

Next Chapter 252 Meeting

June 9th

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!

June 9th Meeting At Sonex Aircraft

For our June meeting we had originally scheduled Chapter member Pat Keesler to talk about his Wittman Tailwind project. Pat's schedule changed, and he is required to be out of town on business. Fortunately, Brady Lane of EAA HQ has agreed to talk about his experience of flying into Edwards Air Force Base last year, and possibly his trip to Valdez, Alaska where he witnessed a bush flying competition. We are told to expect a slide show to accompany the talk. Looking forward to it!



Chapter 252 Members Needed For Aeromart During AirVenture 2011

The Chapter 252 Aeromart committee again needs your participation. Chapter members are needed to help with performing a variety of tasks before, during, and after Airventure. It does not need to be a long-term commitment. **The work day is split between a morning shift and an afternoon shift.** For information about work schedules, etc. contact:

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You can also contact them via the Aeromart e-mail address:

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The Aeromart website is up to date. Potential vendors can read a sample contract, view the instructions for filling out a sales tag, and review the FAQ's page for helpful tips. Check it out at:

<http://www.aeromart.webs.com/>

Aeromart™



Since 1992 Aeromart has been among the most popular annual attractions at Oshkosh's AirVenture fly-in and airshow. Aeromart has always been operated by volunteers and is now managed by Oshkosh's own EAA Chapter 252 "The Steve Wittman Chapter". In 2010 approximately 21,000 people visited the Aeromart sales tent to shop through the almost 6,000 items that were consigned by 400 different vendors.

Aeromart will be in the same location as last year - at the south end of the exhibit area - right next to Camp Scholler, making it easier for campers to transport their parts to and from the Aeromart location.

Call it a swap meet, consignment sale, or clean out the hangar sale; Aeromart provides one of the best places for individuals to sell their extra aircraft parts and other aviation related items.

For 2011 volunteers will again be treated to some fantastic lunches at Al's Diner. An exclusive for Aeromart, and operated by our own Al Follendorf and his crew.

Public relations and advertising is being handled by Randy & Teresa Novak.

Aeromart Security is being handled by Matt Essman. **FYI - Matt is looking for a few volunteers to fill out his crew.**

Gator operations is being handled by Wally Ingram and Cole Baier. No issues to report.

Front Desk operations (check in, check out, cashiers, etc.) is being handled by Rene Baier. That crew is in pretty good shape.

Jim Kress will be looking for volunteers to help with set up and tear down - note the set up dates in the Chapter calendar, page 2. **Jim does need help for Tuesday (7/26) thru Sunday (7/31) for both the morning shifts (8:30 to 1:00) and the afternoon shifts (12:30 to 5:00).** Daily gate and parking passes are available. Contact Jim for the details.



We Want You!



As An Aeromart Volunteer

Welcome New Member!



Curt got his start in aviation while working on a TV show in Hollywood. He had become good friends with one of the cameramen, who also happened to be a CFI. His friend provided him with the opportunity to take lessons for the price of the fuel – flying out of historic Burbank Airport. At the time he lived next to Los Angeles Airport (LAX), where Curt noted that observing all of the traffic and listening to the aviation radio scanner helped him learn his radio work. He would return to Wisconsin, and eventually earned a bunch of FAA ratings (Commercial SEL, seaplane, multi, IFR, and CFI single, multi, and seaplane).

We all know about the Manitowoc Airshow (Thunder On The Lakeshore) a long time event in it's 19th year. Curt is the Chairman/Producer of the show, and is proud of the fact that it is recognized as one of the best mid-sized airshows in the country.

Curt and his wife Marisue live in Manitowoc with Aero, their Black Lab. In addition to flying for a living Curt enjoys flying for fun, and they often fly to their cottage up North.

Newer Chapter member **Curt Drumm** will provide our feature presentation for the July Chapter meeting. So, this seems like a good time to introduce Curt to the group!

Curt is the President of Lakeshore Aviation, which operates out of Manitowoc Airport. It is a full service FBO with flight training, maintenance, aircraft rental, hangar rental, and air charter.

