

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 252 OSHKOSH WISCONSIN
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President's Report— Carrie Forster



AirVenture 2021 is almost here! I'm so excited for convention this year and I hope you are, too.

We had a nice turn out for our first in-person gathering since last fall this past month. Chris Henry gave a great presentation about the Apollo program. Chris always does a great job for our chapter. In October, we'll have our gathering over at the Museum where Chris will talk about the new Huey helicopter exhibit.

This week we have another in-person gathering, and we will have food this month. Dennis Moehn has agreed to be our grill master. We'll have burgers and brats, chips, and cookies. We'll keep it simple, and we'll have a few chapter members serve food (if you're one of the early arrivals and can help with this task, just

jump right in - we only need 2 - 3 people to help out with this). We won't do any potluck items just yet in the interest of Covid safety. We'll have the beverage frig restocked as well and will accept donations to defray the cost of the food and beverage items. Food will be ready by 6:30 pm.

Hangar doors will open around 6:00, food at 6:30, and our presentation at 7:00. This month, several chapter members are going to share personal stories of memorable flying adventures they've had. It should be an evening of interesting story telling.

Coming up in July we'll have a tour at Basler Turbo Conversions. Many thanks to chapter member Clare Patterson for arranging this. We'll meet at our chapter hangar and have food a little early - at 6:00, so that at 6:45 we can head over to Basler's for the tour. You're welcome to join us for food and conversation at 6:00, or just meet us at Basler's at 7:00.

We will be looking for volunteers for some upcoming events in August and September. We're hosting a Flying Hamburger Social on Tuesday, August 24 and will have our fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, September 11. Watch your email for ways to sign up to help.

Throughout the pandemic, we have been holding our board meetings virtually (like we did with chapter gatherings). The board has decided to continue with virtual board meetings indefinitely because it turns out this has been a bit easier with people's schedules. Chapter members are always welcome at board meetings, so if you ever want to attend a virtual board meeting, just email me at ea252@gmail.com a day or so before the meeting and I'll email the link to you.

Remember that guests and prospective members are always welcome at our gatherings. Now that we're meeting in person again, this is a great time to bring a friend to our gathering to let them see what an EAA chapter is all about.

Have a great week, and I hope to see you on Thursday!

Blue Skies,

Carrie

Save the date!

**June 10 IN PERSON
Chapter Gathering**

6:30 PM—8:30 PM

**Chapter 252 members
share memorable flying
adventures**

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June Chapter Gathering: IN PERSON!

Chapter 252 members will share memorable flying experiences

Thursday, June 10, 2021

Doors open at 6:00 PM
Food Served 6:30 PM
Program 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Chapter gathering will be held at the EAA 252 Chapter Hangar. See back page for address.



May Chapter Gathering Report

Chapter members were happy to gather in person for the first time since September of 2020. After seeing one another only on our screens for a long time everyone enjoyed being able to walk around and chat in person.

Our presenter was EAA's Chris Henry, who talked about Project Apollo, with an emphasis on EAA connections to the astronauts and others who were involved with the program. Most of the Apollo astronauts are EAA members and have attended AirVenture on multiple occasions.

Chris pointed out that unlike when they are making formal presentations in other capacities that they are much more laid back when they are here, where the aviation community makes them feel they are among friends.

Chris noted that on many occasions astronauts take time to attend functions and events here that they are not expected to and make efforts to spend

time with members on an informal basis. He singled out Apollo 8's Frank Borman in particular who, in spite of only being scheduled to talk at the end of a Family Flight day event, spent time walking around during the day talking to the children participating in the event.

After hearing these stories we all hope Chris will write another book and commit these tales to print. We appreciate Chris taking time to talk with us and be our first post-Covid meeting guest!



Help Needed for Young Eagles Rally Saturday, June 12, 2021

WANTED: ground volunteers for our rally for International Young Eagle Day this Saturday, June 12, from 8 am - noon. We need about 5-6 additional volunteers to help with check in, park-

ing cars, and other ground tasks. We could also use 1-2 more marshallsers for aircraft - no experience necessary, we have two marshallsers who will help you.

If interested, please email Carrie Forster at eea252@gmail.com.

<https://youngeaglesday.org/?1727>

New Wittman Regional Airport Deputy Director

Jim Schell, C.M.
Director, Wittman Regional Airport

Please join me in welcoming the newest member of our Airport Management staff, Cameron Hallock.

