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**Next Chapter
 252 Meeting**

October 15th

**EAA Chapter 252
 Meeting &
 Chili Bash**

**11:00 AM
 7th Heaven
 Hangar
 (Wayne Daniel's
 place)**

(Wear Your Chapter
 Name Badge)

If able, bring a dish to pass.

**October Chapter
 252 Meeting**

The October meeting will be held at Chapter President Wayne Daniels hangar, located along the east side of Wittman Airport. There are two ways to get to Wayne's place; by airplane or by car. Let's see a few more airplanes there this year!

His hangar is located on the west end of taxiway Delta, that's the one that provides access to the FVTC airport campus, Basler Turbo Conversions, etc. The Tower knows where the hangar is; just ask for it by name, "7th Heaven".

By car: Wayne and his wife Kathy live in the small subdivision near Steve Wittman's old house. From Oshkosh go south on Oregon St. (County I) and then go west on Ripple Ave. to Red Oak Ct., go north on Red Oak and you will find their place at the end of the road.




Is having an October Chili Bash!!!

**WHERE: WAYNE & KATHY DANIELS 7TH HEAVEN HANGAR
 3778 RED OAK CT, OSHKOSH WI 54902
 (APPROX 100 YDS EAST OF CLOUD NINE HANGAR ON TAXIWAY DELTA -OSH)
 ASK OSH GROUND FOR PROGRESSIVE TO "7TH HEAVEN"
 CALL MY CELL @ 4100107 IF YOU CAN'T PROCEED UNDER YOUR OWN NAVIGATION!**



When: Saturday, October 15th, Starting at 11:00 AM

Please bring a batch of your favorite Chili. We can either "blend" everyone's chili or everyone can sample the individual prize winning recipies.....OR BOTH!!! Also please bring a salad or desert appropriate to a chili meal, if you plan to take a load off of your feet, then bring a lawn chair as well.



October 14, 1947 – Chuck Yeager becomes the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound, piloting "Glamorous Glennis" the Bell X-1 rocket powered airplane. Operating from Edwards Air Force Base, he was able to reach 670-mph or Mach 1.015.

**Chapter 252 Young Eagles
 Event, October 15th**

By Doug Milius



Our Chapter has volunteered to help fly approximately 45 Boy Scouts from the Chicago area on October 15th. The scouts are camping in the Green Lake area the night before and will be touring the EAA Museum in the afternoon.

I have had a number of pilots already commit to help out that morning but we really need "All Hands on Deck" for this event. We especially need more volunteers

2011
Chapter Calendar
and Wittman Airport Events

October 15th

Young Eagles Flights, Boy Scouts
Wittman Airport Terminal
8:30 to 11:00 AM

October 15th

Chili Bash at 7th Heaven,
Wayne Daniels Hangar
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

November 10th

Chapter 252 meeting,
Hands-on building tips?

November 15th

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

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>

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to help checking over the paperwork (they will have the Young Eagle forms filled out for us). I also need more people to help direct planes on the ground.

I have confirmed with Peter Moll that we can use the terminal as a staging area. I plan on having the pilot and ground personnel **preflight at 8:30 AM** that morning. **Flights will start at 9:00 AM** and will finish by 11:00 am so we can all head to Wayne's hanger for some chili and hanger talk. I will make sure we have coffee and snacks for those helping out. Come out to the airport and make it a morning of making kids happy and then head out for some delicious chili and refreshments. It will be a great way to spend a morning at the airport!



**Y.E. FLIGHTS – SEPTEMBER
PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

You couldn't have ordered a more perfect day to fly young eagles than what we had the morning of our pancake breakfast. Our chapter ended up flying 27 Young Eagles. A special thanks goes out to our volunteers on the ground and in the air who ensured the event was a safe one.

