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President's Report— Carrie Forster



Many thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make another successful fall pancake breakfast. The weather didn't cooperate for our Young Eagle event, but we still had a few planes and pilots on the ramp who spent time with kids and families and gave them a chance to sit in an aircraft and ask questions. Poor weather impacted our breakfast attendance as well, but we still served quite a few people and had a fun event.

Our Teen Build project is underway. Our group is meeting every Wednesday from 6:00 - 9:00 pm in the chapter hangar. Thanks to some adult volun-

teers, we've done some rearranging to create a space for working on the project. Our building team is really coming together nicely. After a few sessions of skill building, we've begun working on the vertical stabilizer. Many thanks to Eric Abraham and Dennis Moehn for joining us as core mentors/leaders for this project, as well as the other volunteer mentors who have been coming by to help.

Now that the build is getting started, we'll be looking to begin fundraising for the panel and other parts of the project that we still need. Watch for announcements at chapter gatherings and in the Pylon for ways you can help. If you're interested in assisting with fundraising for this project, please contact me at ea252@gmail.com.

We are still looking for 2-3 members to form a hangar committee. Kyle Voltz is spearheading the reorganization of the hangar. Moving forward, the committee will oversee the hangar facility, rather than having just one hangar manager.

We will be voting for chapter officers at our November chapter gathering. Officers serve for two years and are elected in November with their term of office beginning in January.

Join us Thursday for our annual Chili Cook Off. Bring a batch of your favorite chili to share. We usually get a great variety of chili to sample. Our presenter this month will be Mark Schaible from Sonex talking about the One Week Wonder. We hope to see you all there!

Blue Skies,

Carrie

October 13
Chapter Gathering

Mark Schaible of Sonex Aircraft on the 2022 One Week Wonder

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

PLEASE BRING CHILI OR DESSERT!

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October Chapter Gathering

Mark Schaible of Sonex Aircraft will present on the Waix-B One Week Wonder built at AirVenture 2022.

A group of volunteers— including a number of Chapter 252 members— opened a standard Sonex kit on Monday morning and finished with an airplane that taxied under its own power on Sunday afternoon. Mark hopes to taxi the airplane over for us to look at, weather permitting.



Please bring chili or corn chips, shredded cheese, sour cream, and of course desert!

September Chapter Gathering Report

Chapter members enjoyed a beautiful late summer evening at the Chapter 252 hangar for the annual corn roast. We also recognized the first solo of our Ray Scholar, Ike Langkau with a cake and traditional shirt-cutting!



Chapter RV-12 Teen Build Underway

The Chapter 252 RV-12 Teen Build project is underway! With basic metal working training complete, the group has now started on the airplane's vertical stabilizer. Build sessions are held every Wednesday evening from 6:00 - 9:00 pm.

Many thanks to Eric Abraham and

Dennis Moehn for joining us as core mentors/leaders for this project, as well as the other volunteer mentors who have been coming by to help.

Special thanks to Trace Blakely for his donation of a rolling toolbox and

shelving for the Teen Build project.

If you're interested in assisting with fundraising for this project, please contact Carrie at ea252@gmail.com.



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Pancake Breakfast a Success (In Spite of the Weather)

Marginal VFR and some IFR grounded our Young Eagle flights and limited attendance to mostly drive-in attendees, but in spite of that the chapter event was a success with about 150 guests making donations for breakfast, which is more than we had for our fall event last year. Even though they couldn't fly some Young Eagles enjoyed looking at and learning about the aircraft in attendance on the ramp. Thanks to Joe Sonnleitner and Brian Langkau for chairing the event and to all the chapter volunteers who did everything from set up to take down for making the event a success. *Photos: Kirby Scott, Jim Cunningham.*



Member Profile: Hans Noack

Jim Cunningham
Newsletter Editor

When your parents are longtime Oshkosh aircraft restorers and builders Bauken and Tracy Noack, it's not surprising that you end up in aviation. But for chapter member Hans Noack, that didn't seem inevitable at first, despite his first ever flight experience being in EAA's Ford TriMotor and many days spent at Pioneer Airport starting before he could walk. Pioneer still houses the "Hans-O-Meter" that was used to measure his height as he grew up.

