

**Next Chapter  
 252 Meeting**

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

**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!

**November Meeting  
 - Technical, Hands On -**

At the conclusion of the business portion of the meeting the members will break out into the feature presentation portion.

This month we have three Chapter members who will be offering to demonstrate construction techniques common with homebuilt aircraft.

Jeff Rodgers is an Avionics Technician with his area of specialty being airframe wiring and instrument panel installations. He was with Gulfstream for many years. He is also building a Hummelbird. Jeff will be available to demonstrate and answer questions about aviation electrical wiring.

John Egan and Charlie Becker will demonstrate how to fabricate up a welded truss fuselage. John is a mechanical Engineer and is building a Pietenpol (when time permits). Charlie (Chapter VP) was involved with a group of fellow EAA employees who recently completed a Sonex. Both are presently working on a Super Cub type replica.

The recent survey indicated most of the membership had a strong interest in learning about the technical aspect of aviation. The November, and future meetings are oriented to achieve that end.

**Gene & Dorothy Chase  
 Depart For Tulsa**



As we found out at our September meeting, Gene & Dorothy would soon be moving from the Oshkosh area.

Off and on for the past few weeks, daughters Linda and Kathy have come up from Tulsa to help their parents sort through and pack items in preparation for the move. That day did come, with their departure during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November. They will be calling Tulsa, Oklahoma their home once again. Though packing and leaving Oshkosh friends behind has been difficult, they look forward to being closer to their daughters and grandchildren.

The Chase's bought their Oshkosh home in 1982 during the time that EAA was transitioning from Hales Corners and Burlington, and moving up to Oshkosh. Using it first for occasional stays,

they completed the move in 1983 – almost 30 years ago – plenty of time to accumulate a lot of stuff!

We have had the privilege of enjoying their friendship for many years, but we have had them long enough and their family wants them back. We wish them well.

**Chapter 252 Eric Von Scholarship**



*Chapter President Wayne Daniels congratulates Mike Keck on receiving the Eric Von Scholarship.*

*See the complete story on Page 5.*



In 1931... The USS Akron, a purpose-built aircraft-carrying airship, is commissioned.



**2011  
Chapter Calendar  
and Wittman Airport Events**

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

Chapter 252 meeting at Sonex.  
Aircraft building demonstrations

**November 15<sup>th</sup>**

WIA Chapter 52 meeting at Sonex.  
Chapter 252 member, Paul Votava  
featured speaker, DC3's in  
Antarctica. Open to the public.

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

Chapter 252 meeting, location TBD  
Airspace classes, and communication  
– Jim Kress, CFI

**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

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>

**Welcome New  
Member!**



Bob Archer (EAA #1065289, Lifetime) is one of our newer Chapter members. He is also a member of the Warbirds of America division.

Though not a pilot himself Bob confesses he has been interested in airplanes and flying for as long as he can remember, and says he was inspired by the life and experiences of Wisconsin native Richard Bong. He did have some flight training while in High School, and has flown with friends in their aircraft. Bob feeds his aviation interest by being a full time volunteer during AirVenture.

Bob is an interior designer at Absolutely Yours Interiors of Appleton. He is also a Minister of Music at Bethel/Lutheran Homes of Oshkosh.

Bob lives in Neenah. His other hobbies include good music of all kinds, painting & drawing, reading, and trips to Door County.

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

**Oshkosh Loses Two  
Local Aviators**

*During the past month we have lost two local aviators. They were not members of the Chapter, but regardless I felt their passing should be acknowledged.*

**Albert J Al Ziebell (1915 - 2011)** was one of Oshkosh's earlier pilots. A friend of S.J. Wittman, Bill Brennand, and many others. Al was a long time member of EAA and co-founded the Vette Seaplane Base in 1949. There, he volunteered endless hours and made life-long friends from all over the United States and Canada.

Local pilots will remember him for his passion for floatplane flying, and builders for his skill in fabrication and forming sheet metal. He was a very devoted husband, constantly caring for his wife Willetta during her time of need. He enjoyed the camaraderie of others pilots, and would often stop by their hangars to visit and get the latest news.

Funeral services were held on Friday, October 14, 2011.