We tried a few new things this time and we will work on perfecting them in the future. We used our flight simulator (software, computer, and flight controls) that was donated by Mike Potopinski. Terry Novak helped the kids fly the simulator before and after their flights, and it seemed to be a big hit with the kids. Mike Potopinski also brought over his

**Welcome New
Member!**



Dr. Kevin Green (EAA #478199) is no stranger to many of the pilots in the area. In addition to his regular medical practice, he is also an Aviation Medical Examiner. A pilot himself, he holds Private Pilot, Instrument, and Instrument Ground Instructor ratings.

Kevin's father ran a dairy farm near Brainerd, MN – where Kevin grew up. He

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Cessna 120 which was used to demonstrate preflight procedures.

A big thank you also to Patty Labs who came over with her son Matt from Adams. She handled all the paperwork.

Ground operation personnel were Chuck Lucas, Steve Owen and Steve Schaick. Terry Novak and Patty Labs helped in the terminal. Pilots who donated their planes and time were; Matt Labs, Doug Osterburg, Jim Kress, Wayne Daniels, Steve Schapiro, Steve Buss, Michael Hoy and myself. A big THANK YOU to all who helped.

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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President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

Despite the NFL's poorly scheduled season opener featuring the Green Bay Packers hosting the New Orleans Saints on the same evening, the Chapter corn roast went off under perfect skies and comfortable temperatures. A large group gathered at the 7th Heaven Hangar to enjoy some of Allenville's best sweet corn, burgers on the grill, and lots of delicious sides and deserts. We were again joined by a group of participants from the Rainbow Aviation Light Sport Repairman training course. Also, with sadness we said goodbye to Gene & Dorothy Chase as they will soon be relocating back to Tulsa, OK to be near their daughters. Safe travels Gene and Dorothy! We'll surely miss you and hope you stay in touch from your new home!

The Chapter pancake breakfast held on Sept. 10th in conjunction with the airport Open House got a break from Mother Nature. We had excellent weather and saw 22 aircraft parked in front of the terminal while their pilots dined on pancakes, eggs, and sausage. All told, the Chapter served approx. 230 breakfasts! In addition, 27 youngsters attained the title of "Young Eagle". Great job and thanks to all who came out and helped with the breakfast and/or the YE event.

Speaking of YE events... we have another one on Saturday, Oct. 15th, from 8 – 11 AM to fly a number of Boy Scouts that will be visiting the EAA Museum. Ground and flight crew help is still needed! If you have some time for this please contact Doug Milius at dmilius@sbcglobal.net. Afterwards, the annual Chapter Chili Bash will be held at 7th Heaven Hangar from 11 AM until ???. Please bring a sampling of your favorite batch of chili, and a side dish/desert to pass, and a lawn chair... and we'll see if we can get this nice weather to hold out for us! Maybe we'll even have a few airplanes to inspect!

I recently received a copy of the 2010 EAA Annual Report and would like to

Chapter Board Meeting Notes

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

9/29/11 Attending: Wayne Daniels, Jim Kress, Charlie Becker, Al Follendorf, Randy Novak, Terry Novak, Bret Steffen, Janet Davidson (short visit). Excused: Doug Milius.

Eric Von Scholarship – The Board discussed the applicant & application. Michael Keck, 41 Stony Beach Rd., Oshkosh, 920/602-2458. It is hoped that he will be at the October Chili Bust meeting.

October Meeting Chili Bust – Chapter October 15th meeting, Wayne confirmed start time as 11:00 AM.

October 15th YE Rides – Doug has about 45 Boy Scouts lined up for rides, we will operate out of the terminal building.

YE Rides at Juneau – Wayne and others participated with the Juneau EAA Chapter in providing rides to about 340 Boy Scouts. During that event he found out

share some of that information with you. EAA membership grew 7.1% to nearly 169,000 members. Hints for Homebuilders surpassed 2 million hits. March witnessed the launch of the Webinar Series (you should listen in on some of these great programs!). More than 50 SportAir Workshops were conducted! The YE program added 77,676 more youngsters to the roster, flown by 5,500 volunteer pilots in 11,257 flight hours! Financial Statements and a listing of contributors were also printed in the report.

