

**Next Chapter  
 252 Meeting**

**March 10th**

**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!

**March Chapter Meeting  
 To Feature Jeremy  
 Monnett and the Onex**

Yet another new design has been launched from Sonex, designed by Jeremy Monnett. Find out more about this aircraft, and more, during our next meeting – hosted by Sonex (of course!).



*Jeremy Monnett show off his Onex to his younger cousins Ben Schafermeyer (under the helmet) and Jacob Smith.*

**Chapter Young Eagle  
 Flights April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011**

*By Doug Milius*

Are you like me and are getting a little cabin fever and a little stir crazy? Are you longing for sunshine and a warm day to dust the cobwebs off the plane and get some flight time in? Here's a good opportunity to help out our chapter and at the same time help a young person fulfill their dream of powered flight. Our Chapter 252 Pancake breakfast in on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. We are planning on giving Young Eagle rides from 9:00 am to 11:00 am so I am looking for volunteers to

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**S. J. (Steve) Wittman  
 Birthday Fly-In Breakfast  
 THE Event for April 2nd.**

From 7:30 to 11:00 A.M. Chapter 252 will host a pancake breakfast fly-in to commemorate legendary pilot and aircraft designer S.J. "Steve" Wittman's 106<sup>th</sup> birthday. This event is open to the public.

Held at the Wittman Regional Airport Terminal building on 20<sup>th</sup> St., the event features a breakfast of sausage, eggs, beverages, and all you can eat pancakes. Those attending can fly-in or drive-in. The cost is \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children under the age of 10. The event organizer, John Egan, can be contacted at: [johnegan99@yahoo.com](mailto:johnegan99@yahoo.com), (920-419-5631).

**Fly-In Drive-In**  
Aircraft on Display!  
**Steve Wittman Birthday Party  
 Pancake Breakfast**

April 2, 2011  
 7:30 – 11:00 A.M.  
 Wittman Airport Terminal  
 20<sup>th</sup> St. Oshkosh, WI  
 ATIS – 125.9, TWR 118.5

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

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

Hosted by EAA Chapter 252  
 The "Steve Wittman Chapter"  
 Oshkosh, WI  
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**EAA 252  
 OSHKOSH**  
 Steve Wittman Chapter

**WE NEED YOU!**

**To help promote this event!**

Given the time of year – good flying weather is always requested but not always granted (it is Wisconsin...). So, we may need to depend a lot on local attendance from drive-ins. **PLEASE do print off extra copies of the event poster (Feb. issue of the Pylon), and distribute to any local businesses or other organizations that are willing to promote local events. THANK YOU!**



## Welcome New Members!

2011

### Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

#### March 10<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 252 meeting, at Sonex ,  
Introduction to the Onex

#### March TBD, 2011

Chapter 252 Board Meeting, 5:30PM  
Location TBD

#### April 2<sup>nd</sup>

Wittman Birthday Fly-In Breakfast  
Wittman Airport Terminal

#### May 12<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 252 meeting,  
Float plane flying (to be confirmed)

#### 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  
Wayne Daniel's hangar, 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven

#### 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)



Please welcome **Richard Smith** (EAA#702960) to our membership. He joined a month or so ago, you have probably already seen him at some of our recent events, including the Banquet.

Richard has been interested in aviation since a child, built model airplanes, u-control airplanes, model rockets – all of the good stuff that boys used to do. Richard took his first airplane flight instruction shortly after joining the Air Force in 1970, and had additional flight instruction off and on for the next 30+ yrs, while earning his Private Pilot license. He previously owned a 1952 Piper Tri-Pacer for a couple of years while living in Arizona. He took flight instruction in this airplane and flew all over Arizona on his solo permit. He eventually sold the plane with the best intentions of building a KR2, but then family issues changed his plans. In addition to his aviation interests, Richard also likes to dabble in woodworking as a hobby.

Richard is a Journeyman CNC machinist for Fox River Tool in Menasha. Richard and his wife Sandra are from the Appleton area. Richard has four children, all have fledged the nest and are on their own.

### 2011 Dues

Send \$20.00 to:

**Bret Steffen**  
212 Mound Street,  
Berlin, WI 54923

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

This “new” member actually (re)joined back in June of 2010. Michael Haig (EAA #41403) is a past Chapter 252 President from about 15 years ago. After seeing and reading about some of our activities over the past year or two, he decided to re-join and become an active member again.

Mike is very interested in promoting aviation through youth oriented activities. He also wouldn't mind helping the Chapter with Marketing and Promotional advice (Previously Mike worked in the sales group for Cumulus Broadcasting). Mike is presently involved with the Christine Anne Center's “Men Who Cook” program, which supports the center's programs for abused women and children. He also sings with the St. Raphael Church Men's Choir, and enjoys performing in area retirement homes, and the Oshkosh prison. Mike is married, and with his wife June live in the Oshkosh area.



