



Next Chapter 252 Meeting

July 12th

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!

July Meeting

- Oxy Fuel Welding, & Aluminum Fuel Tank Construction -

Following a short business meeting. Our speaker for the evening will Aaron Novak. Aaron will talk about the types of and uses of Oxy/Fuel for welding, brazing, etc., with an emphasis on aluminum fabrication. As part of the demonstration he will show the techniques and options for fabricating an aluminum fuel tank.

This type of demonstration has been offered at the EAA gas welding workshops during Airventure where Aaron volunteers as a gas welding instructor.

Aaron is the son of Randy & Terry Novak. He works at Mercury Marine of Fond du Lac in the Product Development & Engineering Department where his specialty is the operation of a custom flow bench, used to help develop combustion chambers, intake and exhaust systems, and valve & port designs for Mercury's Outboard and Sterndrive engines.

He was a contributor to the recently published FAA General and Airframe manuals for aircraft mechanics. He also collaborates often with well-known sheet metal and welding expert Kent White (The Tinman), and helped to develop a series of replaceable welding tips and tip extensions for oxy/fuel welding, and a welding tip usage guideline chart.

Chapter 252 Member

Joe Norris

To Receive EAA's Tony Bingelis Award

Submitted by Wayne Daniels

June 28, 2012 - EAA announced today that Joe Norris, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, is the 2012 recipient of EAA's Tony Bingelis Award, recognizing his involvement as an active volunteer technical counselor and aircraft builder. Norris has been involved in the aviation community since his first trip to EAA Fly-In Convention in 1970.



Joining EAA in 1976 and earning his private pilot certificate in 1978, Norris was a founding member of EAA Chapter 706 (Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin), where he served as president, vice president, newsletter editor, and director and technical counselor over the years.

Norris, a founding member of the EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council, has dedicated much of his life to ensuring aircraft safety in the homebuilder community, serving as an EAA technical counselor for more than two decades, as well as an EAA flight advisor, an airplane and helicopter instructor, and an FAA designated airworthiness representative. In 2001, he was hired as a senior aviation specialist in EAA's aviation services department before becoming EAA's

On July 22, 1933... One-eyed pilot **Wiley Post** lands after completing the first solo flight around the world. Fifty thousand people greeted him on his return to Floyd Bennett Field on July 22 after 7 days, 19 hours elapsed time.

For the flight Post modified his Lockheed Vega **Winnie Mae** to include an early autopilot and a radio direction finder, equipment



that had been developed by the Sperry Gyroscope Company and the United States Army.

Post would continue to help develop instrument and high altitude flight, eventually flying as high as 50,000 ft., where Post discovered the jet stream.

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Welcome New Members!

2012

Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

July 12, 2012

Chapter 252 Meeting, 7:00PM
Aaron Novak gas welding, Sonex
Aluminum fuel tank fabrication.

August 2, 2012

Board Meeting, EAA HQ, 5:30 PM

August 8, 2012

Chapter 252 Meeting, 7:00PM
Jeff Skiles, EAA Weeks Hangar

August 30, 2012

Board Meeting, EAA HQ, 5:30 PM

September 13, 2012

Chapter 252 Meeting, 7:00PM
Corn Roast at Munsils.

September 15, 2012

Chapter Fly-in Breakfast &
Airport Open House

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>



*Justin Spence along with
Bill Brennand and Paul Votova.*

Justin Spence (EAA 1008568) is yet another new member who joined within the past couple of months – and by far receives the Chapter award for longest distance traveled to come to a meeting!

Justin is a young man who comes to us from South Africa, recently arriving in Oshkosh on a one-way airline ticket and searching for opportunities in aviation. Presently he lives in Oshkosh with friends, just picked up a car, and is now working at Myers Aviation.

Justin is an active pilot and comes from a family of aviation-oriented people. His Grandfather was the founder of the first EAA Chapter in South Africa and as Justin puts it “since then the whole family is aviation crazy - I don't think there is a weekend I haven't been at an airport”. He has been exposed to aviation since forever - first just the little kid tagging along with his father then he started flying and building model airplanes. As he got older he started flying and building full scale airplanes.

So far, Justin has been part of the restoration of a PZL 102b (1 of only 3 in the world), an Auster J2, EAA Bi-plane, and several others. His father owns and operates an aircraft maintenance shop at Grand Central Airport in Midrand, South Africa. Justin mentioned his family has done quite a bit of flying out of the Jack Taylor Airport in Krugersdorp. Justin has 3 generations of pilots in his family with 4 pilots: Grandfather (Mike Spence) age 82 still current medical, Father (Anthony Spence), Brother (Matthew Spence) and himself.

Justin has a keen interest in many aircraft - new, old, certified, amateur built, domestic, foreign (depends on your perspective), etc. He is still interested in model aircraft and enjoys motorcycles as well. Justin, welcome to Oshkosh!

