

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 252 OSHKOSH WISCONSIN
STEVE WITTMAN CHAPTER

President's Report— Carrie Forster



Another AirVenture has come and gone and the countdown has already begun in our household for AirVenture 2023.

Thank you to all of the many volunteers and staffers that made another successful and memorable event; especially all those that are a part of our chapter. Hopefully by the time you read this people have had a chance to catch up on their sleep.

There are many highlights for me from this year's event. Other than the storm that blew through the Saturday prior to the convention, the weather was the best I can remember in a long time. I appreciated the relatively mild temperatures (at least mild for July in Wisconsin) and low-ish humidity.

As always, the people make the event memorable. I got to see many old friends, and made a few new ones. As huge as the crowds always are, I'm continually surprised by the number of people I just happen to bump into.

I participated in a women's only sheet metal workshop (taught by women, for women) which had a terrific turn out. According to those leading the workshop, they had double the participants they were expecting. I estimate about 45 women, from teens to much older than teens, learned to pull rivets. Organizers weren't sure how much demand there would be for this event, and clearly the demand was high.

I was able to get a peek inside Betsy's Biscuit Bomber, one of the historic C-47 aircraft that was here for the show. The pilot is a friend of my daughter's and we had a chance to talk with him about his trip to Normandy for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day in 2019.

We took the tram tour through the Warbirds, and our tour guide turned out to be a family friend. I didn't realize it until we sat down next to him. I couldn't have planned it better if I tried.

We went to a forum given by a chapter who has completed a youth build RV-12 project and had their aircraft at the convention which gave us some helpful tips for the project we're going to be starting.

And there were more forums, shopping, walking the flight line, and air shows. We walked over 45 miles over the course of the week. Even so, it all went too fast.

We hope that for those of you that were able to attend AirVenture, that you had a memorable and enjoyable week as well.

On a different note, we're getting closer to beginning our teen build project. We have the kit in our chapter hangar. Next we will be organizing the hangar to better utilize the space for the build and for our usual chapter events. For those of you who have already signed up as youth builders and those that have signed up as adult mentors, more information will be coming to you soon regarding next steps and dates. We're going to start with Wednesday evening builds, from 6 - 9 pm. If you haven't yet signed up and want to participate, or have questions about the project, email me at aaa252@gmail.com.

Blue Skies,

Carrie

August 11 Chapter Gathering

Topic: Tour of EAA Weeks hangar.

Dinner: 6:30PM

Meeting: 7:00 PM

PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT!

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August Chapter Gathering

Dinner at the chapter hangar will begin at our traditional 6:30 PM. After a short discussion of chapter business and current events, we will adjourn to the EAA Kermit Weeks Hangar for a tour. What mysterious and interesting aircraft we may find in there a mere two weeks after AirVenture we don't know for sure, but you can be assured that they will be interesting. We hope you can join us at the chapter hangar

(see back page for location info if you need it) at 6:30 PM for dinner.

Please bring a side dish or dessert!



July Chapter Gathering Report

Chapter members and guests arriving early for AirVenture, most of whom were volunteers working to get ready for the big week, enjoyed a chapter cookout, and a presentation by Homebuilt Headquarters Co-Chair Mike Dooley on Aircraft Tool Trivia. Chapter member and photographer Kirby Scott also took a great new official chapter photo. Can you find the chapter's Top Dog..?



Volunteers Needed: Hamburger Social August 16

Carrie Forster
Chapter President

Mark your calendars to join us for the fly in / drive in hamburger social on August 16. Food will be served from 5:00 - 7:00 pm (or when the food runs

out).

We are looking for a few more volunteers to help out with the event.

Check out the link [HERE](#) to see which positions are still available.

Questions about volunteering? Contact David Leiting (davidleiting47@hotmail.com) or Wayne Daniels (wedan444@sbcglobal.net).

Volunteers Needed: Fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally

Carrie Forster
Chapter President

Our fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally are fast approaching!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 10, 2022.

The event will take place at the terminal building at Wittman Airport.

We need a variety of volunteers to set up on Friday around 5:00 pm, volunteers to work the event on Saturday morning, and volunteers to clean up after the event. Saturday volunteers will report starting at about 6:00 am. Breakfast is served until 11:00 am.

To volunteer for the Pancake Breakfast, follow the link [HERE](#) to sign up. Most positions are currently open and need volunteers.

