

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



September was a busy month for the chapter. We held our first Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally since September 2019. It was also the first breakfast at the new terminal building. We had a gorgeous day and a great turn out of volunteers. Attendance was rather light compared to previous years, but we were still very happy with how the day went.

This Thursday our chapter gathering will take place at the EAA Museum with Chris Henry giving us a private tour of the Huey Exhibit. This would be a great event to bring your family members to. Remember that we will meet directly at the museum and no meal will be served this month.

Saturday will be our Flying Start event from 9:00 - noon in the chapter hangar. We still have room for attendees to register, and are looking for a few more volunteer pilots. If you are interested in offering an Eagle Flight but can't attend on Saturday, you can let me know. We'll match people up with pilots and the flight can be scheduled for a later time. Chapter members are welcome to attend to help out and help answer questions for our attendees about chapters and about flight training. Stop in for all or part of the morning. Invite friends who are interested to attend (they should plan on attending the whole time, from 9:00 - noon). Any adult who is interested in learning more about flight training is welcome to attend. Eagle flights are for adults age 18 and older.

We're working on arranging a winter party this year - hopefully for January. We may need to switch venues. We're presently looking for a place that has a private room available for a group of approximately 25 - 50 people. Staffing shortages at restaurants are having an impact on finding an appropriate venue for our needs. We'll keep you posted on what we find and announce a date once we have arrangements solidified.

I hope to see many of you at the EAA Museum on Thursday.

Blue Skies,

Carrie

**October 14
Chapter Gathering**

**Huey Helicopter
Exhibit**

7:00 PM—8:30 PM

**PLEASE NOTE THAT
THIS EVENT WILL BE
HELD AT THE EAA
AVIATION MUSEUM**

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October Chapter Gathering

EAA 's Chris Henry will be presenting on the museum's Huey helicopter exhibit. From Chris:

"EAA Chapter 252 is going to get a behind the scenes look at the UH-1 Huey exhibit in the Eagle Hangar of the museum. They will get info on aircraft history, exhibit development, and restoration stories. This is an exclusive tour that is being done just for them. The aircraft we are talking about is our Huey helicopter 733. She is a three tour combat veteran and shows the battle scars to prove it."



Please note that the gathering will be held at the EAA Aviation Museum (not the chapter hangar) at 7:00 PM. People should park on the back side of the museum and go to the doors by the back of the Eagle Hangar. Chris will let us in that way.

September Chapter Gathering Report

Chapter members enjoyed a beautiful evening at the hangar for our annual corn roast. Jim Casper kept lots of fresh ears of corn coming for any and all takers while Mike Butler and Wayne and Kathy Daniels kept the grills running so hot that pilots coming into Wittman Regional Airport could follow the smoke column if there was a GPS outage. No one went home hungry.



Flying Start October 16

Carrie Forster
Chapter President

Have you ever dreamt of learning to fly? Not sure how to even begin?

This free event, hosted by EAA Chapter 252 in Oshkosh, WI, is for you!

Flying Start is an event hosted by EAA Chapters that provides information about how to obtain a private pilot or sport pilot license - what are the FAA training requirements, where to find instructors, aircraft, and training, how long it takes, how much it costs.

This event is for adults of all ages (Eagle flights are for those 18 years of age and older) who want to learn to fly recreationally, or who may be interested in starting their journey to an aviation related career.

The event consists of a general

presentation, time to talk with pilots, student pilots, flight instructors and flight schools, and an Eagle flight. An Eagle flight is a flight with a volunteer pilot in a general aviation aircraft. Your free flight may take place the same day as our Flying Start event, or may be arranged for a later date and time, depending on volunteer pilot availability and weather.

The event will be on Saturday, October 16 from 9:00 am - noon at the EAA Chapter 252 hangar located at 817 W. 20th Street, Oshkosh, WI.

- Hangar doors open for registration, coffee, and juice at 8:30 am
- Presentation at 9:00 am
- Time to talk with pilots, student pilots, and instructors at 10:00 am
- Lunch and Eagle Flights starting at about 11:00 am

This event is completely free, but **registration is required** and space is limited. Sign up early to avoid disappointment. Sign up at the link <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1sbtnNRy0NEf8P0WZslriri3be7zBZSFEAv6EX3GWsro/edit>

Any other questions, email Carrie Forster at eea252@gmail.com.