Cameron comes to us from New Braunfels, TX and has started today as our new Deputy Airport Director. His

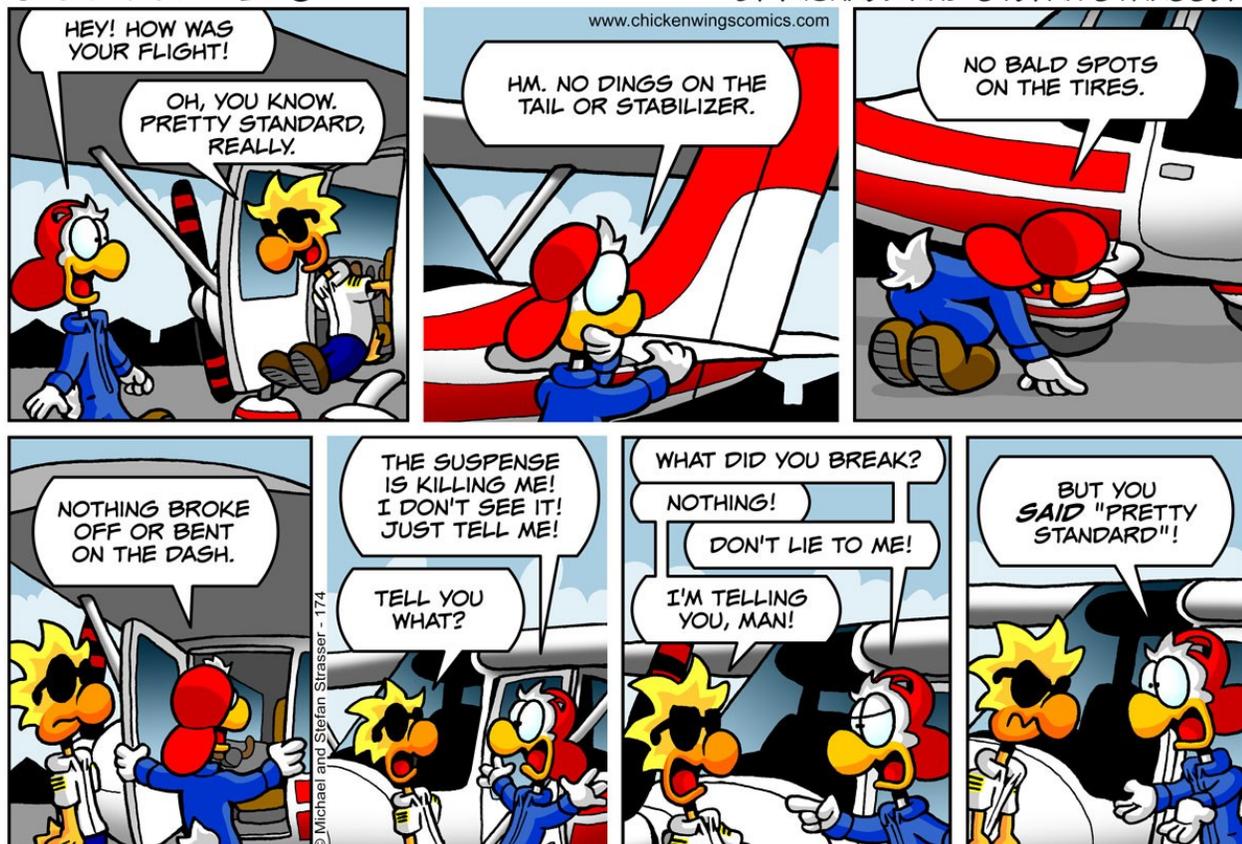
bio is below. We'll be making the rounds in the coming weeks to introduce him to as many business and tenants as possible.

Cameron grew up a few blocks from a general aviation airport in Denver, sparking a lifelong passion for aviation. He attended Metro State University of Denver, earning a degree in Aviation Management in 2010 and Embry Rid-

dle Aeronautical University, graduating with an MBA in 2015. He began his airport career as an Operations Specialist at Centennial Airport in Colorado in 2010 and later became an Operations Manager for Denver International Airport. After several years, Cameron returned to Centennial as a Senior Planner. Cameron joined Wittman as Deputy Director in May, 2021.

