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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Let's Learn Something New

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It's customary to make resolutions or set goals for the new year. Last year in this column, I wrote about setting aviation goals. I didn't quite reach mine due to an unanticipated surgery that kept me away from the cockpit for almost 8 weeks, but I did do some flying and I learned some new things. My challenge to you this year is simply to learn something new. I think our chapter can be a piece of that.

I've often said that one of the things I love about flying is

that it challenges me in new ways. I am always learning something new. I don't have a mechanical or technical background, so learning more about how my airplane works is definitely something new for me. I learn new flying and navigating skills. I learn decision making skills. The list goes on and on.

What new things do you want to learn or can you learn this year. Is it time to take the leap and learn to fly? Is it time to do some more flying? Are you a non pilot enthusiast with an interest in history? What do you want to learn, and how



can we help you?

We'd love to hear from you about what types of topics you'd like to learn more about in 2020. Please complete this 3 item survey: EAA Chapter 252 Monthly Gatherings 2020

If you aren't haven't been to many chapter gatherings, see

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Welcome

The Pylon is the monthly newsletter of EAA Ch. 252 and is published monthly by the newsletter editor.

Digital copies are emailed to each chapter member. Hard copies are mailed upon request to those without email access. Current and past copies can be accessed from the chapter website at www.252.eaachapter.org. If you have submissions for the newsletter, please send to editor Mike DiFrisco no later than the 20th of each month preceding the issue month at mickeydee59@me.com. Submissions received after the 20th will be included at the editor's discretion in the next month or held for a future publication.

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.

Newsletter Help Needed!

While I've enjoyed working on this newsletter on behalf of the chapter, my travel schedule over the coming six months will make it difficult to maintain this task. If you're so inclined, or know of someone who might be, please let Carrie know as soon as possible at forster@new.rr.com. Thank you!
Mike DiFrisco

January Gathering

JANUARY

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

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February Gathering

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January Chapter Gathering on Thursday, January 9: Jim Schell from Wittman Airport giving airport updates. Dinner will be chili. We need members to bring chili, side dishes, and/or desserts.

February 13 Chapter Gathering: Tom Charpentier from EAA's Government Relations staff: *ADSB is Here. Now What?* Pizza for dinner.

March 12 Chapter Gathering: Levi Eastlick, Chief Pilot with WI DOT Bureau of Aeronautics. Dinner is TBD.



A Look Back at December's Chapter Gathering

Chapter members congratulated our Ray Scholar, Sonja Karner, on completing her private pilot check ride with pilot examiner Dick Hanusa on December 11. Sonja shared that she was able to take her parents up as her first passengers a few days after the check ride, which was a memorable experience for Sonja and her parents. Neither had flown in a small plane before.

Our presenter was Rotax Flying Safety Club instructor Jorge Tavio. Tavio provided an overview of the system components in the technologically advanced Rotax 912iS engine. He used detailed graphics to show how the engine differs from previous Rotax 912ULS engines, and also provided some information on the 915iS engine.



IMC/VMC CLUBS

REGIONAL MEETING - WELCOME ALL PILOTS

January 11th @ EAA Museum



“Safety Through Proficiency”

Many pilots begin each year with a resolution to improve their skills and increase their aviation knowledge. 5 IMC/VMC Clubs from around the region will join together for an opportunity to work on this resolution and enjoy numerous benefits. Join dozens of your fellow aviators for a series of valuable aviation seminars, food, camaraderie and the opportunity to win valuable door prizes.

Come for One, Come for All! The program will include two general sessions and your choice of other presentations focused on IMC and VMC topics. Our experienced speakers will provide insights to increase your aviation proficiency and safety.

DOOR PRIZES & FOOD

- New Bose A20 Headset
- 30 min ground & 30 min Cirrus Instructional Flight
- Full Year NAFI Membership ...and more

8:00-9:00 Coffee, Pastries & Fresh Fruit

9:15-10:15 General Session: Proficiency: **Stay Active & Current Year-Round**

RADEK WYRZYKOWSKI
EAA Manager of Flight Proficiency

10:30-11:30 IMC Topic **Accident Case Study: Wisconsin Weather**

ANDY MILLER
AOPA Ambassador | Great Lakes
KAREN KALISHEK
2019 National FAA Safety Team Rep. of the Year

10:30-11:30 VMC Topic **Habit Forming: Safety Tips for Every Flight**

11:30- 12:30 Lunch & Door Prizes

12:45 - 13:45 General Session: **Winter Operations: Insights from a Mechanic-Pilot**

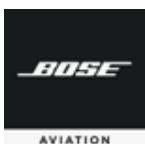
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A&P, Private Pilot

14:00 - 15:00 IMC Topic **Understand Your Icing Risk: Aviation Weather Forecasting**

RICH MAMROSH
National Weather Service Sen. Meteorologist
LEVI EASTLICK
Chief Pilot, Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics
JURG GROSSENBACHER
FAAS Team Program Manager Milwaukee FSDO

14:00 - 15:00 VMC Topic **Nontowered Airport Operations**

Pre-registration at www.faasafety.gov/WINGS is important for planning purposes. Those flying to Oshkosh will be provided transportation by making prior arrangements with the event organizer at 920-819-4774.