Questions? Contact Brian Langkau (scibry@gmail.com or 920-379-1314) or Joe Sonnleitner (jisonleitner2@outlook.com or 920-410-1011).

Registration is open for our Young Eagle Rally. If you know someone who may be interested in signing up, direct them to youngeaglesday.org or share the link [HERE](#) for our event. Pre Registration is required, and the event tends to fill up early. (The event is already 60% filled.)

We are looking for an additional 3 - 5 pilots to fly the event and another 2 - 4 people for ground crew. If you are interested in learning to marshal aircraft, we can offer on the job training for that as well. You can volunteer via the youngeaglesday.org website. If you haven't registered before, you create an account and a profile. In your profile, choose the role you would like to volunteer for (ex: pilot, ground crew).

Questions about volunteering for the YE event? Contact Carrie Forster (eea252@gmail.com or 920-540-6432).

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Chapter Member Alayna McKinnon (Finally) Attends EAA Advanced Air Academy

Alayna McKinnon

Thank you Chapter 252 for the scholarship to attend the EAA Advanced Air Academy Camp. It was worth the wait! During the week I was there I was able to learn how to make composites, weld, make sheet metal into a spark plug box and make a wing rib. On my first night, we received a Beyond the Barriers tour in the museum and I was able to sit in Paul Poberezny's P-51. This was a moment to remember.

Throughout the week, I heard about the field of aviation from many different presenters and even played a game of Weather Jeopardy. I was also able to attend Airventure with fellow campers. I had a blast at camp, made new friends from all over the United States, and learned a lot. I can not thank you enough for the opportunity to attend this experience.



Chapter Member Doug Milius Recognized

Chapter member Doug Milius was recognized as one of only five EAA members who provided Young Eagle flights for 30 years—the life of the program! As this issue went to press (or email) Doug's total is 400 (and counting). Congratulations Doug!



Photos: Rosann Baum Milius

Members Participate in One Week Wonder

Several chapter members participated in the 2022 One Week Wonder event to build a Sonex Waix-B during the week of AirVenture. Ray Scholar applicant Rusty Everhardt (left) and Ray Scholar Ike Langkau (right) were two of the youth participants in the build and worked on the airplane's rudder. Other chapter members volunteered on the project all week and additional members pulled rivets on the airplane and are officially listed in the build log. The airplane taxied under its own power (with chapter member Joe Norris at the controls) on Sunday afternoon and should make its first flight very soon.



Photo: Charlie Becker



Photo: EAA



Tuesday, August 16, 2022

5:00—7:00 pm

(or until food runs out)

Wittman Airport Terminal (KOSH)

525 W. 20th Ave.,

Oshkosh, WI 54902

Fly or drive in for some great food and hangar flying.

We hope to see you there.

Wittman Airport – Oshkosh EAA Chapter 252 Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rally



September 10, 2022

7:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Wittman Airport Terminal

525 W. 20th Ave.,

Oshkosh, WI 54902

**FREE AIRPLANE
RIDES!**

EAA Young Eagles

For kids ages 8 – 17
With Parent Permission
8:30 to 11:00 A.M.

Weather Permitting

Pre-register at:

<https://youngeaglesday.org>

Pancakes (all you can eat),
Sausage,
Scrambled Eggs,
Milk, Juice, or Coffee

Adults: \$8.00*

Children under 10: \$4.00

* Free breakfast for pilots of
homebuilt aircraft who fly in.

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BRENNAND AIRPORT FLY-IN

**Saturday, August 13, 2022
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**



- Food and beverages
- Airplane rides
- Aircraft and vehicles on display
- Free admission and parking
- Great raffle prizes
- Public welcome!

The runway will be closed from noon to 1PM for an exciting **RADIO CONTROLLED AIRSHOW** by the Valley Aero Modelers

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THERE WAS NO CHAPTER BOARD MEETING IN JULY DUE TO AIRVENTURE

Monthly Gatherings:

2022 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, August 11	EAA Weeks Hangar Tour
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	<u>Behind My Wings: Untold Stories of Vietnam Vets</u>
Thursday, December 8	TBD

Note: Chapter members are welcome to attend virtual board meetings. Email ea252@gmail.com prior to the meeting to request the link.

Chapter 252 Hangar

817 W 20th Ave

Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902

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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:

Doug Milius
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Renew your membership online from home at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea252/join-renew>

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