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Volunteers Needed for EAA Girls in Aviation Day

I am Cassie Cobb, Museum Educator for EAA. We are putting on a Girls in Aviation Day on October 17th, from 1 to 5. I have attached the press release so that you can see some of the things we have planned, but I wondered if you, or anyone else from the Chapter

would be willing to volunteer for the event? I am looking for some help with registration, working at an informational table for EAA scholarships, chapters, YE flights, etc., and some people to work some "Rally Points" in the Museum.

Please let me know – I would love to meet you and other members of the Chapter!

Thank you!

Cassie Cobb
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Girls in Aviation Day opens possibilities of flight for girls at EAA Aviation Museum on October 17

Hands-on activities, speakers, and more available for girls ages 12-18

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — (September 28, 2021) — The EAA Aviation Museum is bringing the world of aviation to young women on Sunday, October 17, as Girls in Aviation Day opens possibilities that encourage, inspire, and develop curiosity into the world of flight.

Girls in Aviation Day programs are from 1-5 p.m. on October 17 and included with regular museum admission that day. Activities are focused primarily for girls ages 12-18 with several options available ranging from hands-on activities, aviation tours, and fascinating speakers. All activities are aimed as an introduction to aviation and related areas, as a way to increase the number of women who fly – currently less than 10 percent of all pilots in the U.S.

Among the activities:

- **Computer Flight Simulators** – Learn the basics of flight with an ultimate goal of flying (virtually) through the Gateway Arch in St. Louis!
- **A Riveting Experience** – Rivet together a three-ring binder from Zenith Aircraft that can be taken as a souvenir made of sheet metal, skill and muscle power.
- **Basler Turbo Conversions Tour** – A tour of the Oshkosh based company that takes vintage aircraft and creates modern-equipped airplanes used around the world.

Speaker sessions cover the entire world of flight, including:

- **1 p.m.** – **Dr. Nicolle Zellner of Albion College**, a STEM educator who was inspired by the "Mercury 13" women and inspires young women to pursue science and space careers.
- **1:40 p.m.** – **Gigi Coleman**, the great-niece of Bessie Coleman, America's first Black woman aviator, who captures the history of flight for women in the early 1900s.
- **2:40 p.m.** – **Sarah Gilliam**, who has worked in many aviation areas that inspired her to pursue her own dreams of flight.
- **3:20 p.m.** – **Emilia Tolbert**, a pilot and Bill Gates Millennium Scholar who shares the possibilities that flight brings to achieving in many other areas.
- **4 p.m.** – **Laura Thomas**, an air traffic controller who is among those people who keep the skies safe by managing air traffic at the nation's busiest airports.

Throughout Girls in Aviation Day, information on online aviation resources, scholarships, education programs, and more will be available from EAA and its AeroEducate program, Fox Valley Technical College, Women in Aviation International, and the Ninety-Nines.

Member Profile: Forrest Drews



Forrest Drews is one of two Chapter 252 Ray Scholars for 2021. Forrest is currently a senior at the Tesla Engineering Charter School in Appleton where his activities include working with robotics. He is also a member of our fellow chapter, 41, at Brennand Airport, where he has taken several flights with members and participated in their Murphy Rebel build program. This has provided him with insight into the less-than-glamorous but essential aspects of aircraft construction, namely drilling, deburring, and riveting.

Forrest has always had an interest

in aviation, but as with many of us lack of direct exposure to it made it seem more like a hazy dream than something that could be his future. Thanks to the opportunities provided by EAA and chapters to raise awareness in aviation opportunities, he is now starting on a path for a professional career in the field with the intended goal of becoming an airline pilot.

