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*'Tis the Season! Chapter member Jane Smith with Santa – during EAA's recent "Christmas In The Air" program on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.*

# President's Message



By Dennis Moehn

Thanks for listening!

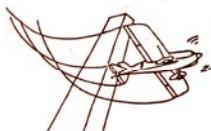
I hope everyone had an enjoyable Thanksgiving or Black Friday Holiday!

I would like to thank our November meeting speaker Chris Henry for his thought provoking presentation on the B-17 and the young men who flew them during WWII. The courage and valor shown by these crews is impressive, even more remarkable is the fact that most of them were barely more than teenagers when they were asked to accomplish these missions.

Changing gears a little bit, I would like to invite all Chapter Members to the **2014 Chapter 252 Winter Banquet**. The Banquet will be held on January 25<sup>th</sup> at Robbins Restaurant in Oshkosh. Cocktails and social will start at 5:30 PM with a family style meal at 6:30 PM. The cost of the meal is \$25.00 dollars per person which should be paid with your reservation. This price includes sales tax, tip, and covers the incidental costs for the Chapter. The menu and addresses to reserve your seat can be found at the end of this message. The speaker for the evening will be Tracy Buttles who will be informing us on his recent trip to Nan Tong, China where he assisted the George Hintz Aircraft Company in building several Zenith 750 Aircraft. There will be a silent Auction with items donated by Chapter Members.

Why the change in venue you ask? The change of location for the 2014 Chapter Winter Banquet is in response to comments that the cost of the Banquet was preventing members from attending. We have worked hard to

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Stories & items for submission to *The Pylon* are welcome and must be received by the Newsletter Editor no later than 2 weeks prior to the monthly meeting date.



# Chapter Meeting! December 12<sup>th</sup>

The December meeting will be held in the Chapter Hangar. The business meeting starts at 7:00, but come early if you want to socialize for a bit beforehand.

The meetings typically start out with a review of Chapter business, and reports on specific topics. The business portion will be followed by the evening presentation.

Tim Hoversten will give a presentation



about buying and selling aircraft, with presumably some focus on amateur built aircraft.

We will also view a recent short video from EAA HQ's "Chapter Video Magazine" provided by Fred Stadler. The video features: News from HQ, EAA Director of Education Bret Steffen talks about EAA programs; and news about the **Gee Bee Q.E.D.** – a project by Jim Moss and friends who built a flying replica of the gigantic vintage racer.



## CELEBRATION OF FLIGHT!



## Chapter 252 Winter Banquet

By Jane Smith

Chapter 252 Banquet Please come and join your fellow Chapter members and guests at the EAA Chapter 252 Annual Celebration of Flight to be held on Saturday, January 25, 2014.

We'll gather at Robbins Restaurant (1810 Omro Road, Oshkosh) for a social time beginning at 5:30 pm where a cash bar will be available. A family-style dinner will be served at 6:30 pm. The menu includes a plated garden salad, Honey Baked Chicken with dressing, Baked Haddock, Home-Style Mashed Potatoes with gravy, Rivera blend vegetables (green beans, yellow wax beans, and carrots), dinner rolls with butter, Tiramisu for dessert, and coffee, tea and milk.

Following dinner we'll enjoy a fascinating program featuring guest speaker Tracy Buttles talking about his recent trip to China to build a Zenith.

Cost per person is \$25. Reservations may be made by sending a check to Jane Smith, 1110 Daniel Ct. #50, Neenah, WI 54956 or bringing your check to the December Chapter meeting.

Reservations must be received by Monday, January 13, 2014 to provide a final count to the restaurant. Questions? Call Jane Smith at 920-426-6823 (day) or 920-722-2725 (evenings). Hope to see you there!

### SUMMARY

**When:** January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014

**Where:** Robbin's Resturant, Oshkosh

**Cocktails:** 5:30PM (cash bar)

**Meal:** 6:30 PM, family style, \$25/person (includes tip, etc.).

**Reservation Deadline:** January 13<sup>th</sup>

### -Wanted-

**Silent Auction Manager** Tim Hoversten is looking for donations suitable for the auction.

Contact:

thoversten@eaa.org, or phone 608/617-7339

## Next Chapter 252 Meeting

## December 12<sup>th</sup>

Doors Open at  
6:30 PM (social time)  
Meeting starts at  
7:00 PM

(Wear Your Chapter  
Name Badge)

**Chapter 252  
Hangar**  
817 W. 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
**Wittman Regional  
Airport  
(North side)**

The hangar is located west of the Basler FBO. Park behind the Chapter hangar or in the adjoining Basler's FBO parking lot.

Snacks & treats are always appreciated!

## 2014

## Chapter 252

Initial Membership Dues  
Jan. thru June - \$20  
July thru Dec. - \$10  
Annual Renewal - \$20

Check (payable to  
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## CELEBRATION OF FLIGHT! EAA Chapter 252 Annual Winter Banquet

Featuring Tracy Buttles' Presentation  
**Building Zenith Aircraft In China???**



Tracy Buttles recently spent 6 weeks in China to help an aircraft company work out issues of the Zenith 750 and 760 production line. He will talk about the business, culture, aviation regulatory requirements, and the process that he observed during his stay.  
Based out of Central County, Oregon, Buttles is EAA's Technical Consultant and Lead Instructor for Aviation By Design - a Tri-County regional group that provides aviation training to aircraft builders. He is also an active Private Pilot who enjoys flying his Cessna 441 and a Stearman biplane.

