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President's Report— Carrie Forster



We had gorgeous weather for our Flying Hamburger Social in August. Many, many thanks to the volunteers who came to help. We didn't have a huge turn out, but we did have a number of aircraft fly in and some locals who drove in for the event. People who attended seemed to have a very good time and donations slightly exceeded expenses, so it was an overall success. The event is not a fundraiser for us, just an opportunity to participate in the aviation community. Ours is one of the few Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Socials that is held at a towered airport, and I think that impacts our attendance. It was a fun evening and is always great to have a reason to hang out at the airport.

The RV-12 kit for the Teen Build is in the chapter hangar and we've started our first sheet metal skill building session. Students had the opportunity to learn how to work with sheet metal and pulled rivets. It was fun to see them start to work together and to have the chance to begin learning the tools and techniques needed to build the aircraft.

Our big event for September is our fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally. We are still looking for volunteers, so we appreciate help if you are able. Hopefully the weather will cooperate. We have 73 youth registered for flights that morning.

If you've been thinking about a way to get more involved in the chapter, you may want to consider joining the newly forming hangar committee. We have had a hangar manager in the past (thanks to Jim Kress who was in the position for several years and most recently to Doug Milius for taking that role) and the board has decided to create a committee to oversee things related to the hangar. One thing we want to accomplish this fall is to do some cleaning and reorganizing of our hangar space to accommodate our teen build project and also to create an inviting space for our chapter gatherings and events. It would be nice to create a space that is welcoming and to offer members more opportunities to come hang out at the airport. If you are interested in learning more, or want to help out with the hangar committee, contact me at ea252@gmail.com.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday at the Corn Roast!

Blue Skies,

Carrie

September 8 Chapter Gathering

Corn Roast

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

**PLEASE BRING A DISH OR
DESSERT!**

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September Chapter Gathering

Our September gathering will be our traditional chapter corn roast! The chapter will provide our usual corn and lots of butter, but we will need side dishes and deserts so please bring one with you when attending!

Our September gathering is also our traditional time to display member aircraft. Please plan on flying in or taxiing your aircraft over to the chapter hangar so members can view it.

Please bring a dish or dessert!



August Chapter Gathering Report

After enjoying grilled brats and burgers prepared by chapter Spirit of Elo recipients Dennis and Karen Moehn, members adjourned the EAA Kermit Weeks Hangar. Chapter member Sean Elliott gave us a personalized tour and the opportunity for up-close examination of a variety of aircraft ranging from RV-12s to EAA's Ford TriMotor to an award-winning Bf-109 and more. Chapter member Kyle Voltz also gave tours to members of the ship he flies for work, a King Air.



Corn Roast Assistance Needed

Carrie Forster
Chapter President

It's time for our annual Corn Roast. Jim Casper is in need of 1 - 2 people to help with the corn roasting on

Thursday, 9/8. If you can help Jim out, please reach out to him at 920-460-0858.

Corn will be provided. The rest of the meal will be potluck. We could use a

variety of sides and desserts. If anyone wanted to bring some sloppy joes or sandwiches, that would also be appreciated.

Volunteers Needed: Fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally

Carrie Forster
Chapter President

Our Pancake Breakfast is this Saturday, September 10 from 7:30 - 11:00 am and we are still in need of volunteers. Please consider joining us if you

are able. Sign up [HERE](#) or contact Joe Sonnleitner (jsonnleitner3@outlook.com or 920-410-1011) or Brian Langkau (scibry@gmail.com or 920-379-1314). It's always a lot of fun, and is great community outreach and an important

fundraiser for our chapter that helps cover the costs of our chapter hangar.

Join our Newly Forming Hangar Committee!

Carrie Forster
Chapter President

The board has decided to form a hangar committee to oversee all things hangar related. Kyle Voltz has agreed to spearhead some cleaning and reorganizing of the chapter hangar (if you know Kyle, you know what a flair he has for this) but we also need a few more folks to help out by joining the hangar committee.

We are looking for 2 - 4 individuals who will help create a plan for the hangar and help facilitate some cleaning and reorganization. We will also be reaching out to additional chapter members who can pitch in for a cleaning/organizing session once we create our plan and set some work dates.

If you are interested, or would like more info, contact Carrie at eaa252@gmail.com. We are especially interested in doing this work within the next couple of months as our Teen Build project gets going.

CHICKEN WINGS®

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Courtesy of Mike and Stephan at <https://www.chickenwingscomics.com/>

Chapter Flying Hamburger Social A Success Member

Perfect weather graced the chapter's hosting of the Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social on the evening of August 16. Approximately 80 people turned out by air and ground to attend and enjoy food and aviation camaraderie. The chapter also turned a profit of \$79!



Ray Scholar Updates

Carrie Forster Chapter President

Ike Langkau, our newest Ray Scholar, has been busy training this summer. Ike completed his first solo flight on Wednesday, August 10 at Brennand Airport in a C-172. Ike's CFI is chapter member Doug Osterberg. Please join us in congratulating Ike on this accomplishment! We will celebrate with cake at the Corn Roast.

Jarrett Schiedemeyer, Ray Scholar 2021, has started his studies at Lewis University in Illinois in the professional pilot program. Jarrett has already had his first flying lesson and is excited to continue his training toward his private pilot certificate.