Upon graduating high school, his mom, EAA Chapter 252 Spirit of Elo award winner Tracy Noack, told him to "Get a job, go to college, or get a pilot's license." Unsurprisingly, he chose the latter... but of course given his background only a taildragger would do! Such training was hard to find, and after a couple of false starts at the local level he eventually went to Punta Gorda, Florida in 2018 and learned to fly with CFI Barry Sutton in a Citabria. Once his private pilot certificate was in hand, his passion for all things aviation awakened, and he started on his instrument rating... also in the Citabria, which is not your typical instrument trainer. His efforts were cut short when the pandemic broke out in 2020, and Hans returned to Oshkosh. Not long after he began working at New View Technologies across the taxiway from the family hangar. One of the airplanes he helped work on—especially with upgrading its avionics—was a Cessna 150. The up-



grade turned out to be personally beneficial when he completed his instrument rating in the aircraft!

Hans enrolled in Fox Valley's Aircraft Electronics program this fall; he will also be obtaining his A&P rating while in the program. He plans to continue earning additional pilot ratings as well. As to whether he will be a professional pilot who is also an A&P or vice versa, Hans isn't sure yet. For the moment he is more interested in the mechanical side of things, driven by a desire to be like his amazing dad, who, as Hans well puts it, "can give form to anything he imagines." In the meantime, Hans enjoys flying his sister Emily's Aeronca Champ and the pure flying experience it gives. You might also see him studying a set of Dragonfly plans that have captured his imagination, which,



given his lineage, may well lead to yet another Noack flying machine.

Photos by Hanna Noack

Welcome New Members

Doug Milus Chapter Membership

Stephen Moore- Stephen and his wife Lisa live in Appleton. Their son Isaac is part of the chapters teen build project. Isaac is currently a sophomore in high school. Both Stephen and Isaac build and fly RC planes. Their daughter Anna has just started flying RC planes. Isaac wants to be an A&P mechanic and pilot. The whole family has attended Air Venture. Welcome to Chapter 252.

Doug Mac Donald- Doug lives in International Falls, MN. He volunteers with Charlie Becker at Air Venture. He's an industrial cost engineer and is currently working in the area. His first flight was in a Bell 205 at age 5. He is a home builder and a private pilot. Thanks for joining Chapter 252!



Katarzyna Prutis-Katazyna- Kasia lives in Cedarburg and attended the chapter flying start event in May. She used to volunteer at departure briefings and is currently looking for a new place to volunteer during AirVenture. She works for a dental insurance company. She has always wanted to become a pilot and once

worked as a flight attendant for a Polish airline. One day she hopes to get her pilot license. Welcome to Chapter 252!



Lauren Stettbacher- Lauren lives in North Fond du Lac. Lauren has attended Girl Venture the past 2 summers and has volunteered at Christmas in the Air. She is a junior at Horace Mann High School in NFDL. She grew up south of the Oshkosh Airport and attended the airshows and enjoyed watching the planes fly overhead. She has wanted to become a pilot since she was a little girl. She is a Young Eagle, taking a flight in 2019. She has taken numerous aerobatic rides and is currently in flight training and should solo soon. She is on the varsity cross country, basketball and softball teams at school. Welcome to Chapter 252!

Heather Berger- Heather lives in Neenah. Her son Andrew is involved with the teen RV-12 project. Her interest in aviation comes from her son. She would like to fly in an open

cockpit plane someday. Andrew is looking forward to the RV-12 project. He has taken a Young Eagle ride. He is currently a student at Neenah Lutheran and hopes to become an airline pilot in the future. Thanks for joining Chapter 252.

Tom Otte- Tom is a Young Eagle pilot and a parking co-chair at Fond du Lac. Tom is currently a photographer, in sales and is also a disk jockey. Tom soloed at 16 and worked at the FBO in Fond du Lac from age 14 through 22. He has 200 hours in a Cessna 172 and Sundowner. Welcome to Chapter 252!



