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**Next Chapter
 252 Meeting
 December 8th**

**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!

**December Meeting
 - Airspace &
 Communications -**

At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting we will have a program oriented towards the piloting/flying aspect of aviation.

Chapter member Jim Kress (CFII) will provide a presentation/refreshers on airspace classifications. Along with that, he will include the topic of communications. Jim reported “The communication talk should be beneficial to both pilots and non-pilots as knowing how to communicate over an aircraft radio can be crucial in an emergency. The same is true for airspace as it is always beneficial to know where one is flying.”

Jim (EAA 63552) has been a Chapter 252 member for about 7 years. He is also a member of Chapter 41 out of Neenah. He holds commercial, multi, and CFII ratings, and presently owns a Cessna 150. Jim has been a regular volunteer for the Chapter fly-in breakfasts and Aeromart, having served for the past 3 years as the Aeromart Chair/Co-Chair person.

Jim’s partner in life is Evie, who supports his aviation interests and can often be found supporting Chapter events.

CELEBRATION OF FLIGHT!



EAA Chapter 252 invites you to join us at our

Annual Community Banquet

When: January 28th, 6:00PM, 7:00PM Dinner
Where: “Eagle Hangar” of the EAA Museum
Cost: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members

See President Wayne’s column on page 3 for details about the Banquet.

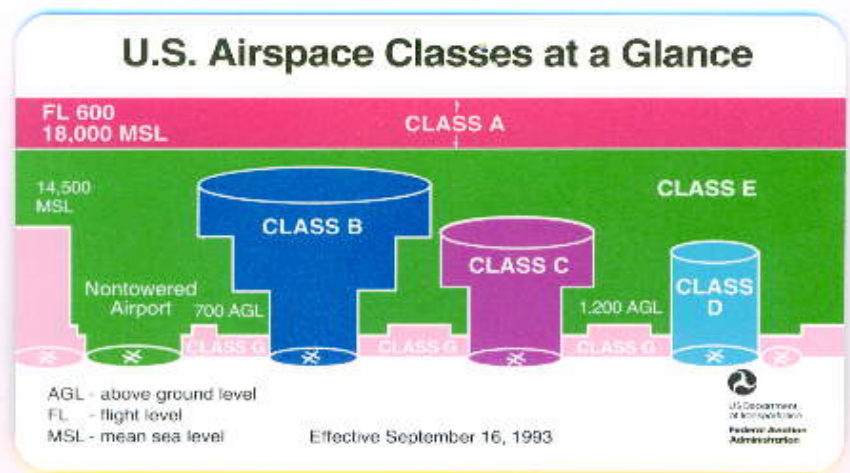
Event manager Janet Davidson writes –
 “Fellow Chapter member Jane Smith & I will be running the silent auction again this year and would appreciate any help that people can give. Whether that is helping on that day to set it up, or helping in advance by sourcing silent auction items, we would be very grateful. The more the merrier, and the greater variety of items to bid on!”

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December 11, 1917: Katherine Stinson flies 606 miles from San Diego to San Francisco, setting a new American non-stop distance record.



Welcome New Members!

2011

Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

December 6th

EAA Christmas in the Air
2:30 to 8:00 PM

December 8th

Chapter 252 meeting, Sonex Aircraft
Airspace classifications, and
Radio communication –
Jim Kress, CFII

January 12, 2012

Chapter 252 meeting, location TBD
Aircraft carburetion, FWF fuel
systems – Dennis Moehn

January 28, 2012

Chapter 252's annual
Celebration of Flight Banquet
EAA Eagle Hangar

February 9, 2012

Chapter 252 meeting, location TBD
Topic TBD

March 8, 2012

Chapter 252 meeting, location TBD
Aircraft building demonstrations

April 7, 2012

Wittman Birthday Fly-in
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>



New member **Curt Carter** (EAA 327263) and his wife Sue hail from North Fond du Lac. They have two grown children, Brianna and Justin.

He is an active pilot (PSEL), and is presently building a Sonex from scratch! Curt participates in the Young Eagle program and has flown 73 Young Eagles. He belongs to the Winnebago Flying Club.

Curt's father was an aviation electronics technician in the Navy, and during the 1970's was stationed at LeMoore Naval Air Station in California. One day he took Curt down to the base where he got to sit in the cockpit of one of the squadron's Corsair A7's. After that Curt started checking out books on airplanes and jet engines, and as he says "The aviation bug bit and stuck with me". Later he took an aviation class offered at his high school. Eventually, in the mid-90's he joined a flying club that a friend was involved with – and proceeded to get his pilot's license.