EAA Raffle Plane Commemorates 50 Years in OSH: C & D Aviation S-LSA PA-18 Replica

***Raffle tickets will be available at the next
chapter meeting!***

Tickets are \$100 and for each ticket EAA252 sells, the chapter receives \$20. The raffle concludes on Monday July 20th.

A maximum of 4,000 tickets can be sold. Right now EAA has sold just over 1,100 tickets which included all of AirVenture 2019. So your chances of actually winning are pretty good!

This stunning aircraft is feature-packed and will be valued at \$150,000:





RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



From Our Scholar, Sonja

As many of you already know, on December 7, 2019, I passed my Private Pilot checkride, ultimately earning my certificate in less than seven months and contributing to the overall success of the Ray Aviation Foundation. My experiences have definitely reinforced my dreams and I am still planning to pursue a career as a professional pilot. Without the scholarship I received in May 2019, I would not have been able to fund my training, but the scholarship has meant much more than that to me. I am incredibly lucky to be part of a friendly and welcoming EAA Chapter, and as a Ray Aviation scholar, you have given me endless support. I have met so many great aviators, enthusiasts, and dreamers that are all graciously willing to help me in any possible way. This scholarship has given me the opportunity to throw myself into an unfamiliar world and come out feeling like I am truly part of the aviation family. I would like to person-

ally thank you for your support, it has truly meant the world to me. You have helped me succeed, which I am told is no small accomplishment. I will forever be grateful for how this has changed my life and I am excited to start inspiring and supporting other students like myself, as well as continuing to give back to my community. Thank you for celebrating this journey at our December meeting!

Following my checkride, my instructor returned the Warrior I was training in to Iowa. With the busy holiday season behind us, I am eager to get back up to continue learning and gaining experience. If you are planning any flights and are interested in having a co-pilot, please feel free to reach out to me at (920) 304-1966. I am fully prepared to pay my pro-rata and am excited for any opportunities.

Wishing everyone a safe and happy New Year!
-Sonja K.



As reported last month, our Ray Scholar, Sonja passed her private pilot checkride. Here she is with her flight examiner, Dick Hanusa. Way to go, Sonja!

Coming Up!

Winter Party at the Roxy on Saturday, January 11. Cocktails at 6:00, Dinner at 7:00 (order from the menu, as in past years). Annual Chapter Awards will be given out. Contact Dennis Moehn to sign up.

Searching For Our Next Scholar

Our chapter has applied for a Ray Scholarship for 2020. We will be notified in early February whether or not we have been awarded a scholarship for 2020. If we are awarded a scholarship, we would like to have our potential candidate in place so we are starting our application process now.

We would like to solicit candidates for the scholarship prior to that time. Applicants should fill out the online application form EAA Chapter 252 Ray Scholar Application

Applications are due on or before Wednesday, January 22, 2020.

The Ray Scholar applicant must meet the following criteria:

- Minimum of age 15 for glider training.
- Age 16-19 for powered flight training.
- Possession of a student pilot certificate.
- Possession of FAA medical certificate. (private pilot students)
- Be able to begin their flight training within 60 days of receiving the award.

Applicants do not need to be a member of the chapter however additional consideration will be given to candidates who are former Young Eagles, EAA student members, and actively participating in the EAA Flight Plan, specifically the Sporty's Learn to Fly Course.

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Wittman Airport - Oshkosh

Fly-In Drive-In

Aircraft on Display!

-S.J. Wittman Birthday Celebration-

Pancake Breakfast

April 18, 2020

7:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Wittman Airport Terminal
20th Ave. Oshkosh, WI

Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Milk, Juice, Coffee, and all
you can eat Pancakes!



Adults \$7.00*
Children under 10, \$3.00

* Free for pilots of homebuilt
aircraft who fly in.



FREE AIRPLANE RIDES!
(EAA Young Eagles)

For kids ages 8 – 17
with parent permission &

Weather permitting.

9:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Register at:

<http://youngeaglesday.org/>



Hosted by **EAA Chapter 252** and Wittman Regional Airport

Visit our web site at: www.252.eaachapter.org
or contact us through e-mail at: EAA252@gmail.com

if you can join us for a few more in 2020. In addition to a presentation, it's a great opportunity to meet other members and have great conversations. In addition to the Pylon, you can find more information about our chapter on our chapter Facebook page. We also

list events for our chapter there.

Have a great beginning to 2020, and I hope to see you at our next chapter gathering!

*Blue Skies,
Carrie*



EAA Photo

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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Thank you for your continued support of EAA Chapter 252!

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME! DON'T WAIT!

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Or pay at a chapter meeting, or pay via PayPal on the chapter website. Thank you!