**Also Featured:**  
• The Banquet's Silent Auction proceeds to benefit Chapter 252 projects.  
• Meet the 2014 region of EAA's Executive.

**Where:** Robbins' Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd., Oshkosh  
**When:** Saturday, January 25, 2014  
• Cocktails at 5:30pm (cash bar)  
• Family Style Meal at 6:30pm (Honey Baked Chicken & dressing, Haddock, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Dessert/Entrees)  
Cost: \$25.00 per person  
Reservations by January 13, 2014 required for planning purposes.  
Payment Notification in advance to:  
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(920) 426-6823, jsmith@eaa.org



## Get Your Banquet Reservations In Soon!

For all the details, and information about the featured speaker for the evening see the full size event flyer on page 11.

Though the public is not specifically invited, you are of course welcome to bring guests! Pass the word amongst your aviation friends.

## Welcome New Members!



New Chapter member Tom Helm (EAA #613847) lives in Neenah with his wife Kathy. They have 2 children, Angela and Neil.

Tom is an active pilot holding ATP, Commerial Glider & Helicopter, CFII single and multi-engine ratings, with type rating in a host of cooperate type aircraft (BAe146, Avro 146, DHC-7, BAC 1-11, Citation 500, Citation 560XL, Falcon 2000 EX). He retired from Air Wisconsin Airlines, and is currently part time corporate pilot on Citation 501, 560 and Cessna 310R.

He is a part owner in a Cessna 172, and is working on a Onex project.

His career in aviation got started with a penny a pound ride out of Oshkosh. A farm

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Chapter Secretary Carrie Forster reports that she soloed her Cherokee PA-28-180 on November 29<sup>th</sup>. **Congratulations Carrie!** Carrie is also in the Winnebago Flying Club and flies their Cessna 172.

**Elo  
Christmas  
Party**

**Saturday  
14 December**

POT LUCK ☺

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NO COFFEE HOUR 21 DECEMBER.  
IOLA CHRISTMAS PARTY!

In case you have not stopped out to Elo Airport for Saturday morning coffee lately, the Christmas luncheon is December 14<sup>th</sup>. There is not a prescribed time, but **10:00 AM** usually works out to be about right. This is potluck, so **bring a dish to pass** – good food is always appreciated!

Held at ELO Airport, home of Chapter member Munsil Williams. The address is 1211 Williams Road, near Pickett, WI 54964. Take Hwy 44 south and after passing Fisk, take a right on Bonnie View Rd., and another right on Elo Rd., followed by another right on Williams Rd. We will be in the first farmyard on the right. His airstrip runs parallel to Hwy 44 and lies between Hwy 44 and Williams Rd.



Recent visitors to Muncil's will notice the new coffee cup shelves that were built by Tom Blank of Neenah, one of the Saturday morning regulars. Not your run of the mill coffee cup shelving, this includes a built in auxiliary shelf for Muncil's phone.

Most of the EAA coffee cups were provided by Gene and Dorothy Chase.

## 2013-2014 Chapter Calendar and Wittman Airport Events

### December 12<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 252 Membership Meeting  
6:30PM social, Meeting at 7:00PM  
Tim Hoversten, Aircraft Sales  
Chapter Hangar on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### December 14<sup>th</sup>

Elo Christmas Party/Lunch  
Potluck at Munsil Williams

### January 9<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 252 Membership Meeting  
6:30PM social, Meeting at 7:00PM  
Terry Rushing, Missionary/bush  
flying.  
Chapter Hangar on 20<sup>th</sup> Ave.

### January 13<sup>th</sup>

Due date for winter banquet  
reservations!

### January 25<sup>th</sup>

EAA Chapter 252 Winter Banquet

### February 8<sup>th</sup>

Pioneer Airport ski fly-in

### February 13<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 252 Membership Meeting

### March 13<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 252 Membership Meeting

### April 10<sup>th</sup>

Chapter 252 Membership Meeting

### April 12<sup>th</sup>

Wittman Birthday Fly-In Breakfast

### Check out the event calendars at:

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



# EAA Chapter 252 Board of Directors Meeting

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

## Chapter 252 Board Meeting –

December 5, 2013

**Location:** Chapter Hangar

**Present:** Present: Dennis Moehn (President), Randy Novak (Newsletter Editor), Terry Novak, Fred Stadler (Treasurer), Doug Milius (Membership), Jim Casper (Chapter Historian), John Forster, Jim Kress, Carrie Forster (Secretary).

Meeting Called to Order at 6:00 p.m.

## Reports

**Treasures Report** - Insurance Information – Fred provided some clarification on the chapter insurance policy. There was some initial confusion about whether the hangar was considered just a hangar, or a hangar/clubhouse for insurance purposes. This has since been cleared up (thanks, Fred) and it is a hangar. (A clubhouse would have additional structural improvements.)

**Hangar Committee Report** - Aircraft update – the Lancair has been moved to Basler. The owner has been contacted and is in the process of having the aircraft ferried. Hangar furnishing drawing ideas (Eric Abraham) – Eric was not able to attend the meeting. Dennis shared that Eric is looking for some hangar measurements so that he can put the hangar in Autocad and do some drawings on potential ways to arrange the hangar.