Curt graduated from UW-Oshkosh, followed by UW-Milwaukee for an MBA. Prior to Lakeshore Aviation, Curt had 18 years in with Nesco/American Harvest ending as the Executive VP. Prior to that he had 20 years in the radio/TV/motion pictures industry.

2011 Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

- June 9th**
Chapter 252 meeting, at Sonex,
Brady Lane, EAA
- June 18th**
Young Eagles Rally, Adams County
Chapter 252 assisting
- June 23rd**
Chapter 252 Board meeting, 5:30PM
in the EAA HQ lunch room.
- July 14th**
Chapter 252 meeting, Float Plane
Flying, Vette Seaplane Base, location
to be confirmed
- July 19th**
Aeromart work party, on site.
- July 20th**
Aeromart work party rain date, or 2nd
work party.
- July 23 – 30th**
Aeromart, Chapter 252 function
- August 17th**
Aeromart Thank You cook-out at
EAA Weeks hangar, 20th St.
- September 8th**
Corn roast at Muncil Williams,
Elo International Airport
- September 10th**
Chapter 252 Pancake Breakfast
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>

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.

EAA Chapter 252, Inc.

Balance Sheet

As of May 24, 2011

ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Checking	4,310.05
Money Market	35,307.25
Savings	25.74
US Bank-Aeromart	12,539.10

Total Checking/Savings 52,182.14

Fixed Assets

Furniture & Equipment	709.99
Pancake Grill	877.96

Total Assets **53,770.09**

Total Equity **53,770.09**



Chapter 252 Financial Summary

Chapter Treasurer Al Follendorf has provided an abbreviated Balance Sheet for publication. He reports that the Chapter has no Liabilities, so what we have for Total Assets includes Checking, Savings, Money Market, and fixed assets.

President's Message

Chapter 252 Board Meeting 5/26/2011



By Wayne Daniels

The Chapter 252 meeting May meeting was held on Saturday May 21, in conjunction with International Learn to Fly day. In spite of scattered showers, a number of potential aviators learned of the requirements for flight training and took an intro ride. Additionally, although we had not planned to fly Young Eagles....smiles were installed on 10 youngsters that experienced the "miracle of flight"!

International Young Eagle Day will be held on June 11th this year. Considering all of the "great weather" we have had this spring, we are expecting that this day will finally be a warm, dry day with gentle breezes. That would be a perfect day to fly a couple Young Eagle Flights. So why don't you and your airplane head over to the Wittman Terminal and join the fun and introduce a kid or two to flying. I'm sure we will also need some ground assistance, so if you don't have an aeroplane at your disposal you can still help. Please let Doug Milius know if you can help out.

With approximately 50 days until AirVenture and Chapter 252's operation of Aeromart, we still could use a few more volunteers to assist with set-up, operation and tear down of our biggest project of the year. If each chapter member could offer just one 4 ½ hour shift over the course of the week, it would simply the operation. The chapter realizes a significant profit and it would be nice to see everyone participate for the chapter's benefit. *Please contact Warren Baier skylight97@frontier.com or Jim Kress jim.kress@att.net to schedule a shift.* Thank You!!!

I want to thank Heather Gollnow for agreeing to serve as the Chapter 252 Web Master. She will be maintaining the Chapter as well as the AeroMart websites. The chapter website has somewhat of a questioned past, so Heather has her work cut-out for her as far as gaining complete access. If anyone has information on the web site's past, I am sure Heather would appreciate that info! She likely will track it down as she currently chairs the IT school

- SUMMARY -

by Randy Novak, Newsletter Editor

Meeting attendees: Wayne Daniels, Randy & Terry Novak, Warren & Rene Baier, Bret Steffen, Jim Casper, Mike Potopinski, and Jim Kress.

Meeting Notes –

Chapter Flight Simulator - Mike Potopinski has offered to donate two computers for the Chapter's used. One is a desk top set up as a flight simulator with control yoke, rudder pedals, LCD screen, and Flight Sim X software installed. The group discussed options of where the equipment should be stored and how it should be utilized. It is presently stored in Mike's hangar.

