plans to visit all 50 states and all 7 continents - "I'm an adventurous person and am always up for something new!".

# President's Message

# Chapter 252 Board Meeting 3/24/2011



By Wayne Daniels

Now that the weather is beginning to improve and nice flying days are around the corner it's time to brush off the rust if you have not been flying during the winter months. I know we had a nice day a couple weeks ago, when I pulled the Sonex out of the hangar and we got familiar again! Did some air work and several take-off's and landings to sharpen up the skills again before taking any passengers. You may want to consider that also if you don't get much winter flying!!

April 2 was our annual Steve Wittman birthday celebration. We again conducted our pancake breakfast and Young Eagle flights, and we had quite a few members assist with set-up, cooking, serving etc., under the guidance of Chairman John Egan. Thanks to those who helped with Young Eagle flights or ground operations, which was managed by our Young Eagles Coordinator, Doug Milius. Good weather was requested, and while not the greatest - it was good enough. Thanks to our awesome volunteers who once again stepped forward!!

The Chapter 252 meeting May meeting will be on Saturday May 21, from 10:00am until 1:00pm in conjunction with International Learn to Fly day. This event is a relative of the Young Eagle's effort, but is aimed at introducing anyone to the fantasy of flight. The Chapter is planning a cook-out and intro flights at the Kermit Weeks hangar. If you can't be there, at least introduce a friend or neighbor to aviation with a flight, or just a "bull session" about aviation. Hopefully we can help grow our passion, and get aviation's numbers back to where they were several years ago. Please see any of the Chapter officers if you would like to help out. It would be nice to get a count of those interested in participating as well.

2011 Chapter membership should have been renewed in January, so if you maybe missed that, please send your check and updated information to the Chapter Secretary, Bret Steffen. Please do renew

## - SUMMARY -

by Randy Novak, Newsletter Editor

Meeting attendees: Wayne Daniels, Charlie Becker, John Egan, Terry Novak, Doug Milius, Janet Davidson, Al Follendorf, Rene Baier, Cole Baier & Bret Steffen (conferenced in). Called to order at 5:30PM

## Meeting Notes -

### Pancake Breakfast -

Doug will pick up the pancake batter. Wayne will check to see if he has the gas grill in his hangar. Randy will send out a reminder to Chapter members about set up and helping the day of. Set-up time on Friday is 6 PM. Saturday starts at 6:00 PM with final set up and start of cooking. Jim Cunningham is scheduled to give a presentation on Steve Wittman.

### Young Eagles -

Doug has asked EAA to provide the status of our YE credits account. Doug has been trying to find out if the Chapter has a YE banner stored somewhere.

### International Learn to Fly Day -

Our activity will be held at the EAA Weeks Hangar. This was approved by EAA. No specific plans as yet.

### Correction for next newsletter -

The 2011 Aeromart appreciation picnic on August 17<sup>th</sup> will be at the EAA Weeks Hangar, not at Wayne's hangar.

### New On-Line Membership Roster -

Charlier reviewed the database. We compared last year's mailing/membership list to this new one, noting the discrepancies. Charlie will follow up with members who have not paid their 2011 dues - some are active members. Bret Steffen noted that his preferred e-mail address is [bretsteffen@me.com](mailto:bretsteffen@me.com).

your Chapter membership, and while you do that, why don't you bring along a potential new member to our next meeting!

### Omro High School -

Bret reported that he has the Omro High School builders club project started. Randy will ask him for a future write up for the newsletter.

### May 12<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting -

Janet will confirm, but the plan is to have the meeting in the Wittman control tower. She will confirm the arrangements.

### Hangar Location Committee -

No update available.

*These meetings are open to ANYONE in the Chapter membership who is interested in attending. Please advise Wayne Daniels if interested.*

## Joseph Becker

4/18/21 - 4/8/11

We regret to report that Chapter Vice President Charlie Becker's father recently passed away. He served in WWII and Korea in the US Navy, retiring as Captain. He graduated from CBC H.S., Notre Dame University and St. Louis University Law School. He was a private pilot, skier and gentleman farmer. He is survived by his wife Dorit; brother Charlie (Ellen); daughter Ann; sons Joseph (Shelly) and Charlie (Theresa); and several grandchildren.

## Promoting the legacy of S.J. Wittman



*Just in time for the Birthday Fly-In, Photos and information about S.J. Wittman and his flying career were on display for our guests to see.*

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



**Young Eagles,**  
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Eagles for the Chapter.

The day started off gloomy with rain showers in the area. A decision was made by the pilots around 8:30 am to give it a try after Scott Wilson said the visibility and ceiling was good when he flew his Skyhawk down from Appleton. This set the process in motion and parents and



*Doug watches as Y.E. candidates fill out their application forms.*

eager kids waited patiently for their turn to take to the skies above Oshkosh. Thanks to the help of the ground crew the paperwork was well organized and kids were matched up with their pilots. Nervous apprehension soon turned to excitement as the kids were introduced to their pilots. All the pilots acted in a professional manner as they were led to their planes by the able ground crew of the chapter.

Wide grins were on the kids faces as they came back to the terminal and stories abounded as they related their flight experiences to their parents or grandparents. The now veteran Young Eagles each received a Young Eagle certificate signed by their pilots and a log



*Gary Geisler explains control surface function to a Y.E. applicant.*



# FOURTH ANNUAL

## Pancake Breakfast Fly-In



Join us for our fourth annual fly-in/drive-in breakfast  
We will be hosting an open house and safety seminar  
Come for the food...Stay for the fun!

