

# THE PYLON



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 252 OSHKOSH WISCONSIN

## President's Report— David Leiting, Jr.



Let me start out October's newsletter by giving a huge thank you to all the volunteers that supported the chapter corn roast and the pancake breakfast/ Young Eagles rally! You are the individuals making it possible for the chapter to fulfill the mission of growing participation in recreational aviation and providing educational programs. More than 200 breakfasts were served, and 50 Young Eagles were flown, marking it another successful fall event. Special kudos to Brian Langkau and Jon Sonnleitner for chairing the pancake breakfast. Their leadership has been critical to successfully transitioning these events to the new airport terminal.

Carrie and John Forster continue to do a tremendous job leading the RV-12 teen build project, as well as the chapter's Young Eagles program. In addition to the 50 Young Eagles flown at the September event,

the chapter is once again participating in EAA's Girls on the Fly event. The event is scheduled for October 21 and the chapter expects to fly 60 girls. One more pilot, ideally who flies a 4-place aircraft, is needed to help accommodate the schedule. If you are available to fly Young Eagles, please email the chapter at [ea252@gmail.com](mailto:ea252@gmail.com).

Looking a bit further out, the chapter is in the midst of planning for the annual banquet. Expect more to be announced within the next month... In an effort to keep this event tied to the end of the chapter year and holidays, it will likely fall in December or January.

The chapter's IMC Club has been on hold since the spring. As of now, there is not a club leader identified. If you are interested in potentially taking the reins on this program, please let me know! I am happy to talk through the responsibilities, and how the chapter has run the program in the past.

Lastly, I wanted to provide a brief update on the RV-12 teen build's final destination. There was a brainstorming meeting held in August, and much conversation revolved around setting up a separate non-profit flying club to own and operate the aircraft. There are a handful of local pilots interested in this approach, but the club will require some leadership to get it off the ground. Please see me or John Forster if you are interested in learning more about the club opportunity.

Have a great month of October!

Tailwinds,

David Leiting, EAA Lifetime 579157

### October 12 Chapter Gathering

**Charlie Becker will talk about the new FAA MOSAIC proposed regulations**

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

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## October Chapter Gathering

This month longtime chapter member and EAA Communities Director Charlie Becker will present on the MOSAIC, or Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certificates, proposal published shortly before AirVenture. This new proposed regulation is perhaps the most sweeping and significant regulatory overhaul for general aviation in decades. If you haven't already seen all that MOSAIC encompasses, you can read more at <https://www.eaa.org/ea/news-and-publications/ea-news-and-aviation-news/news/mosaic-takes-significant-step-forward> or in the October issue of *Sport Aviation*.

As always, dinner will be served at 6:30 with our program beginning at 7:00 PM. Please bring a dessert or side dish to pass!



## September Chapter Gathering Report

Members enjoyed an early fall evening for the annual chapter corn roast. Thanks to chapter member Jim Casper for preparing an endless amount of corn for everyone and for members who brought their aircraft over for display, including chapter member Eric Abraham's beautiful award-winning RV-10. Chapter awards, including this year's Spirit of Elo, were presented (more info elsewhere in this issue).





## Chapter Member Ed Jeziorony Flies 1,000th Young Eagle

From EAA

Congratulations to Ed Jeziorony, EAA #31825, of Omro, Wisconsin! On August 19, 2023, Ed flew his 1,000th Young Eagle at Chicago Executive Airport in Wheeling, Illinois. With this accomplishment, Ed became the 51st Young Eagles pilot to achieve this goal. Ten-year-old Parker Gouss of Wilmette, Illinois, was the lucky 1,000th Young Eagle to have his first flight in Ed's Piper PA-28.

Growing up in rural Wisconsin, Ed enjoyed watching Sky King and 12 O'clock High and riding his bike to watch planes take off and land at a grass airstrip not too far from his home. At one point in his life, he reached a low. So, he decided to do something that made him feel better about himself and rebuilt his self-confidence. "Learning to fly boosted my confidence and attitude," he said.

