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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 252 OSHKOSH WISCONSIN

President's Report— Carrie Forster



We are excited to announce our newest Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient. Ike Langkau has been selected by the scholarship committee as our 2022 scholar. Ike is an active member and volunteer with our chapter. He is completing the final application process with EAA headquarters and will begin training this summer with Doug Osterberg. We had a particularly competitive field of applicants this year. It is so exciting to see so many young people pursuing a future in aviation and to have so many active young members of our chapter.

Our teen build program is beginning to take shape. We're still working out final details of the kit donation, but are starting to work with our teen group and to look at getting our hangar space ready for the build project. We plan to do the build in our chapter hangar. Our first session with the group will be on Wednesday, June 22 from 5 - 9 pm. An email was sent out to the youth participants and chapter volunteers who have already indicated an interest. If you haven't RSVP'd yet, or if you would like to join the project, please email eaa252@gmail.com. I would like all participants and volunteers to RSVP yes or no so we can plan accordingly for food and activities on the 22nd.

We will be recruiting more participants for the project, so if you know of a young person between the ages of 13 - 18 who you think may be interested, please have them contact me for more information.

We had our third Flying Start event in May. It was a small but incredibly focused group. The weather was gorgeous and all participants were able to get their Eagle flights right away that same morning.

Our chapter will be hosting a Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, June 11 as part of International Young Eagles Day. The event will be at the Wittman Airport terminal building. As of this writing, registration for the event is filled. Our friends in Warbird Squadron 32 will also be hosting a Young Eagle Rally that same day at the Fond du lac airport.

Speaking of our Young Eagle Rally, we are looking for another 2-3 ground volunteers to help us out that day. We are also looking at training some new aircraft marshallers. Our core group of marshallers (many thanks to Jim Casper, Don Maki, and Jim Heindl) also keep Pioneer Airport going in the summer, so we could really use some additional marshallers for our chapter. We'd like to provide some on the job training to volunteer marshallers at the event on June 11. This would be a great event to start at because we are not having a Pancake Breakfast the same day. Jim Casper has some more information elsewhere in this newsletter, so you can contact him or you can email me at eaa252@gmail.com and I'll connect you with Jim.

Have a great week, and I hope to see you Thursday for our chapter gathering. We'll have a cookout and a presentation by Serena and Jakob Brouillette (congratulations on your recent wedding!) about their trip to Washington in a Glasair. Doors open at 6:00, dinner at 6:30, presentation at 7:00. Guests are always welcome.

Blue Skies,

Carrie

June 9 Chapter Gathering

Topic: chapter newlyweds Jacob and Serena Brouillette will tell us about their recent trip to Washington State by Glastar!

Dinner: 6:30PM Meeting:7:00 PM

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT!

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June Chapter Gathering

Congratulations to chapter newlyweds Jacob and Serena Brouillette who will be our guest speakers this month and tell us about their recent trip to Washington State by Glastar!

Join us at the chapter hangar! Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00 PM.

Please bring a side dish or dessert!



May Chapter Gathering Report



Warm weather finally arrived (briefly) for the May chapter gathering. Members enjoyed brats and burgers grilled by chapter member Dennis Moehn, who had no idea what the chapter had planned for him later!

Chapter service awards were presented for both 2020 and 2021... thanks to all for their work on behalf of the chapter. A special presentation was made for the Spirit of Elo award, which this year was given to... Dennis and Karen Moehn! Congratulations! It is well earned.

The recipient of our 2022 Ray Scholarship was also announced: Ike Langkau. The scholarship commit-



Public Open House

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→ Survey Responses:

tee had a difficult task in deciding who to award the scholarship to, as all four applicants were highly qualified. After the awards were given airport director Jim Schell gave the chapter an update on the airport master plan, which included some good news (much needed new hangars are

coming) and bad news (one or both of our cross runways may be closed). Conversations with the FAA are ongoing on the subject of run-



ways. (For more information on the master plan see https:// www.wittmanairport.com/airportdocs/)

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June 11 Young Eagle Rally Aircraft Marshallers Needed

Jim Casper Chapter Historian & Board Member

We've been looking for some ways to get new and young Chapter 252 members more involved with our projects and events. So if you aren't already committed to help with the Young Eagle rally on Saturday, June 11th, here's a suggestion: Get some on-the-job-training as an aircraft traffic cop on the KOSH terminal ramp. We have two Chapter members working this event, Don Maki and Jim Heindl, EAA Flight Line Operations co-chairmen who've handled literally

thousands of aircraft, and trained dozens of new volunteers during AirVenture weeks. They'll be directing the Young Eagles planes to keep a safe and steady flow going and will be glad to have some interested company. Call or text Don Maki at 920-268 -9555. Thanks.