Curt had been attending "Oshkosh" for years, always with the thought of someday building his own airplane. The cost involved with building an airplane from a kit was a deterrent, then in 2009 he made the commitment to buy the tools needed, and purchase the plans and materials, to start building.

His non-aviation interests include camping, hiking, motorcycles, fishing, reading, woodworking, and playing the banjo. He works at Fedco Electronics in Fond du Lac.

Doug Osterberg (EAA 141855) is a "newer" member, having joined the Chapter last year.

Doug is a very active aviator (ASMEL, AGI, CFII) and mechanic (A&P, IA). He is also a Young Eagle pilot, presently flying his Citabria and Bellanca Viking. He is also restoring another Viking, and a Beech 18 (*Geez!*). He confesses to having owned about 10 different airplanes over a 30 year span. He is based out of Brennand airport, where he bought Bill's original hangar (*stop in to check out the projects*).

Doug's father worked at Boeing, where he earned his mechanic rating. He then restored and flew a couple of airplanes, but gave up his flying hobby while trying to raise a family – until Doug and his older brother showed an interest! They then proceeded to buy an Aeronca Chief to restore and take flight training in.

Doug is the Director of R&D and Technical Services for Appleton Coated in Combined Locks. He and his wife Laurie live in Menasha. They are frequent marathon runners, and use the airplanes to fly to many of the events.

I want to also mention that about 10 years ago Doug was kind enough to allow me to get current in his Citabria, in preparation for flying my Starduster Too.



*Doug with some of his Young Eagles,
and his Bellanca Viking.*

Chapter 252 Resource List, 2011

Chapter member advisors (aviation professionals or experienced builders), who will often make themselves available to provide advice to other members. Additional names may be added as they are confirmed.

Technical

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Patrick Keesler, (Neenah)	EAA Tech Counselor	pkeesler2000@yahoo.com, 920/729-5751
Randy Novak, (Oshkosh)	A&P, IA, EAA Tech Counselor	classicair.novak@gmail.com, 920/426-2763

Flight

Jim Kress, (Oshkosh)	CFII	jim.kress@att.net, (920) 233-5660
John T. Monnett, Jr., (Oshkosh)	EAA Flight Advisor	john@sonexaircraft.com, 920/426-5402
Owen Russel, (Butte des Morts)	CFI, EAA Flight Advisor	owenrusel@charter.net, 920/582-4328

Medical

Kevin Green MD, (Oshkosh) Airman Medical Examiner www.foxvalleywellness.com, 920/922-5433

President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

I would like to thank last months chapter meeting presenters John Egan, Charlie Becker and Jeff Rogers for their excellent demonstrations on different facets of aircraft homebuilding. These demonstrations seem to be somewhat popular for our Chapter meetings and hopefully will encourage more members to build or restore an aircraft project realizing that there are a number of local skills available to assist you.

Continuing this month with a related series, Jim Kress is scheduled to present the Chapter with a discussion on airspace classes and communications. With the popularity of both aircraft construction/maintenance and piloting skills, we plan to continue this type of program throughout the year. If you have a subject you would feel comfortable leading a meeting with OR a subject you would like to see presented, please contact any Chapter officer with your suggestion!

The EAA's annual Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet will be held on Friday, Dec 16, 2011 in the EAA AirVenture Museum's Founders Wing. The Banquet commemorates the 108th anniversary of the Wright Brothers' first powered flight at Kitty Hawk.

The amazing story of the P-38E Lightning *Glacier Girl* will be told through the eyes of Bob Cardin, one of it's rescuers and restorers. Tickets are \$45 for EAA members and \$50 for non-members. Reservations for the banquet can be made using EAA's secure website at: <https://secure.eaa.org/museum/dec17banquet.asp>

Plans continue for Chapter 252's annual *Celebration of Flight* Banquet. This year's banquet will be held in the "Eagle Hangar" 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

Chapter Board Meeting

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

11/29/11 Attending: Wayne Daniels, Jim Casper, Charlie Becker, Al Follendorf, Randy Novak, Terry Novak, Doug Milius.

Aeromart – One of the unresolved tasks remaining is a donation to the Omro High School weight lifters club for their help during Aeromart. As previously reported in the October *Pylon* Bret Steffen and Rene Baier were to determine the hours actually worked vs. the hours requested (32 hrs./day for 5 days) by the Chapter. The donated amount would be pro-rated from the original amount (\$800 minimum, \$1000 maximum) that was budgeted for this arrangement. Wayne will contact Rene about obtaining the volunteer

auction of a wide range of items. Proceeds from the auction will benefit Chapter 252 projects.

We are delighted to feature our very own John Monett as the special guest speaker for the evening. Long-time EAA 252 chapter member, multi-thousand hour private pilot with both glider and float plane ratings and an A&P mechanic, John has many designs to his credit including the Sonerai sport aircraft series, Monerai sailplane, Moni motorglider, Monex racer, along with numerous other homebuilt aircraft. He combines thirty-five years of homebuilt aircraft and restoration experience with his twenty-five years of kit aircraft sales and support in his latest business venture. John was inducted into the EAA Homebuilder's Hall of Fame in 2001 and his designs are on display in the Udvar-Hazy National Air & Space Museum and the EAA AirVenture Museum.

The EAA Chapter 252 banquet is open to the public; you do not need to be a member of EAA. Cost is \$25.00 for Chapter 252 members and \$30 for non-members. There is no charge for admission into the museum. Payment by January 23, 2012 is encouraged for planning purposes, to:

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sign in sheets, and Bret for the student list, so that this task can be completed. Charlie reported that we should be able to start meeting with the Vintage Aircraft Division in the next 30 to 60 days about taking over the management of Aeromart. The Board will compile a list of the remaining parts inventory, for either selling outright to Chapter members, etc., or for selling at Aeromart next year.

Chapter Secretary – Bret Steffen has resigned, indicating that work and family obligations are occupying much of his spare time. The Board is tasked with electing a successor, to be determined at the next Board Meeting (late December, early January). Randy to place a notice in the *Pylon*.

Chapter Membership Officer – As published earlier in the February *Pylon*, Wayne was seeking someone who would accept the position of an appointed 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. Janet Davidson has indicated she would accept this position.

Banquet – Janet Davidson is managing the event again this year, but was not available to provide a detailed update. John Monnett will be the featured speaker for the evening. The ELO award recipient has been named.

Chapter Hangar project – Wayne reported that John and Jeremy Monnett have indicated they may be willing to help lead up the next phase of the project.

2012 Chapter Events – selected the following dates – pending confirmation: Wittman Birthday fly-in - April 7th with April 14th as back-up; Sept Fly-In, Sept. 15th. Without Aeromart, the Chapter will likely conduct additional events.

EAA Eagle Flights – Doug and Charlie discussed a new EAA program, similar to Young Eagle flights but for adults. The Chapter may participate in a kick-off event during the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2012. Doug will provide a write up for the *Pylon*. There were concerns about people abusing the intent of the program – how can we control it?

Next Board Meeting – time and place TBD.

EAGLE FLIGHTS

By Doug Milius

EAA has announced it is embarking on a new program to give adults the opportunity to experience the world of flight. The program will be somewhat similar to the Young Eagle program and will offer a free one on one flight to adults interested in pursuing their pilots license. EAA is hoping to generate flying interest and new pilot starts through this program. I will keep the chapter informed through articles in the Pylon as I receive it from EAA Headquarters.

I have agreed to be the Eagle Flight coordinator for our Chapter 252. We discussed how we would embark on this new program at our last board meeting. It was decided we would start by offering these flights at our International Learn to Fly Day in May. For the time being, we will not be offering these types of flights at our two pancake breakfasts. We will continue to offer Young Eagle Flights at these two events.

I will be asking for volunteers to help out at the ILTFD as pilots and ground support personnel. I appreciate the help given by those at our past Young Eagle events and hope I can count on our members for support as we venture into this new program.

FOR SALE

From Aeromart inventory –
24 volt, King KX-155 radio and VOR
(no glideslope). \$600.00 (cheap).
Contact: Jim Kress, jim.kress@att.net,
(920) 233-5660

HELP WANTED

A volunteer is needed for Chapter Secretary (term ending December 2012). Contact Pres. Wayne Daniels.