Chapter laptop computer - Mike also donated a small laptop that could be used for Aeromart. Mike also offered to help get some basic software set up – once Aeromart decides what software it is planning to use for inventory tracking, etc.

Bank account – Al proposed moving all funds from Citizens First into Community First. This was approved by the Board.

Report on ILTFD. The Chapter provided 10 Y.E. rides. The Chapter spent about \$89 on food, but received \$64 in donations to help offset the expense. About 65 to 70 people attended. It was noted that the Winnebago Flying Club did participate, and some FBO's participated for a while. It was acknowledged that Jane Smith did quite a bit of event coordination that day.

Eric Von Y.E. Scholarship – Wayne reported receiving 2 responses from the story carried in the Northwestern – to which he provided applications. It was suggested that Randy submit the story again in late June.

June meeting – The meeting will be at Sonex. Pat Keesler had to decline as the featured speaker because of business obligations. Brady Lane an EAA employee, will talk about his past

experiences at Edwards AFB, and at the bush pilot competition in Alaska. Presentation to include a slide show.

Newsletter mailings – Going forward all mailings and communication will be made using the new database that was set up by Charlie, and maintained by Bret.

Chapter Banquet – Scheduled for January 28th. Wayne will check with Mark Forss (at EAA) to see if the Chapter would be permitted to provide invitations to those attending an EAA SportAire workshop that same weekend. Also, Sonex will be having their workshop what weekend. No updates on the featured speaker.

Young Eagles – the credits (\$) that have been accumulated in the Chapter's name will go back to EAA. Fred Stadler had accumulated the majority of credits for the Chapter while providing flights out of Pioneer Airport, using an EAA airplane and fuel, etc.

Aeromart – Warren Baier announced a committee meeting set for 6/2/11, 5:30PM at the EAA lunchroom. Jim Kress is starting to send out advance vendor tag sales. Aeromart set-up dates were established: July 19th, Tuesday, at 6:00PM; with a rain date (and possible 2nd work date) of July 20th, Wednesday, at 6:00 PM. Members should call Warren or Jim in advance if the weather looks questionable. The Aeromart website is up to date. Jim and Charlie have added an additional tab – the intention is to upload the daily sales on-line so vendors can see if their items sold. The initial announcements have been provided via EAA publications. Mailings to Wisconsin Chapters and businesses will go out approx. mid-June. Discussed providing Aeromart shirts or hats as a perk for volunteers – no decision made. Al Follendorf reported that he had 4 volunteers to help him with the food and beverages. Bret has made arrangements with a student club to provide 4 people per shift for 5 days – and in exchange the Chapter will donate \$1000 to their organization. This was previously approved by the Board per a recommendation from the Aeromart Committee. Gator operations have decided not to use a trailer – due to congestion in the EAA areas. Credit card training for Rene's Baier's cashiers will be scheduled for July 12th, 4:00PM at Cornerstone..

Next Board Meeting – June 23rd, 5:30PM at the EAA lunchroom.

at ITT Technical Institute in Green Bay and is studying as a PhD candidate, not to mention that she is a CFI in Appleton/Green Bay. Plenty to keep her busy, I am sure! Thanks for taking on this additional work Heather and Good Luck on you continued studies!

Report On International Learn To Fly Day

By Doug Milius



Our chapter helped to hold the second International Learn to Fly Day on May 21, 2011. Despite the weather we enjoyed a good turnout of Chapter members and local residents who came to learn about the joys of flying. Wayne cooked up a roaster of



brats and others brought dishes to pass so we all enjoyed a bite to eat also.

The day started off sunny but as it wore on the clouds thickened and eventually the rain came so we had to suspend flying operations around 12:30 pm until the heavy showers passed. Once the tables and chairs were set up and the food was placed on the serving tables the doors to the Weeks Hanger were opened and a steady flow of adults and kids came to find out what this "flying" is all about. A number of our chapter members came with their aeroplanes and flying machines and



Doug Milius greets fellow Chapter member Steve Schapiro and guests.

engaged the attendees with their knowledge of flight. We had a Cessna 172, a Sport Cruiser, a gyro copter, a Sonex, a Piper Arrow and a Pober Pixie show up. EAA towed out their Ford Tri Motor and flew it over to the Pioneer Airport. They also had one of their single engine sport planes available to give adult rides.