Doug Milius in Sport Aviation

EAA Chapter 252's very own Doug Milius made the June issue of *Sport*

Aviation article on 30 years of Young Eagles. Doug has flown over 400

Young Eagles! Congrats Doug!

DOUG MILIUS

LIKE MANY KIDS GROWING up decades ago, Doug Milius, EAA Lifetime 190535, had an interest in becoming a pilot but didn't have the opportunity to go flying until he started taking flying lessons after college. Earning his private pilot certificate in 1976, Doug was primarily pleasure flying around Wisconsin until Young Eagles began about 15 years later.

"I guess I was looking for paying back a little bit more and giving kids rides because looking back when I was growing up, I thought that would've been pretty cool if I would've gotten a ride," Doug said. "So, when EAA came out with their program, I thought, 'Well, I'll start doing that when the opportunity presents itself."

For the nearly 400 Young Eagles flights (as of March 2022) Doug has given, every single one of them has been in his 1962 Piper Cherokee. Most of his flights are during rallies hosted by EAA Chapter 252 in Oshkosh. Whether it's in the form of rallies or the occasional individual flight upon request, making someone's day is what keeps Doug going. He recalled one youngster in particular—the grandson of a friend from church who was very enthusiastic.

"He was just looking at everything once we took off and pointing things out and I was pointing things out, and he just had a great time, big smile on his face through the whole thing," Doug said. "And we landed, and I asked him, 'Well, how'd everything go? Did you like that?' And he looked at me and kind of shouted out, "This was the best day of my life.' Eight or 9 years old. That was pretty heartwarming."



<u>CHICKEN WINGS</u>



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MICROMANAGING.
I'VE GONE THROUGH
EVERYTHING ...
CHECKLISTS, WEATHER,
PREFLIGHT, FUEL ...



BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER

I PREPPED FOR
THIS FLIGHT MORE
THAN EVER. I EVEN
BROUGHT HIS TOOLS
BACK. YET HE'S
STILL ON ME.
SO ANNOYING ...



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Spirit of ELO Award 2022: Dennis and Karen Moehn

Fred Stadeler Treasurer

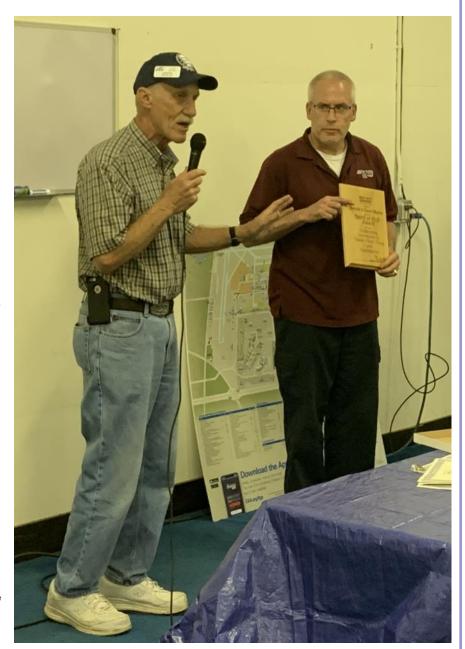
At our annual awards celebration, Chapter 252 recognizes a local aviator with the "Spirit of ELO Award." The recipient is chosen by the Chapter board of directors as someone who embodies the spirit of grassroots aviation. The award is named for Munsil Williams' ELO airstrip.

Many, many years ago, area pilots would gather on Saturday mornings at Bill Brennand's FBO for coffee, donuts, and hangar flying. When Bill's FBO closed, the weekly gathering moved to the shop next to Munsil Williams' grass airstrip in Pickett, WI. Munsil and his wife Shirley hosted this gathering for many years. Shirley passed away more than 20 years ago, and Munsil died in 2017, but the tradition continued thanks to their daughter, Vicki, and others who kept the tradition going.

This year's recipient has been a regular at Munsil's for as long as the tradition continued and truly represents all the best characteristics of an aviation supporter. This person is an accomplished builder, pilot, instructor, mentor, mechanic, and Chapter volunteer. In fact, the award this year goes to a couple, since the spouse who married into this aviation community has embraced it enthusiastically.

The board is very pleased to announce that this year's recipients of the Spirit of ELO are Dennis and Karen Moehn.