The report also acknowledged many individuals for their volunteer work. Chapter 252 featured a number of these people and at the risk of missing someone; I will try to again thank those members. Pilots flying ten or more Young Eagles: Steve Buss, Fred Stadler. Tech Counselors: Lyle Forsgren, Tim Hoversten, Pat Keesler, Joe Norris, Randy Novak, and George Rotter. Flight Advisors: John Monnett, Joe Norris, and Owen Russell. Pilot Advocates: Kevin Green (AME). Pioneer Airport Staff: Hal & Muffy Bryan, Jim Casper, Gene & Dorothy Chase, Doug Conciatu, Lon & Elaine Nanke, Joe & Jeri Norris, Fred & Carol Stadler.

Thanks to all of you for your time and service to EAA. If I inadvertently missed anyone please accept my apologies and thank you for your service as well!

that we cannot use amateur built aircraft for Boy Scout sanctioned events, as their organization does not permit it. Doug requested direction from the Board, whether the Chapter should support Boy Scout events. After some discussion it was decided not to exclude the Boy Scouts from our YE program, as EAA HQ is aware of the restriction but still provides YE flights out of Pioneer Airport – establishing a precedence of sorts.

Jimmy Leeward Reno Accident - Janet Davidson suggested the Chapter consider providing a donation to one of the Jimmy Leeward related memorial funds. One option is a possible YE memorial scholarship fund with EAA (still to be determined). Another option was a donation to a private organization who reports the proceeds would go to the accident victims. It was pointed out that the Chapter has not made it a practice of contributing to such funds, though perhaps we should at the local level. It was pointed out that this incident was more of a National issue rather than a local one, and might be better supported by EAA HQ – who had not determined what or if they were going to contribute. After discussion, no motion was made.

Banquet 2012 Update - The guest speaker has not yet been identified. Wayne suggested Hoot Gibson. Janet suggested Dick Knapinski.

Sept. Fly-In Breakfast - Wayne reported John Egan is looking to purchase a commercial duty pancake batter dispenser. Bret advised that he has a used, commercial type dispenser that he does not use and the Chapter can use it – and if it works out he might consider donating it to the group. Charlie recommended the Chapter get a pour through restaurant type coffee maker. Al suggested an option of a couple of large pump type carafes for dispensing. No decision was made, more information is probably needed. It was reported that the number of Chapter volunteers was slightly down as compared to the spring fly-in, though we had plenty of help except for YE ground support. Wayne commented that we

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could improve upon controlling the public (loose children) on the ramp. Several members commented that the Chapter has too many activities in August, possibly contributing to the lower turn out of volunteers (EAA burn out). Bret offered that he has a wood fuselage (Jodel ?) that the Omro student aviation group is considering converting into a base station for the Chapter's flight simulator. The work would be performed by Bret and students from Omro High School, as part of their extra curricular aviation program. The Board thought this would be a good asset for YE events.

Aeromart – Discussed donation to the Omro students. Bret reported their support was less than scheduled and so the amount should be pro-rated appropriately. Rene has all of the records, and Bret needs to review the volunteer hours with her to determine what the amount should be. Discussed donating some funds to the Fond du Lac football organization from Aeromart in recognition of the support provided by Cole, Karissa, and Joe Baier. Al made a motion to donate \$100, seconded by Jim Casper, motion carried. The Board noted the donation to Omro would be from Aeromart. Discussed the Chapter's future intentions with Aeromart: it was noted that the consensus of a previous Aeromart Committee meeting was not to renew the contract for 2012. The Board discussed options that would help the Chapter to continue with Aeromart – reduced operating hours, partnering with another organization to get more help, and for various reasons none were appealing. Charlie motioned the Chapter give notice to EAA HQ that we will not renew for 2012, seconded by Bret, motion carried unanimously by the Board. Charlie advised that if no other organization was willing to take it on, HQ may have to come back to the Chapter.

