

August 8th Chapter Meeting & Cookout

Next Chapter 252 Meeting

August 8th
 (Wednesday Night)

Doors Open at
 6:00 PM
 Meeting starts at
 7:00 PM

(Wear Your Chapter
 Name Badge)

**EAA Kermit Weeks
 Hangar, 20th Ave.
 Wittman Regional
 Airport
 (North side)**

Snacks & treats
 are always appreciated!

Wednesday, August 8th

6:00 PM to 9:00PM

**EAA Kermit Weeks Flight Research Center
 20th Avenue, Oshkosh
 Fly-in or drive-in!**

PLEASE NOTE! The August meeting will be on Wednesday evening, NOT Thursday as is customary.

The Chapter will provide some of the basics: brats, buns, baked beans, and potato salad. **Members are invited to bring a salad, desert, snacks, or another side dish to share.**

For the last few years Chapter 252 has held it's August meeting at the EAA Weeks Hangar, thanks to the generosity of the facility manager, John Hopkins, and to Janet Davidson for making the arrangements with John.

Featured speakers for the evening will include John Monnett, who will talk about the new Aircraft Kit Industry Association (AKIA) organization that was recently formed. Also, Chapter officers will review other topics including highlights from Airventure 2012 .

The evening will allow everyone to not only enjoy a nice meal with fellow members, but also allow everyone a peak inside the Weeks Hangar to see what the latest projects are, etc.



At last years' August meeting, members enjoy a potluck dinner under the wing of the Ford Tri-motor.

Chapter 252 Activities For September

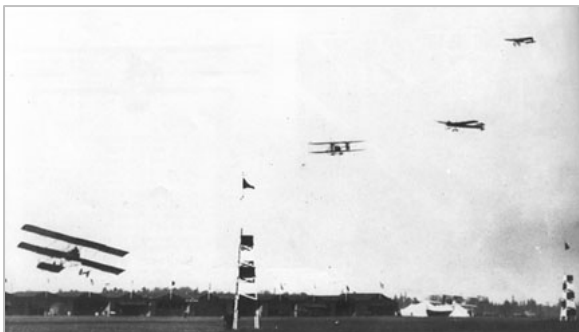
The month of September includes a few Chapter activities, with all of them focused around the weekend of the 15th! More details next month, but mark your calendars now!

Sept. 13th – Chapter Meeting and Corn Roast. Pending confirmation from Munsil, we will try to hold it at Elo Airport. Watch for information in the September issue of *The Pylon*. The Chapter will provide the basic staples for a cookout and members will be invited to bring a dish to pass. Plan to bring lawn chairs if you have them.

Sept. 14th – A small group of members will be needed to set up equipment and supplies for the Chapter's September Fly-In breakfast. Set up starts at about 5:00PM, and lasts for a couple of hours – arrive when you can – the help is greatly appreciated.

Sept. 15th - This event is also being promote as an "Airport Day" with businesses on the airport invited to participate by showing aircraft, displays, etc. **EVERY MEMBER CAN HELP BY DISTRIBUTING THE POSTERS** print off a few copies and hang in local businesses, community bulletin boards, etc – thank you!

Chapter members will be needed to cook pancakes, eggs, and sausage – serve food – shuttle food from the cooks to the servers - manage the coffee pots – police the eating area - collect payment – park airplanes – run for emergency supplies if needed – and finally, clean up! We are usually out of the terminal by noon or shortly after. NOTE – Wayne Daniels is managing the fly-in breakfast. For additional information, or if you just want to let Wayne know that you'll be there – contact him! His contact information is on the last page of this newsletter.



August 22 to August 29, 1909 – Twenty two of the world's leading aviators met at a racetrack on the Betheny Plain outside Reims, France, to compete in the first organized international air meet. Twenty-two aviators came to Reims to compete. All of them, save two, were Frenchmen. Glenn Curtis was the only American competitor. The photo shows 4 aircraft in the air at the same time – unusual for the day.

2012
Chapter Calendar
and Wittman Airport Events

August 8, 2012

Chapter 252 Meeting, 6:00PM
 John Monnett, about the AKIA
 EAA Weeks Hangar, 20th Ave. Osh

August 30, 2012

Board Meeting, EAA HQ, 5:30 PM

September 13, 2012

Chapter 252 Meeting, 6:00PM
 Corn Roast at Munsils (location to be confirmed).

