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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Happy New Year!

CARRIE FORSTER

I'm so excited to be writing to all of you as your new chapter president. Following Charlie Becker in this role is daunting, but I feel fortunate that I've worked with him in my previous role as vice-president and secretary. Our chapter has a great board with a lot of chapter experience and deep commitment to the wellbeing and success of our chapter. I'm so glad to have them as partners in leading our chapter. I hope to continue the great work that has been done before me and also find ways to make this role my own.

In the almost six years I've been a member of chapter 252, I've gotten to know many of you. For those of you who don't know me, or don't know much about me, I'd like to share a little bit about myself. I earned my private pilot's license four years ago at the age of 51. I was inspired to learn to fly by my husband, John, and daughter, Jessica (also both chapter 252 members). John was the first in our family to get his pilot's license. John has been a private pilot since 1995. Jessica has been a private pilot since 2007. When John and I became empty nesters several



years ago, I was looking for a new challenge and a new hobby. I decided it was finally time to learn to fly. John and I ended up buying an airplane, and we currently own a 1974 Archer that we keep at KATW. We've really decided to pursue aviation as a family hobby. My day job is teaching fourth grade in Kaukauna. Learning to fly was something

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Welcome



Returning to work at EAA after nine days off for the holiday break, the first thing I noticed was the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh countdown clock in the museum lobby. I pass it and look at it on most days, but on January 2, the countdown timer jumped out at me: It said 200 days and 21 hours until OSH19. Whaaatt?!! It's a strange and wonderful mix of emotions that ranges from stark terror (considering all the work that needs to get done in those 200 days) and sheer wonder and amazement that thousands of volunteers and a handful of staff can pull it off at all. What I can state unequivocally is that I sure am excited AirVenture is coming up again.

Mike DiFrisco, EAA Lifetime #336855

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Suggestions for submissions include (but are not limited to):

- > updates on build projects
- > flight milestones
- > technical articles
- > items of interest to the general membership
- > classified ads

Submissions in either Word or PDF format, and photos in .jpg format are appreciated.

January Gathering

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See you at the Chapter 252 Hangar for the January meeting. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Meal and hangar flying. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members, Prospective Members, and Guests Welcome!

February Gathering

FEBRUARY

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JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Thursday, January 10

Dinner at 6:30 (sloppy joes)

Presentation at 7:00: Dick Knapinski, EAA

Topic: This summer's EAA AirVenture Oshkosh fly-in will mark the event's 50th consecutive year in Oshkosh, as the world again comes to Wittman Regional Airport in late July. EAA's Director of Communications, Dick Knapinski – who has been on staff for more than half of those fly-ins – will talk about some of the history of the event, what AirVenture means to the local region, and things to look for this year. (With the number of EAA staffers and volunteers in Chapter 252, be prepared for some audience participation!)



EAA Skiplane Fly-In

February 9, 2019 - 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m. | Free Admission | Pioneer Airport

One of the area's most colorful events of the season returns for its 27th year. The annual EAA Skiplane Fly-In, will be held on Saturday, February 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the EAA Aviation Museum's Pioneer Airport in Oshkosh. Guests are welcome to enjoy the sights and sounds of Pioneer Airport while enjoying a warm bowl of soup or chili and a sweet treat. This special, free-of-charge, winter event celebrates the unique flight segment of skiplane flying as well as the anniversary of the first-ever meeting of the Experimental Aircraft Association on January 26, 1953.



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Short Hops

December Membership Meeting:

Chapter Member and CFI Nathan Borlee talked to the membership and guests about winter flying. Nathan provided tips about what to consider when flying in the winter. About 45 members and guests attended

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Welcome New Members!

Joe Scheibinger--Joe lives in Oshkosh and has his Private Pilots License. He has owned many airplanes and is currently building a Zenith 650 and 750. He is the owner of Lakeshore Auto Sales and also runs the Music Machine Studio. His Father inspired him to fly in 1975. He is an active pilot and homebuilder. He is also active in amateur radio. Joe also wants to help volunteer with chapter projects and our Young Eagle rallies. Welcome to Chapter 252!



Joe says, "Now that I am semi-retired I can get back into building and flying. I just passed my physical with Dr. Green and I'm ready to go. Since I purchased

the 750 project when I saw you in Missouri, one wing is done, the entire tail, one fuselage side (flush riveted) and the forward fuselage are finished. My 650 is in storage.

My plan is to have all of the construction work finished by April 1st, and then purchase the instruments and engine at Sun & Fun. Tracy Buttles is my technical advisor. Follow my build go to https://www.facebook.com/Zenithlog/?modal=admin_todo_tour

Albert Fisher, MD--Dr Fisher is a private pilot and owns a Piper Cherokee 180D. Dr Fisher and his wife Elizabeth live in Oshkosh. Dr. Fisher has his medical office at 10 East Irving Avenue and is an Aviation Medical Examiner. Dr Fisher's father was a pilot and owned a plane. He was fortunate enough to begin in flying lessons as a teenager. Most of his flying is for pleasure and to attend medical conferences. His other interest is sailing in the summertime. Welcome to our Chapter and the IMC club!

the meeting and enjoyed pizza and cookies prior to Nathan's presentation.

Kwik Trip Cards still available:



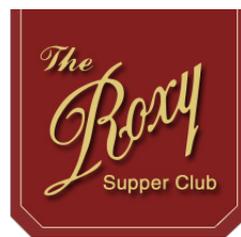
We still have about \$300.00 in Kwik Trip cards available for purchase. Our chapter gets 10% cash back on all purchases. It's an easy way to support our chapter. If you'd like to purchase a card, please contact Fred Stadler.

Winter Party:

There is still time to RSVP for our Winter Party which will take place at the Roxy on Saturday, January 19. Cocktails at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00. Annual chapter awards will be presented, including our Spirit of ELO Award. RSVP to Dennis Moehn at moehn@fvtc.edu.

Save the Date:

Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, April 6.



An Active Chapter Defined

The new year is a great time to set personal goals. As EAA members and chapter members, we look at a variety of aviation goals. Perhaps one of your goals could be to become more involved in our chapter.

Our chapter is fortunate to have our own hangar for meetings and events. We are currently working on a chapter expansion project which will add bathrooms and a kitchenette/meeting room to our chapter hangar. Through our fundraising efforts, we have the funds needed for this expansion project. We are currently looking for a contractor (the one we thought we had fell through) and hope to complete this project in 2019. The addition of bathrooms will obviously be great for chapter meetings, but will also make us more able to host pancake breakfasts, Young Eagle events, and other events at our chapter. The hangar can become an even better location for education and outreach.

Volunteer efforts and fundraising also helped us to purchase the hangar a few years ago. We have ongoing expenses such as property taxes and heat. Our chapter is currently in solid financial shape. To maintain our solvency, we continue to look at regular fundraising projects.

We have several annual fundraising efforts:

- Fall and Spring Pancake Breakfast - this event is fun for our chapter, provides great community outreach, and also is the backdrop for our Young Eagle Rallies. This is a good fundraiser for us and we have a solid group of volunteers that make these events run very smoothly. There is always room for more - consider becoming part of this great event by being a Young Eagle Pilot, directing traffic on the ramp, working ground crew/registration for Young Eagles, cooking food, serving food, set up, or clean up. David Leiting is our Pancake Breakfast Event Chair, and Eric Abraham and Serena Kamps are our Young Eagle co-chairs.
- Brat Barn at Festival Foods in the Summer - we have been doing this fundraiser for the past three years. It provides a nice amount of income and also provides community outreach. In order for this event to continue, we are in need of some volunteer positions.
 - Brat Barn Co-Chairs - Job Description
 - We are looking for a member or members to chair this event. If two members co-

chair, they can divide duties as they see fit.

- There will be two summer events - dates to be determined. We have chapter members who are willing to go to the date selection meeting in late January/early February.
- Organize volunteers in shifts for each event.
- Get supplies from the chapter hangar and bring them to Festival the morning of the event.
- Purchase food/supplies for the event.
- Oversee volunteers and help the day of the event.
- Previous chair Wayne Daniels can help walk volunteers through the responsibilities.
- Brat Barn Volunteers - Job Description
 - Approximately 6-8 volunteers needed the day of the event in shifts of from 2 - 4 hours.
- Sport Air Workshop in January - organize lunches for workshop participants. This event provides some income from the chapter, but is really done more as outreach and to support the workshop by organizing lunch for participant.
 - Dennis Moehn is the event chair.
 - Four volunteers needed.
 - Saturday:
 - 7:00 am to take orders (box lunches from Subway)
 - 11:00 am to serve food
 - Sunday:
 - 11:00 am to serve food

Other Volunteer Opportunities:

- Merchandise Chair - someone who will be present at meetings who will organize and sell chapter merchandise (shirts, hats), keep track of inventory, give money to treasurer Fred Stadler.
- Greeter - person or persons to welcome visitors to chapter meetings, help them with nametags, talk to them. This doesn't need to be the same person every time.
- Photographer - someone to take photographs and monthly meetings and chapter events. Photos will be used on our Facebook page and in our newsletter.
- If you are interested in any of these opportunities, please email ea252@gmail.com.