We have already seen new member **Brian Cooper** (EAA 739438) at a few of our recent meetings, he began attending shortly after he and his family had moved into the Oshkosh area.

He is an active pilot, holding SEL Commercial, and Private Glider ratings. He owns a 1966 Slingsby Dart sailplane, and is designing/building an aerobatic biplane (similar to a Pitts?).

He reports getting an early start with his aviation involvement as he had many relatives who were either pilots or aviation enthusiasts. He recalls at an early age watching Airforce C5 approaches into San Antonio's Lackland Air Force Base.

More recently he flew gliders and tow planes at Caesar Creek Gliderport in Waynesville, OH. He had also been active in the Ohio Chapter 34 of the International Aerobatic Club, where he had helped with the Ohio Aerobatic Open competition.



Brian is working as an Engineer for Oshkosh Truck Corporation and lives in Omro with his wife Michelle and their new daughter Samantha. Other than Michelle and Samantha, Brian's hobbies and interests are pretty much focused on aviation.

Planes & Projects



Mike Butler submits this photo of his newly acquired Starduster Too project.

President's Message



By Wayne Daniels

So, I guess summer has definitely arrived in NE Wisconsin!! What with 80's in March, and lots of 90's in June I can only imagine what AirVenture week will be like! Hopefully, we will settle down to more seasonable temps by then, but I hope we don't have to wait that long for some much needed rain!

Chapter 252's involvement in Aeromart has come to a close after three years of providing a means for buyers and sellers of all sorts of aviation items to come together to make both parties happy with a transaction, one who no longer needs that treasured piece and the other who desperately does need it!!! Thanks to all who had some involvement in the operation. It was a great learning experience, not to mention a lot of fun talking to a lot the Aeromart "customers"! The chapter improved our bank account significantly in that time which will bring us closer to the dream of a chapter hangar/meeting house. Thanks go to Randy and Terry Novak, Dennis Moehn & Mike Butler for helping with the final inventory and retagging of items for the turnover to the Vintage Aircraft Assn, who will now manage the effort. We have sold all of the shelving and supplies to them and will split the 2012 proceeds on the remaining inventory with them as we did with Chapter 1158 when we assumed the operation.

Congratulations are in order as on June 28 EAA announced that Chapter 252 member Joe Norris, is the 2012 recipient of EAA's Tony Bingelis Award, recognizing his involvement as an active volunteer technical counselor and aircraft builder.

Norris will receive the Bingelis Award on Thursday, July 26, at the annual Homebuilders Dinner held at the Nature Center. Tickets for the dinner will be available during AirVenture at

Chapter Board Meeting

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

Chapter 252 May board called to order at 5:30pm. Wayne, Al, Jim Kress, Randy & Terri, Jim C., John E.

Pizza was provided – brought by Terry and financed by the Chapter.

Chapter Trailer – The new Aeromart operators will not be needed the contractors trailer.

Discussed storage options and what it could be used for. Wayne will talk with Peter Moll about parking it on the East side of the airport, possibly near the airport maintenance buildings. It can be used to store the Chapter breakfast equipment and supplies – so as not to take up space in Janet & Adam's hangar. Could also be used to store supplies during the hangar construction project.

Chapter Hangar Project – Wayne & Jeremy Monnett had a preliminary meeting with the building inspectors office, etc. John E. and Wayne did meet with reps from Morton Buildings. Meeting with Cleary was scheduled, but had to cancel. General discussion of different door styles.

Aeromart, Final Activity - On June 21, Wayne, Terry, and Randy had a brief

Homebuilders Headquarters on the EAA grounds. (I would like to see as many Chapter 252 members as possible to attend this recognition and dinner to support Joe in this great honor!)

The Tony Bingelis Award was created in 2002 to recognize a member from the aviation community who has contributed to homebuilt projects and safety promotion while maintaining EAA values. The award honors the late Tony Bingelis, who was noted as a homebuilding authority and EAA Sport Aviation columnist. Congratulations Joe!! Well Deserved!

I hope everyone is getting some flying in this summer...just watch that density altitude! I managed to pick the hottest summer in recent memory to rebuild my deck, so I'm getting a great workout and melting off a few pounds! But I'm also trying to get in at least a flight a week to take a break from the carpentry fun!!

Hope to see everyone enjoying AirVenture in a few weeks!

meeting with Paul Kyle, the new Aeromart co-Chair. Chapter 252 was paid the agreed upon amount for the transfer of equipment over to Vintage. After agreeing upon the pricing schedule with Paul, the Chapter did offer to retag the left over inventory to indicate the desired sale price for 2012 (Our Chapter does get half of the money). We created an inventory list with the new prices and handed that information over to Paul.

A final work party on the 25th with 4 or 5 volunteers got the work done. Thanks to Wayne, Randy, Terry, Dennis Moehn, and Mike Butler for helping.

Vintage has declined to rent the construction trailer from the Chapter.

Treasurers Report – Al Follendorf reported that the Chapter has approx. \$68K in checking, savings, and CD's.