## Old Business

**Annual Chapter Banquet** - Push for reservations – Reservations due Jan. 13. Please respond as soon as possible so that Jane may finalize numbers. FDL Comparison – Dennis has the FDL newsletter. FDL is having their winter party at the EAA Eagle Hangar. Their cost is \$55.00 per person, which is considerable higher than what our chapter will be paying this year. This information was shared as a point of information.

**Hangar Ownership at Tax Assessors Office** – the warranty deed is on file at the Tax Assessors Office and all paperwork is in order. There was some discussion as to whether or not our 501c3 status would afford us a property tax exemption. Doug shared that those exemptions are very limited and strictly regulated. Dennis is going to look over the tax-exempt paperwork and see if there is anything that would apply.

**Spirit of ELO Award** - Plaque (Jim Casper) – Jim will take care of ordering and picking up the plaque for the new ELA Award recipient. He will take his own award to the trophy shop and have them use that as a model. Jim stated that the physical award itself has not necessarily been consistent over time, but that he felt it was important that the mission and purpose of the award be clearly stated on the plaque. He will take care of this.

**Chapter Donor Plaque** - On to do list at Tech – “beggars can’t be choosers;” the donor plaque is being worked on, but Dennis can’t push too much since they’re doing us a favor.

**Membership Coordinator** - List of donors who earned 2 years of membership. – Doug has the list. Those donors will not get a renewal notice in January. Renewal Form – Doug shared a draft of the renewal form. He will email it out to members who have not renewed by the Jan. 1 renewal date. One change was suggested to the form. Fred brought up the idea of charging members for replacement nametags. The group felt that this was a good idea. New members will still get their first nametag at no cost. If a member requests a replacement nametag, they will be asked to pay \$5. The cost of the nametags is just over \$5 each. Payment Receipt- e-mail or USPS – Doug will email receipts to members who pay through the mail. Rene Baier 2014 membership - Rene paid for a membership in a previous year. Doug ran into her by chance and mentioned he was the membership chaired. She mentioned that she paid her membership dues, but never received any emails, newsletters, or communication from the chapter. She will be given at 2014 membership at no cost in consideration of the oversight. Members may renew at the Dec. or Jan. member meeting. Doug will collect the money and give a receipt. Doug has a number of nametags that were ordered for new members that still need to be picked up. Hopefully those members will do so at an upcoming meeting. The Group Spaces account is up for renewal in March. There was some discussion about whether there is a better avenue out there to manage membership information, or if the subscription should be renewed. No decision was made at this time.

## New Business

**Advertising Chapter 252 Membership.**

– Discussion was held about whether to try and increase membership in order to gain more revenue for the chapter, and to gather more members to participate in the chapter. Some ideas were shared. Terry will investigate whether the public library still maintains a list of area clubs. She will also investigate other free, community resources. Some discussion was held about trying to utilize social media, and perhaps advertise on Facebook. Dennis was going to do a little investigating.

**April Pancake Breakfast** - Chair Person/ Committee – Dennis believes Al Follendorf will agree to chair this event again. He will speak with Al to confirm. Attraction Focus – The focus will be Tailwinds. Jim Casper will contact MaxAero and also some other area Tailwind pilots to try to put together an educational program. The was chosen because of the connection to Steve Wittman and the desire to have a focus related to Steve and his historical connection/significance to aviation. Promotional work – Chuck Skoning will handle promotion for the event. Dennis and Randy will meet with Chuck to go over some ideas/plans. OTHER: DATE – a date was selected. Saturday, April 12 was chosen. It is close to Steve Wittman’s birthday (April 4), but does not conflict with Sun N Fun (April 1 – 6). Sun N Fun was avoided because some members may attend and be unable to help with the breakfast. Also, we are hoping the Tailwind group may attend, and they usually attend Sun N Fun as well.

**Next board meeting** - December 19<sup>th</sup>? – Not needed. January 23<sup>rd</sup> - too close to the dinner. NEXT BOARD MEETING will be January 16<sup>th</sup>.

## OTHER NEW BUSINESS

EAA Chapter Videos: EAA provides educational members exclusively to chapters to use as a program for chapter meetings. We will try showing one of these videos at our next chapter meeting and see how members respond/react. We usually have a program planned, but it was thought that this is a great resource we should be making use of. Jim Casper will bring a projector to the meeting and show the video on the wall. Fred Stadler will bring a computer and download the video.

**New Member**, *continued from page 4.*

boy from the Winneconne area, his dad didn't think that flying lessons would be a good investment. Tom had started taking his lessons with Warren Basler. He soloed and then enlisted in the Air Force in 1964, continuing his training through his enlistment to get his Private Pilot certificate. About that time he had taken an aerobatic course at Dewey Aviation, Santa Paula, CA. Dewey then offered him a job to ferry new Citabrias from the factory in Osceola, WI to his operation in Santa Paula. As a result, Tom ferried quite a few Citabrias from the Osceola plant to Santa Paula. After the Air Force Dewey offered him a flight instructor position with his flight school where Tom provided basic aerobatic instruction, in addition to general flight instruction. He went on to add multi and instrument instructor, commercial helicopter, and glider ratings. He was looking for an airline job when he was hired by a commuter airline in Springfield, IL. After that operation closed, he was hired by Air Wisconsin. He served in several management positions at Air Wisconsin up to and including Chief Pilot. To bring the story full circle - Tom recalls that many years later after a successful aviation career, his dad (who has since passed) had apologized for scolding him about wasting his money on flying lessons. Tom had forgotten about it but was deeply moved by his father's remarks.

