



**Next Chapter
 252 Meeting
 August 17th**

**EAA Chapter 252
 Meeting &
 Aeromart
 Volunteer
 Appreciation
 Cookout**

**August 25th
 6:00 PM
 EAA Kermit Weeks
 Flight Research Center**

(Wear Your Chapter
 Name Badge)

If able, bring a dish to pass.



**Volunteer Appreciation
 Cookout!**

The Chapter Officers intend to use the August meeting to show its appreciation to all the Aeromart volunteers who helped to make 2011 a successful event. Plus, we will have access to view the various projects at the Weeks Hangar!

**Wednesday, August 17th
 6:00 PM to 9:00PM**

**EAA Kermit Weeks Flight Research Center
 20th Avenue, Oshkosh
 Fly-in or drive-in!**

The purpose for the cookout is to express the Chapter's appreciation to our Aeromart volunteers. [Other Chapter Members, please consider bringing a dish to pass.](#) The Officer's would be very grateful for the help. Thank you.

- A Special Presentation -

Janet Davidson told us that a Pipistrel Taurus G4 has been staying in the CR Meyer hangar for a few weeks. The crew said they would be very happy to bring to the Weeks hangar for the post-Aeromart cookout & give a short presentation on the aircraft and their project.

A Slovenian company, they brought the aircraft to the USA for an electric aircraft competition, the **2011 CAFE/NASA Green Flight Challenge**. Information about the aircraft & the competition can be found at <http://www.pipistrel-usa.com/newsletters/newsletter-56/newsletter-56.html> and also at <http://www.sportaviationonline.org/sportaviation/201107?pg=35#pg35>

Janet reports the crew was looking to store it after AirVenture where they could work on it, and the test pilot could take it through the FAA required 10hrs of flying. With a 70+foot wingspan, CR Meyer's hangars were a good option.

The plan is for the primary pilot and 2 additional pilots to fly 10 hours each, as the GFC race in California requires that there are 3 pilots available to fly the aircraft. See page 2 for a photo!

**Our Chapter Continues
 the Tradition of a Fall
 Pancake Breakfast**

By John Egan

Let's hope for a sunny fall day to hold our annual pancake breakfast and Young Eagle event on **Saturday, September 10**. This will be our seventh breakfast to be held at the Wittman Terminal Building.

Our volunteers continue to develop improvements when running these events, and your help is needed and appreciated. For those who may enjoy going on a food buying spree, we have a short list of food to purchase the day before the event, as well as an opportunity for a person to participate in advertising.

Please contact either myself or a chapter board member if you would like to help. As usual, we will need 22 chapter members to work the event such as cooks, food servers, airplane parkers, baristas, and cash box tenders.

As always, we will be setting up on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the terminal building. Set up only takes about two hours. We will then meet again on Saturday morning at 6:30 a.m. to start cooking, followed by dining and flights for Young Eagles.

Contact john egan at 920-419-5631 or e-mail 1smilingmoon@gmail.com

Our fly-in does not draw in a large number of aircraft, so we depend on drive-in attendance from the local community.

Page 5 is a full size poster of the fly-in. Please print off some copies and display around your local area.



*August 19th National
 Aviation Day, Since 1939
 Celebrates the Birthday
 of Orville Wright.*



2011
Chapter Calendar
and Wittman Airport Events

August 17th

Aeromart Thank You cook-out at
 EAA Weeks hangar, 20th St.

September 8th

**Chapter corn roast at 7th Heaven
 Wayne Daniels Hangar, 6 PM**

September 10th

Chapter 252 Pancake Breakfast
 Young Eagles Flights
 Wittman Airport

October 15th

Chili dump at 7th Heaven,
 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

November 10th

Chapter 252 meeting,
 Hands-on building tips?

December 8th

Chapter 252 meeting, topic TBD

January 12, 2012

Chapter 252 meeting, topic TBD

January 28, 2012

Chapter 252's annual
 Celebration of Flight Banquet

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>

- NOTICE -

The Newsletter is short this month –
 due to other responsibilities and
 obligations during these summer
 months. Thanks to everyone who
 contributed stories!

**Michigan EAA
 Pancake Grill Is Up
 and Operational!**

*Another example of how EAA Chapters are
 capable of working together to help each
 other.*



*Michigan EAAers break-in their new
 griddle.*

Chapter member John Egan was the primary builder of our rotating pancake griddle. John recently reported that he had been contacted a few times by an EAAer who wanted to build a similar griddle for their Chapter in Michigan. John had provided photos as well and design suggestions, options, etc.