Longtime Chapter Member George Rotter Passes

Joe Scheibinger
EAA Chapter 252



It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to a great pilot, craftsman, mentor, family man, and long time member of Chapter 252, George Rotter. George passed away peacefully at his home in Oshkosh on Saturday, October 1. George is lovingly survived by his wife of 68 years Janet Rotter, 2 children: Michael & Kathy, two grandchildren, and his sister Marion. Before George retired, he worked in the front office of Wisconsin Public Service.

Everyone has a list of people that are important and influential in the development of their lives. We remember these people and hold them in reverence and deep respect. For me, George is on that list. It is a great honor to be asked to write a few words about this incredible man.

So to start the story, we go back around 52 years ago when I had the pleasure of meeting him for the first time. George became a member of EAA back in 1970 and joined our chapter just a few years after Chapter 252 was incorporated. His EAA number is 54992 and that shows his interest in aviation goes back to the clubs beginning years. I was a sophomore in high school when George came over to our home. My father Al



George Rotter and Al Scheibinger working on Al's Volmer Amphibian.

Scheibinger and George were very close friends and I have very fond memories of George helping my father in the evenings on Dad's first project, a Volmer Amphibian.

It would be fair to say George was an

old school EAA'er. Back in the day airplane kits weren't available like they are today. Aircraft builders would not only have to acquire their own parts, they would have to make everything for their aircraft by hand. To this day, I hold experimental air-



George Rotter in 1970

craft builders that build from scratch in high esteem. George was a craftsman. More about this later.

A fond memory comes to mind remembering when George, my father and I took a trip to a safety ladder factory just off Oregon St. in Oshkosh in the early 70's. They had some of the best Sitka Spruce in the country. They would sell it to homebuilders at the time and I still remember the conversation. George gave us a lecture on what to look for in grain straightness and impurities for wood used in wing spars.

Back in the day our chapter met in a small room inside the old Wittman Field control tower. I still remember the old gang that would meet and talk airplanes once a month. Our own Jim Casper was there along with Joe Gibson, Aloys Latch, Steve Wittman, Bob Strehlow, Mike Butler, and a host of other great aviation personalities. You could feel the love of aviation in the room with members that freely help each other and share their love of flying and building.

So because of George and my father, and the gang of 252 aviators, I caught the bug. My new aviation friends were my mentors. My Dad couldn't get his private license because of high blood pressure so I took lessons at Brennan's and soloed in 1971 in a Cessna 150. Thanks George!

George scratch built the airplane known as the "Fly Baby." I can remember going to his home and finding him working on his project in the garage behind his home. I remember his first flight, and I remember the incredible workmanship. Back in 1982, George was one of the lead volunteers for the Wittman Bonzo project that is currently on display at the EAA museum. In fact I have a video of George and the gang working on the two year project along with our own Jim Casper and Mike Butler.

Back in 1983 we put a gang of guys together and drove to Sun & Fun in a Dodge van and a small pop up camper. Steve Wagner and I slept in the back of the van and George, Aloys Laatch and Huey Mongan stayed in

the camper. That was the year of torrential rains and we sunk the truck and camper up to the frame in the mud along with most of the other campers. Sun & Fun rented this big Russian tractor to pull us out of the campsite! At the time George had his eye on a Fischer 101 ultralight.

When the time came to give up flying, he didn't give up on his chapter. His incredible skill and craftsmanship transferred over to another building hobby called "Matchitecture." These are models built with wood that are incredible pieces of art. I was stunned when I went over to George's house and found him working on these intricate creations. He would build them and give them away as gifts. Hundreds of hours go into making each creation. See the picture of George sitting next to all his completed projects. This picture came off the company website with this caption from the company: "The Best of the Best."

It's the little things that matter. One of my fondest memories was at EAA just two years ago when I had my Zenith on display in the homebuilt building. I first installed the seats on that day and it was like some kind of divine intervention! Here comes George over to see the plane and I invited him to be the very first



person to sit in it! I quickly grabbed my camera and caught the picture posted here that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

At the last corn roast meeting, Tom Sturtevant and I sat with George and I remember telling Tom all of the great George Rotter stories. Too many to mention here, but I will always remember them!