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Our Chapter is Selling Raffle Tickets for The Great 2021 EAA Aircraft Raffle

Tickets are \$100 apiece and \$20 of the ticket price will go directly to our chapter for any tickets we sell. A maximum of 4,000 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place on August 1, 2021, at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021.

The prize is a one of a kind Super Cub clone valued at \$150,000. This raffle aircraft—a PA-18 replica—is from-the-ground-up customized in a spectacular 50 Years in OSH theme and paint scheme. The winner can also elect a cash prize of \$25,000 in lieu of the aircraft.

Email EEA252@gmail.com or call **Charlie Becker 920-573-3381** to arrange a ticket purchase. Ticket purchases must be made in Wisconsin. We will have some at our in person chapter meetings before convention.

Thanks for supporting our chapter and EAA!



Welcome New Members

Doug Milius Chapter Membership

Chris Henry-Chris works for EAA as their resident historian. Chris has given our chapter numerous presentations on various aircraft and historical events. He and his wife Karen live in Oshkosh. He is a past partner in a 1947 Stinson 108. Chris said he'd like to help out at our pancake breakfasts. Thanks for joining Chapter 252!

Tom Sturtevant-Tom is an aviation enthusiast and enjoys learning and talking about all types of aircraft. Tom lives in the Van Dyne area and is willing to help out at our Young Eagle rallies and pancake breakfasts. Thank for joining Chapter 252!

Mike Rogers-Mike and his wife, Jean, hail from Neenah and he is an active pilot. He has his private, instrument, commercial and basic ground instructor ratings. Mike is a university professor and flies for his

personal enjoyment, to business conferences, Young Eagle Flights and has done a fair number of Angel Flights which he has found to be very rewarding. He got started flying while interning at the Mayo Clinic. He saw a sign that said "Learn to Fly Here" so he did! He also likes crosswords and writing apps and would like to volunteer at our Young Eagle rallies and pancake breakfasts. Welcome to Chapter 252!

Member Profile: Phil Myrkle

In 1970 chapter member Phil Myrkle saw something in the Appleton Post-Crescent newspaper about an upcoming airshow in Oshkosh. Phil had taken some flying lessons and was an aviation enthusiast, so he and his wife Carrol piled their two sons into their VW camper and drove to the 1970 EAA convention. They came back the following year, too, but that was his last as an attendee; for every subsequent convention—almost 50 of them now—he has been a volunteer involved with aircraft parking and flight line operations.

Things were simpler in the early years of the conventions. “When the row we were parking in started to fill up we would use a lawn mower and mow a new row. One year we got mechanized when I sat on the tailgate of an old pickup truck and someone drove in a straight line (hopefully) while I hung onto the mower,” Phil explained.

“About 1982 there was a bad storm and the northernmost airplane on row 13 was not tied down. It rolled over the next two in the row, causing a lot of damage and fuel leaks. I had to remind the cigarette smokers and those with Coleman lanterns that the liquid dripping out of the of the airplanes was not water.”

Phil logged about 26 hours of training in a Tri Pacer he was a partner in (he soloed at eight hours) while working for the US Navy as a civilian journeyman machinist at San Diego following his enlistment with that service. Life got in the way and he didn't get to finish his flight training, going to college, moving to Wisconsin, and starting a teaching career at Fox Valley Tech. He eventually finished his flight training at Max Air in Appleton about



a decade after he first started.

Family and career demands kept him from staying current. Phil has not logged any pilot in command time since the 1980s, though he has had the controls of various different aircraft since then on flights he has ridden on... but you will have to ask him about those in person! Phil retired from his teaching career at Fox Valley Tech in May of 1998.

Phil is looking forward to getting back in the saddle at flight line operations for AirVenture this year after last year's cancellation. The rest of the

year you can find him at the EAA Aviation Museum as a docent, sharing his aviation knowledge with museum visitors.

Adverse Condition Alerting Service (ACAS)

**Jim Cunningham
CFII**

A number of years ago Flight Service was being run by a different private vendor than it is now. I went by their booth at AirVenture to mention that it would be helpful to have a version of their online briefing system that was optimized for phones (tablets weren't around yet), as the PC version was very difficult to use on a small screen. They responded by saying that was the job of private companies who charged extra for the same data. I explained that as a taxpayer I was already paying for the data and that it should be provided in a useful manner if for no other reason that users like me were sometimes betting their lives on obtaining it. I got blank stares in response, so I gave up and went to the pots and pans vendor at the next booth. At least he would answer my questions and would even tell jokes. I probably should have raised the question about a mobile version of the FSS web site to him... I may have gotten a better response.