Ed is no stranger to the Young Eagles program; he was part of the strategic sessions which formed the program and began flying Young Eagles in 1992, the first year of the program. Ed said that he flies Young Eagles because he wants to share his passion and experiences with others.

When asked how he felt about reaching such a milestone, Ed quickly responded, "It became a bucket list item. Back in 2012, I was involved in

a very serious accident. So, I had to stop flying for a while. Giving these flights is the highlight of my flying avocation. I so enjoy the look on their faces and expressions during and after the flights."

After all these years of flying Young Eagles, does Ed have a favorite memory of flight?

"All my Young Eagles flights are memorable. And a day does not go by that one of those flights pop up in my memory. From the efforts of the Young Eagles program I have seen airline pilots, military pilots, officers in the military, controllers, maintenance personnel, airport management, medical personnel all come from taking one of the Young Eagles flights," replied Ed. "The thrill comes when someone comes up to you and hands you their combat wings because you gave them a flight and encouraged them to

get involved and become active in aviation."

When young Parker was asked what he thought about his first flight, he grinned and replied, "It was the best thing in my whole life!"

Ed echoed that thought by saying, "I could not fathom my life without aviation."



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## Chapter Fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally a Success

The Chapter 252 Fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle rally was a success. The chapter served over 210 breakfasts and nine pilots flew 50 Young Eagles.

Thanks to all the volunteers who made our fall pancake breakfast a success... it takes a village to make such an event happen. Apologies in advance to anyone who snuck in to volunteer and escaped our notice and this list.

Breakfast volunteers included Andrew Berger, Heather Berger, Serena Brouillette, Mike Butler, Jim Cunningham, Wayne Daniels, Al Follendorf, Ann Krueger, Lily Krueger, Brian Langkau, Ike Langkau, Jennifer Langkau, Brian McKinnon, Jessica McKinnon, Dennis Moehn, Dick Parks, Mary Parks, Aaron Ranney, Kirby Scott, Suzanne Stadtmueller, Jim Streblov, Kurt Weina, Carol Winkel, Dennis Winkel.

Chapter Young Eagle Coordinator Carrie Forster reports "Many thanks to our pilot and ground volunteers for another successful rally on Saturday. It was a gorgeous fall day. Nine pilots flew 50 YE's.

*Lots of first timers. One repeat YE yesterday flew with John in June, and was super excited when she recognized John and told him she's almost finished with the Sporty's test prep course. There was another group of siblings who are in town from South Africa. I think their family are missionaries and they only come to Oshkosh every four years. Lots of smiles on kids' faces and appreciative families.*



Photo courtesy Heather Berger

Pilot volunteers were Don Abel, Eric ke, Albert Fisher, Ed Jeziorny, Doug Abraham, Jim Cunningham, Tim Dahn- Milius, Tom Otte."



## Spirit of Elo Awarded to Joe Norris

Since 2004 our chapter has recognized a member with the "Spirit of ELO Award," a special once in a lifetime award created by the chapter in honor of Munsil Williams.

For many years, Munsil and his late wife Shirley provided a very simple concept of having aviation people gather at what we called "Elo International Airstrip" on Saturday mornings. No chairmen, no committees. Just gather. The coffee is on, the sweet rolls appear with the attendees.

This year's recipient is Joe Norris. Joe has an impressive list of aviation roles and accomplishments. His many ratings and certifications include Single Engine Land (SEL), Single Engine Seaplane (SES), Helicopter, Commercial, Instrument, CFI, A&P with IA.

During his long involvement with EAA he was one of the Founding Members EAA Chapter 706, one of the five original members of the EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council (HAC), Senior Aviation Specialist in EAA's Aviation Services department, Homebuilders Community Manager, 2012 recipient of EAA's Tony Bingelis Award, and he currently serves as a Technical Counselor and Flight Advisor.