Chapter Survey – The Board reviewed the survey summaries provided by Randy. There was overall good response from the membership. Responses indicated a good interest in having a Chapter hangar or clubhouse, and that members are willing to help support the financial commitment. There are also a number of members who are willing to be officers or project

Several weeks ago I sent out a survey. The results would be used to help guide the Board of Directors as the Chapter moves forward. This is the second Chapter survey conducted during Wayne Daniel's years as Chapter President.

The survey was sent out to all members with e-mail. Hardcopies were mailed to those without e-mail, and to the general membership that did not respond to the e-mailing. In the end, final follow up reminders were made by either phone, or additional e-mail to encourage participation. The survey results provided a few pleasant surprises and one or two disappointing results.

At the time of the survey, Chapter 252 had 94 members in good standing. The total response was 72%, which we thought was pretty good. Electronic replies accounted for 38% of those responses, and hard copy responses 53%.

The Chapter is fairly young, with regard to the number of years an individual has been a member of the Chapter. About 66% of the respondents having been in the group for 10 years or

team participants. The survey indicated a strong interest in having presentations at each meeting rather than just a social gathering, and that we need to increase the technical content of the meetings. Randy suggested there is good technical knowledge within the Chapter and local area. The Board needs to provide some recommendations for topics.

Future Meetings – For November we will try to repeat the hands on learning session as we did at last year's November meeting. Randy will ask Jeff Rodgers to do something about electrical systems, and Aaron Novak to again provide gas welding instruction for either steel or aluminum. Charlie will check with a couple of people on the EAA staff. For the December meeting Jim Kress will present on Airspace and ATC Communications. For future technical meetings Randy suggested that a short formal educational presentation accompany any of the "hands on" type of demonstrations – to help promote the education aspect of the Chapter. Randy will check with Dennis Moehn to see if he would help provide instruction.

Next Board meeting - TBD

less, and 25% about a year or less.

There is surprisingly little participation in any of the EAA divisions (such as Antique-Classics, Warbirds, etc.), but about 29% of the respondents are also with AOPA.

As to aircraft ownership, about 57% of those responding do own an airplane, and 22% have built or restored an airplane, 27% are building/restoring now, and 21% would like to build an airplane in the future.

According to the responses, the Chapter population is heavy on pilot ratings, while about 7% have an A&P rating.

One surprise was that 96% of the respondents include the Pylon as a source for their Chapter news (*thank you!*, *ed*), while 9% also use the Chapter website. However, only 7% also use Facebook, and only 1.5% reported referring to the EAA on-line calendar. There were about 4% of the respondents who did not indicate their preference.

When it comes to the member activity level, 65% of the responses indicated they have volunteered at Chapter functions. 19% would consider holding office, and 31% are willing to be part of a committee or project team.

We received many comments regarding a Chapter Hangar or Clubhouse, both positive and negative. Bottom line is that 65% of the respondents indicated an interest in the Chapter having a permanent meeting place, and 71% of them are willing to support it – indicating there were a few members who though not personally in favor of a hangar/clubhouse indicated they would still volunteer at events to help fund it – if that is the direction the Chapter decides to go. When comparing our Fly-in Breakfasts to Aeromart for fund raising support, the breakfasts received 60% of the vote.

The comments received were compiled into a list, in some case some editing was performed in an attempt to capture all of the member's comments – without changing the message.

A detailed summary was provided to the Board of Directors, including the comments, but did not include the respondents' names. However, all of the original surveys will be retained on file for a while.

THANK YOU to those of you who took the time to participate!

New Member, cont. from page 2.

was an Army Air Corps pilot in WWII flying liaison aircraft, primarily Stinson L5's. Kevin said that his did a lot of artillery spotting, reconnaissance, and air ambulance work. After the war he continued to fly for a little while.

Kevin joined the Air Force while still in medical school, and served for 9 years. In his role as a Flight Surgeon he flew in F-16's, and finished his military career as the Chief of Flight Medicine at Edwards Air Force Base. While living in southern California Kevin was a member of the infamous EAA Chapter 1 at Flabob Airport.