To Janet and his entire family, all of us at Chapter 252 grieve with you, we are thinking of you, we are praying with you, and we are so proud to have known this great man. To George, God bless you my friend and thank you for the mentoring and all the great memories.



Volk Field Fly-In/Drive-In

Volk Field Air National Guard Base (KVOK) is bringing back their annual fly-in this year, on Saturday, November 5, 2022 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It's the only time of the year when civilian pilots can fly to an active military airfield in Wisconsin. The event will have IFR/VFR safety seminars, tours of the base facilities, breakfast and lunch for attendees, and the opportunity for pilots to get the Volk Field stamp in their Fly Wisconsin Airport Passport book.

Special documentation and registration will be required to attend. To register for the event, please [sign up here](#). If you are driving to the event, please indicate so in the "Time Slot" comment area. Sometime after you submit the initial time slot information, additional forms will be emailed to

you. All forms must be submitted to attend. Please have all documentation submitted by October 28.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Levi Eastlick from the Wisconsin Bureau of Aeronautics



at levi.eastlick@dot.wi.gov or (608) 267-5018.

[Click here to download a map](#) of the

Volk Military Operations Areas and the frequencies and contact information for the airfield and its MOAs.

Wings as Eagles Flies Sportsman to Africa

Remember when you thought your solo cross-country for your private pilot rating was intimidating? How about flying a Sportsman from Oshkosh to Africa? Our friends down the taxiway at Wings as Eagles have recently done just that. All went well and the airplane arrived in Cameroon October 2. You can read about the trip on their [Facebook page](#).



New Self-Serve Fuel Facility Coming to KOSH

Wittman Regional Airport is making progress on the new self-serve fuel station to replace the current unit located near the "north Ts." This report is from September 21.

new self-serve with our partners at Basler Flight Service!!

Progress is being made on the upgraded self-serve fueling at #OSH. Our crews were out early this morning digging a large hole to set the base for a light pole which will illuminate the area where the relocated self-serve is going (directly west of the new terminal). Stay tuned for further updates on the opening date of the



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September 2022 Board Meeting Agenda

Thu, September 29, 2022 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)

Attending: Carrie Forster, David Leiting, Chris Gauger, Jim Cunningham, Fred Stadler, John Forster, Joe Sonnleitner, Charlie Becker, Brian Langkau, Wayne Daniels, Jim Casper, Eric Abraham

Monthly Gatherings

October: Subject a work in progress, David and Chris will brainstorm, maybe look at EAA Speakers Bureau. Food: chili.

November: Guest speaker (see below); food TBD.

Fall Pancake Breakfast Wrap-up (Joe and Brian)

2022 fall breakfast had higher turnout than 2021 fall breakfast, but attendance lower than expected due to having to cancel Young Eagle flights. Nevertheless, chapter made a profit and had lots of volunteers and participation from chapter members.

Look at ways to market the events in the future. Send press release to *Oshkosh Herald* or other newspapers? Banner placements? Promote in schools?

Will have to ensure access to Wittman FBO circuit breakers for future events we hold there.

Need to make sure we have 4 full tanks of propane before the pancake breakfast, and then fully refuel them afterward so they're ready to use.

Charlie said we could borrow tanks from EAA and return them.

Despite cancelling Young Eagle flights, some kids and parents were able to see some of the airplanes that showed up, and the pilots let them climb inside. One kid was recruited for chapter build project.

Flight Simulators

David said two simulators from Learn to Fly Center at AirVenture can be used during the rest of the year. Could be used by our chapter, such as for YE rallies, Flying Start events, other youth events, pilot proficiency sessions, etc. Equipment requires some effort to move, but not much. Running *X-Plane 11* and the newest *Microsoft Flight Simulator*. Need to find a place in the hangar. Simulators would be moved back to AV grounds for convention. Computers might need Wi-Fi connection for software updates; the newest *Microsoft Flight Simulator* definitely needs it.