Aviation is the center of Dennis' professional life, dating from his time as a mechanic working for Delta airlines to his long career as an A&P mechanics instructor at Fox Valley Technical College. Dennis teaches and mentors the next generation of mechanics and helps launch them in their careers. In addition to instructing professionally, he is always willing to mentor and be a sounding board to fellow pilots and



builders with questions about their aircraft. He is a frequent presenter of technical topics to our Chapter. Dennis has completed a Zenith amateur built aircraft and restored a Cessna 140. Karen is an ardent supporter of Dennis' aviation interests and enjoys flying with him.

Both Dennis and Karen can frequently be found behind the scenes preparing

Chapter meals for monthly gatherings and at our pancake breakfasts. Dennis has been a Chapter 252 officer and served as Chapter president.

Dennis and Karen are wonderful assets to our chapter and we are very grateful for all they have done and continue to do.

Chapter Service Awards 2020 and 2021

2020

Douglas Milius Coordinator-Membership Kyle Voltz Eagle Flight Leader John Monnett Flight Advisor Joe Norris Flight Advisor Owen Russell Flight Advisor Andrew Miller IMC Program Coordinator Jim Cunningham Newsletter Editor Carrie Forster President Serena Kamps Scholarship Coordinator **Kurt Weina Secretary** Lyle Forsgren Technical Counselor Timothy Hoversten Technical Counselor Fred Stadler Treasurer **David Leiting Vice President** Charles Becker Web Editor John Forster Young Eagle Coordinator

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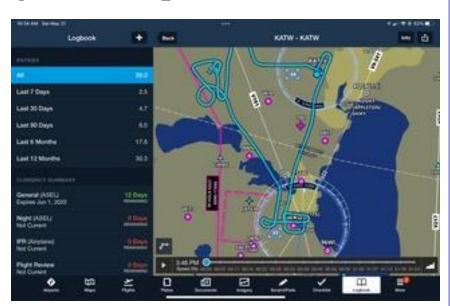
Introducing 2022 Ray Scholar Ike Langkau

Chapter 252 is pleased to announce that our Ray Scholar for 2022 is Ike Langkau. Ike is very enthusiastic about all things aviation and within a couple of weeks of winning the scholarship has obtained his medical and will be flying with chapter member and CFI Doug Osterberg. The chapter scholarship committee had a difficult time in choosing a candidate, as all four applicants were more than worthy of receiving a scholarship. Thanks to applicants Rusty Everhard, Alayna McKinnon, and Caleb Wolfrath for applying.



Ray Scholar Update: Forrest Drews

The weather has been getting better and I am finally back in the sky. I have soloed two more times this month. My second solo I went out to the practice area and I did maneuvers by myself. I also had another flight with my instructor where we flew to Oshkosh during "rush hour." It was pretty hectic-we landed once, then we were back in the pattern and set up for another landing. Next, we had to do a right 360 because of the traffic spacing. As we were coming into land, ATC made us do a low approach, then after that he switched us up from left traffic to right traffic. Once we were back in the pattern, we were going to go back for our second landing, but ATC seemed really busy so we headed back to KATW. I am definitely having a bigger appreciation for the complexities of flying and really enjoying it.



Member Profile: Dr. Jim Syverud

Jim Cunningham Newsletter Editor

Technically, chapter member Dr. Jim Syverud, MD, can truthfully say that he started flight training in 1969... and finished in 2011. A few things happened during those intervening years, though.

Jim was born in Madison, Wisconsin and like many of us was always interested in aviation. Working his way through his bachelor's degree and then medical school, he was aware that, given the draft for the Vietnam conflict, military service of some kind was probably in his future, voluntary or otherwise. The Air Force and Navy both had programs for flight surgeons, but the USN program included six weeks of flight training in a T-28, culminating in solo flight after an 18-hop syllabus at NAS Pensacola. USAF program had no flight training. "That made it an easy choice!" Jim says.

Once the rest of his non-flight training was complete, he deployed on his first cruise on the carrier USS Constellation. After that cruise was completed, he made a quick turnaround for another not long afterwards... this time on the USS Enterprise. He served as the flight surgeon for the attack wing on the ship, consisting of A-7s, A-5s, and A-6s. At some point during his time on the Big E he almost certainly rubbed shoulders with chapter member Wayne Daniels, who served with one of the A-6 Intruder squadrons aboard, VA196, at the same time. Neither remembers encountering one another, however.

An assignment with Air Test and Evaluation Squadron Four, better known as VX-4, followed. In all, Jim got flights in A-6 Intruders and F-4 Phantoms and performed flight crew functions while doing so but did not get an opportunity to become a pilot.