**2014  
Chapter Dues  
Payable as of Jan. 1**

**Send \$20.00 to:**  
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1305 Maricopa Dr  
Oshkosh, WI 54904  
(920) 205-3349  
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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).

## Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet

December 13, 2013, 6:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
**EAA AirVenture Museum, Oshkosh,  
WI, USA**

Tickets are \$50 for EAA members and guest, \$60 for non-members/guest.

EAA member Scotty Wilson describes his quest to build a full-scale, flyable reproduction of the Bugatti 100P racer, a very interesting airplane though it never flew.

His effort to re-create one of aviation's elegant but unproven designs will be the highlight presentation at EAA's annual Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet on Friday, December 13, at the EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh.

## EAA's Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> Christmas In The Air

As my family and I walked around the museum we had the pleasure of seeing and visiting with a number of Chapter 252 members, some of whom were helping out as a staff member.



In addition to Jane Smith (on the cover), Jim Sonneleitner was also helping out in Santa's area.

## Oshkosh FBO Under New Ownership

As announced in this month's report on the aviation committee activity. The Orion FBO operation has been taken over by Eastern Aviation Fuels. Enhancements at the FBO have been mentioned, but there has not been an official press release – look for more on this in a future issue of *The Pylon*.



## Introducing Our Chapter Banquet Featured Speaker

Tracy Buttles (EAA #839196) recently spent 6 weeks in China to help an aircraft company work out issues on the Zenith 750 and 801 production lines. He will talk about the business, culture, people, regulatory requirements, and the politics that he observed during his stay.

Based out of Central County Airport, Buttles is an EAA Technical Counselor, and Lead Instructor for Aviators By Design – a Youth oriented group that exposes area teenagers to aircraft building. He is also an active Private Pilot who enjoys flying his Husky Chaser 2 and a friend's Starduster Too.

He is a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation participant of an aviation family. He watched his grandfather and father build aircraft. Later he helped his dad (Tim Buttles) build the Husky Chaser 1 and 2. Before that Tim had built an open cockpit cub replica (Taylor E2-ish) which is what Tracy first started flying, later changing to a Cessna 150.

Tracy lives in New London with his wife Pamela and daughter Clara. *Photo courtesy of Tracy Buttles.*

## Wittman Hangars To Be Demolished



*The old East T's are now vacant and will be torn down. Built in 1946, these hangars have served Wittman Airport for many years.*

## - Wittman Airport News - & Wittman Airport Related Operations



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### WINGS AS EAGLES

Wings As Eagles hangar is usually open each day for drop-in visitors at 813 W 20th Ave, next to the EAA 252 hangar!  
Terry Rushing, Director  
Wings As Eagles Mission Air Service, Inc.  
[www.WingsAsEaglesMission.org](http://www.WingsAsEaglesMission.org)



Terry reports: Nathan Borlee (pictured), son of a Wings volunteer mechanic soloed last Wednesday, November 27 in Wings' Cessna 172, N7374E. Another volunteer, Harry Winters, is his instructor. Harry's full-time job is with NetJets (note - Wings does not have a flight school operation).

On November 22 we returned from a trip to Cameroon, Africa, where our goals included two annual inspections (GlaStar and Sportsman) and evangelism in villages and

towns. There were twelve mission team members including my son, Bradley, who had the privilege of preaching and playing "football" with the school team at a remote village, Manko, that we had flown into. Pictures courtesy of Terry Rushing.



*Bradley with the team, and I think I see dad in the background.*



*By Dennis Moehn*

Fox Valley Technical College's semester is quickly coming to an end. All of the students should be busy studying for their last unit tests and the final tests to wrap up 2013.

**Happy Holidays from FVTC!**

### Winnebago Flying Club



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*By Rose Dorcey*

Winnebago Flying Club held its first "WFC Pilot Photo Contest" for members during the month of November. The subject was "Aerial Wisconsin Landscapes," and 10 entries were submitted. Tim Turner won the contest with his beautiful shot of Fond du Lac and Lake Winnebago. The contest was popular and another one will be announced soon.

Winnebago Flying Club congratulates

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# MORE - Wittman Airport News - & Wittman Airport Related Operations

## Winnebago Flying Club, *continued* from page 7.

Brian Rupnow, our latest private pilot. Brian took his check ride in Marshfield, Wisconsin, with examiner Harold "Duffy" Gaier on November 20 with just over 40 hours in his logbook. His CFI was John Dorcey. Congratulations, Brian!

Two new members joined the club recently, Don Abel and Adisen Fenrich. Don is a private pilot and Adisen is training for her private pilot certificate.