Recently that Michigan EAAer contacted John again saying – ...thank you for all the information sent. Had great success with the grill, I wanted to finish the grill for 865's fly-in in Nov. But everyone kept getting stuff for the grill, so I figured better put it together for the June 26 Fly in. With only 2 weeks and very little spare time I finally finished at 8PM June 25, loaded on truck with help from two other members and finished up at 10 PM. At 6 AM on the 26th we lit the fire, the crowd started at 6.30 and didn't slow down till 11.30 we used **70 gallons** (now that is good attendance!) of hot cake batter. If we had used the old grill we would still be cooking. Thank you. Bob Crowley Chapter 865.



*The electric
 powered
 Pipistrel
 Taurus G4.
 Yes, that is all
 one airplane.*



**Young Eagle Rally
 9/10/11**

By Doug Milius, Y.E. Coordinator

September 10th is the date of our Chapter 252 fall pancake breakfast. Along with the pancakes we are planning another Chapter Young Eagle rally. I will need volunteers to work as ground support (paperwork and flight line ops) and pilots with planes to fly the Young Eagles. Please contact me by the end of the month of August if you can help out. If I don't hear from enough Chapter members, I will be contacting people by phone.

At our last rally we had a good turn out of pilots but I could have used a few more people to help with the flight line ops. The rally will last from 8:30 to noon. **A general briefing will be held at 8:30 and flights will start at 9:00 am.**

We have been donated the use of a computer and flight simulator software by Mike Potepinski (thanks Mike!). I am planning on having this available for the kids to use while they wait for their flights. I would also like to have a plane available that is not flying Young Eagles for a member to preflight and show the kids the different parts of a plane prior to their flight. I am also going to contact Gleim Flight products for appreciation prizes for all of our volunteers.

A couple of other things I wanted to mention are; if you sign up for a Conoco Phillips credit card and use it for your Young Eagle fuel purchases you can get \$1.00 off per gallon of avgas. I am also going to try to get some donations from local aviation enthusiasts to go towards Young Eagle fuel purchases. I will keep you posted on this.

Thanks to all who have helped in the past and I look forward to seeing you on September 10th.

**EAAChapter 252
 - Airplane Spoken Here -**

President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

With both AirVenture and Aeromart 2011 in the books, it's time to take a deep breath and see what all Chapter 252 has accomplished! Words are simply not enough to thank everyone who had a part in the set-up, operation and tear-down/cleanup of what is clearly the chapter's largest project of the year. So if you were involved we would like to thank you with an appreciation cookout on Wednesday, August 17th @ 6pm. The cookout will be at the EAA Weeks Hangar, and feature standard Wisconsin faire of burgers/brats with the trimmings and beverages to wash it down!

Set-up went without a hitch on Tuesday July 19th with many members pitching in to get everything set-up in less than anticipated time. Many members may not be aware, but the Chapter was unable to obtain a "loaner" trailer as in the past from C.R. Meyer as they had all of theirs in use - business is good for someone!! Many thanks to them for the past usage of their equipment. A bit of checking around by Warren Baier revealed rentals for about \$650/week, and then he discovered one for purchase on Craig's List for just \$750. With some additional purchased items and a number of Chapter volunteers we spruced it up and it is now permanent EAA252 property. Specifically I want to personally thank Bob Baier for shooting a coat of paint on it that improved it's "curb appeal" 100%. Additionally a well deserved pat on the back to George Donaldson, for his expertise in bringing all the wiring up to date and far safer than it was. George also secured a second air conditioner, which was much appreciated by those who input data, counted deposits and prepared daily lunch (big thanks also to Al Follendorf and his "Diner Crew" for the great meals enjoyed by all of our volunteers!)

Thanks go out to Jim Kress and Warren Baier for their chairmanship of the project. They overcame the few issues that we had (mother nature always has to make a statement!) quickly. Rene Baier, Terry

I have no meeting notes from the July Chapter Board of Directors meeting – as there was none.

However, below are meeting notes from the recent Wittman Airport Committee meeting. Let me know if you want this to be a regular column.

Winnebago County Aviation Committee Meeting

By Terry Novak

Wednesday, August 10, 2011 at the Terminal Building Conference Room.

Prior to the start of the meeting I did hand out copies of the Chapter Fly-In posters to all of the Committee members and others in attendance.

Public Comments : Mike Potopinski spoke regarding a letter he had received from Airport Director, Peter Moll. The letter is being sent to inform tenants of a change in billing procedure. Effective June 1, 2011, the Finance Department will no longer send invoices for rent due nor receipts for payments. Notices will be sent for payments that are 30 days past due.

Airport Director's Report

Budget: The 2011 airport budget is "on track" with land rental income ahead of what was expected. \$25K has been spent on promotion and website updates. Wittman is the home of and a sponsor of "The Aviators", a TV series in its third season, and is aired on PBS.