That was then, this is now. FSS is now run by Leidos, and they are extremely interested in providing the best service they can within the limitations they have to work with (ask them about NOTAMs for volcanic ash in Iceland showing up in briefings for a local flight and they'll tell you how much they dislike not being allowed to filter them out). They also don't stand still and are, like their pay service contemporaries, constantly improving their product and adding features.

One useful feature that is easily overlooked is the Adverse Condition Alerting Service (ACAS). Until now pilots have been limited in obtaining updates to weather briefings in that they have to either talk to a briefer or else obtain another online briefing. Some weather conditions such as thunderstorms can appear or change with little warning, and this can be a problem if you have to obtain your

briefing more than an hour or so before your flight. ACAS is the electronic equivalent to having your own briefer that calls you if anything gets nasty that you should know about.

ACAS will notify you via email and text of such things as TFRs, airport or runway closures, urgent PIREPs, SIGMETs of all types, AIRMETs, etc. If you have in-cockpit satellite communication in flight, you will get notifications in flight as well (the rest of us can actively monitor ADS-B in).

To participate in ACAS, you first must be registered with FSS at 1800wxbrief.com, which is a good thing to do anyway. There is no cost to do so, and Leidos, the current vendor, is always adding new and useful features. Once you are logged in, click on the ACAS icon on the home page interface. There you can register with

your phone number for receiving texts and enter your email address. You can select which products you wish to receive alerts about and not be notified about the rest. You can also select options not to be notified of products you have selected if they apply to altitudes that do not typically affect you (e.g., AIRMETs for turbulence in the upper flight levels). You can also select the amount of time before your planned departure to begin receiving alerts.

This is a handy service! It's pretty much like having a briefer from the old days continuously monitor weather and flight information prior to departure who calls you if they spot anything potentially troubling. Sign up today!

The screenshot shows the ACAS registration page. At the top, it says "ACAS: Adverse Condition Alerting Service". Below this, there is a paragraph explaining that the service will send alert messages to selected devices and contacts. A "Read More +" link is provided. The main section is titled "Select Products to receive Alerts on:" and contains a list of products with checkboxes: Temporary Flight Restrictions (TFR), Airport/Runway Closures (AA), SIGMETs (WS), Convective SIGMETs (WST), Center Weather Advisories (CWA), UAS Operating Areas (UOA) within 2,000 ft of the filed altitude or 10nm of the departure or destination, AIRMETs (WA), Urgent Pilot Reports (UUA) / Special AIREPs (ARS), Severe Weather Watches (AWW), and Severe Weather (WW). All checkboxes are checked. Below the list, there are fields for "Start sending alerts" (set to 120 minutes prior to ETD) and three options: "Do not send alerts for conditions more than 4,000 ft above my filed altitude" (checked), "Do not send alerts for conditions that begin more than 2 hours past my calculated arrival time" (unchecked), and "Send a message 15 minutes prior to ETD if no new Adverse Conditions were detected" (checked). The "Registration Status" is "Registered". Below this, it says "Alert messages will be sent to the devices and contacts entered below". There are buttons for "Add from My Devices & Contacts", "Add Text Phone Number", "Add Email Address", "Add Portable Device", and "Device Information". A table shows two contacts: one with phone number (309) and email @yahoo.com, both with "Preflight Alerts" and "Inflight Alerts" checked. There are "Remove" and "Test Message" buttons for each contact. At the bottom, there are links for "Terms of Service" and "Privacy Statement", and "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

May Chapter Gathering Photos



Chapter member Wayne Daniels arrives at the gathering in style... taxing his Sonex *Purple Haze* as EAA's *B-25 Berlin Express* holds short for him while being towed over to its hangar after landing with a minor hydraulic issue.



When an EAA meeting is interrupted by airplane noise, it's a good thing!



Meeting preparation.



Tucking in one of our Sonex hangar tenants after the meeting.