In addition, countless experimental aircraft carry his signature due to his role as Amateur-Built Designated Airworthiness Representative (AB-DAR).

But, beyond all these accomplishments, it's his devotion to sharing his passion for aviation that we recognize Joe Norris with the "Spirit of ELO Award."

Joe asked that we pass along his appreciation:

*"When my name was announced as this year's recipient of the Spirit of Elo award, I was without words. I was so shocked that my brain shifted into neutral and all I could think of to say was "thank you". I should have said a lot more. There are many people who have guided me to where I am today, and they should be recognized.*

*First and foremost, I have to thank my good friend and mentor, Jim Miles, of Hartford, WI. Jim was EAA #158, and my earliest memories are of his Stearman biplane making passes across our cranberry beds on the family farm as he applied fertilizers and other products. Listening to Jim's stories and watching him fly instilled in me a passion for aviation that has never dimmed.*

*Jim introduced me to EAA by bringing me to*

*Oshkosh in 1970 for the EAA convention. Spending a few days with him, sleeping in our tents under the wings of his Piper PA-12 Super Cruiser and listening to him as he talked with the likes of Paul Poberezny, Curtis Pitts, and Duane Cole only made my passion burn brighter. And Jim gave me my first two flying lessons on that trip to boot!*

*I joined EAA in 1976, and earned my private pilot certificate in 1978. This put me in contact with other EAA members in the Wisconsin Rapids area. Most notable of these folks was Ted Strub. Ted was the driving force behind the formation of EAA chapter 706, which we founded in 1980. Ted was building a Hatz biplane and it was through him that I met John Hatz, of Gleason, WI. John was my second mentor in my budding aviation aspirations. He taught my wife, Jeri, to fly, taught me to fly on skis, and was also a constant source of information on the mechanical side of aviation.*

*John introduced me to the Antique Airplane Association (AAA) and their annual fly-in at Blakesburg, IA. Attending this event put me in contact with even more mentors, most notably Forrest Lovley, of Jordan, MN. Forrest has been another bottomless pit of aviation knowledge and has helped me in so many ways over the years.*

*Another protege of Jim Miles is my good friend Tom Hegy, also of Hartford, WI. Tom has been a great friend and inspiration for as long as I can remember. I can't even begin to count the times he has helped me with information, parts, contacts, and companionship over the years.*

*There are so many who have had an impact on my life, both in aviation and in a more general way. Gene Chase, Norm Petersen, Paul and Audrey Poberezny, Tom Poberezny, Charlie Becker, My compatriots on the EAA Homebuilt Aircraft Council, my colleagues at EAA, as well as at Sonex and CubAir Flight, and all my fellow chapter members in EAA chapters 706, 640, and 252. The list is long, and there are many other*



*names that I should be mentioning here. I'm sure you know who you are. To each and every one of you who have made my aviation life richer and more fulfilling, I can only say thank you.*

*I have saved the best for last. I couldn't have begun to accomplish all that I have without the support, encouragement and love of my wonderful wife, Jeri. She has been my companion and champion for over 40 years. She should be getting an award just for putting up with all my shenanigans! She is my strength and I couldn't have done any of it without her.*

*In closing, my thoughts turn to a quote by Gen. James H. Doolittle. He was of course speaking of himself when he said this in his biography, but I feel that the quote applies equally to my own life:*

*"I am luckier than the law of averages should allow. I could never be so lucky again."*

## 2022 Chapter Awards Presented

We celebrated our chapter awards at our September Corn Roast, including this year's Spirit of ELO Award, and the milestones of our Ray Scholars.

"For dedicated service within your Chapter, this award is presented in recognition of your service and assistance to foster the growth of recreational aviation through Chapter activities."