September 14, 2012

5:00PM, Set up for the Chapter Fly-In Breakfast and Airport Open House. Volunteers needed to help.

September 15, 2012

7:00 – 11:00 AM, Chapter Fly-in Breakfast & Airport Open House
 Volunteers start at 6:00 AM.

September 27, 2012

Board Meeting, EAA HQ, 5:30 PM

October 13, 2012

Chapter 252 Meeting, Chili Bash
 Wayne Daniels' hangar.

October 25, 2012

Board Meeting, EAA HQ, 5:30 PM

November 8, 2012

Chapter 252 Meeting, 7:00PM
 Randy Novak, Ignition Systems

November 29, 2012

Board Meeting, Location TBD

December 13, 2012

Chapter 252 Meeting, TBD

Check out the event calendars at:

<http://www.eaa.org/calendar/>, and
<http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/fly-ins.htm>

Welcome New Members!

Sorry - No introductions available for this month!



Planes & Projects



Chris Ott recently provided a couple of announcements. One being that he just acquired this good-looking Fairchild PT-19, recently sold off by EAA as excess equipment. The other being that he is engaged to be married! Congratulations Chris!

For a few years now, Chris has been working on building up a North American P-51, and has had to become very knowledgeable about parts fabrication and availability – he probably knows the part number of every component by heart (which would make for an interesting newsletter story... hmmm).



Chapter member Jim Streblov was working on his RV-12 during Airventure. I was walking by his hangar and happened to see a pair of feet sticking up out of the cockpit! Jim took a break long enough for me to get this photo.

His goal was to have it flying this week. So, maybe we'll get a first flight report at next week's Chapter meeting!



Young Eagle Rally
9/15/12

With New Y.E. Coordinator
Brian Cooper

As announced in President Wayne's monthly message, new member Brian Cooper (July Pylon) has agreed to function as the Chapter Y.E. Coordinator for the remainder of the year. Just in time for the September Fly-In Breakfast!

The Chapter will be flying Young Eagles at the event from 9:00 am to 11:00 AM. Plan on having a **pilot and ground crew briefing at 8:30 AM.**

Tentatively, Brian will provide suggested flight pattern maps for that day. The Chapter will also try to have a computer to use for printing out the information on the certificates. We will also plan to have the computer with a flight simulator program on it so that the kids can play with it while they wait for their flights.

Brian could use a couple of volunteers to help with sign-up and processing, and possibly one or two for taking kids out to a static airplane to explain the various parts of the plane prior to their flights so that the pilots can do a quick preflight of their plane without having to go into a lot of detail of the components, etc.

If you are able to help, please contact Brian at:

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As always we want to make sure this is a safe, fun event for everyone involved.



Y.E. ground crew registers kids before their flights at the April 2012 fly-in.

President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

AirVenture 2012 is now in the books. It was good to see some more moderate temperatures even if we did have a couple of hot days! While this year's convention had some controversies it also had some great highlights. Charlie Becker returned to town in his new role with AOPA as well as to finalize the sale of his Oshkosh home. He seems excited about the new challenge and looks happy! Good Luck to Charlie and Teresa in this new chapter in their lives. Thursday night's home builders dinner witnessed the honoring of our own Joe Norris with the Tony Bingelis award for his many years of contributing to aircraft home builders and promoting GA safety. Good on ya Joe! Additionally Jim Cunningham and Bill Brennan of Chapter 252 were the evenings featured speakers with a presentation on Steve Wittman, our chapter namesake. They kept the crowd entertained for over an hour with racing and aircraft design and building tales about "Witt"!!

Thank you to new chapter member Brian Cooper who has volunteered to step in the Young Eagle Coordinator shoes for the balance of the year. He will get his baptism quickly as next month's Wittman Airport Open House/Chapter 252 pancake breakfast on Sept 15 will include a fly-in and Young Eagle event. Please contact Brian at brianacooper11@gmail.com to offer him some help with flying and/or ground crew.