Reviewed preliminary plans for the Chapter's September fly-in breakfast and airport open house.

December 2012 is the end of the current Chapter staff term. General discussion about forming a nominations committee to seek out officers and Board members for 2013. Discussed changing term length from 2 to 1 year.

Adjourned at approx. 7:30pm. Respectfully submitted, Randy Novak, Newsletter Editor.

Randy's Ramblings

Hot Times Ahead – Whew! It's been a hot summer so far – wonder what the next half will be like?

Back in the November issue of the Pylon, I wrote about the changes occurring within the EAA organization. To anyone but the newest members, the change is quite evident, and not all of the members are embracing it with enthusiasm.

Recently I was made aware that a group of RV builders was attempting to organize via the Internet and the VAF Forums. Some of them feel this is necessary so that their concerns, their voice, could be better represented on the EAA Board of Directors. It's been interesting to read through all of the communication - they certainly cannot be criticized for a lack of

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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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homebuilders community manager, a role from which he retired in April 2011.

In addition to helping others ensure safety, Norris acquired and worked on several aircraft throughout his life, including a 1955 Piper Tri-Pacer that he converted to a PA-20 Pacer (tailwheel) configuration. Also included in his "fleet": a Sonerai II, a 1940 Piper J-5A Cub Cruiser, Pitts Special S-1C, Cessna 180, 1957 Piper PA-18 Super Cub, and Waco UPF-7.

Today, Norris is a member of Oshkosh's EAA Chapter 252 as well as Chapter 640 in Wausau, as well as the Vintage Aircraft Association. Though he has sold most of his airplanes, he continues to fly regularly and is an active member of the aviation community.

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Congratulations Joe!



Wanted – Pictures of Your Airplane!



The Chapter would like to continue adding pictures of members' aircraft on the Chapter Website at EAA252.org. Please e-mail a photo of your airplane or airplane project to EAA252@gmail.com.

Marilynn Schaick 1927 – 2012

Marilynn Isabelle Schaick age 84 of Oshkosh passed away at Mercy Medical Center on Wednesday, June 20, 2012. She was the wife of EAA Chapter 252 member, Will Schaick. She was born in Oshkosh on November 3, 1927, a daughter of the late Herbert A. and Dorothy Wilkinson Brunover. She was married to Will on August 5, 1950.

Marilynn had been employed with Universal Motors and T & J manufacturing. She was a member of Emmanuel United Church of Christ and a member of the Women's Guild. She enjoyed playing cribbage, reading and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her husband Will of Oshkosh; one son, Scott (Cindy) Schaick of Oshkosh; one daughter, Sandra (Ruben) Villalobos of Oshkosh; two grandchildren, Andrew Schaick of Oshkosh, and Kristin Schaick of Oshkosh; two brothers-in-law, Lester (Helen) Schaick of Owensboro, KY and Al (Jan) Schaick of Oshkosh. She was preceded in death by a brother, Herbert Brunover and a sister, Jean Schaefer.

Funeral services were held at Emmanuel United Church of Christ (1306 Michigan St.) on Monday, June 25, 2012. Our condolences to Will and the Schaick family.

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interest in their organization! The proxy method of voting is being questioned (now there's a story...). It will be interesting to follow this one through.

Check It Out, Breakfast in West Bend – The first Saturday of each month the West Bend EAA Chapter puts on a breakfast. Not a big fly-in breakfast, but in their small kitchen they cook up what you would like from a limited menu. Perhaps it's not a big money maker – and it doesn't seem like that is the intent. Rather, it's an excuse to meet old & new friends and share a fine meal. So, this morning we took an early morning flight in the Starduster – and I enjoyed an omelet, and French toast with fresh blueberries. As Terry said during the return flight – this experience will have to be a repeat for us.

June Chapter 252 Meeting

We had another good turn out for our June 14th meeting held in Pioneer Airport's Pitcairn Hangar, with 34 members and guests in attendance.

President Wayne Daniels led off on a round table of introductions and project updates. The recent death of member Mark Lokken was noted.

Wayne reported that the International Young Eagles Day rally resulted in rides for 51 kids. This was a cooperative effort that included Chapter members, EAA staff, and the Winnebago Flying Club, among others (?) operating out of the Wittman Airport terminal building.

Chapter members Chuck Lukas and Joe Norris provided the featured presentation about gyrocopter and helicopter flight, and equipment.

Thank you to member Jim Casper (Pioneer Airport Manager) for allowing us the use of the facility!



Chuck Lukas flew his RAF 2000 in for the meeting.



EAA staffers push the Bell 47 over to the Pitcairn Hangar.



Joe and Chuck each took their turn in offering a comparison of the gyrocopter vs. the helicopter.



EAA Chapter 252
- Airplane Spoken Here -



Chuck departs Pioneer – it was getting dark by that time!



Pioneer Airport and the Pitcairn Hangar provide a nice setting for a Chapter meeting.



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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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