**Saturday April 30th, 2011**  
**8 AM to Noon**  
**Airport Identifier: KOSH**

Menu:  
Pancakes  
Hash Browns  
Scrambled Eggs  
Bacon, Ham & Sausage  
Fruit & Baked Goods  
Coffee, Juice, Milk, & Water  
Cost: \$8.00

(RSVPs are appreciated to [huss@fvtc.edu](mailto:huss@fvtc.edu))  
(See reverse side for directions)

**Safety Seminar**  
**10AM to 11AM**  
**The Approach & Landing Challenge**  
**Room 104A**





book provided by Sporty's to evidence their first flight. Adam Smith even received his first hug from one of his Young Eagles!

All in all, it was a great morning and the most important aspect is that it was a safe event thanks to all the ground crew and pilots! Our next chapter organized event will be at our fall fly in. As always, we are looking for volunteers for ground operations and for pilots to fly Young Eagles. By the way, we did have one special guest, Miss Oshkosh, who was flown by the lucky pilot, Scott Wilson.

## Room(s) Wanted For AirVenture 2011

We received word that a father and son homebuilding team from Switzerland are looking for a couple of rooms in the

Oshkosh area during the week of Airventure. They are Hans and Samuel Gantschi, they come with a good reference. They have made the trip before, and are looking forward to attending again this year.

You can learn a bit about them, their business, and their Hatz Biplane project at <http://www.aeroplaneworks.ch>.

If you have any interest in biplanes, especially the Hatz, you'll want to check out pictures of their project. They are doing some very interesting things with their project. With a Rotec radial engine and high pressure Bendix-type wheels, it doesn't look like any other Hatz I've ever seen.

If you have rooms, please pass the information along to the Newsletter Editor (contact info on last page) and I'll pass the information along.

# Spring Fly-In, *from page 1.*

and close to handy utilities. By the end of the morning, our cooks grilled over 800 pancakes, our food preparers cracked and scrambled over forty dozen eggs, grilled over 500 sausages, and our coffee counter served over 500 cups of coffee and juice to feed over 240 guests. The majority of our guests drove in which highlights the need for us to advertise using posters and newspapers. All chapter members can help the success of this event by hanging posters locally. During every breakfast, we have a friendly visit from our area health inspector. By the cooperation and good practices of our cooks and servers, we have developed ourselves as a "model organization of meeting compliance" according to our health inspector.

Through the large bank of windows facing the airport tarmac, many guests watched airplanes come and go. Throughout the morning, a contingency of airplanes were parked in front of the windows, including our own Young Eagle volunteers who offered rides to kids. Without our Young Eagle volunteers, our event would lack a very important component enabling people to become closer to aviation. The intent of our spring breakfast is to celebrate the birthday of our own Steve Wittman through an aviation event, to engage people in aviation, and to support our chapter goals through a fund raising event.

All 36 participating members and family should be very proud of the success we are enjoying during our breakfast events due to the work and dedication offered from our friends and members.



*The Chapter members and family members handled all of the jobs like pros.*



*Miss Oshkosh, Veijzahn Knight, was kind enough to stop by to spend some time with us, and even went along on a Young Eagles ride!*

*photos by Randy Novak*



*John Monnett pointing out design attributes of the Onex.*



## EAA Chapter 252's March Meeting At Sonex

We had about 29 people in attendance, including 4 guests. Wayne led a round the room introduction and members provided updates on their projects, flying activities, etc. John Egan talked about the upcoming fly-in and passed around a series of visual aids that he had created to help make the fly-in equipment set up and organization more consistent. Egan stressed how smoothly the fly-in breakfasts have been going, and he gave credit to the high level of participation from Chapter members. Jeremy Monnett was not able to attend, and so John Monnett talked about the development of the Onex, the testing they performed during development, and the flight testing. A very enjoyable evening. Our thanks John and Sonex for being our hosts.



See!...if you push real hard you can make it go "boink"!

*Fred Stadler tries on the Onex for size.*



The Chapter Aeromart Committee has been meeting regularly, and has the follow update to report this month.

### Boxes and Bags –

Aeromart could use a quantity of good quality cardboard boxes, about the size of a bank box or maybe a bit larger. We are requesting Chapter members to save boxes, and plastic shopping bags, for use by our customers at Aeromart. Janet Davidson

has agreed to store them for us until they are needed. Note - collapsing the boxes will make storage easier for Janet, so please do so if you can before delivering them. Bring your boxes and bags to any future Chapter meeting between now and July.

### Team Leaders –

Aeromart Chairman Warren Baier has organized the Aeromart leadership into areas of responsibility, with a team leader/manager assigned for each.

**Warren Baier** – Chairman  
**Jim Kress** – Co-Chairman  
**Rene Baier** – Front Desk Operations

**Bret Steffen** – Volunteer Operations  
**Al Follendorf** – Food Operations  
**Randy Novak** – Advertising and P.R.  
**Wally Ingram & Cole Baier** – Gator Ops  
**Matt Essman** – Security  
**Jim Kress** - Set up & Tear down

Each of these people will be looking for other Chapter members to be part of their group. If you are interested in being part of a particular aspect of Aeromart, please contact the respective team leader.



# Member Application and Renewal Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

EAA#: \_\_\_\_\_ EAA Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Active EAA Division Memberships (Please Circle): VAA WOA IAC NAFI None

Active Pilot (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_ Ratings/Certificates: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Day Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Aircraft Owned/Restoring/Building: \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer for Young Eagles events? (Y/N): \_\_\_\_\_

What other chapter activities interest you? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Chapter Join Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Taken and Recorded By: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit your annual dues of \$20, payable to "EAA Chapter 252" to:

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## EAA Chapter Membership Dues Receipt

Payment Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Method: \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Accepted By: \_\_\_\_\_ Chapter Member Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**EAA Chapter 252 - Our Mission Statement**

*A 501c3 non-profit 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.** Usually scheduled for 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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