

THE PYLON



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President's Report— Carrie Forster



Although July was not the same without AirVenture, I appreciated the offerings of Spirit of Aviation Week. I hope you had a chance to join some of the webinars or watch some of the live streams. These offerings helped lessen the blow of no AirVenture a bit. I appreciate the effort put in by EAA to offer something to the members, and I know that several members of our own chapter were part of that effort. I did like that there was no travel time between webinars and in a few cases I went back and forth between two programs, which I could not have done in person and I didn't mind not being out in the stifling

heat. However, nothing compares to the real thing and I am already counting the days until next year, as I'm sure you are.

I recently completed my flight review, which was different during the pandemic as well. Flying with a mask on was different, but perfectly fine. It was nice to have the opportunity to practice some skills that I wanted to work on. I enjoy the flight review process (for the most part, anyway) and the chance to talk through things with my flight instructor. I flew with the same instructor that I trained with, and we have a great relationship. I reach out to him with questions from time to time and it's nice to maintain that connection. I know that people have varying opinions on whether to fly with someone familiar or someone new for a flight review. I can definitely understand the idea of learning from a new instructor. I really appreciate the rapport I have with my instructor and I feel comfortable asking questions of him. I think whatever you choose would work best if you are willing to be honest and vulnerable with the instructor you choose so that you really get something out of the experience.

John and I also flew to Washington Island for the first time recently. We've been talking about doing it for ages and the perfect day presented itself. It was a beautiful flight. The lavender is in bloom and everything looked really picturesque. We packed a picnic lunch which we ate at the airport - picnic tables were available. They also have airport bikes and a courtesy car, so we could have ventured away from the airport if we'd wanted to. We wanted to keep things simple and maintain distancing, so the picnic was the perfect solution.

The board has continued to meet virtually during the pandemic. Our main agenda item each month continues to be how to hold meetings. Our August gathering will take place virtually. We did decide to plan on an in-person gathering for September with some specific guidelines - you'll see more about that elsewhere in this issue. Basically, we will open the hangar door and meet outside the hangar and physical distancing will be expected. We ask everyone to bring their own chairs and, if you want anything to eat or drink, to please bring your own. This will be an opportunity to connect with members and will be a social gathering. The event may be cancelled due to inclement weather or a change in Covid-19 conditions. Your board is working hard to make sure that we are doing everything we can to keep our members safe and still find ways to connect during this challenging time.

I hope you will join us for our virtual gathering on Thursday, August 13.

Carrie

Save the date!

August 13: Virtual Chapter Gathering.

Mark Niemi, Fox Valley Squadron Civil Air Patrol. Mark will be joining us virtually. See page 2 for details.

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August Chapter Gathering: Online

Virtual Chapter Gathering on Thursday, August 13: Mark Niemi, Fox Valley Squadron Civil Air Patrol. Mark will talk about how his CAP experiences got him involved in aviation, his military career as a harrier pilot, and his current work with the Fox Valley Composite Squadron.

Chapter 252 August Meeting

Thu, Aug 13, 2020 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM (CDT)

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Chapter members enjoyed a virtual visit from aviation filmmaker Adam White of Hemlock Films. Adam began making aviation documentaries in 2003, with his original *The Restorers* which was released on DVD. Since then he and his wife Kara have produced many more including *Red Tail Reborn* and other projects for the Commemorative Air Force. If Adam's works seem more on the mark than

most aviation documentaries, it's because he's one of us... Adam is a longtime EAA member, pilot, and aviation enthusiast. In the course of making his films he has sometimes had to improvise not only with interviews he didn't know he was going to do minutes before the camera rolled to hopping into a Grumman

July Chapter Gathering



Tiger with the canopy open to shoot air-to-air footage of a WWII Corsair. You can catch Adam's work on many subscription services such as Amazon Prime as well as PBS.