During the Christmas season, club members are collecting much needed items for the **Day by Day Warming Shelter in Oshkosh**. Specific needs include warm hats and gloves, men's socks, oatmeal, Lipton tea bags, Windex, liquid laundry soap, and dryer sheets. **The donation drive runs through December 15. Contact Rose at [skyword@new.rr.com](mailto:skyword@new.rr.com) for more information.**

At the November meeting, club members heard a presentation by Andrew Tieman about his training experiences in preparation for serving as a missionary pilot with JAARS. Andrew will be flying in Indonesia. JAARS is a faith-based organization serving people in remote locations. The December meeting will provide a review of the Garmin 430, including tips on how to use it.



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## Report on Wittman Aviation Committee Meeting For Dec 4<sup>th</sup> 2013

By Terry Novak for The Pylon.

Peter Moll reported that land rental income is down 57% from the 2013 budget projection due to lower numbers of Oshkosh Corp. vehicles being stored on the field. Income deficit will be made-up by transferring funds from reserves.

Marketing and promotional expenditures exceeded, by \$11 thousand, the \$45 thousand budget. Supervisors questioned some of the fees charged by Rob Mark of CommAvia, the public relations company hired to promote Wittman Airport. Supervisor Kenn Olson

said, "There are good marketing people in the area who could do the same job (as CommAvia) better" and for less. Olson has experience in marketing and has arranged with Moll to help update the airport website. CommAvia has a year-to-year contract with Wittman Airport that will expire soon.

Elizabeth Hartman, CEO and General Counsel of CHAMCO, and Meredith Jaeger director of AeroInnovate offered a preliminary proposal regarding the possible construction of a new airport management facility to replace Wittman terminal. CHAMCO has been working with AeroInnovate, a nonprofit founded by UWO that connects aviation entrepreneurs with investors and mentors to accelerate business development. AeroInnovate is raising funds to build an "accelerator facility" in the new aviation park. The organization would like to build in the "high visibility" area on 20<sup>th</sup> Av. if that opportunity arises. The new facility could be designed to also house airport management. There is no formal proposal as yet, but CHAMCO and AeroInnovate would like the Aviation Committee to consider this as a possible option should the county board agree to raze the terminal building. Supervisors were invited to participate in CHAMCO meetings held to develop a proposal.

Tom Gabert, a local contractor who has been in the HVAC business for 40 years, gave his opinion on how to correct the problem of overheating in the control tower cab in warm weather. Temperatures in the 90s have been reported. Gabert offered two options; each would cost nearly \$90 thousand.

Tim Brooks was introduced. He is the Operations Manager of Eastern Aviation Fuels that took over ownership of Orion Flight Services in November. Brooks said Eastern Aviation Fuels will continue operations at Wittman and eventually will expand to offer avionics services and charter flights.

Next meeting is 8am, 8 Jan 2014, Wittman conference room and is open to the public.

Check for changes at: <http://www.co.winnebago.wi.us/county-clerk/meetings>.



## DAY BY DAY INC.

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Day by Day Warming Shelter seeks to provide temporary emergency shelter for adult men and women who have no other sheltering options in Oshkosh.

All services and assistance are offered in the context of the furtherance of human dignity with the primary goal of harm reduction during the coldest weather months of the year.

The facility provides night-to-night temporary shelter, a warm evening meal, and a breakfast to its guests.

The shelter's philosophy:  
"As a community we have a social responsibility to care for each other by assuring that everyone has access to resources that help them meet their basic need for shelter."

Learn more at [www.warmingshelter.com/index.php](http://www.warmingshelter.com/index.php)

Let's Make a Difference...

in the lives of those who don't enjoy the basic comforts we sometimes take for granted.

Winnebago Flying Club members can participate in a Donation Drive this season to benefit the shelter. Between now and December 15, bring items from the shelter's Wish List to our club hangar, or to our next meeting on December 3. Once all items have been collected, WFC Members will deliver them to the shelter in the name of Winnebago Flying Club.

The shelter's Wish List follows, where you'll see basic items you can pick up inexpensively at grocery or discount stores. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