July's meeting made welding look easy! Aaron Novak gave an impressive demonstration on gas welding an aluminum gas tank. I'm sure that Aaron did not acquire his skills overnight, but through a lot of experience he shared his knowledge with chapter members on techniques and some great hints. Thanks Aaron for taking away some of the intimidation that some of us may have had. Several members also tried their hand at it

Chapter Board Meeting

These meetings are open to ANYONE in the Chapter membership who is interested in attending.

Chapter 252 July board called to order at 5:37pm. Wayne Daniels, John Egan, Chad Jensen, Al Follendorf, Jim Casper, Brian Cooper, Randy & Terry Novak.

- Meeting minutes -

Discussion on how members are entered to the roster, payment, member application

Member rosters compared

Phone list divided up among officers to place calls for those that still show a 2011 expiration.

Discussion on election of officers and service terms. It was suggested that we establish a tradition that the V.P. would move up AFTER completing a full two year term.

Round table discussion of officer interest for 2013.

Reading of the EAA chapter newsletter award denial letter.

Nomination committee, Brian and Dennis, need more.

Speaker for banquet, is one still needed? Wayne will contact Janet.

Fly in pancake breakfast checklist reviewed.



under his experienced eye!!

A reminder to chapter members that the chapter corn roast will be on Sept 13 followed by the pancake breakfast on Sept 15. Please contact me at wedan444@sbcglobal.net for helping out with the breakfast set-up on the 14th and the breakfast on Saturday the 15th. We've found that many hands make the breakfast successful AND fun!!!

Don't forget that November is election month....No, I'm not talking about who's going to the White House! More importantly it will be time to select our Chapter's next Board of Directors to lead us for the next two years. If you are interested in serving your fellow chapter members please contact the nomination committee of Brian Cooper brianacooper11@gmail.com or Dennis Moehn moehn@fvtc.edu. It's your chapter...help make it stronger by getting involved!

Reviewed plans for 8/8/12 Chapter meeting.

Submitted by Chad Jensen.

Randy's Ramblings

AirVenture provided us with a few days of hot weather – and a good wind storm (with a couple of damaged aircraft)! Mother Nature wasn't the only one creating a disturbance as there was additional activity focused on EAA Management during the week.



During the Membership Meeting on Saturday, 150 to 200 members and event Chairman attended to voice their concerns over EAA's handling of the Airventure event, and the EAA organization overall.

The election of Class I Board of Directors was a foregone conclusion, due to the proxy system of voting that EAA uses. Coincidentally, one of the members raised a concern about the proxy system, citing that with today's technology on-line electronic voting could be easily accomplished – and would provide a democratic representation of the membership.

Other members and event Chairman expressed concern over the recent treatment of the volunteer work force. Indeed it was announced that a "walk-off" of the volunteer force had been in the planning stages. As reported to me, by one of the volunteers, it was averted when they realized their fellow members who were trying to attend the convention would be the most hurt by the action.

There was quite a bit of activity in the aircraft display areas as custom proxy sheets were collected for presentation at the meeting, where they submitted a little over 440 proxy's. However, that was a small number compared to the over 27,000 that were held by the Board Officers.

Stay tuned for more excitement!

Chapter 252 Resource List, 2012

Chapter member advisors (aviation professionals, or experienced & EAA recognized), 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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Aviators By Design At AirVenture



Dennis Moehn worked the week at AirVenture as an adult supervisor for an organization called Aviators By Design. Recently some of the pilots out of Central County Airport and their local EAA Chapter decided to sponsor an Aviation Explorers Post. An outgrowth of that effort is the Aviators By Design project, which is headed up by Jerry Graf. The organization is a nonprofit 501-c-(3) organization, and was set up to promote the many different aviation education programs and offerings available through other organizations (Fly To Learn, Build A Plane, Young Eagles, The Community



Network Foundation, S.T.E.M. Educational Programs, Boy Scouts of America, Learning for Life, Aviation Explorers, EAA Chapters).

To my knowledge, participation at AirVenture was limited to kids who were members of the Explorers Post. During the week, the crew built the majority of a Zenith STOL CH 750 from a kit.