Forrest Drews, Ray Scholar 2021, started classes this week at FVTC at the Fox Cities campus, working on his general education requirements with a plan to join the A & P program and earn his A & P and avionics certification.

Lucas Pulvermacher just started his second year at Eastern Kentucky University in their professional pilot program. Lucas started his training as our 2020 Ray Scholar, training with CFI Eric Abraham and flying N0007G with Winnebago Flying Club. Lucas completed his private pilot certificate at ECU this past spring and is currently finishing his instrument rating and will move on to commercial training. Lucas is treasurer of his fraternity, Phi Delta Theta. If any chapter members are looking at aviation schools and decide to visit ECU (20 minutes south of Lexington, KY), Lucas is happy to give them a tour.

Sonja Karner, Ray Scholar 2019, completed her private pilot certificate with Jamie Pittman and Discover Flight. She is currently a junior at University of North Dakota. She visited Oshkosh with her university during AirVenture again this year. Once she got to UND as a freshman, she discovered her love for helicopters. Last year, she flew the UND helicopter into AirVenture. This year, she got to fly the UND helicopter back to UND after convention.



Ike Langkau with his CFI, chapter member Doug Osterberg.



Lucas Pulvermacher after completing his private pilot checkride.

Chapter Teen Build Workshop Held

Chapter members held a training session at the chapter hangar on August 31 for the upcoming RV-12 teen build project. Future builders were introduced to tools, basic metalworking, and airplane construction techniques they will use in building the RV-12.



Wittman Airport – Oshkosh EAA Chapter 252 Pancake Breakfast & Young Eagle Rally



September 10, 2022
7:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Wittman Airport Terminal
525 W. 20th Ave.,
Oshkosh, WI 54902

**FREE AIRPLANE
RIDES!**

EAA Young Eagles

For kids ages 8 – 17
With Parent Permission
8:30 to 11:00 A.M.

Weather Permitting
Pre-register at:

<https://youngeaglesday.org>

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 Chapter 252

August 2022 Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 25, 2022 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)

Attending: Carrie Forster, Jim Cunningham, Doug Milius, Fred Stadler, Wayne Daniels, Eric Abraham, Jim Casper, Christopher Gauger, Brian Langkau, Joe Sonnleitner

Old Business:

Welcome Board Member: Eric Abraham

Eric agreed to fill vacant board position for the rest of the year.

Teen RV-12 Build

Cancelled Wed. 8/24 session due to Carrie and John being sick at the time. Rescheduled to the following week.

Talking with Kyle Voltz for help reorganizing the chapter hangar.

RV-12 kit delivered to hangar. Still need written agreement from EAA for transfer of kit, but we can start building kit.

Inherited 3 work benches from 2022 One Week Wonder.

Chapter Hangar

Dent on the east side of the hangar has been repaired, thanks to Doug's work.

Need to figure out where to set up the benches for RV-12 build.

Someone's seaplane currently stored in chapter hangar since AirVenture for an engine swap.

Ethan Beswick finding a different hangar to store his Maule.

Kyle Voltz suggested setting up a hangar committee, instead of just having one hangar manager, to make decisions about the chapter hangar.

Hangar committee would have 3-5 people to spearhead decision-making, plus volunteers to help with particular tasks.

Opportunity to get more chapter members involved, instead of just relying on the existing board of directors.

Board members in attendance favorable to setting up a hangar committee.

May buy some additional shelving for storing things in hangar. Would help with storing and organizing items for pancake breakfasts and the RV-12 build. Will need to establishing budget for shelving.

Jim Casper willing to help organize. Has tools to donate and some plastic shelves that can be donated in the spring (support 150 lbs per shelf).

Watch out for sales on shelving, e.g. from Menard's.

Should a seating area be set up to make the hangar more welcoming, and to facilitate people hanging out outside of official chapter gatherings?

Hangar layout should still provide the ability to store an airplane, since storing airplanes generates revenue for the chapter. Room for one plane would be sufficient. Some stages of the build project may require reorganizing the hangar and could temporarily eliminate room for storing plane(s).

Two EAA flight simulators are still at the chapter hangar. Could be a resource for members to use.

Ray Aviation Scholarship

Ike Langkau

Had his first solo flight (congratulations!). Solo progress report submitted to EAA. Second scholarship payout of \$4,000 on the way.

Forrest Drews

Has 35 hours of flight time and is almost ready for the written exam.

Interested in pursuing A&P. Carrie and John Forster and CFI John Dorcey are talking about benefits of being both a pilot and an A&P.

Jarrett Schiedemeyer

Passed the written exam before AirVenture. Second scholarship payout of \$2,000 on the way.

Just started college at Lewis University in Illinois, in their aviation program. Chapter is working with him to determine the future of his flight training under the Ray Scholarship.

Chapter starting a small study group for FAA written exam with Ray Scholars and other youth members.

Chris mentioned that Sporty's has a [free FAA written exam preparation resource](#) on its website. Could be beneficial for student pilots without access to the Sporty's Learn to Fly Course.

Monthly Gatherings

September 8 Corn Roast

Will take place at the chapter hangar

Food preparation:

Jim Casper will handle the corn. Need someone to help with serving food.

Dennis Moehn back to teaching and unavailable during evenings until spring, so he won't be available to grill. