

THE PYLON



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 252 OSHKOSH WISCONSIN

President's Report— David Leiting, Jr.



Now that March is finally upon us, flying season is right around the corner. With the lengthening days, I am sure there are plenty of anxious fliers ready to knock off the winter rust. I know I am excited to start adding more logbook entries!

As the flying season improves, there are more chapter activities for you to participate in. Scheduled for April 22, the spring pancake breakfast and Young Eagles rally is the first major event on the docket. Joe Sonnleitner and Brian Langkau will once again be co-coordinating the pancake breakfast portion of the event. Volunteers will be needed for Friday set-up and the breakfast on Saturday. The volunteer sign-up is now open here.

If you have any questions about volunteering, you can email Joe Sonnleitner at jsonnleitner3@outlook.com. Your support is greatly appreciated, as this event will be a fundraiser for a new chapter sponsored flight training scholarship. The chapter board has approved a matching contribu-

tion to all the funds raised from the pancake breakfast to boost this scholarship.

In addition to the April 22nd Young Eagles Rally, the chapter will be supporting the EAA Girls on the Fly event on April 29th. A limited number of volunteers will be needed, so Carrie and John Forster may reach out for additional help if needed.

The RV-12 Teen Build program is still progressing very well! Carrie Forster reports that one or two committed youth are still needed for the build. If you know any qualified candidates, please let us know by emailing ea252@gmail.com.

Speaking of teen programing, I am thrilled to announce the chapter has been approved for 2023 Ray Aviation Scholarship, which will provide \$11,000 to fully fund a high schooler's flight training. The chapter board is working to announce our 2023 Ray Scholar, as well as provide an additional scholarship to the Ray Scholar runner-up funded by the spring pancake breakfast.

The presenter for the March gathering has been shifted. Initially the owner of the Bally Bomber, currently hangared at the chapter hangar, was scheduled to speak but his presentation has been pushed back.

Chip Dyni from the Oshkosh control tower will now be presenting on several topics including the upcoming NIFA SafeCon event, the turf operations area, and general pilot dos and don'ts at KOSH. Fred Stadler will help facilitate the conversation. I am very excited for Chip's presentation, so I hope you can attend on Thursday, March 9!

I look forward to seeing you at an upcoming chapter event!

Tailwinds,

David Leiting, EAA Lifetime 579157

March 9 Chapter Gathering

Ask the Controller:
Oshkosh ATC Tower
Manager Chip Dyni

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

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE
DISH OR DESSERT!**

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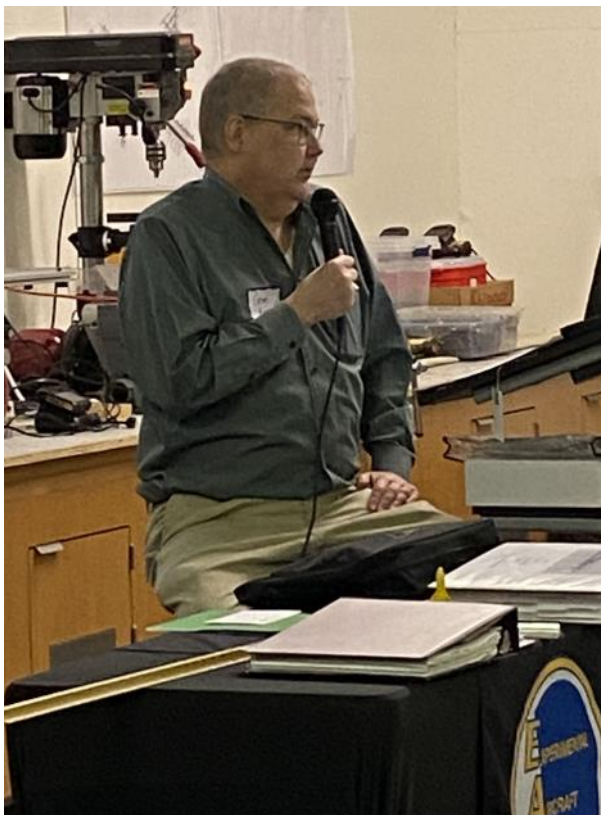
March Chapter Gathering



Our March Chapter meeting gives you the chance to ask questions of the Oshkosh ATC Tower Manager, Chip Dyni. Chip has been a controller since 1986. He has been based at OSH since 2000 and the Oshkosh Tower manager since 2017. Chip's wife, Dena, is also an OSH controller and his son just qualified as an Air Force T-38 pilot. Chip looks forward to answering your questions about OSH operations and Air Traffic Control as a career option

Dinner will be served at 6:30 and will be chili. As always, please bring a side dish or dessert. Our meeting program will begin at 7:00.