May 2021 Board Mtg Minutes

Thursday, May 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Virtual - GoToMeeting

8 confirmed pilots

Ground crew needed - Carrie, Lucas

Marshalling - Wayne Daniels and Jim Cunningham

Some additional volunteers still needed

Attending: Carrie Forster (President), Fred Stadler (Treasurer), Jim Casper (Chapter Historian, Board Member), Wayne Daniels (Board Member), Jakob Brouillette (Board Member), Jim Cunningham (Newsletter Editor), John Forster (YE Co-Chair), Doug Milius, (Membership Chair), Al Follendorf

New Business:

Donation of plane prints from Al Follendorf

Al donated a large number of prints by Robert Wisher. He was gifted the prints by a family member of Mr. Wisher and donated half each to chapters 41 and 252 (Al is a board member of 41 and a member of 252).

Chapter 41 is using them for various incentives for chapter members, as raffle prizes, and other purposes.

Al shared that chapter 41 has had great success with a raffle fundraiser and suggested 252 hold a raffle, he is happy to help a 252 volunteer learn the ropes of organizing a raffle if we decide to move forward with that idea

The board will determine best uses for the donated prints

Old Business:

Ray Aviation Scholarship - Carrie

Lucas has completed several solo cross countries, FAA written coming up

Monthly Gatherings and Upcoming Events

June - share flying stories

Share: Jakob, Jim Cunnigham, Jim Casper

Food - yes

Open the hangar for the gathering

July - Tour of Basler Turbo Conversions with Clare Patterson

Meet at Chapter hangar at 6:00 for food and brief meeting

Drive over to Basler at 6:45

August - presenter TBD

YE Rally for International YE Day on June 12

Sign up on youngeaglesday.org

Hangar Updates

Fred spoke to Ben Jacobs, who is building the new hangar north of the chapter hangar

Ben is not putting in utilities at this time, so the plan to split cost is on hold indefinitely

More New Business:

Request for YE Rally from Fond du lac teacher (John)

John and Serena were both contacted by a retired social worker from Fond du lac who is going to be doing an aviation course for sixth graders next year

He is teaching a series of 10 aviation lessons and wants to finish by providing a YE flight to all 150 sixth graders

Discussed with the board some concerns with logistics of holding a rally of that size in the available time frame (4-5 hours on a Friday)

John will continue with follow up - no final decision yet, but some obstacles would need to be overcome to hold a safe and effective event

June/July board mtg date - Thursday, June 17 at 6:00

Will continue with virtual format for board meetings because it's been working well with people's schedules

No July board mtg due to AirVenture

Submitted by Carrie Forster

2021 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, June 10	Share Flying Stories-Jakob, Jim Cunningham, Jim Casper
Saturday, June 12	YE Rally for International YE Day Weeks Hangar Sign up at youngeaglesday.org
Thursday, July 8	Tour of Basler Turbo Conversions with Clare Patterson
July 25 - August 1	AirVenture 2021
	AirVenture Pancake Breakfast -application request made for Saturday, July 24
Thursday, August 12	TBD
Tuesday, August 23	Host Flying Hamburger Social-New Terminal Building
Thursday, September 9	Corn Roast - Munsil's? Jim Casper checking with Vicki
Saturday, September 11	Pancake Breakfast/YE Rally New Terminal Building
Saturday, September 25	Flying Start?
Thursday, October 14	Chris Henry, Huey, at the museum
Thursday, November 11	
Thursday, December 9	
Saturday, January	Holiday Gathering at the Roxy?

2020 Board Mtgs	Location	Confirm Date?
June 17 (note date change)	Virtual - GoToMeeting Chapter members are always welcome to attend board meetings - email aaa252@gmail.com for link if you'd like to attend.	
July 22	Virtual - GoToMeeting Chapter members are always welcome to attend board meetings - email aaa252@gmail.com for link if you'd like to attend.	Week before AirVenture - cancel or keep?
August 26	Virtual - GoToMeeting Chapter members are always welcome to attend board meetings - email aaa252@gmail.com for link if you'd like to attend.	
September 23	Virtual - GoToMeeting Chapter members are always welcome to attend board meetings - email aaa252@gmail.com for link if you'd like to attend.	
October 28	Virtual - GoToMeeting Chapter members are always welcome to attend board meetings - email aaa252@gmail.com for link if you'd like to attend.	
November 25	Virtual - GoToMeeting Chapter members are always welcome to attend board meetings - email aaa252@gmail.com for link if you'd like to attend.	Thanksgiving Day - change date
December 23	Virtual - GoToMeeting Chapter members are always welcome to attend board meetings - email aaa252@gmail.com for link if you'd like to attend.	

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