Mike is not a pilot himself but has always had an interest in aviation. He grew up in the Milwaukee area, and was introduced to Oshkosh when his sister was going to college here at UWO. He built his share of airplane models when he was younger, and always enjoyed watching the old Baa Baa Black Sheep television series (*I still watch it! rkn*). His father and uncle served in WWII. His uncle was with the Marines public relations group and helped promote Gregory Boyington's famous squadron. Mike recalls how his uncle helped develop the squadron name “Black Sheep”, when the original name was thought to be socially unacceptable...



# President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

Chapter 252's annual banquet "Celebration of Flight" was held on Saturday, Feb 5 in the Founders Wing at the EAA Museum. And what a great success it was, with everyone enjoying a fine meal and a great presentation from chapter member and EAA President Rod Hightower! Rod brought us up to date on EAA's general aviation initiatives, in particular some very important safety information. He also had a fun Q&A session with EAA coupons awarded for correct (or nearly correct!) responses. Let's just say that "all of 'em" though true is not what he was looking for!

I presented a number of chapter recognition certificates and lapel pins to our chapter leaders. Unfortunately certificates and pins are only available to chapter board members. Although a bit late, I think it appropriate to also recognize several others that make huge contributions to the chapter. Year round there are members that make presentations at chapter meetings and outings. Thanks to all of you! Our Aeromart chairs Jim Kress and Warren Baier along with their spouses work all year long planning and conducting this huge undertaking. John Egan and his wife cover all the details of running our highly successful pancake breakfast twice a year. Thanks to each of you as well as all those who volunteer their time in working these events. Without each of you Chapter 252 would not enjoy the success of these events that we do. I know that I am likely missing somebody...memory ain't what it used to be! So if you have contributed to the success of Chapter 252 - THANKS!

While we are talking about chapter events... April 2 is our annual Steve Wittman birthday celebration. Again we will conduct our pancake breakfast and Young Eagle flights, and ask that if you can assist with set-up, cooking, serving etc to please let chairman John Egan of your availability. If you can help with Young Eagle flights or ground operations, please contact Doug Milius. Good weather has

# Chapter 252 Board Meeting 2/24/2011

## - SUMMARY -

by Bret Steffen, Chapter Secretary

Meeting attendees: Wayne Daniels, Charlie Becker, John and Molly Egan., Jim Casper, Terry Novak, Doug Milius, Janet Davidson, Al Follendorf, Bret Steffen. Called to order at 5:30PM

## Meeting Notes -

Doug talked about Young Eagles for the April pancake breakfast. EAA and the Wittman Tower have been notified. He talked about the Phillips 66 offer of \$1 discount per gallon of gas purchased for the rides if you use their card. Doug is looking for 3 to 5 pilots to commit themselves and their aircraft.

We discussed giving individual Young Eagle rides out to people who request them. They can contact Doug, and if pilots and planes are available, we could try to accommodate them.

Longer term, Doug would like to set up a more in-depth experience for the kids, perhaps a day of light training to go with their flight. We could use Young Eagle credits to purchase a simulator some day. We discussed the use of Young Eagle credits to support our activities.

John E. talked about the April pancake breakfast. He has sent notices out to a variety of public notice sources, and the posters are being sent out in the next few days. There is a speaker scheduled to talk that day. He is looking for the rest of his volunteers for the event, he will be asking the membership for help at the next meeting.

Janet and Al reported on the banquet, 137 people attended. This year's profit was down a little. The silent auction is the

already been requested so now we just need our awesome volunteers to once again step forward!!

2011 Chapter membership should have been renewed in January, so if you maybe missed that, please send your check and updated information to Chapter Secretary Bret Steffen (see page 1). Please renew your chapter membership, and while you are doing that, why don't you consider bringing along a potential new member to our next meeting!

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

big profit maker, but in the past this was more important than now with Chapter Aeromart income. Confirming the date for next year will happen soon.

Financial audit from Chuck Lukas has been completed. We are looking at some on-line payments.

Aeromart discussion about raising our commission percentage from 12 to 15 % charge. Consensus was to absorb the cost of the credit card use and stay at 12%. We made a good profit during the Aeromart last year. Any changes in Aeromart charges were left alone at this point.

Doug reported on his previous discussion with Orion regarding our request to build a hangar between them and the terminal building. Wittman Airport previously told Doug that Orion had control of that land. They are looking at a change in the fence layout but we don't understand what that change is. We need to see if we can fit into the plans Orion has. We also need to see if the Airport (Peter Moll or John D.) can explain to the Chapter what their vision is. We are aware of the storm water retention issues. John E. has volunteered to create a drawing of the hangar in the proposed location. A site selection committee was formed - Jim Casper, Wayne Daniels, and Charlie Becker.