Forrest wasted no time in beginning flight training upon being accepted as a Ray Scholar this September, diving right into training at the CAVU Flight Academy in Appleton. The CAVU program is a Part 141 school, meaning his training will mesh with the aeronautics program at Fox Valley Technical College which he plans to begin next fall in 2022 and then go on to complete a bachelor's degree at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

The key to obtaining any pilot's license is steady progress, and Forrest is already demonstrating his determination by scheduling

up to four (but usually two or three) lessons a week around school and work! He knows that weather will cancel some flights—especially as winter approaches—but plans on using the extra time from cancellations to get ahead with ground school topics and has already started on the Jeppesen ground school (the program at CAVU uses Jeppesen since it is accredited for Part 141 schools).

Starting with two ground lessons with his instructor at CAVU reviewing aircraft systems, controls, and the basics of flight, Forrest took his first lesson in a CAVU Cessna 172, doing pattern work, steep turns, and learning airport and aircraft operations. He said that all the various aspects and details from his ground training came together and made sense in the airplane.

Congratulations, Forrest... we look forward to hearing more about your flying adventures in the coming months.

Welcome New Members

Doug Milius
Chapter Membership



Unmesh Uday Dighe- Unmesh (left) lives in Appleton and is an FAA licensed aircraft dispatcher. He received his interest in flying from his father and uncle. He wants to volunteer at our events and enjoys sketching. Welcome to Chapter 252!

Caleb Wolfrath-Caleb (right) is a student and lives in Oshkosh. He is interested in volunteering and already has helped us at our pancake breakfast. Welcome to Chapter 252!



September Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rally

Chapter 252 held our first Pancake Breakfast in the new airport terminal on September 11. (Ironically the old terminal, site of many previous breakfasts and events for many years, was being demolished during our event.) All in all, almost 200 people joined us for breakfast and Young Eagle flights (see separate article).

A huge round of thanks to chapter member Joe Sonnleitner for chairing and overseeing this event... his first!

What a way to start. Thanks also to Airport Director Jim Schell, Operations & Maintenance Manger Pete Rausch, and the rest of the airport team for their assistance, along with Basler Flight Service, and our always-supportive team of controllers for assisting with coordination of our Young Eagle flights and other air traffic.

And of course, the event could not happen without chapter volunteers. Thanks to Mike Butler, Jim Cunningham, Kathy

Daniels, Wayne Daniels, Forrest Drews, Al Follendorf, Jim Heindl, Tom Janssen, David Leiting, Don Maki, Alyna McKinnin, Matthew Pfluger, Joe Scheibinger, James Streblov, Diane Warning, Mick Warning, Kurt Weina, Jenny Wiegmann, Keith Wiegmann, Dennis Winkel, and anyone else who we may have omitted above.





September Young Eagle Rally Report

Serena Kamps Young Eagle Coordinator

We flew 42 kids. Three of those were walk-ups that we were able to squeeze in because of no-shows. Everyone signed up for the first hour was there. The rest of the no-shows were in the remaining

hours. Chris and Sarah Marshall and Chris Gauger pretty much handled registration. John Egan assisted as well. We were able to use the electronic signature app which Chris Gauger handled. It did freeze up a few times but we were able to get almost all the signatures.

Me, Al Barclay and Alyna McKinnin took care of escorting kids/families to and from the airplanes. There are a few things we would probably do differently with the set up of tables in the lobby for a smoother flow but it worked out.

Turf Operations Area Added to Wittman Regional Airport

Cameron Hallock
Deputy Director
Wittman Regional Airport

Wittman Regional Airport is excited to announce the new Turf Operations Area (TOA). The TOA is located south of Runway 9/27 (west end) and is an option for pilots that prefer taking off and landing in the grass.

ATC, EAA and Airport Management created guidelines for use of the area. Please read through the attached guidelines prior to utilizing the TOA and feel free to call me if you have any questions.

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Wittman Regional Airport - Turf Operations Area Description and Operational Guidelines

DESCRIPTION

The Wittman Regional Airport hosts a Turf Operations Area (TOA) for pilots that prefer to operate off of grass when conditions and other limitations permit. The TOA is not an officially designated turf runway, therefore, operations on the TOA are at the pilot's own risk.