Jane Smith did a great job coordinating the adult rides and passing out the Gleim's "Learn to Fly" booklet. A number of kids showed up so the event also turned into a Young Eagle rally and 10 kids became new Young Eagles. Many thanks to Gary Geisler, Steve Shapiro, and Wayne Daniels for providing their expertise and aircraft to give YE rides. The rain showers delayed some of the flights but it cleared enough after the first batch moved through to finish all the Young Eagle flights. Fred Stadler used the EAA's plane to give adult orientation flights. Thanks Fred!



Fred Stadler introduces himself to a visitor.

All in all it was a very productive day. There were many happy people who left the event with a better understanding of the process to become a pilot and the joys of flying in a GA plane.

Young Eagle Volunteers Needed To Help Chapter 931, June 18th



Our Chapter was contacted by Mathieu Labs of EAA Chapter 931 which is based out of **Adams County Airport**. They are suffering from a lack of able pilots (mostly due to health issues) and need help to support their Young Eagles Rally that was previously scheduled.

Mat is looking for 2 to 3 pilots to help. Steve Buss has already committed to attend with the EAA GlaStar. Mat reports that last year they had 41 children attend.

Their Rally is scheduled for Saturday, June 18th, from 8:00AM until 1:00PM, at Adams County Airport (63C for you followers of electrons).

For additional information, or to coordinate your activity with other Chapter 252 members, contact:

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YOUNG EAGLES RALLY

**ADAMS COUNTY AIRPORT
FRIENDSHIP, WI
EAA CHAPTER 931
SATURDAY, JUNE 18
8AM - 1PM
RAIN DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 19**

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Any Questions, Contact Mathieu Labs at 630-222-0682



The Chapter experienced a good turn-out of members and guests for this meeting.

May 12th Meeting At Wittman Control Tower

Our May Chapter meeting was held at the Wittman Airport control tower. There was a brief meeting in the tower's meeting/conference room, followed by a tour of the tower cab. We had excellent turnout, so much so that not everyone could fit into the meeting room, and we had to be split into 4 or 5 groups to fit into the tower cab.

The controller on duty that night was Brian Vanlankveldt. Our guide for the tours was tower controller Marty Sweeney, who did a fine job explaining the tower systems and processes. The tours provided a good opportunity for the pilots in the group to ask questions about specific issues and concerns.

Al Follendorf brought a cake to share, in honor of that being Frank Friedman's last meeting with us before moving on to Oregon.

We also picked up a few more new members that night – watch for their introductions during the coming months!



Taking the elevator ride up to the cab. We gave it a work out that night!



EAACChapter 252 - Airplane Spoken Here -



Frank Friedman (a retired FAA controller) looked comfortable in the cab.



Tower controller Marty Sweeney did a great job showing the Chapter members around and explaining its operations.

Pat Keesler's



designs being marketed today. A fine testament to Steve Wittman as a designer.

Designed to be built without the need for special materials or exotic tools. The drawings, though standard for the day, are considered pretty basic by modern standards. However, since it was one of the few 2 seat models available to homebuilders it was built in large numbers. Quite a few of Chapter 252's earlier members were successful Tailwind

builders.

As Keesler tells the story, his Tailwind project was started in 1955, in Stockholm, Sweden; by EAA member Jan Christie. Christie was a high seniority pilot for SAS airlines, and an enthusiastic early EAA'er. His stories (*Pardon My Accent*) about homebuilding and recreational activity outside of the United States can be found in many early issues of *Sport Aviation*. After retiring from the airlines, Christie moved to Wisconsin. He built a house outside of Burlington, WI, and then later moved to the Fort Atkinson area. Christie kept the Tailwind with him, moving it half way around the world, until Keesler bought the project about 5 years ago. The project contained a lot of parts and a good amount of the basic work had been completed, but there was a lot of work remaining to get the project finished and flying.