<https://www.hemlockfilms.com/>

Seeking Turf Operations at KOSH

From EAA

July 30, 2020 – EAA and Wittman Regional Airport representatives met with FAA airport officials this week to discuss the establishment of turf operations at Wittman, something long desired by vintage/tailwheel aircraft owners at many airports across the country. This meeting took the form of a safety risk management panel, or SRM.

Because FAA Air Traffic Organization convened an SRM to consider the proposal, EAA felt this was a good opportunity to set a benchmark through the data driven SRM process that other towered operations could benefit from. During the course of the SRM, the key stakeholders reviewed more than 40 areas in question. In reviewing each of the 40 items, the agency determined there was "no hazard finding" for everything listed by the proposal. This effectively should clear the way from an air traffic perspective to begin turf opera-

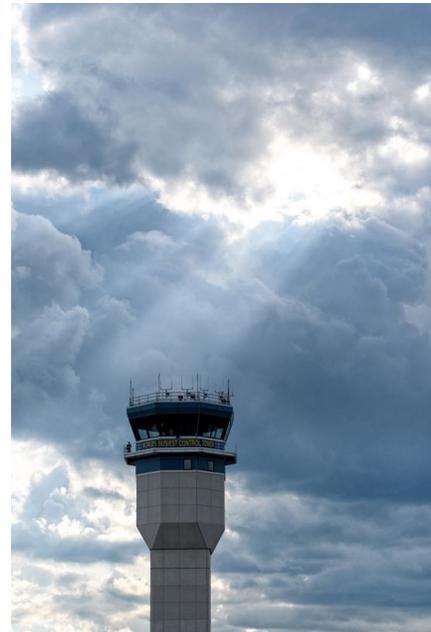
tions at the desired location on the airport throughout the year.

"EAA came well prepared to this session, and participated as a subject matter expert, offering solutions to mitigate risk. Currently across the country, turf operations are less common at towered airports. EAA members and many airport tenants want to change that," said Sean Elliott, EAA's vice president of advocacy and safety. "While this turf operation would not be available during the AirVenture NOTAM period, it offers a blueprint on how an airport can accommodate the needs of those who fly tailwheel and other aircraft that benefit, safety-wise, from landing on turf when available."

Elliott added that the steps and risk mitigation undertaken at Oshkosh could be the basis for future FAA policy for airport tenants and users who are seeking similar opportunities for turf operations as an alternate landing area. While turf and paved runways can both be found at small airports

throughout the country, added complexities at towered airports have previously made turf operations not as common.

EAA will continue to work with the FAA and local airport officials on the opportunities that might be available for turf operations.



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Lucas Pulvermacher

EAA Chapter 252 Ray Scholar

It was not until July of last year that my passion for aviation was brought out! I had always admired planes and loved taking photos of them during AirVenture but I was always scared to take the Young Eagles flight when I was younger.

I attended my first chapter meeting just before the convention last year and found out what to do in order to sign up for a discovery flight and set up things with John and Carrie Forster. I received a message from them a month later and they were free to take me up as the weather had been perfect to fly that next day. I learned so much from that first flight and it was one of the best things I have experienced in my life. I knew that it was something I had to do myself and move forward with.

A few months passed and I was looking for ways to begin flight training and I was directed towards the Winnebago Flying Club. Another great group of people all sharing their love for aviation! I began to fly in October and continued on through the harsh, Wisconsin winter, sometimes only getting a couple lessons done in a month. I

was learning so many new things and I loved every second of being in the air, along with the people I had met!

Just as the global pandemic shook the Earth, I was awarded with EAA's Ray Scholarship! This was something that would motivate me to complete my certificate and pursue other ratings in the future. Fast forward to mid-July, I was told that I was ready to solo after completing enough unassisted landings! That thought rushed through my mind and I was very excited to say the least.

The big day came fast and I was extremely nervous but I knew that everything I had done in my prior training had led up to that moment. After showing my instructor, Eric, that I was ready, I taxied back near the hangar and he stepped out of the plane.

I locked the door and took a deep breath. From there, I did everything exactly how I normally would as if he was sitting right next to me, like any other flight. I read my checklists, made my calls, taxied out, took more deep breaths and took off of runway 9.

I reached pattern altitude right about the end of the runway and it was a totally different feel. An amazing

feel! Something I had never experienced before. The amount of responsibility in my fingertips and knowing that I am the only one who can do anything to get this airplane back on the ground made me nervous but also made me focus as well.

After my landings, I taxied back to fill up the plane and shut down. When I stepped out, I was greeted by my instructor, family, and other flying friends who came to watch. That was an experience that I will never forget, and it was one of the biggest accomplishments in my entire life.

I am extremely proud to be surrounded by so many helpful and caring people in this community that help me push forward more every single day! A special thank you to everyone who has gotten me this far. I plan on attending the University of Kansas State and their Profession Pilot Program next fall. I cannot wait to further my learning and joy for aviation!

My Flying Journey

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Wittman Regional Airport Terminal Work

From Wittman Regional Airport

Built in 1971, the Airport's commercial service passenger terminal served the community well through decades of airline service. Since the end of those services in 2003, the building has seen a number of limited uses. Designed to move airline passengers and baggage, essentially one large open space, its layout has not been conducive to many other high efficiency uses. As an-

nounced in our last newsletter, the new General Aviation (GA) terminal project was approved in December 2019.

On July 16th, the Airport officially broke ground on the new GA Terminal facility (rendering shown above). When completed in 2021, this new terminal building will act as the modern aerial gateway to Oshkosh, Winnebago County and the Fox Valley Region. The new

facility is much more compact and efficient, at 12,500 square feet than the nearly 40,000 square feet of floor space it's replacing. Upon completion of the new terminal in mid-2021, the existing commercial service terminal will be demolished to make way for future development.

Work also continues on taxiway A. Phase I has been completed and Phase II has been started earlier than planned.





Chapter Hangar Cleanup

In addition to his flight training, chapter Ray Scholar Lucas Pulvermacher has been volunteering at the chapter hangar doing cleanup work for us. With few of us able to see his work firsthand due to the pandemic, we thought we would show you the results of some of his efforts here. Thanks Lucas!



Volk Field Exercise August 10-21

CAMP DOUGLAS, Wis. — Volk Field Combat Readiness Training Center is hosting approximately 50 aircraft and nearly 1,000 personnel from the National Guard, Air Force, Army, and Navy as part of the annual Northern Lightning Counter-land training exercise, which runs August 10-21.

Units from California, Idaho, Minnesota, New York, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin will all participate in the exercise.

Northern Lightning began in the early 2000s before expanding into a large-scale exercise in 2015. It became a biannual exercise in 2018 and 2019, and returned to an annual exercise in 2020.

Northern Lightning is a tactical level, joint training exercise replicating today's air battle space with current and future weapons platforms. A variety of the world's most advanced aircraft including fifth generation aircraft like the F-35 will participate in the exercise.

Volk Field CRTC is one of the premier training installations and airspaces in the country, thanks to its expansive airspace and the quality of the training the installation can simulate.

Northern Lightning is one of seven Air National Guard joint accredited exercises held at a Combat Readiness Training Center, and the installation's reputation as one of the country's finest training areas continues to grow. Likewise, Northern Lightning has grown into a world-class exercise.

"We are excited to continue conducting our annual Northern Lightning exercise at Volk Field," said Col. Bart Van Roo, the exercise director. "This exercise will focus on offensive counter-air with simulated surface-to-air attacks, and the integration of multiple air platforms. Training in this manner is essential for readiness and enhancing partnerships."

Van Roo said the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic necessitated some changes to the annual exercise's structure, but the training will be invaluable.

"We've had to make some adjustments due to COVID," he said. "Though we still have more than 50 aircraft and approximately 1000 personnel participating, far fewer will be staging out of Volk Field in order to mitigate public health risks. Even amid a pandemic the Air National Guard and our active-duty partners stand ready to complete whatever mission our country asks of us."