Jim completed an ophthalmology residency at Oakland Naval Hospital and UC San Francisco, left the USN in 1978, and came to Appleton to set up Valley Eye Associates. The flying bug was dormant but reasserted itself around 2010, and he decided it was time to finish his flight training! As many or most chapter members will relate to, the overly-strict FAA medical certification process was a concern, and he decided to pursue the Light Sport rating, which allowed him to do day, VFR flying... which was all he wanted to do anyway. Jim ran into a common problem right off the batwhere to find a light sport aircraft to train in and an instructor familiar with the specifics of the rating.

The closest match he could find was in Janesville, a 100 mile drive away. He started some lessons there, but, unsurprisingly, didn't finish... the distance made earning a license there impractical.

Fortunately for Jim, there was chapter member Gary Geisler, who was the subject of our March, 2022 profile. Gary purchased what was a Piper Light Sport in 2009; the airplane was basically a Czech SportCruiser with a few changes. Jim became a partner in the airplane, and at last finished his training and became a pilot in 2011, flying with CFI Tim Lemke, who did a superb job. They



Jim Syverud started his flight training in 1969 in a T-28 like this one. (File photo from Naval History and Heritage Command.)



Jim Syverud complete his flight training in 2011 in a this SportCruiser. He is now a part owner of this aircraft.

and fellow partner Mike Bennett bought a new SportCruiser in 2016. Jim says he loves the airplane for its many features which include full ADS -B, an autopilot, and something particularly desirable right now... its five gallon an hour fuel burn!

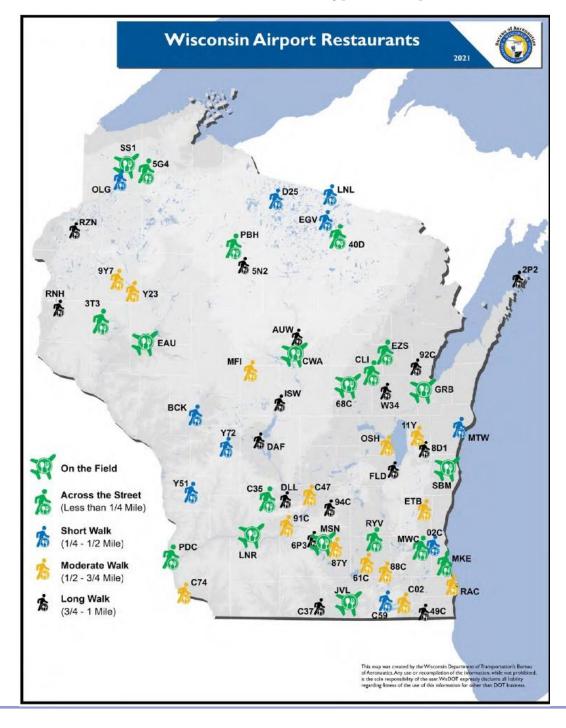
Jim has been a chapter member since 2012. His busy schedule keeps him busy, but we hope to see more of him in the months ahead.

Wisconsin Airport Restaurants

With the return of flying weather (finally!) it's time to fly out for a \$100 hamburger or breakfast or maybe even dinner. Here is a handy guide from the Wisconsin bureau of Aero-

nautics to restaurants on or near airports in the state. Note that for airports on each with airline service the eateries may be past security checkpoints and not accessible without a boarding pass for rest.pdf

a commercial flight. For more details on each location see https:// wisconsindot.gov/Documents/doingbus/aeronautics/resources/wi-arptrest.pdf



EAA Chapter 931 Sliced Beef Sandwiches Social

Thursday, June 9, 2022 5-7pm

Adams County Airport - 63C Friendship, WI

CTAF 122.90

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The Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social



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EAA Chapter 252 May 2022 Board Meeting

Thursday, May 26, 2022 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST) (GoToMeeting)

Attending: 7

Carrie Forster (President), Christopher Gauger (Secretary), Fred Stadler (Treasurer), John Forster (Young Eagles Coordinator), Jim Cuningham (Newsletter Editor), Jim Casper (Chapter Historian / Board Member), Charlie Becker (Past President / Board Member)

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Old Business:

Teen Build/RV-12 Project

Updates: No new updates. Charlie spoke with EAA's Rick Larsen on May 26 about EAA transferring the kit to Chapter 252. He'll get back to us on that.

Next steps:EAA facilities are not ideal for building the plane. We may revisit in the fall if we can move the kit to the Cessna Technical Center.

Otherwise we'll build the plane at the chapter hangar.

Currently 6 kids who are very interested. No further efforts yet to recruit more kids to the project. Fall may be a better time to recruit more. Carrie and John are talking about what to do between now and September with the current 6 kids.

May engage kids in Young Eagles Workshop or similar activity before September.

Sonex may have extra scrap to use for these activities.

Sonex or Basler tour for the kids to generate enthusiasm / keep them interested?