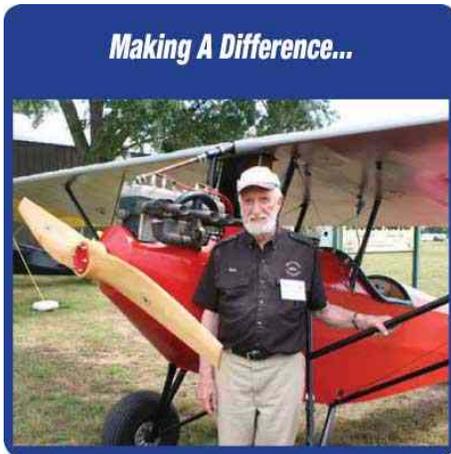
## Wish List

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bus tokens</li> <li>Cab fare</li> <li>Fruit cups</li> <li>Cereal bars</li> <li>Instant oatmeal packets</li> <li>Coffee</li> <li>Coffee creamer</li> <li>Sugar</li> <li>Hot chocolate packets</li> <li>Styrofoam plates</li> <li>Styrofoam coffee cups</li> <li>Drink cups</li> <li>Large &amp; small freezer bags</li> <li>Food prep gloves</li> <li>Non latex gloves</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rubber gloves for cleaning</li> <li>Toilet bowl cleaner</li> <li>Urinal disinfectant tablets</li> <li>Scented bleach</li> <li>Ringer mop bucket &amp; mop</li> <li>Floor cleaner</li> <li>Shampoo and Shower Gel (regular size)</li> <li>Disinfectant wipes</li> <li>Foot powder</li> <li>Instant hand/foot warmers</li> <li>Twin comforters</li> <li>Twin fleece/flannel sheet sets</li> <li>Bath towels</li> <li>Hand towels &amp; wash cloths</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dish towels &amp; wash cloths</li> <li>Dish soap</li> <li>Mesh laundry bags</li> <li>Liquid laundry soap</li> <li>Dryer sheets</li> <li>33 gallon black trash bags</li> <li>AA and AAA batteries</li> <li>Toilet paper</li> <li>Kleenex</li> <li>Paper Towels</li> <li>Disinfectant Spray Cleaner</li> <li>Air Fresheners (spray and solid)</li> <li>Travel size: hand sanitizer, tissues, deodorant</li> <li>Men's socks</li> </ul>
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## And Now - For The Rest Of The Story

As reported in the November issue of *The Pylon*, Ed Leineweber had penned a story on Doc Mosher receiving the Navy League's Aviation Excellence Award – and it was published in the *Midwest Flyer*. I contacted Dave Weiman, Editor/Publisher of the *Midwest Flyer* magazine to inquire about reprinting the story.

The entire story follows reprinted by permission of *MIDWEST FLYER* MAGAZINE, October/November 2013.



### Making A Difference... Doc Mosher Receives Navy League's Aviation Excellence Award

By Ed Leineweber

While I've known of Doc by reputation through shared contacts in the homebuilt community, I've only recently had the opportunity to get acquainted with him personally, along with his wife, Dee, his co-editor and publisher of the *BPA Newsletter*. It has been a delightful experience.

**Here's Doc's account of his lifetime in aviation, mostly told in his own words. For the record, Doc was born in 1925, which makes him a youthful 88 years young as of this writing:**

As a kid growing up in the "Glider Capitol of America," Elmira, New York, I was riding my bike to the various soaring sites around the area, especially during the National Soaring Contests in 1937 and later. That allowed me to get acquainted with the best sailplane pilots and designers. They eventually got to trust me with helping to assemble and disassemble their sailplanes. I owe a lot to those guys who took a bit of an interest in a lone kid. The now famous names were just nice guys to

me, although even at the time I was in awe.

After high school, I entered the New York State aviation ground school, right there in Elmira. Today, guys pay a lot of money to get what I had in one tuition-free year at Elmira Aviation Ground School (EAGS), learning about building and repairing airplanes and engines from great instructors. Before and after my school days at EAGS, I worked part-time at the Schweizer sailplane factory in the same building, turning out military training gliders.

As I got out of ground school, World War II was in full swing and of course I wanted to fly and took all the tests. I had already soloed in gliders. But the Army Air Force had other ideas. I was designated a "skilled aviation technician" at age 18, and was immediately assigned to an Air Force training base in Lafayette, Louisiana, as a mechanic of primary, basic and advanced training planes – PT23s, BT13s and AT6s. I was always ready for test flights as a "maintenance observer," although some of the instructors let me do some of the flying.

I took the CAA tests for airplane and engine mechanic and passed them – A&E in those days. Within a year, I was transferred to another Air Force facility in the middle of the Everglades — Riddle Field — a training base for British pilots. That's where I and another mechanic bought my first airplane – an Aeronca C-3.

After all the pilots were trained, I transferred to the Air Force Training Command at Pan American Field in Miami, where we operated Douglas DC-4s all over the world.

As the war wound down, I sold the C-3 and returned home to Elmira to set up an airplane repair shop.

Corning Glass Works, Corning, N.Y., was operating a Douglas B-23 and a Beech 18, and I was hired as a co-pilot/mechanic. Corning later got a DC-3. These were four-course range and DF and ADF days. I also ran the Link trainer for Corning, so I got even with some of the tougher captains when I had them in the box! The chief pilot had been a pilot for the RCAF ferry command, flying airplanes all over the world. We had heavier DC-3 maintenance done at Canadair in Montreal, so I spent a lot of time there with those former ferry command pilots. Along the way, I got my Commercial Pilot Certificate and my Instrument and Multi-engine Ratings.

My days atop Harris Hill with sailplane champions paid off job-wise as I was looking to leave Corning Glass. One soaring champ,

Emil Lehecka, told me about a company in New York City that had just purchased a Douglas B-23 and was looking for a copilot/mechanic. Emil told me that the contact guy was a vice-president of National Distillers and Chemical Co. named Art Ramer. It didn't hurt that Art remembered me from those days back in 1938-40 on the glider field. The pilot, already hired, turned out to be a flight instructor from Riddle Field, the guy who sold us the Aeronca C-3. Small world, aviation!

The seven years at Teterboro were another real learning experience. At that time, Teterboro was a hotbed of corporate aviation, so I met lots of names as they came and went. Twist of fate... Arthur Godfrey's pilot, Frank La Vigna, always treated me as a somewhat lesser personality because he was a captain and I was still officially a co-pilot. Years later, I hired him when I was basing a JetStar and a new Gulfstream II at Teterboro. Irony!

Got myself invited to the New York QB hangar where I met a lot of aviation people, especially Clyde Pangborn. Clyde had been the major domo for the RCAF ferry command in Montreal! Great stories!

I became very much involved with the Grumman people as they brought the Gulfstream I into the corporate fleet, as National Distillers was buying two of them.

