

THE PYLON



President's Report— David Leiting, Jr.



It seems as though the AirVenture “hangover” lingers longer and longer every year. Although the heat and storms took a toll on all of us, the memories of AirVenture 2023 will be once again filled with “only in Oshkosh” moments. Air Corps Aviation brought two head turning warbird restorations: The P-51C Thunderbird Mustang and “Bonnie” the Razorback P-47D. Both of which were my personal favorites. When it came to the big iron on Boeing Plaza, the Super Guppy and Lockheed Constellation were two of the mainstays that garnered plenty of attention.

However, it's only appropriate that we continue to send our thoughts and prayers to the families involved in Saturday's incidents. Aviation is an inherently dangerous activity, but these types of incidents hit extra close to home.

With convention now behind us, the chapter has a number of exciting activities on the horizon. This month's chapter gathering structured will be similar to last month's tour of Basler. For the August gathering, the chapter will meet at the EAA Weeks Hangar for a tour at 5:50 p.m. for a 6:00 p.m. tour. Following the tour, we will head back to the chapter hangar for a pizza dinner. As always, you are welcome to bring a dish to pass.

September will be another busy month for the chapter, as the Fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagles Rally is scheduled for Saturday, September 16. Please keep an eye out for volunteer recruitment communications.

The annual chapter corn roast will take place during the traditional chapter gathering time (second Thursday of the month) and location (chapter hangar). During this event, we will also present several volunteer recognition awards.

I hope you are able to join us and keep your aviation batteries fully charged, after a great AirVenture 2023.

Tailwinds,

David Leiting, EAA Lifetime 579157

**August 10
Chapter Gathering
EAA Kermit Weeks
Hangar Tour**

**Meet at Weeks
Hangar at 5:50
PM for tour**

**Dinner At Chapter
Hangar After Tour**

**PLEASE BRING
A SIDE DISH OR
DESSERT**

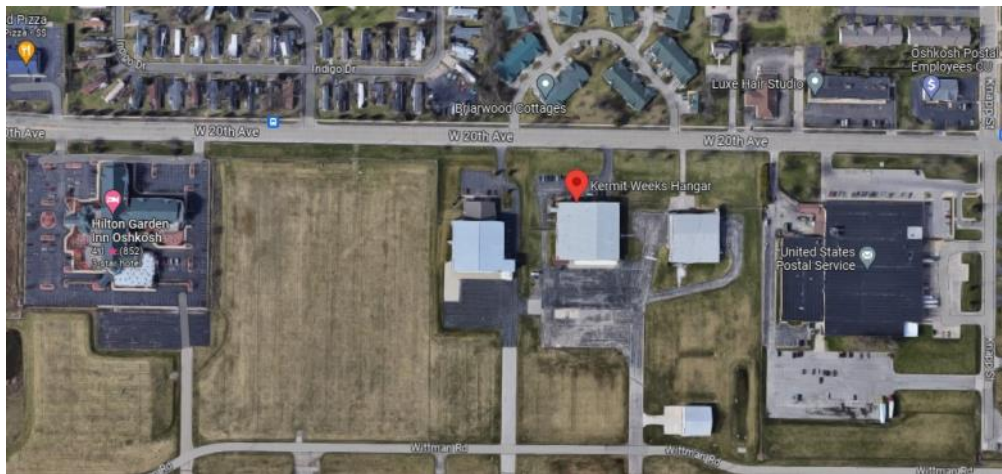
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September Chapter Gathering



Our September Chapter Gathering will begin with a tour of the EAA Weeks Hangar at 6:00 PM... please arrive by 5:50 PM for entry. Many aircraft of the EAA fleet and possibly some transients from AirVenture will be on hand for us to look at and hear about. Our tours of the facility have always been interesting and enjoyable. After the tour we will adjourn to the chapter hangar for dinner (pizza). As always, please bring a dish or dessert to pass.



The Kermit Weeks Hangar is located on 20th Street, approximately halfway between the Hilton Garden Inn and the US Post Office on Knapp Street.

July Chapter Gathering Report

Chapter members enjoyed a behind the scenes tour of the remarkable Basler Turbo Conversions at Wittman Regional Airport. Basler Turbo, as it is more commonly known, refurbishes and restores DC-3s/C-47s but is better known for converting those airplanes into BT-67 aircraft with fuselage extensions and PT-6 turboprop engines. After the tour members and guests visiting prior to AirVenture adjourned to the chapter hangar for a cookout and other activities.



Chapter Member Katie Tyrriver Solos

Chapter 252's Katie Tyrriver made her first solo on July 12. Katie attended our Flying Start event in May, joined the chapter, volunteered at our June Young Eagle events. Katie shared the following account of her flying milestone:

"My first solo was incredible and I wouldn't mind sharing my experience. Waupaca municipal airport posted on Facebook me ringing the 'first solo' bell inside their FBO. The most amazing thing I felt on my first solo was how fast the airplane took off with just my-

self it in! It felt like a different machine. Faster lighter and easier to fly. It was exhilarating and I yelled out Woo-hoo!! Then I laughed, maybe it was a nervous thing I don't know but I was really happy.