**Ted Mosman (1953 – 2011)** was a long time employee of EAA. He was hired in 1979 as an Aircraft Maintenance Technician, working out of the EAA Flight Test Center in Burlington, WI. He later moved to Oshkosh when the Burlington facility was closed down. In Oshkosh he would marry his wife Cynthia. Ted was born in Corning, Iowa and attended A&P school in Ottumwa.

Ted will be remembered as an excellent mechanic, and a caring, easy going, gentle person.

A Memorial service was held on October 22.

**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.

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**Medical**

Kevin Green MD, (Oshkosh)	Airman Medical Examiner	www.foxvalleywellness.com, 920/922-5433
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## President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

Well, as luck would have it, Mother Nature blew away our plans to fly about 45 Boy Scout as Young Eagles on October 15th. With the winds howling that morning it would not have offered the best opportunity for an introduction to flight...maybe another time we can make that happen for them.

Although we couldn't put smiles on the faces of a group of scouts working on their Aviation Merit Badges, we did manage to witness many grins at the Chapter Chili Bash. Attendees whipped up their favorite chili recipes as well as a number of great deserts and other trimmings that same afternoon. A few of those chef's may have missed their callings!!

High winds may have prevented any aircraft from flying in for the chili bash, we were happy to welcome Michael Keck and his mother Janice to the chili and socializing. Michael was our selection for the Eric Von Memorial Scholarship. The chapter was pleased to award this scholarship in recognition of the efforts that Eric contributed to the Young Eagle program as our YE Coordinator. I'm sure that Eric would be pleased with Michael's selection as he has gone full circle in having been a Young Eagle himself, followed by completing the Sporty's ground school and taking flight instruction culminating in the recent successful Private Pilot exam and flight test. Michael plans to now use the scholarship money to pursue an instrument rating, and I'm sure with his attitude and enthusiasm that he will finish that with "flying colors"! Congratulations Michael and good luck with the rest of your training. Rumor has it that he hopes to someday fly rescue helicopters for the U.S. Coast Guard. And I know he also has plans to join our chapter, and become P.I.C. during our next Young Eagle event!

Our next few meetings will see a return of some of our technical sessions that were met with a lot of enthusiasm last year. So come on out and learn something about building and or maintaining a G.A. aircraft.

## Chapter Board Meeting

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

11/3/11 Attending: Wayne Daniels, Jim Casper, Charlie Becker, Al Follendorf, Randy Novak, Terry Novak, Janet Davidson (short visit), Doug Milius.

**Banquet 2012 Update** - The guest speaker has not yet been identified. A request was previously put to Hoot Gibson, with no response. Possible alternatives mentioned were Hal Shevers, Jerry Mehlhoff, and Jeff Skiles. Janet will check with Skiles, followed by Randy checking with Melhoff as a potential back up.

Janet reported the banquet will be held in the Eagle Hangar. The Spirit of Elo recipient was selected. It was agreed to do the silent auction again. Hal Bryan agreed to be the MC.

**Chapter meeting schedule** - Randy reported that Jeff Rodgers, Charlie Becker, and John Egan have confirmed to be presenters for November. The presentations for the next few months have also been determined. Randy to inquire with Kevin Green if he would provide an aero medical type of presentation for February.

**Membership renewal** - Discussed members joining or renewing via the website and using PayPal. Charlie commented that the Chapter needs to make a better effort at contacting/communicating with members regarding renewal. Al offered to help collect the New Member Questionnaire data when someone first joins.

**Aeromart** - Charlie reported that the Vintage division of EAA did agree to taking over the management of Aeromart. Chapter members will be meeting with the Vintage group in the near future. Charlie motioned to offer the operating equipment to Vintage, seconded by Jim Casper - approved. Charlie recommended and motioned the Chapter to list the left over inventory as a vendor, seconded by Jim Casper, approved.

**Sept. Pancake Breakfast** - Al reported that the Chapter netted about \$800.00, the

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If you have a subject that you would like to see presented or even to present yourself, please contact any board member.