Wednesday evenings and some Saturdays are the best days/times for the kids to work on the project. Will take place at the chapter hangar.

June 20-23 is a good time to send further communications about the project.

Should we order toolbox kits soon, or wait until Fall so we can teach the whole group and give each kid a box?

Each toolbox costs about \$40 a piece. Should the chapter pay for them, or should the kids chip in?

Jim Casper said by the end of summer, we'll have a full set of tools in the chapter hangar. Air compressor in the hangar should be operational.

Ray Aviation Scholarship

Forrest Drews (Carrie) Finally back in the air after weather delays. More dual instruction and some solo time. Graduating from high school, so that should free up his schedule. Disbursed funds have been expended, but Forrest's family is supporting him. Total costs will likely exceed \$10,000. Still needs to take the written exam.

Jarrett Schiedemeyer (David) David spoke with Jamie Pittman at Discovery Flight, who said things are coming along well with Jarrett.

Jamie will finish Jarrett's instruction. He's been, or is going to be, signed off for the written exam. Both Jarrett and Forrest should be done with training this summer.

Ike Langkau (Carrie) Got his medical certificate and found a CFI: Doug Osterberg in a PA-28-140. Since this is Part 61 training, Ike will get renter's insurance, which is covered by Ray Scholarship funds. Ike is meeting with Doug this weekend and will get his scholar application submitted to EAA by the end of the month. EAA's Sean Elliott is writing his letter of recommendation.

Flying Start - Saturday, May 14 (Debrief)

Small group, but very enthusiastic and fun. Right number of airplanes, everyone was able to fly out at the same time for Eagle Flights. One woman was in tears when she returned because she was so excited about flying. 1-2 people in the group are likely to start flight training. Lots of great discussion.

All 5 pilots got to talk about why they became pilots and what they do. Nice variety of experiences and things that people do with their pilot licenses.

Thanks to Tracy Noack for the coffee and donuts!

Monthly Gatherings and Upcoming Events

June: Serena and Jakob - Flying to Washington (state) in a Glasair

Grill? Someone should check with Dennis Moehn to see if he can grill, or if someone else can grill.

July: TBD

Let Carrie know if you come up with an idea.

Mike Dooley, president of EAA 91 in Kansas City, might be available to come to Oshkosh to present at our chapter.

International Young Eagle Day Rally on June $11\,$

41 kids and 10 pilots signed up so far. Room for 48 pilots.

For aircraft marshaling, Don Maki will lead this at the rally.

Need at least a couple people, preferably more, to volunteer. Reach out to new chapter members and encourage them to help out?

June 9 gathering is a good opportunity to do this.

Jim Casper may write an article for the next newsletter inviting people to volunteer with marshaling.

Since Warbirds 32 / EAA 572 will have a YE rally and fly-in in Fond du Lac the same day, we'll have to make sure the YE flight routes at Oshkosh and Fond du Lac do not intersect.

Chris Gauger mentioned that if the Warbirds 32 / EAA 572 rally needs more pilots or ground volunteers during the afternoon, then he'll ask if any EAA 252 pilots or volunteers would be willing to come down to Fond du Lac.

IMC/VMC Club

Still looking for a person to lead; on hold for now.

Membership Renewals

No new updates.

Hangar Updates

Kyle Voltz offered to help with reorganizing the hangar.

Hangar expansion on hold until someone can chair the effort. Hoping to generate more enthusiasm for expansion by holding more activities in the hangar, such as the RV-12 build project and potential YE Workshop.

Chapter Service Awards

Will list them in the next newsletter, along with the Spirit of Elo award winner.

New Business:

Jim Cunningham may be able to get 100 free padded chairs for the chapter hangar from the Gray Hangar at the Vintage area of the AirVenture grounds. They have vinyl cushions. Not stackable.

Decide by June, otherwise the chairs will be thrown away.

We don't have to take all 100 chairs.

Chris asked about the possibility of having a virtual presenter at future chapter gatherings.

Would need to improve internet service in the chapter hangar to host a virtual presenter without technical problems.

Monthly Gatherings:

2022 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, June 9	Serena and Jakob Brouillette - Flying to Washington in a Glasair
Saturday, June 11	International YE Day Rally
Thursday, July 14	TBD
Thursday, August 11	TBD
Tuesday, August 16	Flying Hamburger Social (Wittman Terminal)
Thursday, September 8	Corn Roast (Chapter Hangar)
Saturday, September 10	Pancake Breakfast and YE Rally
Thursday, October 13	TBD
Thursday, November 10	Behind My Wings: Untold Stories of Vietnam Vets
Thursday, December 8	TBD

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