Novak, and John & Mollee Egan are currently auditing all of the tags, inventory, and computer files to clear up any discrepancies and solving any mysteries that always seem to pop up following the hectic week. Their detective work should have everything in order to begin issuing checks to vendors within the next week or so.

In the mean time, a few preliminary numbers indicate at least equal business as 2010 with the following:

- 6500 tags sold
- 3500 consigned items sold for approx \$163,000
- 293 Chapter 252 items sold for \$3220

We will confirm all those numbers through the audit and hopefully have a final report for the Volunteer Appreciation Cookout on August 17. Again, a sincere THANK-YOU to all who had a part in a successful Aeromart 2011! WELL-DONE!

Property Acquisition: The airport and county continue negotiations with the Brennand family to purchase property that abuts the airport.

AirVenture – FAR Part 139 review: Wittman Airport obtained a temporary Part 139 certification for AirVenture. This was necessary to allow two charter operations, Jet Blue and the Honor Flight. There were no issues with the Jet Blue operation. The Honor Flight encountered a few problems. The aircraft arrived at 6am when the tower opened and had to deal with "non-contact" aircraft trying to depart before a thunderstorm. Upon returning from D.C., the plane was scheduled to land after the air show. There was debris on the runway from airshow pyrotechnics and apparently EAA had not delegated anyone to clean it up. Wittman staff and the FAA inspector responsible for overseeing the Part 139 did the clean-up.

Field Lighting Emergency Generator Upgrades: Committee voted to transfer money from several other funds to increase the budget for needed upgrades to the emergency generator.

Perimeter Road and Fence Project: So far about \$217,000.00 has been spent for the perimeter road and fence study.

Chairman's Report: Kathy Lennon mentioned the September 10, Chapter 252 Fly-in breakfast. She asked committee members to help spread the word to the County Board and encouraged them to attend.



Chapter Meeting & Corn Roast! Sept. 8th at 6 PM

September's meeting is also a cook out! Chapter officers are planning to furnish sweet corn, brats and beverages. That covers the basics, but a dish to pass is always appreciated!

This year the corn roast will be at Chapter President Wayne's hangar, called 7th Heaven, located on the West end of taxiway Delta. By car: 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.

Aeromart 2011!




Chapter Treasurer Al Follendorf and crew kept the rest of the volunteers well fed. Pictured is Al with his daughter Joy.



We all looked forward to lunch!

News from the front... Well, another Aeromart event has come and gone, and we did prevail to the end – and with only minor casualties.

To the handful of Chapter members who were there almost every day, the officers and members of the Aeromart Committee owe you a big thank you. More on our Aeromart volunteers in the next issue of the Pylon.

The Committee has a final meeting to issue and mail the vendor checks, review comments and suggestions from the volunteers, and review the general operations during this past event.



Set up went smoothly thanks mostly to our additional experience and the help of many volunteers from both within and outside of the Chapter.

This was the view outside the tent at about 8 AM Tuesday morning. The early birds had been waiting since a little before 5 AM.



It isn't just geezers who work at Aeromart. Pictured above is Krystie Kettlewell of Omro High School, one of several students that Bret Steffen had arranged with to help.

Opening Day! And first through the door was David Nance of Richmond, VA. Dave is an experienced Aeromart customer who is typically near the front of the line. He says he often sees the same people in line year after year. Aeromart is an important part of Dave's visit to AirVenture, stating "If there was no Aeromart I wouldn't bother coming to Airventure, even if someone gave me a free day pass". Dave reported he had been waiting since before 5 AM, and had enjoyed watching the space station pass overhead..



And there was Jimmy Kobler from down around Chicago, who came to help along with his grandpa - Chapter member John Weber.



Then there were the parts – and the people – lots and lots of parts – and people.

Wittman Airport

Fly-In Drive-In

Pancake Breakfast



Wittman Airport Terminal

20th St., Oshkosh, WI

ATIS – 125.9, TWR 118.5

September 10, 2011

7:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Free Admission!

- Displays Provided by Wittman Airport Businesses!
- Learn How the Airport Works!
- Aircraft on Display!

- FREE! -

AIRPLANE RIDES!
For kids ages 8 – 17
(EAA Young Eagles)
9:00 to 11:00 A.M.



Pancakes (all you can eat),
Sausage,
Scrambled Eggs,
Milk, Juice, or Coffee

Adults \$6.00*

Children under 10 - \$3.00

* Free breakfast for pilots of homebuilt aircraft who fly in.

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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. 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 2nd Thursdays at various locations. Chapter meetings typically feature guest speakers and other special programs of interest.

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