Kevin earned his pilots license in 1978 while attending college, and for a while he

owned a Cessna 172 in partnership. Presently he owns a Mooney 231, and is trying to build a Sparrow Hawk gyroplane. I say trying – because Kevin's work schedule was been busy enough to not allow much time for flying – much less building. Kevin has recently left the Aurora Clinic in Oshkosh, and is setting up practice in a new location with Fox Valley Wellness Center in Fond du Lac. Yes, he is still doing FAA physicals at the new location. As an AME, Kevin is a member of an exclusive club that has seen a sharp reduction in numbers in recent years. Kevin reported that about 10 years ago there were about 11,000 AME's, and now there are less than 4000 in the

country. We hope the new practice will allow for a little more free time so Kevin can get out flying more often!

Kevin and his wife Karen live in Oshkosh. They have one daughter, who is teaching at a college in California. Kevin's other hobbies include target shooting, pistol and rifle – including black powder, wood working, kayaking, and other water sports.

EAA Chapter 252
- Airplane Spoken Here -

Chapter 252 September Meeting & Corn Roast

Our September 8th meeting was the Chapter's annual corn roast. Chapter President Wayne Daniels was at his usual station – grilling brats and burgers, while Board member Jim Casper cooked the sweet corn, and brought in beverages. Many members brought a dish to pass – and as with most of our cookout events there was plenty to good food to go around.

We held the meeting at Wayne's hangar, 7th Heaven. The Chapter membership turn out was a bit thin (Packers game night you know...), but our guests from the Rainbow Aviation class more then made up for it.



Jim Casper and Wayne Daniels were again on cooking detail.



Good food was enjoyed by all.



A short meeting followed the meal, including an update of Fly-in Breakfast activities by John Egan.



President Wayne Daniels announced to the group that Gene and Dorothy Chase would be moving from Oshkosh in the near future. They are moving to Tulsa to be closer to family.

The Chase's lived in Tulsa prior to moving to Hales Corners in the early 70's, after Gene accepted a position with EAA Headquarters.



Pilot Doug Osterberg & his Bellanca, are shown with new Y.E.'s Cody & Evan Farley and friend Alex Lautenschlager. Amy Murphy brought all the boys out to the airport.



Then there's the Y.E. paper work.

Chapter 252's September Fly-In Breakfast & Airport Open House

September 10th dawned bright and clear, for our last pancake breakfast of the 2011 season. This was our 7th consecutive event, and the experience showed. The Friday evening set up in the airport terminal building went quick and smooth.

On the day of the event, our volunteer turn out was a little less than the spring event, but we still had adequate help in all areas except for Young Eagles ground support. Doug Milius reported that he could have used another person or two helping with paperwork

At the end of the day, breakfast Chairman John Egan reported that we served 224 paid meals (volunteers eat for free). Wayne handed out 7 free meal coupons for the pilots of homebuilts who flew in. We also sold \$20 in tee shirts, and received \$17 in donations (tips). The initial financial report shows we earned about \$750 (plus or minus).

For YE activity, please see Doug Milius' Y.E. report elsewhere in this issue.

Bill Brennan and his new book was a popular feature. He always seemed to have a line of people who wanted to talk to him. Bill reported they had all but sold out of the first printing and a second was being planned.

Thank you to all who helped make the event a success!



Will Schaick and Steve Owen, on the ramp.



Bill Brennan and friends.



Mike Butler takes a break from frying pancakes to greet the grand kids.



Gene Chase and Wayne Daniels used the day as an opportunity to add yet another aircraft model to Gene's extensive list of aircraft he has flown.



Evie Kress, Lon Nanke, and Wes Koplitz serve up breakfast.



Mike Potopinski's flight simulator was a big hit with the kids.



The group Women in Aviation were one of the organizations represented as part of the open house.



New Y.E. Connor Parks, shown with Jim Kress and his Cessna 150



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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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