2012 Dues

Send \$20.00 to:

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

Betty Skelton had an Oshkosh Connection



The recent death of Betty Skelton was covered extensively in the aviation and general media. However, it's likely that only readers of *Bill Brennand: Air Racing and Other Aerial Adventures*, will know that Betty, Bill, and S.J. Wittman were good friends and frequently worked together on the airshow circuit.

Jim Cunningham, author of the book, said Skelton was good friends with air race and airshow legends Brennand and Steve Wittman in the late 1940s. "She told Bill that she wanted to do an inverted ribbon cut for her airshow routine in her Pitts Special. On her first attempt, with Bill holding one of the ribbon poles, she got so low that she flew under the ribbon," Cunningham said. "On another attempt she was down on the deck, inverted, when her engine quit. She only had an instant to identify the problem and apply positive correction, and she did, rolling upright and landing uneventfully," Cunningham said. "After displaying her superior piloting ability in that incident, she displayed her superior pilot judgment and decided her airshow routine did not need such a dangerous maneuver."

According to the National Aviation Hall of Fame. She soloed (illegally) at age 12, and then soloed legally when she turned 16 and at age 17 had acquired the required number of hours to qualify for the Women Airforce Service Pilots (the WASP's had disbanded by that time). Skelton began her professional aerobatic career in 1946, flying a 1929 Great Lakes 2T1A biplane. Perhaps her best-known aircraft was the Pitts Special S-1C that she purchased in 1948 and named Li'l Stinker.

Skelton won the Feminine International Aerobatic Championship in 1948, 1949, and 1950. In 1949, she set

the world light plane altitude record in a Piper Cub, reaching 25,763 feet. In 1951, she set that record again, this time reaching 29,050 feet.

Skelton became the first female test driver in the auto industry and the first woman to drive an Indy car. She set a land speed record in 1956, hitting 145 mph in a beefed-up Corvette.

She was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in 2005. She was the first woman inducted into the International Aerobatic Hall of Fame and the NASCAR International Motorsports Hall of Fame. According to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum – "Skelton held "more combined aircraft and automotive records than anyone in history."

Ref: AOPA online obituary by Jill Tallman, and Elaine Woo, Los Angeles Times obituary.

Randy's Ramblings

The Right Attitude about Safety -

In the new January issue of *Kitplanes* magazine Richard VanGrunsven wrote a good story titled "Safety is a Culture". He calls for the need to develop a safety culture among pilots. A culture where the social activities and pilot peer pressure do not result in reinforcing paranoia and encouraging bad habits, but rather result in safer and courteous flying. He outlines several steps to help achieve this:

- As pilots we need to prevent cowboy accidents, we simply must quit doing show-off stunts.
- As amateur builders, to minimize mechanical problems, we need to become better builders and mechanics.
- As pilots, we must understand our airplanes' systems better.

To me, the issues listed involve improving individual attitudes, and could do much to enhance the credibility of the amateur built and recreational aviation industry. Unfortunately, our society today seems to encourage mediocrity as a fashionable attribute (it's good enough!), and some people are simply resistant to learn or listen to others. Whether it's arrogance or pride, or the belief that cronyism will suffice – I don't know...

Money cannot buy the right attitude, rather it requires a bit of work. What can you and I do to help?

November Chapter 252 Meeting

The meeting was held at the Sonex facility, courtesy of John Monnett. Introductions and project updates were provided by each of the 23 people present. We had one new member present; Curt Carter, and two guests; Russ Brodke and Chris Roemer.

The business portion of the meeting was followed by two technical presentations provided by Chapter members.

John Egan and Charlie Becker demonstrated how to prepare and fit up tubing for a steel tube truss fuselage structure. The guys provided a well prepared demonstration of tubing fitment and discussed some of the problems they have encountered while building their super cub type replicas. John Monnett even got into the act and demonstrated how he uses aviation snips to trim the tube ends to shape.

Next was Jeff Rodgers who discussed airframe electrical wiring and demonstrated the tools and techniques for making proper crimp terminations. Samples of wire and terminals were available for the discussion. He also demonstrated how he makes solder splice joints, and soldered terminations.



President Wayne opens the meeting with introductions and updates on the various Chapter member projects.



John Egan and Charlie Becker demonstrate how to build a steel tube structure, with John Monnett demonstrating his "old school" method.



John Monnett takes a few minutes at the end of the meeting to talk about flying his jet powered model.

EAChapter 252
- Airplane Spoken Here -



Jeff Rodgers, demonstrates good practices for aircraft airframe wiring.





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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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