The TOA will be in operation between April 1 and July 4, and then from August 4 through November 30 annually, as conditions allow. The TOA is on the south side of Runway 9-27, adjacent and parallel to the approach end of Runway 9. It's approximately 2,250 feet long by 60 feet wide, and its boundaries are contained within the runway safety area of Runway 9/27. See the attached diagram.

OPERATIONS

Simultaneous aircraft operations will not be permitted on the TOA and Runway 9-27. Simultaneous aircraft operations on the TOA and Pioneer Airport will also not be permitted. Wittman Regional Airport Management may close the TOA at any time due to water saturation, snow accumulation, or other conditions that would prohibit safe turf operations for aircraft. ATC can deny requests for use of the TOA based on current air traffic operations/complexity.

Pilots will not receive a landing or takeoff clearance when using the TOA. Instead, ATC will instruct the pilot to depart or land at their own risk. Do not use "Cleared for Takeoff" and "Cleared to Land" phraseology while operating on the TOA. Taxiing in the grass to/from Runway 13/31 is prohibited.

Departures - Aircraft will enter and exit the TOA by instruction from ATC and pilots will be instructed to cross Runway 9-27 and then instructed to proceed at their own risk for departures from the TOA.

- Departing to the east:

Pilots planning to depart to the east will obtain taxi clearance from ATC and request the use of TOA. Expect taxi instructions to Taxiway B1. Pilots will call that they are ready for departure.

Once ATC has authorized the aircraft to cross Runway 9 and depart, pilots will taxi from the hard surface into the grass, using extreme caution to avoid all runway and taxiway lighting.

- Departing to the west:

Pilots planning to depart to the west will obtain taxi clearance from ATC and request the use of TOA. Expect taxi instructions to Taxiway B3. Pilots will call that they are ready for departure.

Once ATC has authorized the aircraft to cross Runway 27 and depart, pilots will taxi from the hard surface into the grass, using extreme caution to avoid all runway and taxiway lighting.

Arrivals - Pilots will call ATC as usual prior to entering the Class D airspace and request landing on the TOA. Landing will be at the pilot's own risk.

• Landing to the east:

After touchdown and rollout, plan to cross Runway 9 once instructed by ATC and exit onto the nearest intersecting taxiway. Use extreme caution to avoid all runway and taxiway lighting. Once off Runway 9, contact Ground for continued taxi as usual. Do not enter Runway 13-31.

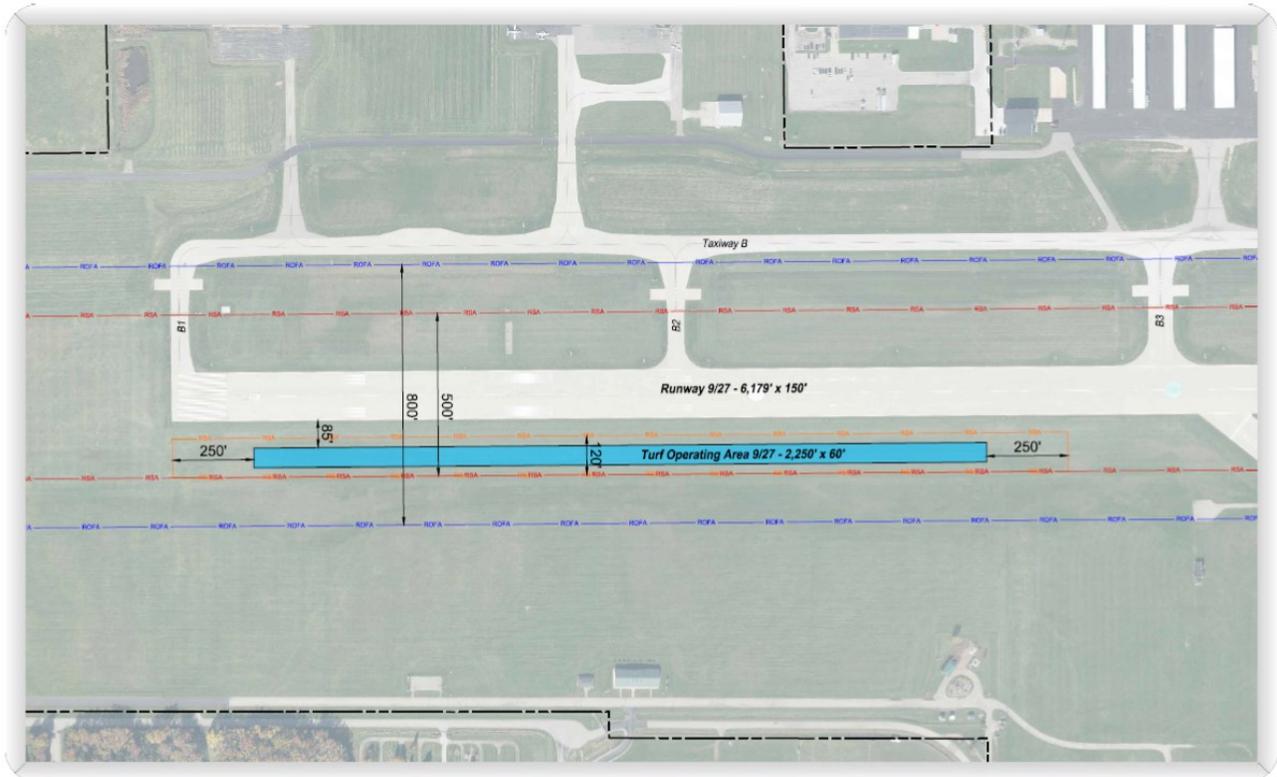
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EMERGENCIES