## October 15th Young Eagle Rally Recap

By Doug Milius

Our Chapter had planned a Young Eagle Rally on October 15th to help a Boy Scout troop from the Chicago area. They were camping out in the Green Lake area and had planned on visiting the EAA Museum the afternoon of the 15th. Every part of the puzzle was in place except for one little piece. That was contacting Mother Nature and telling her to have calm winds for the day. I decided to cancel the rally a few days before because the winds were forecast to blow in excess of 25 knots. The weather people were right as that Friday and Saturday the winds picked up and never calmed down right through the weekend.

I want to thank all of our members who volunteered for this event. We had ground support people, flight line people and pilots all signed up and ready to help out. I really appreciate all the support.

Our next rally will be in conjunction with our Spring Steve Wittman pancake breakfast. I do occasionally get requests for individual Young Eagle flights. I have a couple of pilots who have told me they would help with these types of flights. If you would want to fly a Young Eagle or two during the year, let me know. Thanks and happy, safe flying!

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gross was about \$1500.00. General discussion followed about providing a breakfast concession for other events. Jim Casper offered that Pioneer Airport may possibly be hosting a future event that the Chapter could get involved with. Several possibilities mentioned was the Farm Show, Piper Cub gathering, etc. No decisions were made.

**Chapter Hangar/Clubhouse** - Wayne proposed the Board resume this project, starting with creating a proposal to present to the Airport management. Location of choice is between Orion and the terminal building. Configuration of choice is a building that represents S.J. Wittman's original hangar.

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## Chapter 252 Eric Von Scholarship

Our recipient of the Eric Von scholarship is Michael Keck. At our recent October Chapter meeting Mike and his mother Janice attended the meeting to receive the award from President Wayne Daniels, and to meet the membership. I took a few minutes to sit down with two of them to learn something about them, and Mike's plans for the future.

Mike has already earned his Private Pilot license, passing his flight test this past summer. He took flying lessons from the Wittman based FBO, Orion, starting in 2010 with instructor Jake Miller in a Cessna 172. For ground school he took advantage of the on-line Sporty's ground school program that is offered to Young Eagles at no cost. Local EAA activities, including the Y.E. Air Academy, helped contribute to his interest and keep him motivated. Mike reported he had earlier received a \$1500.00 Harrison Ford Scholarship, which was used to help fund his flying lessons. He does plan to continue his flight training through pursuit of an IFR Rating, and that is what the Eric Von Scholarship money will be applied towards.

Mike having become a pilot is a new direction for the immediate Keck family as neither of his parents have pilot ratings. However, the aviation gene may have been handed down through his mom's side of the family. Janice reported that her father, Robert Maahs, did always have an interest in airplanes and enjoyed taking the family to air shows. While living in the Seattle, WA area they would often go to the Abbotsford air show in Canada. Her father did take some lessons and accumulated about 20 hours in his logbook. Janice has about 10 hours herself – the result of winning a raffle/drawing that was held at Abbotsford. Mike built some model airplanes with his grandfather (who now lives in Hortonville). In more recent years the family has traveled with Grandpa to take in the Dayton, Ohio air show.

During our visit, Mike and Janice both stressed that the on-line training made available through Sporty's was a big help, and it was his only ground school training in addition to what his flight instructor provided. Mike commented that the Sporty's program provided all of the information that was needed – as he found it to be a very comprehensive lesson plan. It took him somewhere between 2 and 3

months to complete the courses, and that was with typically spending 1 or 2 hours a day at it (attested to by mom). Mike also added that the program was a good general reference for him and he would often complement his flying lessons by referring back to a particular subject in the course.

What does the future have in store for Mike? First – is to finish his Senior year of High School, which includes spending the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester in Germany as a foreign exchange student. After that – Mike mentioned that an aviation career with the Coast Guard sounds interesting – or maybe something towards Aeronautical/mechanical Engineering. I want to mention that Mike did volunteer that he feels obligated to contribute to the aviation community as an individual. He recognizes that he has benefited due to the generosity of others (Young Eagle pilots, EAA, Sporty's, Chapter 252) and that in-turn, he would like to help others by volunteering as a Pilot, or in some other manner.

Congratulations Mike and good luck as you move forward!