Emil Lehecka and I even built a 48-foot sailplane on the ramp at Teterboro, with the FAA office upstairs over us. We towed it with a Mooney Mite!

The last large piston-powered corporate airplane was the distinctive Howard Super Ventura, and the company bought two of the early versions. I was closely involved with Dee Howard and Ed Swearingen in San Antonio as they were developing the Super Ventura and later the Swearingen PT-6 turboprop Merlin.

Flew a lot in the Super Ventura, perhaps my favorite airplane of all time; at least the last of the great pistons. Later, as Ed was developing the turboprop Merlin, I operated two of the first ones. Did a lot of demo flights in each airplane. The potential customers were a class of individuals unto themselves – kings and thieves.

National Distillers was setting up a new flight operation in Champaign, Illinois, in

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1956, and I was sent there “for a year” to set up a safe flying operation for the company. It turned into 13 years, but gave me a great opportunity to do lots of neat stuff, including lots of soaring. Met lots more interesting people in my travels.

During those years we operated Beech Twin Bonanzas, Queen Airs, King Airs, and the Swearingen turbo Merlins. Meanwhile, I was still involved with the Teterboro-based airplanes. These included two Gulfstream IIs, a DH-125, an early JetStar, several Falcons, and two Gulfstream IIs. I was back and forth to Teterboro, and the planes stopped at Champaign quite often. Because of the P&W PT-6 engines used in the Champaign airplanes, we developed an FAA-approved repair station that was rated for hot section repairs.

While living in Champaign, I became a Schweizer dealer and bought six sailplane kits from the Elmira factory and finished them and got them type-certificated by the FAA. Try that today! That also got some sailplanes into the Champaign area, especially for the university glider clubs. I actually ran a glider flight training school for several years.

I was the chairman of the Soaring Society of America’s Airspace Committee, and assembled a great team of names from the soaring community, both national and international. We really had to stand up to the FAA (‘Jeeb Halaby at the time) to demand our airspace rights. Did a lot of work with Chicago Center regarding IFR in thunderstorms, including the still-standing soaring altitude record for Illinois – some 17,000 feet (no oxygen). [Author’s note: Doc received SSA’s Exceptional Service Award in 1965, the first year it was presented.]

When National Distillers in 1971 no longer needed the Champaign operation due to changes in its business, I had no desire to move back to Teterboro with the company, so I took a job with John Morrell & Company, a meat packer in Chicago. We started with a Queen Air, added a twin in Iowa, and added a Jet Commander to go to Latin America (Chiquita Banana).

Morrell was a subsidiary of United Brands Co. and I was called to New York (New York again!) to run all the UB airplanes and revamped the company planes in Latin America – Panama, Honduras, Costa Rica. That reversed the accident rate and brought costs down dramatically. We added a new Gulfstream

II and a JetStar based at Teterboro. I had a corporate office on the 27th floor of 30 Rockefeller Center! (Not my style.) I left UB due to my unhappiness with management decision-making.

From there my employment history tells the rest: charter operations at Teterboro and Ronkonkoma in New York, great fun at Oklahoma City with North American Rockwell, which morphed into Gulfstream Jet Commander. Managed all flight operations – flight testing of three new models of Turbo Commanders, ferry flights, pilot training, etc. Worked with Bob Hoover. When the plant closed, I moved to Denver to sell Turbo Commanders.

I got sidetracked from airplanes to own the “world famous” Glory Hole Tavern in Central City, Colorado. More great experiences and people and stories! Sold the business and left Colorado to come to Oshkosh, where my wife grew up.

Back to aviation once settled in Wisconsin. Got a call to go to Milwaukee to start up a new FAA repair station for C-130 parts. Stayed an extra year to run it. Today, it is a multi-million dollar business. Again, happy days, but no flying. So I went to Dekalb, Illinois, to start a charter operation with Aero Commanders and King Airs. At age 67 I was still flying charter! Decided it was time to stop flying for a living.

Finally, moved to Neenah, Wisconsin. Lots of interaction with EAA. Lots of flying at Pioneer Airport; in charge of airplane maintenance there. Very active in the local EAA Chapter (newsletter, president, etc.) And now publishing the Brodhead Pietenpol Association Newsletter with Dee. We’ve gone from about 125 to 700 members!

Through it all. I never had an airplane accident, nor did any operation that I was associated with. Over 21,000 hours of safe flying. I attribute my successful record to firm, friendly discipline, lots of good people, and lots of good luck. [This ends Doc’s reminiscence.]

Great lifetime aviation story, isn’t it? Doc’s wife, Dee, calls him the “*Forrest Gump of Aviation*.” Like Forrest, a straight shooter who just wanted to do the right thing and stay out of trouble, but who seemed always to show up in the background when great historical events occurred. Doc personally witnessed so much the rest of us just read about. “*Doc was there*,” Dee says. “*His entire life has been spent around the difficult birth, exciting youth, challenging teen years, and historical adulthood of the ‘Golden Years’ of aviation.*”

address these concerns and we are sure an enjoyable, informative evening will be had by all.