Charlie has not filed Wisconsin taxes. He thinks we are exempt at this point because we don't solicit contributions, and \$5000 in contributions is a threshold at the state level. If we get significant donations this should be re-visited.

New Chapter name tag samples were reviewed, there is a larger tag, and a tag like the one we use now. The intention would be to put something like Steve Wittman chapter on it. We liked the large one.

Paul Poberezney sent a thank you letter to the Chapter for our donation of \$500 for the Peter Burgher Chapter Challenge.

Charlie will take care of insurance for our chapter for the year.

Janet received a request from the Hawaii chapter to form a connection with our chapter. We don't know what that means, Janet will follow-up.

Discussed possibility of a chapter meeting in May at the Vette Sea Plane base, if we get permission. There may be other options for the meeting place. The Board will recommend having the meeting at Wittman Airport instead, weather issues are a concern.

# Banquet Reflections

By Janet Davidson

Just some of my thoughts about what involvement in aviation can lead to.

Twenty years ago this month (February), I was practicing my landings at North Perry airport, near Miami when my flight instructor said those magic words "time for me to get out, you go & do 3 take offs and landings to a full stop". By this time, I was already completely hooked on flying, and this was right at the start of my involvement in aviation, which has led me to all sorts of wonderful experiences.

Without aviation, I would not have met my husband, Adam. Thanks to Adam, and my involvement in aviation, amongst other amazing experiences, I have had the great pleasure to fly with a WWII Spitfire pilot, I have moved to Oshkosh, have had the honor of flying with a Tuskegee airman, and have become

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*Janet addresses the group during the Celebration of Flight Banquet 2011.*



*Muffy Bryan and Janet Smith prepare items for the silent auction.*

## “Dad” Monnett Celebrates His 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday At Sonex

John and Jeremy announced that the Monnett family and a few employees gathered at Sonex to honor John senior – affectionately known as Dad Monnett.

John Sr. has always been a supporter of John’s aviation interests, helping out with his early airplane projects, and the formation of the original Monnett Experimental Aircraft business.



*The Monnett family on the event of John Monnett Sr. 100<sup>th</sup> birthday!*



*Family and guests toast to John Monnett Sr., Dad was also presented a key to the City of Oshkosh by Council member Burk Tower.*

## Young Eagle Flights,

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do the following:

1. Check in kids and make sure the appropriate paper work is completed for EAA.
2. Ground personnel to ensure the Young Eagles remain safe around the airplanes attending the breakfast and those planes flying YE’s.
3. Pilots with planes to give the YE’s their airplane rides.

The schedule for the morning will look like this:

1. 8:15 am All ground volunteers will meet at the breakfast and areas of responsibility will be assigned. Those helping with the paperwork will be given training to make sure all paperwork and certificates are filled out correctly. Handouts from EAA will be reviewed with volunteers. We will also cover ground operations with the volunteers parking planes.
2. 8:45 am Pilot weather and operations briefing. Based on prevailing winds and active runways we will discuss altitudes, routes of flight, and reporting points expected by the tower. I will have maps available showing such.
3. 9:00 am to 11:00 am Fly Young Eagles.

If you own a plane you can expect a courtesy call from me prior to this event to see if you are able to help out in some way. I am planning something new this year and that is a tip jar with a sign that reads, “Tips for Chapter 252”. The tips will be given to the chapter for the boards decision on how to spend.

As always, safety is our number one priority at this event. We will decide the morning of April 2<sup>nd</sup> whether the weather is conducive to a safe event. I want to thank all past volunteers for helping out with our Young Eagle flights and want to thank you for volunteering for this event. Please contact me at [drmilius@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drmilius@sbcglobal.net) if you are able to help out.



*Kathy Daniels, Bret Steffen, and Jim Casper man the registration table.*



*The Silent Auction is always a popular part of the Banquet.*



*Staff and students from Sodexo Ripon College provided a great meal for the evening.*



*The Votova's, Paul, Amy, and Candice made the evening a family affair.*



*Member Hal Bryan was M.C. for the evening, but President Wayne Daniels got in his share of mic time as well, here acknowledging the efforts of his fellow Chapter officers, Board Members. and Advisors.*



*Rod Hightower was the featured speaker for the evening, but Paul Poberezny offered some final words as the evening closed.*

## Banquet Reflections,

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involved in our Chapter 252.

Thanks to all the imagination, dedication and involvement from Paul & Audrey over their lifetime, I know that wherever I go - from Alaska to the Florida Keys, from Hawaii to Newfoundland, from Australia to Africa, from Britain to Brazil, as soon as I mention EAA, I have friends.