February Chapter Gathering Report



Carrie Forster **Past President**

About 20 chapter members braved a cold, rainy February night to attend our monthly gathering. Many thanks to the members who brought chili and other contributions for our meal.

Tom Knott, Designated Engineering Representative for the FAA shared stories from his long career working with various companies and then as an independent consultant, which he is now. As an FAA DER, he is responsible for finding that engineering data complies with appropriate airworthiness standards.

Tom completed his degree in mechanical engineering at MSOE and worked for companies in Chicago and Michigan early in his career. In the late 1990's he made his way to Gulfstream and also began volunteering for EAA. He has worked with projects on the B-17 and the Ford Tri-Motor. Tom approved the drawings and reports for the B-17 two seat addition. He is currently working with the Tri-Motor strut conversion project. "Bauken Noack did all the heavy lifting, Bob McLaughlin has documented in CAD, and I'll be doing detail design approvals and coordinating FAA approvals," said Knott.

Since 2015 Knott has been an independent DER and often works for the same companies who once employed him full time. In 2022, he completed over 250 projects for about 20 different customers.

IMC Club

The next Chapter 252 IMC Club meeting will be held Tuesday, March 21, 6:00 PM at the Wittman Regional Airport, 525 W 20th Ave, Oshkosh, WI 54902.



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Panel 1:
 Pilot 1: I'M GLAD THEY LET YOU USE THE AZTEC AFTER THE CESSNA BROKE. IT'S A NEW EXPERIENCE!
 Pilot 2: WELL, IN AVIATION IT'S IMPORTANT TO BE FLEXIBLE.

Panel 2:
 Pilot 1: ADAPT AND OVERCOME!
 Pilot 2: I SEE!

Panel 3:
 Pilot 1: CAN I READ THE CHECKLIST, SO I CAN LEARN THIS AIRCRAFT?
 Pilot 2: READ AND LEARN, YOUNG PADAWAN!

Panel 4:
 Pilot 1: LET'S SEE ... AFTER TAKE OFF. LANDING GEAR UP.
 Pilot 2: CLIMB.

Panel 5:
 Pilot 1: NORMAL CLIMB IS 400KEAS UNTIL 0.90 MACH IS INTERCEPTED.
 Pilot 2: HANG ON ... RSO? SENSOR POWER? DEF SYSTEM? FLIGHT LEVEL 500? OPTIMUM SUPER-SONIC AIRSPEED?

Panel 6:
 Pilot 1: THIS IS AN SR-71 CHECKLIST!
 Pilot 2: IT IS.
 Pilot 1: BUT ... WHY?

Panel 7:
 Pilot 1: I LOST THE PIPER CHECKLIST, BUT I HAD THIS ONE LAYING AROUND, SO I SUBSTITUTED.
 Pilot 2: AH! ADAPT AND OVERCOME!
 Pilot 1: EXACTLY!

Courtesy of Mike and Stephan at <https://www.chickenwingscomics.com/>

RV-12 Teen Build Progress

Carrie Forster
Past President

Our main focus in February has been assembly of the wing spars. The team has gotten a lot of Cleco and riveting practice. You can follow our progress on the chapter Facebook page (link [HERE](#)) or on our EAA Builders Log page (link [HERE](#)).

We do have room to add a few interested teens to our group. If you are, or know, a teen between the ages of 14 - 18 with an interest in aviation who is available Wednesday evenings from 6 - 9 pm, please contact Carrie Forster at ea252@gmail.com for more information. We have experienced adult

volunteer mentors teaching building skills.

One of the things our teen participants comment on frequently is that our Wednesday build sessions are the one place they go where they get to interact with other teens who share their same passion for aviation.



Ray Scholar Update: Jarrett Schiedemeyer

Please join us as we congratulate our 2021 Ray Scholar, Jarrett Schiedemeyer, for passing his checkride and becoming a private pilot on February 13!