Pilots and air crews participating in Northern Lightning can expect to operate in a contested environment with adversary aircraft, electronic jamming and simulated surface-to-air threats, and such training is critical to building readiness for the threats and missions the nation faces.

The general public can expect to see an increase in aircraft activity in and around the Camp Douglas area and in the skies over Central Wisconsin August 10-21.

"This exercise will include potential supersonic travel, within FAA and military guidelines, so people in the military operating area, a 55 by 200 mile space, may hear sonic booms between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm during weekdays," Van Roo said. "We appreciate everyone's patience as it is a necessary part of preparation for actual combat."

Those living in the following counties can anticipate increased military flight operations in the airspace: Adams, Brown, Calumet, Clark, Columbia, Dane, Dodge, Fond du Lac, Green Lake, Jackson, Marathon, Marquette, Monroe, Outagamie, Portage, Sauk, Sheboygan, Trempealeau, Waupaca, Winnebago, and Wood.



July 2020 Board Mtg Agenda
EAA Chapter 252
Thursday, July 23, 2020 - 6:00 pm
Virtual Meeting - GoToMeeting

Attending: Carrie Forster (President), David Leiting (Vice-President), Fred Stadler (Treasurer), Jim Casper (Chapter Historian), Jim Kress (Hangar Manager), Serena Kamps (Ray Scholarship Coordinator, Eagle Coordinator, YE Co-Coordinator), John Forster (YE Co-Coordinator), Jim Cunningham (Newsletter Editor), Jakob Brouillette (Board Member), Wayne Daniels

Old Business:

Ray Aviation Scholarship Updates - Serena

Lucas completed first solo on Sunday, July 12 at Wittman Airport in N770G; Lucas' flight instructor is Eric Abraham; several chapter members were on hand to congratulate Lucas after the flight

Serena is working with Lucas to submit required reports to EAA to have the next installment of funds disbursed.

August 13 Virtual Chapter Gathering

Congratulate/Recognize Ray Scholar First Solo
Presenter: Mark Niemi, Fox Valley Squadron Civil Air Patrol

Jim Kress arranged the speaker
Mark will talk about how his CAP experiences got him involved in aviation, his military career as a harrier pilot, and his current work with the Fox Valley Composite Squadron

September 10 Chapter Gathering

Virtual or in person format

Board members and members present had lengthy discussion about whether or not to hold an in person gathering on September 10

Strong desire to provide opportunity for chapter members to connect while keeping safety and Covid-19 guidelines at the forefront

Acknowledged that September may be our last opportunity for a while to meet in person since we would not be able to meet outside in colder months and that may preclude in person gatherings

Motion was made by Wayne Daniels and seconded by David Leiting to hold an in person gathering with the following stipulations:

Use EAA HQ guidelines for in person appearance at HQ as our guidelines for attending the gathering

Members bring own chairs, own food, own drink

Masks strongly encouraged and we will have masks available

Gathering will be outside and distancing will be required

Gathering will be cancelled if rain or inclement weather prevents us from gathering outside

Information will be communicated to members and will be published in the Pylon

No specific presenter or program, just social time for members - updates from Lucas on his flight training and any other member updates can be shared

Motion carried

Jim Casper will let Vicki know that we will not be having our Corn Roast at Munsil's ELO

Saturday, September 12 Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally

Motion made by Wayne Daniels and seconded by Jakob Brouillette to cancel the pancake breakfast and YE rally

Board felt that it would not be possible to safely hold the event

County mandate also requires an appointment to enter any county building, so not likely that we could be able to use the terminal

Motion carried; event canceled

Fred will let Jim Schell (airport manager) know that the event is canceled

August 27 Board Mtg - will be held as planned, virtual meeting

Fall/Winter potential presenters

Wayne, Carrie, and David have some potential presenters that they are or will be contacting about presenting during the fall/winter months

If we are unable to have gatherings in person, board wants to take the opportunity provided by virtual gatherings to get presenters who are not local