Part of what brought me to thinking about this was an email I received a few nights ago, from Marilyn Haymore of Chapter 1182, in which she said: "Jim and Karen Kersting (Jim runs the welding shop at South Maintenance) recently had a taste of our island fair and we were in agreement, it would be wonderful if we could link a special relationship with our two Chapters. Don't know exactly what to call this, what the nature of this might be or where we can go with this, but a first step in the direction might be a good place to start. Your Chapter in?" So, thanks to Paul & Audrey's dedication, and thanks to our involvement in aviation, as a Chapter, we now have an invitation to link up with Chapter 1182, which is the Hawaiian chapter of EAA. Very appealing at this time of the year!

Perhaps we could invite them to our chapter Banquet next year, in Oshkosh, in February? Alternatively, we could suggest to them that we bring our whole banquet to Hawaii, in February?

Without the involvement of the Chapter Board members, and others who helped me with the banquet: Jane Smith, Muffy Bryan, Hal Bryan, John Monnett, Candice Votava, the caterers and the EAA staff - Lesley Barkhahn, Rob Molash and Dick Knapinski, Saturday night would not have run as smoothly as it did.

I feel very much that the banquet belongs to the Chapter. I just happen to be the person coordinating it all. To that end, I really appreciate feedback from the Chapter members and guests. I would like to know if there were things people didn't like, or would like to see changed. I would really like to hear from you if you have ideas for improving the banquet. You can email me at [gbvfx@hotmail.com](mailto:gbvfx@hotmail.com)

A Chapter banquet in Hawaii? Just bring your grass skirts. You never know where your involvement in aviation and EAA will lead you.

# Chapter Member Seeking Co-Owners in Light Sport Airplane

*After learning that Gary Geisler was looking for co-owners for his SportCruiser, I encourage him to put this notice in our Chapter newsletter. RKN*

Following heart surgery in 2006, I chose to let my Class III Medical expire. As I started flying again I rented a light sport airplane. During this time I learned there are lots of people in my situation with the medical certificate, and flying light sport was the solution. After spending 2 years looking

at and evaluating light sport airplanes, I purchased a new 2009 SportCruiser, made by Czech Sport Aircraft. Now I want to share the fun of flying with others through shared ownership. Here's an opportunity to own a ¼ share of a light sport airplane. Monthly cost for hanger and annual inspection is \$42 and the cost of flying is \$33/hour. I have a dedicated flight instructor committed for training. For more information, contact me at 920-428-9128. *Gary Geisler*

## Fly Now



### Shares for sale

#### Would you like to.....

- ...own part of a Light Sport airplane?
- ...share the costs of ownership?
- ...fly for \$33/hour?

#### Contact:

Gary Geisler (Chapter 252 member)  
Fly Now, LLC  
Cell 920-428-9128  
GJGeisler@landolakes.com

#### 2009 SportCruiser

174 hours TT  
Rotax 912 ULS 100 hp  
Dynon D100 EFIS, D120 EMS  
TruTrack Autopilot-DigiFlight II  
Garmin 296 GPS  
Lightspeed Zulu headsets

Dedicated company flight instructor

Hangered at Wittman Fiel



## EAA Chapter 252's Young Eagles Scholarship Applications Available

As has been reported previously in the *Pylon*, your Board of Directors had elected to offer a scholarship in memory of our past Young Eagles Coordinator, Eric Von.

This has been discussed quite a bit at the Board level, and while all agree that it is something Eric would have wanted, we are not sure if this should be an on-going offering from the Chapter. For now, we will consider it a one-time event, and pending the response we receive, will determine if it a program we should repeat. Please find the application on page 7. Please print it off and provide to a student pilot who should be considered.

## Chapter 252 Meeting Topic Challenge

Do you have an interest in a particular aviation related topic? Is there an aviation related subject that you've always wanted to know more about? Something obscure? Technically challenging?

Here's the challenge to you – send us your idea or question, etc. Technical topics are good. Historical is good. Contemporary topics are good.

Keep in mind this is something that may be presented to the rest of the Chapter – so be reasonable...

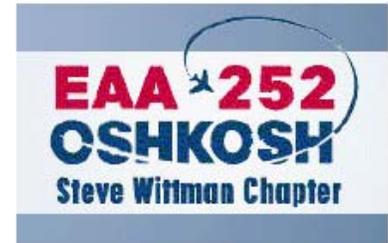
Try to focus on the topic, don't be concerned about who might be available to present on it.

Our belief is that within our Chapter, you members, and our surrounding communities, exists an extensive background of aviation oriented knowledge, experience, and capability. The idea is to push ourselves a bit – just to help keep things interesting.

Submit your best challenge. Send it to this Newsletter Editor.

## 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:

EAA Chapter 252, Wayne Daniels  
3778 Red Oak Ct.  
Oshkosh, WI 54901  
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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 - 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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