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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### State of the Chapter: 252 Soars

CHARLIE BECKER

Hard to believe it has been four years as president of our chapter. Time truly does fly. I want to thank you for your support and membership in the chapter. As this is my last president's column before I hand over the controls, I feel like it might be a good time to do a brief review of the State of the Chapter.

#### Membership

Membership is strong and growing. We have 159 members. I feel we have really made strides to welcome new members. Nothing is worse

than showing up as a new person to a meeting and feeling isolated, so please make sure you wear your name tag and introduce yourself. If you have not yet renewed for 2019, please do so at the next meeting.

#### Finances

We are in a strong position financially. Thanks to your volunteerism, our pancake breakfast continues to be a solid fundraiser for our chapter. We also pick up income from our brat barns (still need a chairman for 2019!) and rental of our hangar. All these efforts add up and we have the



money in the bank to pay for our hangar improvement/expansion in cash. Our hangar is already paid for and we don't owe anyone. Once we get past the hangar expansion, future fundraising can be dedicated to scholarship support and improving the state of aviation in Oshkosh.

#### Leadership

Overall, we have a dedi-

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# Welcome



December. For flyers and builders, a slower time of year while we throttle back and refocus on family and the holidays.

For EAA Chapter members, it's a time connect with our Chapter family and celebrate together at the upcoming Holiday Party at the

Roxy on January 19 (see next page for details).

Until then, hope to see you at the next Chapter meeting, December 13.

*Mike DiFrisco, EAA Lifetime #336855*

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Suggestions for submissions include (but are not limited to):

- > updates on build projects
- > flight milestones
- > technical articles
- > items of interest to the general membership
- > classified ads

Submissions in either Word or PDF format, and photos in .jpg format are appreciated.

## December Gathering

DECEMBER

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See you at the Chapter 252 Hangar for the October meeting. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Pizza and hangar flying. Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Members, Prospective Members, and Guests Welcome! **Details below.**

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The December Chapter Presentation is titled **“Taking Wing in Wisconsin’s Winter Weather Wonderland.”** Presented by Nathan Borlee, this will walk pilots through a typical cross country flight and will highlight things of note for weather, icing, pilot preparation, preflight action, and other flight considerations.

Doors open at 6:00, pizza dinner at 6:30, and Nathan’s presentation at 7:00.



Nathan Borlee will be presenting Taking Wing in Wisconsin’s Winter Weather Wonderland.

## Welcome New Members!



### *Sonja Karner*

Sonja is a student in Oshkosh and will graduate in the Spring of 2020. She received

her Young Eagles ride from our member Serena Kamps this past July. She would like to get involved in chapter activities. She hopes to learn all she can and make aviation her career. Sonja has started her Sporty's ground school. Other activities she enjoys are playing tennis and playing the piano. Good luck with your aviation endeavors and welcome to Chapter 252!

### *John Schauer*

John lives in Oakfield. He is active in the Young Eagles program and is a member of the Fond du Lac chapter. He has always loved aviation and



enjoys looking at the planes flying overhead. He has also attended two EAA aviation air camps. Welcome to Chapter 252!

*The Roxy*  
Supper Club

## Chapter 252 Holiday Party!

**Save the date for January Holiday Party at the Roxy!**

Saturday, January 19, 2019—cocktails at 6:00, dinner at 7:00, order from the menu. Chapter awards will be presented.

## Give the Gift That Helps Your Chapter!

KwikTrip gift cards are a great way to fill out your Christmas shopping list and help our chapter. **\$1,750 worth of cards will be available, first-come-first-served, at our December meeting, in \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 denominations.** The chapter receives 10% of each card value when it is sold and another 10% when it is used in the store. The cards can also be used for KwikTrip gasoline purchases. So be sure to bring your checkbook or some cash to the meeting.



## Chapter 252 Resource List

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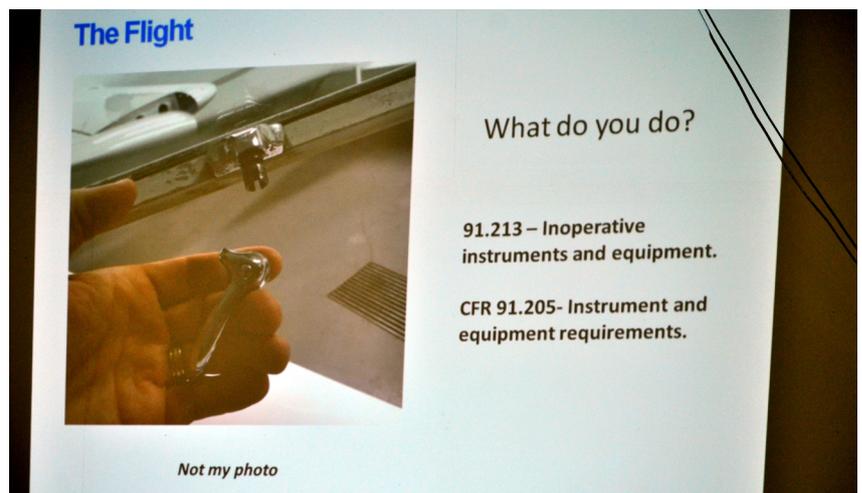
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# Scenes from the November Chapter Gathering



# Short Hops

## Kwik Trip cards for sale

Bring cash or check to the December meeting to buy some great stocking stuffers!

## Merchandise Manager/Volunteer needed

We need someone to take care of shirt/hat sales and Kwik Trip cards. Contact Carrie Forster or Fred Stadler if interested.

## Brat Barn Chair needed

Date selection will take place in January. We are looking at having two events during the summer. Event chair responsible for recruiting and coordinating volunteers, set up and oversight the day of the event. Contact Carrie Forster if interested.