Chapter 252 Starting Monthly Fly-Out Events

Starting in 2019, Chapter 252 will begin organizing monthly fly-out events. The goal of these events is to get our members flying their aircraft and visiting fun and unique destinations as a group. In addition, this will give aspiring/non-pilot members the opportunity to join in by filling empty seats.

The fly-outs will occur the Saturday following our typically second Thursday of the month gatherings. The destination will change each month, as well as the time of the flight, however we will try to keep them as consistent and possible. Keep an eye on your email and the monthly newsletter to stay up to date with each month's trip.

If you do plan to fly your own airplane, or have an interest in riding along please email David Leiting at davidleiting47@hotmail.com. If you plan to fly your airplane and have an open seat please include that in your email. This will help us fill open seats with members who wish to attend, but do not have access to an airplane.

January Fly-Out – January 12, Madison, WI for breakfast at Pat O'Malley's Jet Room. We will plan to meet at the Chapter 252 at 8:00 am for an 8:15 am departure. This should get most people on the ground in Madison by 9:00 am, so if you would like to head straight to KMSN, that it completely fine! (This is mainly for you speedsters or low and slow flyers.) This trip will also give you the opportunity to fly into Class C airspace and practice your radar environment work. Feel free to reach out to your favorite CFI or David if you have questions about flying in class C airspace.

Please let David know if you have any questions or have a suggestion for a fly-out destination. For February, we will plan to stop at another airport restaurant, most likely Piccadilly Lilly in Lone Rock.



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very different for me and provided me with challenges that definitely pushed me beyond my comfort zone. It's really fun to share my love of flying with my students.

Learning to fly myself has definitely given me a much deeper appreciation for what John and Jessica went through when they learned to fly. I had built in resources to study with and fly with. It really taught me the importance of having mentors and people to share flying with. That's a big reason that we decided to become involved in the chapter--being part of a chapter provides me with so much support as a pilot. Surrounding myself with people who also love flying keeps me motivated, helps make me a safer pilot, and is fun.

I became an officer because I wanted to give back to the chapter and to be part of helping keep our chapter moving forward. My goal is for our chapter to continue to be that great resource for both our long time members and our new members. I want this to be a welcoming place for anyone who is interested in aviation.

Although I'm not a builder myself, both John and Jessica are. I know the importance of

that building connection for our chapter. I've been around John's building projects and have been pressed into service from time to time.

A January column wouldn't quite be complete without talking about setting some aviation goals. What would you like to do with your flying in 2019? Is it time to start flight training, make progress on a building project, fly to a new airport, get a new rating, fly with an instructor to brush off some cobwebs, attend a workshop or seminar, or something else?

In education, we talk about setting SMART goals. SMART stands for Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, and Time Bound. This works perfectly with setting aviation goals. Setting SMART goals increases the likelihood that your goals will be realized. Can you set a goal or two for yourself that follows this format? Instead of thinking about some vague idea of how you could fly more or do something aviation related, set specific goals for yourself.

Here are my Aviation Goals for 2019:

- Log at least one flight every month of the calendar year.

Join the 252 Family!

Annual Membership (Calendar Year)

Dues are \$20

(\$10 for partial year, July - December).

Student Memberships are \$10.

Dues in the amount of \$20 can be given to Doug Milius or mailed to him at:

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Thank you for your continued support of EAA Chapter 252!

- Log at least 25 hours of flight time in 2019.
- Get at least 6 new airport stamps for the Fly Wisconsin Passport program.

What are your goals for 2019?

I hope that our chapter can help you to reach your aviation goals and help you have fun along the way.

Blue Skies and Tailwinds,
Carrie

IMC Club Meetings

Third Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm

Location: EAA Aviation Center

All Chapter Members

Welcome



Board Meetings

Fourth Thursday of every month

at 6:00 p.m.

Location: EAA HQ Leadership Classroom
 Members Welcome at board meetings.