An emergency on the TOA will be treated the same as on any other surface at Wittman Regional Airport.

In the event of an emergency, Wittman Regional Airport will temporarily close the TOA and Runway 9-27. Aircraft will return to normal operations on an alternate designated runway.



Attachment A: Runway Alternate Operations Area  0 200 400 600
Graphic Scale in Feet



September 2021 Board Mtg Minutes

Thursday, September 23 at 6:00 p.m.

Virtual - GoToMeeting

Attending: Carrie Forster (President), David Leiting (Vice-President), Fred Stadler (Treasurer), Wayne Daniels (Board Member), Jim Casper (Chapter Historian, Board Member), John Forster (YE Co-Coordinator), Joe Sonnleitner (Pancake Breakfast Chair)

Old Business:

Report: Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, September 11, 2021 (Joe)

Event went well

Suggestions :

Clearer signage for both pancake breakfast and YE

Copies of membership applications

Signs for inside/outside seating

Need to sort through everything, discard some things, replace missing items

145 paid adults and 40 paid children

Report: Young Eagle Rally - Saturday, September 11, 2021 (Serena)

ATC requested some type of identifier for YE flights - John will contact Chip to find out what would make things run more smoothly from ATC end

50 registered and 8 on the waiting list

39 showed up for flights

3 walk ups

Used digital signature for the first time and that went well

Ray Aviation Scholarship

Forrest Drews (Carrie)

His scholarship has been approved by EAA

Will be training with CAVU and has first lessons scheduled

Jonathan Mueller (David)

Flying Start Event - Saturday, October 16 in the chapter hangar (Carrie)

Invitations sent out to parents who indicated on YE sign up that they were interested in Eagle flights

Looking for chapter volunteers for the event - pilots and members to attend

Will provide coffee and juice in the morning and lunch

Several flight instructors coming

Monthly Gatherings and Upcoming Events - looking ahead to December and 2022

Holiday Party in January

Carrie will contact Dennis to see if he can make a contact about reserving a date for January

Monthly Gatherings:

2021 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, October 14	Chris Henry, Huey, at the museum Meet directly at the museum at 7:00 pm <i>Meal: None</i>
Saturday, October 16	Flying Start at the chapter hangar, Carrie, John, and David
Thursday, November 11	Radek Wyrzykowski IMC Club reboot <i>Meal: Chili</i>
Thursday, December 9	<i>Meal:</i>
Saturday, January ??	Holiday Gathering at the Roxy?

2020 Board Mtgs	Location	Confirm Date?
October 28	virtual	
November 25	virtual	Thanksgiving Day - change date
December 23	virtual	

New Business:

Chapter 252 Hangar

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Oshkosh, Wisconsin 54902

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