### - About the Scholarship project -

The scholarship was created in memory of Eric Von, past Young Eagles Coordinator for the Chapter. For years he helped to introduce kids to aviation through his efforts with the EAA Young Eagles program. Von died in 2010 after a brief battle with cancer.

The Chapter continues to support the Young Eagles program by regularly providing airplane rides to kids ages 8 to 17, and had decided to expand it's promotion of aviation education to the next level by offering this scholarship for flight training.

Applicants for the scholarship must have had previously taken a Young



*Chapter Vice President Charlie Becker talks about the scholarship project.*

## Randy's Ramblings

What a time we are living through. The world seems to be in a state of flux, financially and politically. Who knows what's coming next. Governments are on the brink of financial collapse; some have failed for political or cultural reasons.

Things are in a state of change over at EAA headquarters as well. For the first time the leadership is no longer a member of the founding family. Corporate regime changes often result in changes to the structure and operations, and maybe the mission statement, and EAA is no exception. Change is often accompanied by risk.

EAA has made clear its intentions to try and appeal to a greater portion of the general aviation consumer population. This is a deviation from its roots, but it feels compelled to do so for its own survival.

Changes like this are not always easy to accept. The internet contains a few discussions about EAA's new direction. There is one on EAA's own forum site at <http://eaaforums.org> that started out pertaining to *Sport Aviation*, but has evolved into a general discussion about EAA. The participants are members and EAA employees alike. There are some emotional exchanges to be sure. There are also some entries where well-reasoned and thoughtful comments were presented – from both sides.

Great governments and great companies have come and gone, some because they refused to adapt, some because they pursued the wrong path. Right now, EAA is the only game in town for many of us. Only time will tell how EAA's experiment will fare.

Eagles Flight with an EAA member, completed a free on-line ground school class through "Sporty's", and have passed the FAA written exam. The scholarship funds would be available as a reimbursement for flight training received and could be applied towards airplane rental and/or instructor fees.

The scholarship was promoted the scholarship through the Chapter membership (via applications published in the newsletter), our website, and the local media. Though originally proposed as a one-time offering, there has been some discussion about offering the scholarship for 2012 as well. What are your thoughts?

## October Chapter 252 “Chili Bash” Meeting

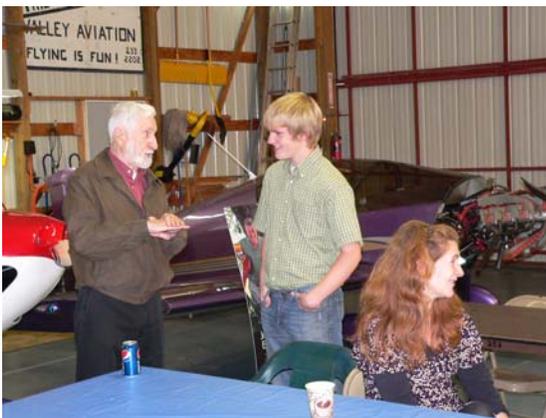
The October meeting was certainly well suited for eating chili. With cool blustery winds, we did not have any fly-inners, or even taxi overs.

Despite the weather, attendance was good with about 30 people present. As with the past few years, it was held at Chapter President Wayne Daniels hangar, located along the east side of Wittman Airport.

The Chapter was introduced to Mike Keck, recipient of the Chapter’s first Eric Von Scholarship award. See elsewhere for a story about Mike and his aviation plans.

Wayne led a short business meeting, a new Chapter member, Chad Jensen stopped in for a few minutes and was introduced to the group.

The 2012 banquet was briefly discussed, with Janet Davidson reporting that she wrote to astronaut/race pilot Hoot Gibson about being a guest speaker, and that Hal Shevers has also been asked as a possible back-up.



*Scholarship recipient Mike Keck did take the opportunity to meet and talk aviation with the Chapter members.*



*Thank you to President Wayne for yet again hosting another Chapter event in his hangar. His 7<sup>th</sup> Heaven hangar is not insulated or heated, and no running water, but we have managed to utilize it quite well for some of our Chapter events. (That was an intentional comment to point out how a Chapter hangar does not need to start out as the Taj Mahal.)*



*Chapter events always offer to opportunity to socialize with other aviaton types – to catch up on what everyone has been doing.*





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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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