After the convention, the plan is to return the CH 750 project to Central County Airport to be completed by Aviation Explorer Post 9868. Once completed the plane will be used as a marketing tool to encourage more kids to get involved. It will be flown to air shows, fly-ins, and maybe even taken to some schools.

They have quite a website, check it out at <http://www.aviatorsbydesign.com>.

Chapter Members Seen At AirVenture 2012

While stumbling around AirVenture, I would come across some of our members. My apologies for not capturing all of you who participated in the convention (now that would be a challenge).



George Rotter spent most of the week in the Airventure workshops area. For many years George has been teaching dope and fabric work.



Doc Mosher did a great job conducting the popular Pietenpol forum.



Candice Votova helped represent the Women In Aviation organization.



Here's Norm Peterson taking an ice cream break with his family! All were having a good time!

- Wittman Airport News -

Promoting Wittman Airport Businesses

On July 6th Chapter 252 mailed an invitation out to the FBO businesses on Wittman Airport.

The June 8th issue of General Aviation News carried a guest editorial by Thomas Turner titled "Rich Suicidal Pilots". The story explained how General Aviation really does not do a good job of presenting itself to the general public. As we know, within the general (non-flying) public is where some of their future customers reside.

Turner mentioned that a friend of his wrote a weekly column for the local newspaper that contained the various activities going on at the local airport. Things like – first solos, check rides passed, airplanes sold, who flew where to do what, etc – "just the type of local gossip that's in small town newspapers everywhere, only with an aviation theme".

As you know, Chapter 252 has been promoting aviation business on Wittman Airport the past few years through it's sponsorship of the September Wittman Airport Open House event – which is again scheduled for **September 15, 2012** (please mark you calendars!).

Chapter 252 also distributes our monthly publication called the "Pylon" which gets distributed to about 125 people in the area who have an interest in aviation, most are pilots and/or A&P Mechanics, but some are new to aviation.

I proposed to the Chapter 252 Board of Directors that a short monthly column of Wittman Airport activities become a regular feature of the *Pylon* (we already report on the Aviation Committee meetings). To help me accomplish that goal I invited the businesses to provide:

- **The name of an individual in their company who is willing be my regular contact.**
- **The contact information for that individual – phone number and e-mail.**

The *Pylon* is distributed on about the 2nd weekend of each month. My intention will be to contact each business to get information, which will then be summarized into the monthly column. My "plan" is that once this is developed, we would then submit the column to the local paper either via the *Pylon* or as a

stand-alone submission. This will evolve with experience.

I do want to stress that the Chapter is doing this only to help us all promote the aviation activity that occurs on Wittman Airport. There is no charge. No expectations from the businesses, other than their cooperation in helping to provide us with regular information. Personally, I think that every operation on the field has something going on that would be of interest to our readers and the local community.

This type of pro-active approach by Chapter 252 directly supports the principal aspect of our Mission Statement – *"...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."*

So far we have received favorable responses from Sonex, Myers Aviation, and Basler. I do expect that others will also participate once we get started.



The folks from Sonex report another good AirVenture week. This year they forego the typical tent and instead built a small hangar looking skid building that was moved to their display area – a sturdier structure during high winds.

For Sonex the festivities kicked-off on Sunday with their 9th annual Sonex Aircraft Open House and Homecoming Fly-In. Several customer aircraft flew in, and they had over 200 attendees during the day. In the afternoon, customer and factory aircraft mass taxied over to the AirVenture convention grounds, parking adjacent to the Sonex display booth. A total of 16 customer-built Sonex aircraft flew in during the week.

Sonex also played host to the inaugural meeting of the **Aircraft Kit Industry Association (AKIA)** on Wednesday. Comprised of kit aircraft manufacturers and supply houses such as Wicks Aircraft Supply and Aircraft Spruce & Specialty, AKIA's mission is to represent aircraft kit manufacturers, designers, suppliers and

supporters with a unified voice in the promotion and safety of the Aircraft Kit industry. Wednesday evening's meeting was the first face-to-face gathering of AKIA's member companies.

Builder David Weber and his Sonex SN# 318 won an Outstanding Workmanship award in the Plans Built Aircraft category. David flew to AirVenture 2012 with his son from their home base in Snohomish, Washington.