Christie had purchased the materials and many of the parts from Steve Wittman. At the time, Wittman and crew would provide builders with some pre-fabricated parts. Keesler understands that locals like Art Pomerening (local auto dealer owner, but also an A&P mechanic – a graduate of Blackhawk Tech) would tack-weld fuselages and other parts, and Dorothy Wittman would sew up baggage compartments and other fabric parts. The Continental engine came with the project, and it had about 90 hours on it when Christie had purchased it from Wittman. It came out of an Ercoupe (the green Ercoupe is what Dorothy wrote in the paper work) that was damaged at Fond du Lac airport around 1955 – a result of a couple of guys not heeding the bottle to throttle rule. So we have an airplane that started out from Oshkosh in 1955, got shipped half-way around the world – and back, and first flew in 2010 – in Oshkosh!

Keesler wanted to maintain the earlier design, and stressed originality while finishing it, however there are a couple of refinements – a result of the design having decades of experience as a homebuilt design. He credits Jim Clement of Baraboo with helping to refine the Tailwind design over the



A nice little strut fairing, typical of Pat's fine workmanship.

years. Clement is recognized as a prolific builder, of Tailwinds in particular – and in a quiet way has done much to keep interest in the design alive and act as a mentor for newer builders of the design. A few of the Clement mods on Keesler's airplane include Kevlar brake lines (light, flexible, and durable), and a clever spring loaded tail wheel steering rod.

Keesler took the airplane home last winter to tweak on it a bit, and in his shop I could see he was working on the wheel pants for the airplane. He is not a first time builder, and his airplane



The Clement steering rod design.

exhibits fine workmanship and nice detail with a paint job was chosen to better represent the vintage of the design. I need to stress that he is a builder, and I have the feeling that once the test time is flown off – he'll be moving on to the next project.

This W8 Tailwind has a bit of unique history, and particular connection with Oshkosh and EAA. Pat Keesler's Tailwind is a great example of the early design that helped EAA get off the ground. It has the early squared off wing tips, flat bottom airfoil, early tail feather configuration, and the then common C-90-12 engine up front. Pat did not set out to build an early version Tailwind – it's simply because it IS an early version. By now your thinking – so he restored an old Tailwind that had been flying for decades. No... this airplane still has to get the flight test time flown off. We've all heard about the homebuilt project or rebuild project that took 20 years to complete – that's what we have here – and then some.

The Tailwind design is simple, and very efficient. It was a high performance homebuilt design for it's time, and can still

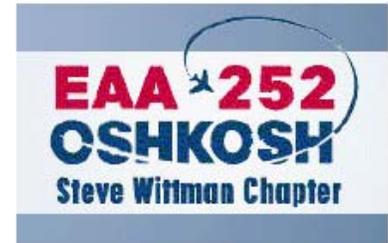


Pat points out a detail in the tail feathers. Just so you know – the Tailwind emblem is not a decal – it's painted on.

holds it's own today. Many Tailwinds today sport Lycoming engines, up to 180 H.P., and cruise speeds exceeding 200 mph are not uncommon. This means we have a 2-seat 50+ year old homebuilt design capable of performance that equals or exceeds many of the more modern kit

EAA Chapter 252 Young Eagles Scholarship

This scholarship is in memory of Eric Von, our past Young Eagles Coordinator. Eric helped to expose kids to aviation through his efforts with Young Eagles. He was diagnosed with an aggressive form of cancer and passed on September 4, 2010.



Chapter 252 is pleased to offer a one-time scholarship of up to \$1000 available to a flight student who has (1) taken a Young Eagles flight with an EAA member (2) completed the free on-line ground school through Sporty's and (3) passed the written FAA exam. The scholarship would be available as a reimbursement for flight training received and could be applied towards airplane rental and/or instructor fees. Please apply to EAA Chapter 252 using this form. **Applications must be received by July 31, 2011.**

Name _____
Address:

Telephone _____

Parent/Guardian if applicable _____

How did you become interested in aviation?

What plans/dreams do you have for aviation in your future?

Date(s) of Young Eagle flight (at least one) _____

Please attach a copy of your completion of the Sporty's ground school and the results of your FAA examination.

Submit completed form and supporting information to:

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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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