We do not currently have Wi-Fi in the hangar, may need that in the future.

Need plan for hangar access for people who want to use the simulators on their own time.

David can get one simulator set up so we can see how it works and if we want to keep it at the chapter, and figure out where to put it.

Brian Langkau said that a glider simulator may also be available for our chapter. Somewhat larger footprint than the other simulators and a little outdated, but has realistic controls and powerful software.

Air Academy Scholarships for 2023

Spot reserved for a recipient next year.

Another spot can be reserved. Potential candidates from the teen build project. Make decision on whether or not to reserve this spot by December.

Ray Aviation Scholarship Updates

Ike has been flying regularly, solo and dual flights. Working on radio communications. Will begin night flying soon. John Forster quizzes him on ground school material. Ike is also participating in the teen build project and has become a leader in the group.

Jarrett completed first solo flight at Lewis University. Was able to have a stage check with CFI at school and was able to continue training where he left off. Has been in regular communication with Carrie and David. Solo report will be sent soon.

Forrest has decided to pursue other opportunities outside of flight training and has put A&P school on hold.

2020 scholar Lucas Pulvermacher got his PPL at Eastern Kentucky University.

Restarting IMC Club

Charlie met with Jack Pelton, who said he'd like to see EAA 252 use the EAA Museum's new Pilot Proficiency Center for its IMC Club.

Will need a CFII to attend IMC Club meetings and help with discussions, but CFII does not have to be the IMC Coordinator.

Eric Abraham knows a couple CFII's who could step in.

Fox Valley Tech may have CFII's or instrument pilots in training who can step in. Wayne will talk to their chief pilot.

Reach out to CFII's in the chapter. Use Facebook to recruit one? Look at chapter roster for CFII's? Bring up at next chapter gathering? Put up posters at Wittman FBO?

Reach out to Jim Kress?

Could restart the club on a bimonthly basis.

Avoid Wednesdays for IMC Club meetings, since that coincides with the teen build nights.

Note that IMC Club participation can count for FAA Wings credit.

Elections (November meeting)

At October meeting, tell attendees about election. Open to candidates.

Teen Build/RV-12 Updates

Meeting every Wednesday, 6-9 PM.

Things coming together well, especially with kids who have committed to the project. High levels of interest and engagement. Finished sheet metal phone holder project. Unwrapped vertical stabilizer for the RV-12. Don't need to recruit more kids at this time.

Need some money for shelving and parts storage for the chapter hangar. For \$200-300, we could buy everything we need.

Jim Casper made motion to spend \$300 for shelving and parts storage. David seconded. Board voted unanimously in favor of spending funds on this purpose.

Some tools and storage items may be donated to the chapter.

Should determine what to do with the completed aircraft ahead of time.

RV-12 donation agreement from EAA is inching along.

Hangar Updates

Still getting a hangar committee put together.

Need to determine how to handle more member access for the hangar.

Determine security for hangar, especially given that more expensive items are being stored in there. May need to upgrade door access.

Install security cameras? Would need Wi-Fi for this, although we could install a trail camera.

Require members to request access to hangar, so we can maintain a log of their visits?

Increased access to hangar for members could increase membership for chapter, and lead to restroom expansion.

Monthly Gatherings:

2023 event proposed dates highlighted in yellow.

Board approved gathering and event dates for 2023.

2022 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, October 13	TBD
Thursday, November 10	<u><i>Behind My Wings: Untold Stories of Vietnam Vets</i></u>
Thursday, December 8	TBD

2023 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, January 12	
Thursday, February 9	
Thursday, March 9	
Thursday, April 13	
Saturday, April 22	Pancake Breakfast & YE Rally
Thursday, May 11	
Saturday, May 13	Flying Start
Thursday, June 8	
Saturday, June 10	International YE Day
Thursday, July 13	
Thursday, August 10	
Thursday, September 14	Annual Corn Roast
Saturday, September 16	Pancake Breakfast & YE Rally
Thursday, October 12	
Thursday, November 9	
Thursday, December 14	

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