**Come Join Us!!**

**Chapter 252 Winter Banquet Menu:**

Family Style Meal Selections:

- Honey Baked Chicken and Dressing
- Baked Haddock
- Home Style Mashed Potatoes
- Riviera Blend Vegetables

Desert:

- Tiramisu

**Please reserve and pay by January 13<sup>th</sup> by contacting Jane Smith at:**

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920-426-6823

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So, thanks to the Madison, La Crosse, Green Bay/Fox Valley and Glenview, Illinois chapters of the Navy League of the U.S., and to the Hangar One Foundation, which has seen fit to honor Doc Mosher with its first “Aviation Excellence Award.” It would have been hard to find a more deserving recipient to initiate this distinction.

**EDITOR’S NOTE:** Ed Leineweber is an aviation, litigation and business attorney practicing in Madison, Wisconsin. He is a Certified Instrument Flight Instructor (CFII) and holds a Light Sport Repairman Maintenance Certificate. A retired Wisconsin Circuit Court Judge, Leineweber once operated two fixed based operations and managed the airports where they were located.

# November 14<sup>th</sup> Chapter 252 Membership Meeting

As we get nearer to the Holiday Season schedule conflicts are harder to avoid.

Despite the fact that our meeting was the same night as the Oshkosh Holiday parade - AND - EAA's Hall of Fame banquet, we still had a respectable turnout of about 30 members.

President Dennis and VP Tim Hoversten spoke about the Chapter's winter banquet. Dennis reviewed the evening itinerary and Tim mentioned the need for silent auction items. Tim is organizing the silent auction - let him know if you have anything to donate!

Membership Officer Doug Milius was on hand to hand out name badges to those who had ordered them - and to accept payments for 2014 dues.

The featured speaker for the evening was EAA staff member Chris Henry. Chris spoke about the EAA's B-17 program. I think everyone realizes they fly it around the country to hop rides. Chris talked about



a different aspect of the program - the human connection, and how they often end up re-uniting a WWII vet with a memory from his past.

Chris spoke about some of the unique situations he has experienced while meeting some of the vets, and seeing just how much a ride in the B-17 meant to some of them. This was a different view of the program, one I was not expecting, and I found it to be very interesting.



*President Dennis talks about plans for the upcoming winter banquet.*



*Membership officer Doug Milius was accepting payment for 2014 dues.*

As always, social time before the meeting gave people a chance to catch up on the local news.



# Chapter 252 Dues Are Due

*By Doug Milius*

As 2013 starts to come to an end it is time to remember that our 2014 dues are coming due soon. Dues are set on an annual basis and are due January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. Our chapter appreciates all of our members and the contributions so many of you make.

Now that our chapter has its own hanger it is especially important to maintain a good membership base. Your dues help to pay the bills and maintain our hanger. Your board of directors is constantly coming up with ideas on how all of our membership can benefit from our chapter owning its own hanger.

I am trying to correct any problems members may have had in the past receiving our newsletter. If you know of anyone who is a member and who isn't receiving information from our chapter, let me know. Also, if you know someone who has an interest in aviation invite them to one of our monthly meetings!

Please remit payment payable to **EAA Chapter 252** to me at:

Doug Milius  
1305 Maricopa Dr  
Oshkosh WI 54904

I will be accepting payment at our December membership meeting also. This year I am sending an email confirmation to all of those who pay by mail. If you pay at one of our meetings I will give you a receipt for your payment. Thank you.

**EAA Chapter 252**  
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**FOR SALE -  
Chapter 252 baseball caps.**

Nice quality with navy blue bill and adjustable gray crown. The Chapter logo is embroidered in red and light blue, all for \$16.00 (cheap!). See Wayne Daniels to purchase yours!

# CELEBRATION OF FLIGHT!

## EAA Chapter 252 Annual Winter Banquet

*Featuring Tracy Buttles' Presentation:*  
**Building Zenith Aircraft In China????**



Tracy Buttles recently spent 6 weeks in China to help an aircraft company work out issues of the Zenith 750 and 801 production lines. He will talk about the business, culture, people, regulatory requirements, and the politics that he observed during his stay.

Based out of Central County Airport, Buttles is an EAA Technical Counselor, and Lead Instructor for Aviators By Design – a Youth oriented group that exposes area teenagers to aircraft building. He is also an active Private Pilot who enjoys flying his Husky Chaser 2 and a friends Starduster Too.

**- Also Featured -**

- **Tim Hoversten's Silent Auction - proceeds to benefit Chapter 252 projects.**
- **Meet the 2014 "Spirit of ELO" Awardee.**

### Where:

Robbin's Restaurant, 1810 Omro Rd., Oshkosh

### When:

Saturday, **January 25, 2014**

- Cocktails at 5:30pm (cash bar)
- Family Style meal at 6:30pm (Honey Baked Chicken & dressing, Haddock, Mashed Potatoes, Vegetables, Desert (Tiramisu).

**Cost: \$25.00 per person**

**Reservations by January 13, 2013 requested for planning purposes.**

*Payment/Notification in advance to:*

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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.252.eaachapter.org](http://www.252.eaachapter.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.

### To Apply For Membership

Chapter 252's success is due to the quality of it's members. If you would like to join us please return this information, or request a full application form. Dues information contained within the newsletter.

Name - \_\_\_\_\_

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EAA #, & Expiration - \_\_\_\_\_

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Aircraft Owned - \_\_\_\_\_

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What Chapter Activities Interest You? - \_\_\_\_\_