New T-Hangar Request Instructions

Cameron Hallock
Deputy Director, Wittman Regional Airport

This fall, twenty (20) new heated t-hangars units will be available on the east ramp, directly south of Taxiway E. Details are below and a diagram, rendering and sample lease are attached. At this time, we are opening up leasing opportunities to current airport lessees only (individuals or businesses with a hangar or ground lease with Winnebago County). Please e-mail Kim Maki at kmaki@winnebagocountywi.gov by March 31st if you would like to request a new t-hangar unit.

Hangar Specifications & Leasing Info:
Hangars are scheduled to be complete on or around September 1, 2023.
Rental Rate: \$350 per month + sales tax and utilities
Hangars are insulated and heated.
Tenant pays utilities.
Hangar Size is 42' wide, 33' deep with a 12' high door opening
Automatic, bi-fold doors
Hangars will be assigned via lottery system

If you request a hangar unit and demand does not exceed the number of available hangar units, you will be contacted regarding the leasing pro-

cess at the end of the open enrollment period, March 31st. If demand does exceed the number of available hangar units, the drawing process outlined below will take effect.

Random Drawing Process:
If we receive more than 20 hangar requests, we will hold a drawing, chosen at random, in April.
If you are selected, hangars will be assigned via lottery system. They are all the same size.
If you are selected, a non-refundable deposit will be required to hold the hangar. This deposit will be equal to and count as your first month's rent (\$350).

OSH - NIFA SAFECON at Wittman Regional Airport in April/May

Cameron Hallock
Deputy Director, Wittman Regional Airport

The National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) Safety and Flight Evaluation Conference (SAFECON) will be held at OSH this spring. This event brings 30 collegiate flying teams, one hundred airplanes and several hundred people to compete in flying and ground events.

Location:
EAA is hosting the event on AirVenture grounds. Flying competitions, such as the message drop and precision landing contest, will be held on Runway 18/36 only, utilizing Taxi-

way P for taxi, however, practice prior to May 4th may occur on any open runway.

Dates:
Mid-April through May 4th – teams begin arriving to practice (a few teams at first, followed by every team being here on May 4th)
May 4th-8th – Official practice
May 8th – 13th – Official competition
May 14th – Teams depart

Operational Hours:
8:00am – 6:00pm during official practice and competition.

Airport impact:
Some teams arrive early to practice.

Until the official practice starts on May 4th, they are public, regular GA users of the airport and will be parking on terminal ramp.

Beginning May 4th, all competition operations will be limited to EAA grounds, Taxiway P and Runway 18/36, with the exception of emergencies.

Tower controllers will be working overtime (literally and figuratively). Please be patient.

Up to 1,200 takeoffs and landings on peak days, most will be touch and go traffic

Runway 18/36 will have non-standard markings for the competition, but can still be used by local and itinerant traffic.

Chapter Member Elaine Kauth Presents at Sportys IFR Month

Our chapter member, Elaine Kauh, was a presenter in Sporty's IFR Month.

"We're closing out IFR Month with an episode that's packed with practical flying tips. Experienced instructor and IFR Magazine contributing editor Elaine Kauh shares her advice on a variety of topics: when to cancel your

IFR flight plan, why takeoff briefings are so important, how to manage glass cockpits, and when to introduce the autopilot during training. She also talks about her experience as a tail-wheel instructor and corporate pilot, and the unique challenges both roles bring. In the Ready to Copy segment, Elaine explains whether it's ever safe

to do a zero/zero takeoff, which vintage taildragger she likes best, and what artist best captures the spirit of flight."

[Episode 46. Instrument flight training and taildragger lessons. with Elaine Kauh](#)

Volunteer signup for the Chapter 252 pancake breakfast, including set up, breakfast, and clean up, is now available online. We need your help!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF4DAAA72BA3FFCF8-spring>

Wittman Airport - Oshkosh

Fly-In Drive-In

Aircraft on Display!

-S.J. Wittman Birthday Celebration-

Pancake Breakfast

April 22, 2023

7:30 – 11:00 A.M.

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8:30 to 11:00 A.M.

Weather permitting

Pre-register at:

<https://youngeaglesday.org/?yereg&event=83CjwMmx7>

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