Johns' proof-of-concept SubSonex jet prototype, caught the attention of AirVenture crowds with flight demonstrations during the pre-airshow showcase on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Airshow performer Bob Carlton, the primary test pilot for JSX-1, flew the SubSonex for the show.

Sonex recently announced the addition of additional pre-fabricated parts to its Sonex and Waix kit stock. Complete kits feature matched-hole formed parts. Adding over 100 new parts to each model's kit package, the Matched-Hole Formed Parts kit consists of channels, angles and clips that would traditionally have been made by the builder from pre-formed sheet aluminum blanks provided in earlier Sonex Aircraft kits. Sonex builders should expect less build time and more consistency between aircraft. The new parts will be available in September, and older kit owners can upgrade.

MYERS AVIATION

As usual, Steve and the guys at Myers Aircraft were busy all week. It seems that many of the aircraft that get damaged during Airventure end up over at their shop. Frequently the mechanics come to the rescue of a hapless aircraft owner who badly wants his airplane fixed so that he can get home from the convention.

The guys were also busy prior to the show. One of the staff, Nate Smith, reported that he had been tasked with going through much of their misc. hardware, pieces, and parts - and packaging them for sale at Aeromart. Nate advised that he was tagging anything that wasn't nailed down!

Homebuilders, take note! Myers does have a good stock of misc. salvaged aircraft parts and hardware.

EAA KidVenture – On Pioneer Airport



Be a Junior A&P Mechanic! – Cool!



Kids learned about tires & wheels. I don't remember seeing that much interest shown in A&P school!

This year I had my first opportunity to visit KidVenture. Wow! Operating out of Pioneer Airport, the venue provides a wide variety of activities for younger members of the EAA family. There was a large variety of hands-on opportunities, including AMA with model building and U-control flying demonstrations.

I was really impressed with the Junior A&P Area, where kids could sign up to work through a variety of technical skills stations. This area seemed to also benefit from good corporate sponsorship, and at least while I was there – the facility was very crowded with kids (and a few parents as well) who were excited about learning.



...and, some basic electrical training.



A Vans RV-12 was being built. Wood wing construction was also part of the program.



Kids learned about turbine and piston engine operation.

July Chapter 252 Meeting

The July meeting at Sonex was well attended with 29 members and guests present.

Wayne pointed out a couple of announcements from the newsletter: the recent death of Marilyn Schaick, and the notice that Joe Norris would be receiving EAA's Tony Bingelis award. He also discussed the need for Chapter officers for 2013 and asked for volunteers to help participate in a nominations committee.

Guests were introduced: Chris Jenks, a newer pilot who recently joined the Fox Valley Aero club; Gary Bacon, an RV7 builder from West Bend who is moving to Oshkosh; Carolyn Hass, friend of Russel Brodtke; and Keith Doornbos from Bloomington, Il who attended with Chad Jensen.

Aaron Novak provided a presentation on gas welding of aluminum. A Powerpoint presentation on the subject had to be cancelled due to the simple fact that we could not get the Power Point projector working (lesson learned – not everyone uses IBM). However, the presentation worked out well and several members got to try their hand at it. Several members requested that the topic of gas welding be repeated at a future meeting. If so, next time we may try to have several welding tables set up so that more people can get involved.



Aaron Novak talked about the welding equipment and material preparation needed for oxy/acetylene welding of aluminum.



EAA Chapter 252 - Airplane Spoken Here -

One demonstration sample was provided, followed by an opportunity for others to take their turn. Most commented it was actually easier than they thought it would be. On the right, Dave Coan tries it out.



Wittman Airport - Oshkosh

Fly-In Drive-In

Pancake Breakfast



At The

Wittman Airport Terminal

20th Ave., Oshkosh, WI

ATIS – 125.9, TWR 118.5

September 15, 2012

7:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Free Admission!

- Featuring Wittman Airport Businesses!
- Learn How the Airport Works!
- See Aircraft on Display!

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



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

Adults \$6.00*

Children under 10 - \$3.00

* Free breakfast for pilots of homebuilt aircraft who fly in.

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EAA Chapter 252 - Our Mission Statement

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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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