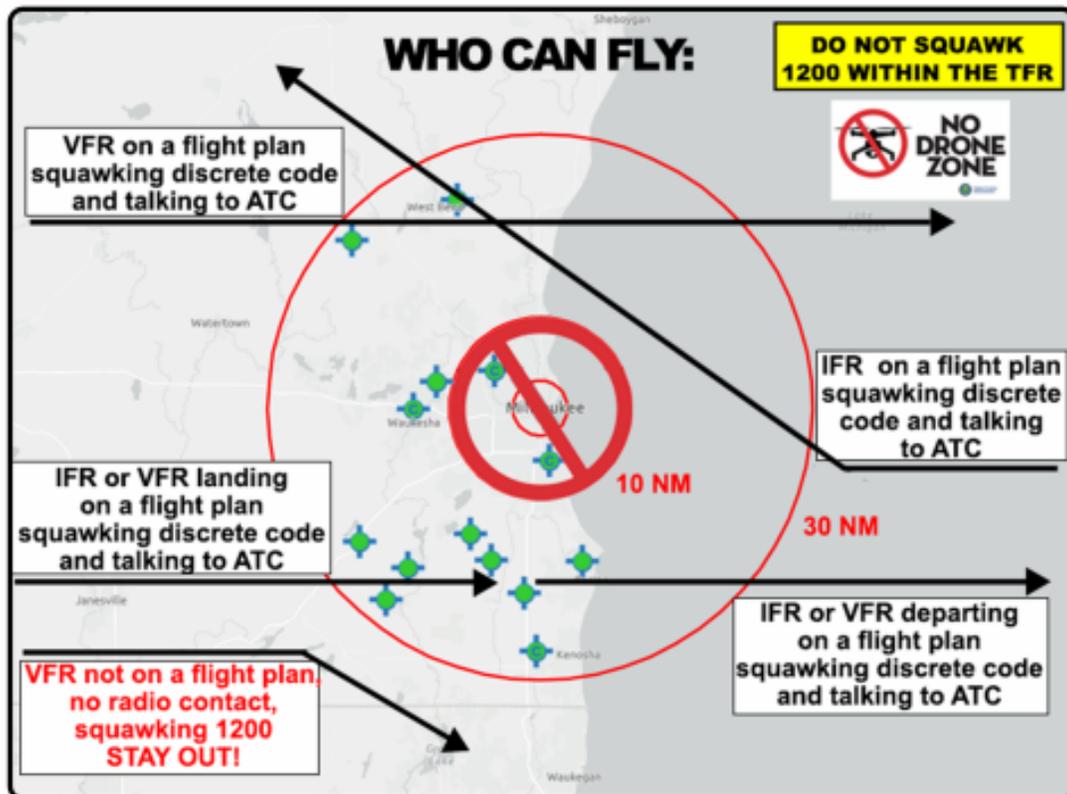
2020 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter	Food/Person responsible
Thursday, July 9	Aviation Filmmaker Adam White	
Thursday, August 13		
Thursday, September 10		
Saturday, September 12	Pancake Breakfast/YE Rally	CANCELLED
Thursday, October 8		
Thursday, November 12		
Thursday, December 10		

2020 Board Mtgs	Location	Confirm Date?
July 23	ONLINE	
August 27	TBD	
September 24	Chapter Hangar	
October 22	Chapter Hangar	
November 26	EAA leadership classroom	Thanksgiving - change date
December 24	EAA leadership classroom	Christmas Eve - change date



TFR ALERT BULLETIN

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17-21 AUG 2020

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Please pass this information along to as many pilots and aviation professionals as possible.

The procedures contained in this alert describe a typical Security TFR. Check the published NOTAMs for any changes or unique procedures. Several types of operations will be prohibited during this event.

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The FAA, the Department of Defense and other federal agencies will be closely monitoring and patrolling this airspace looking for violators.

Airport operators, managers and flight schools, please post this notice as widely as possible. If you know of an event planned for this weekend please check the published NOTAM to see if there is a conflict.

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