Here are the chapter awards for 2022:

President: Carrie Forster

Vice-President: David Leiting

Secretary: Serena Kamps (early 2022)

Secretary: Chris Gauger (started in 2022)

Treasurer: Fred Stadler

Board Member and Chapter Historian: Jim Casper

Board Member: Wayne Daniels

Board Member: Jakob Brouillette (early 2022)

Board Member: Eric Abraham (started in 2022)

Membership Chair: Doug Millius (early 2022)

Hangar Manager: Doug Milius

Newsletter Editor: Jim Cunningham

Web Editor: Charlie Becker

Young Eagle Coordinator: John Forster

Young Eagle Coordinator: Carrie Forster

Young Eagle Coordinator: Serena Kamps

Eagle Flight Leader: John Forster

Eagle Flight Leader: Carrie Forster

Scholarship Coordinator: Carrie Forster

Technical Counselor: Lyle Forsgren

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Flight Advisor: Joe Norris

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## Chapter Member Benj Van Handel Earning Ratings

Chapter member Benj Van Handel has been keeping the FAA's Airmen Certification Branch busy by adding new ratings the last few months.

From Benj:

*"I passed my CMEL in a Piper Apache. I did this as an accelerated course and spent 4 full days flying the Apache and practicing all the maneuvers and single engine instrument approach. I prepared months in advance to prepare for this rating. I spent many hours learning the aircrafts more complicated systems compared to a Skyhawk as well as all of the new aerodynamics that go into flying multi engine aircraft. I enjoyed flying the Apache and the challenge of this rating. It's a fun and exciting rating, especially all the time spent flying on one engine! It was a unique feeling shutting down one engine and seeing the propeller stopped out on the wing. The Apache flies well enough on one engine and can still squeak out about 75FPM Climb with two people on board and full fuel on a warmer summer day. I ended up having to fly to Cadillac, MI a few days after all of my practice flights were complete to take the checkride when the examiner was free. So I flew over on Saturday morning 8/26/23 in the 172 and took my CMEL check ride where everything went smooth and I*



*was delighted to hear the examiner say at the end "Congratulations, you passed!"*

*It was an exciting week knocking out two commercial ratings in such a short time! But the hours and prep were well worth it and I enjoyed all of the new experiences and learning opportunities, our pilot certificates are truly a*

*license to learn. I'm grateful for all of the opportunities to continue to grow on that knowledge and pass it along.*

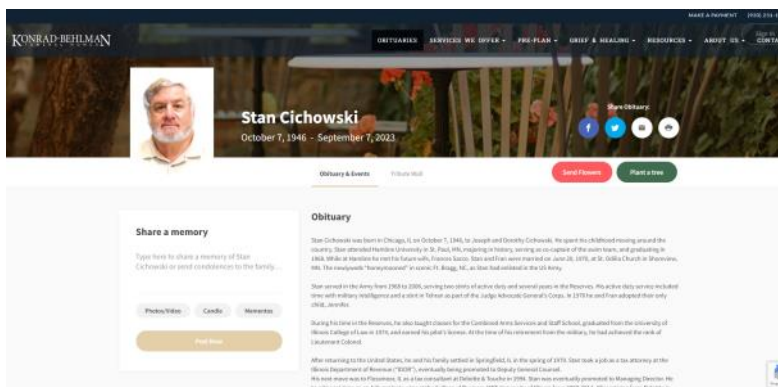
*Up next for me is working on my CFI Rating."*

## Chapter Member Stan Cichowski Has Passed

Chapter member Stan Cichowski passed away on September 16. Stan was a private pilot who had retired to

the Oshkosh area from Illinois in 2013.

<https://www.konrad-behman.com/obituaries/St Stanley-T-Cichowski?obId=28962716>



# **EAA Chapter 252**

## **September 2023 Board Meeting Agenda**

**September 28, 2023 at 6:00 - 7:00 PM (CST)**

**GoToMeeting**

**Attending:** John Forster, Fred Stadler, Carrie Forster, Charlie Becker, Jim Cunningham, Jim Casper, Wayne Daniels, Christopher Gauger

### Membership Report – Charlie

168 members currently.

### Treasurer's Report – Fred

Same as previous month except for pancake breakfast net profit.