I made pattern altitude turning downwind and was able to level out, trim and just cruise along until I was abeam my touch down where I started my pattern descent. With Doug in the plane with me we'd just make pattern altitude at our descent point. The plane really handles differently with

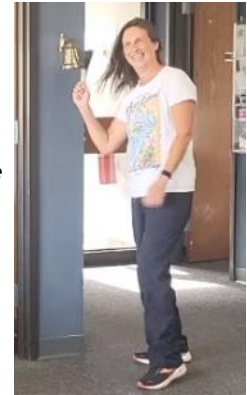
less weight. (I'm not saying my instructor is fat!) The plane flares easier and floats longer too.

I did three takeoffs and landings and then one more full stop to pick up Doug. I parked the plane and once I was out did some jumps and skips

because it was just the best feeling EVER! I had flown the plane all by myself! I stayed on cloud 9er the rest of the week!

I will say though, Doug is a great instructor and I couldn't have done it without his encouragement. I'm really excited about becoming a pilot and advancing in the aviation industry. I'm not quite sure where it will take me but I don't believe it will be disappointing.

Katie"

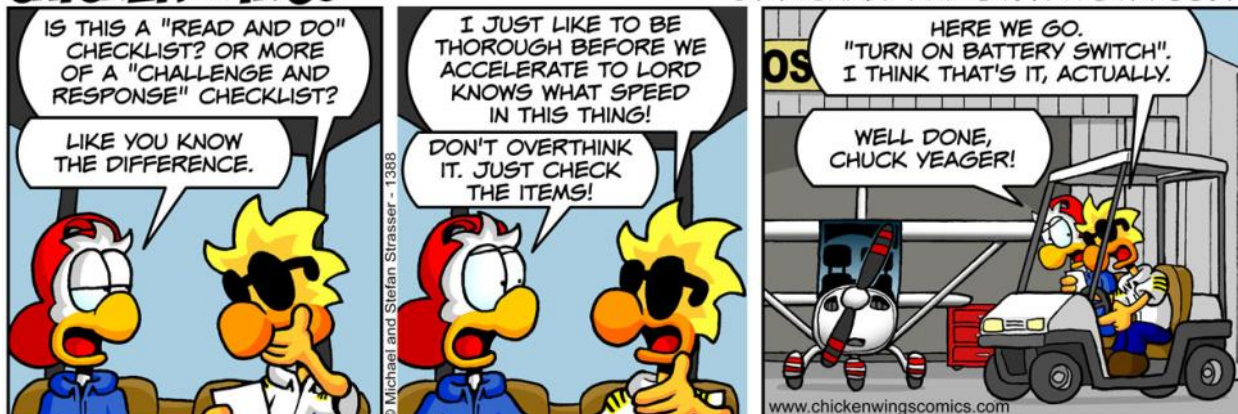


Help Needed!

We will be holding our annual Fall Corn Roast for our September Chapter Gathering on Thursday, September 14. Jim Casper urgently needs assistance in making this event happen! If you can help please see him at our August gathering or contact him at 920-460-0858 or jiminoshkosh@gmail.com.

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Chapter Ray Scholar Sonja Karner Completes Commercial Rating, Flies UND Helicopter into AirVenture

Our first EAA Chapter 252 Ray Scholar, Sonja Karner, flew the UND helicopter into AirVenture 2023 yesterday. Sonja recently completed her commercial pilot rating at UND.



Chapter Member Scott Johnson's Aeronca Defender Wins Awards at AirVenture

Chapter member Scott Johnson took home no less than three awards for his recently-completed Aeronca O-58B Defender at AirVenture 2023. The awards are Best Liaison, Judges Appreciation, and Silver Wrench Award. Congratulations, Scott!



Chapter Member Eric Abraham's RV-10 Wins Award at AirVenture

Chapter member Eric Abraham's RV-10 won Reserve Grand Champion Kit Built at AirVenture 2023. Eric reports that there were several factors in he and Trace receiving the award. First and foremost was the fact that the only work they outsourced on the entire build was the engine... they did everything else themselves. Eric is particularly pleased (as he should be) with the paint job... which a leading shop would charge about \$35K for. Eric also did the interior, including the seats, and the glass panel system. He plans on bringing the aircraft to a chapter gathering in the future for everyone to look at. Congratulations, Eric!



Chapter 252 Represented at Blue Barn at AirVenture

Chapter 252 was well represented at the Blue Barn for chapters at AirVenture 2023. Secretary Chris Gauger, Past President Carrie Forster, and Vice President John Forster pinned a flag on our chapter's location on the chapter map.



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Wittman Airport – Oshkosh

EAA Chapter 252

Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rally



September 16, 2023

7:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Wittman Airport Terminal

525 W. 20th Ave.,

Oshkosh, WI 54902

**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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EAA Young Eagles

For kids ages 8 – 17

With Parent Permission

8:30 to 11:00 A.M.

Weather Permitting

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<https://youngeaglesday.org/?yereq&event=87NMclq7>

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