## Scholarships available...

for summer Air Academy programs, but time to apply is limited. Participants must be between the ages of 12 and 18. [Learn more here.](#) Interested applicants should send a letter to the board. Letter should tell why applicant is interested in attending an Air Academy. Applications due by December 15.

## Holiday Party

Reminder/Save the Date for January 19 party at the Roxy. RSVP to Dennis Moehn [moehn@fvtc.edu](mailto:moehn@fvtc.edu).

## Coming soon!

New shirt order.

## 2019 Pancake Breakfast/Young Eagle Rally Dates

Saturday, April 6 and Saturday, September 14.w



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# EAA Ch. 252 Board Meeting Minutes

November 27, 2018

Members Present: Charlie Becker (President), Carrie Forster (President-Elect), David Leiting (Vice-President Elect), Wayne Daniels (Board Member), Jim Casper (Board Member), Fred Stadler (Treasurer), Doug Milius (Membership Chair), John Forster

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

## Old Business:

- Brat Barn Updates
  - Still looking for event chair - Carrie will ask Mike to put announcement/ad in the December Pylon.
  - Date selection in late January or early February - anyone available to sign up for the chapter?
  - Is there enough interest to continue this event?
  - Will do two events this year instead of three.
- Shirt Order Updates (Carrie)
  - Order 50
  - Carrie will also send an email out to the membership.
  - Carrie will look at Chapter Gear for women's cut shirts. (Some interest in women's cut, but would be a smaller order; Chapter Gear has a minimum of 6.)
- Kwik Trip cards (Fred)
  - Need to publicize availability.
- Hangar Expansion Updates

(Charlie)

- No updates; will look for alternate vendor.
- Charlie will continue on this project.
- Ray Aviation Scholarship (David)
  - Need to appoint a chapter coordinator.
  - David suggested Serena as coordinator and has already approached her.
  - Potential candidate - Serena will speak to the potential candidate.
  - Funds disbursed from EAA to the chapter. Flight School invoices the chapter.
  - Mentorship a big part of the program.
  - Recipient also expected to give two volunteer hours per month to the chapter.
- Pancake Breakfast/YE Rally Dates - need to select dates
  - April 6
  - September 14
- December Board Meeting Date - December 27
- Board Mtgs at EAA through April (David will book the leadership classroom)
- Potential meeting topics:
  - December - Nathan Borlee / pizza (Jim Casper will order 15 pizzas and pick them up, Carrie will pick up cookies)
  - January - RC models (Rick Larson, Sean Elliott, model aircraft - Charlie will talk to them).

- February - Eric Abraham - RV canopy construction
- March - YE program
- April?
- May - Eric Abraham - aircraft painting; bring both RV's that he's worked on to the meeting and talk about the build
- AMA presentation - contact person?
- EAA Air Academy
  - Share thank you letter from Christian Ross.
  - Prospects for 2019 - put something in the newsletter if members have any candidates, send a letter of application by December 15.
- YE credits set to expire at the end of the year
  - Personalized hats for pilots
- Board Members at Large
  - Carrie can appoint three members.
- Winter Board Meeting Location
  - EAA HQ leadership classroom
- New Chapter Roster Management Tool
  - Charlie demonstrated the new chapter management tool that is undergoing beta testing from EAA. Our chapter will be part of the beta test.
- Members: Doc Mosher — approved honorary member through 12/31/2019

## Join the 252 Family!

Annual Membership (Calendar Year)

Dues are \$20

(\$10 for partial year, July - December).

Student Memberships are \$10.

Dues in the amount of \$20 can be given to Doug Milius or mailed to him at:

**Doug Milius**  
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Thank you for your continued support of EAA Chapter 252!

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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cated group of volunteers that meet regularly at our business/board meeting to run the chapter (everyone is welcome to attend and participate). It made being president so much easier and I want to thank them for their commitment. Going forward, I'm thrilled that Carrie Forster will be taking over as president. She a very capable person who has been actively engaged as our Vice President in running the chapter. Besides being a pilot, she is an excellent writer, so I look forward to her taking over this column. Our new Vice President, David Leiting, is also a great addition to our leadership team. He works for me at EAA in the Chapters Office so he brings a wealth of knowledge from his day job as well as prior experience as a chapter officer in North Dakota. The rest of

the leadership team remains in place.

Based on the above three key areas, I feel the chapter is on really solid ground. We can always do better and I'm sure under Carrie's leadership we will continue to make strides. If you are not yet actively involved in the chapter, I would strongly encourage you to step up and get involved. Fundamentally, it is the people that add the real value to our chapter. The more members we have involved and participating, the better we will be.

Tailwinds,  
*Charlie Becker*  
*Outgoing President*

### IMC Club Meetings

Third Tuesday of the Month 6:30 pm

Location: EAA Aviation Center

All Chapter Members

Welcome



### Board Meetings

Fourth Thursday of every month at 6:00 p.m.

Location: EAA HQ Leadership Classroom  
Members Welcome at board meetings.

## 252's Fred Stadler Continues to Inspire Others

Thomas Sieracki, EAA 1096352, had no idea how much a routine trip to Oshkosh to visit his cousins in August 2012 would change his life. Thomas was 15 years old at the time, and he really just needed something to do.

“My dad and I were bored one day down in Oshkosh, hanging out with family, and my dad asked me if I was interested in going over to the [EAA Aviation Museum] because I had never been over there,” Thomas said. “I, at this time, didn't really have any interest in

aviation. I didn't really even know what EAA was. So I said yeah, absolutely, let's go check it out because we're right across the street from it.”before the holidays.

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