### Monthly Gatherings

#### September Recap

Joe Norris presented the Spirit of Elo Award. He was genuinely surprised and touched by receiving it.

Around 60 people in attendance.

#### October

Presenter: Charlie Becker will talk about MOSAIC.

Aviation artist Brian Liddle originally planned, but the FAA public comment period for MOSAIC ends on October 23, so we should talk about MOSAIC in October in case any members want to submit comments.

Food: Burgers and brats? Charlie could take care of food for October, with David's help possibly.

Other members can bring a dish to share.

#### November

Chris will ask Brian L. if he can present in November instead.

Need longer-term planning for food.

Don't rely on the same few people to cook food.

### Sep. 2023 Pancake Breakfast Results

210 total meals served: 163 adult, 40 children, 7 comp.

Young Eagle pilots received free breakfast.

Pilots of experimentals that fly in got free breakfast.

Net profit of \$586, after factoring for several one-time expenses.

Food cost not a significant driver of profit. We pay more for orange juice than sausages and pancakes.  
Key thing is getting people through the door.

Volunteers did fantastic. Big thanks to Brian Langkau, Joe Sonnleitner, and the rest of the volunteers for their time and hard work.

Event serves as community outreach / energy for the chapter / fundraising.

Promotion can be improved.

Do some brainstorming on how to get the word out better.

Flying Hamburger Social website did not put the event on their calendar in time.

Carrie submitted to some WI aviation websites, Fly Wisconsin and Wittman Airport pages on Facebook, WISDOT airport events calendar. Need a more systematic publicity plan.



## Young Eagles – Carrie/John

### September 16 YE Rally

50 kids got flights from 9 pilots.

52% of kids were first-timers according to YEDay.org.

First time using restaurant-style pagers to summon kids when their flights are ready. The pagers worked flawlessly. They were easy to use. None were lost.

Quite a few comments from attendees that pagers and computer check-in made the rally very professional.

Everyone did a stellar job: pilots, ground volunteers, marshalls, ATC tower

Chip Dyni from KOSH tower was at pilot briefing and remarked afterward how well things went.

### EAA Girls on the Fly: October 21

4 chapter pilots will fly the girls.

Approaching capacity.

### Young Eagles Credits

Member whose son is in the build project is going to Air Academy next year. Chapter can use credits to sponsor his attendance.

## Ray Aviation Scholarship/Other Scholarships – Carrie

### Ike

Finished his checkride and got his Private Pilot certificate on August 26.

### Alayna

Scheduled written exam for October 11.

### Rusty

Flying regularly in training.

Doug Osterberg asked us to hold onto Rusty's invoices pending future Ray Scholarship funds.

## Teen Build/RV-12 Updates – Carrie/John/Eric

Things progressing well. Fuel tank about to be sealed and put together. Lots of internal parts in the fuselage to work on.

Eric will order some parts that were used in the 2018 One Week Wonder and are missing from the kit we got.

## Holiday Banquet

Plan for December?

Discuss at the next chapter gathering, get ideas on date/time and place.

Talk with David next week after he returns from Italy.

## Chapter Hangar

### Lighting

Wayne would like to get a couple people together before the next chapter gathering to discuss a path forward. Bit of a disconnect between the hardware we have and the electrical contractor we brought in to help. Wayne and Charlie have contact with that contractor.

Wayne and John can discuss ideas regarding this. Include Jim Casper as well.

<b>Upcoming Chapter Gatherings</b>	<b>Topic/Presenter</b>
Thursday, October 12, 2023	Charlie Becker: MOSAIC
Thursday, November 9, 2023	Brian Liddle: Aviation art
Thursday, December 14, 2023	TBD
Thursday, January 11, 2024	TBD
Thursday, February 8, 2024	TBD
Thursday, March 14, 2024	TBD
Thursday, April 11, 2024	TBD
Saturday, April 20, 2024	Spring Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagles Rally

## **Chapter 252 Hangar**

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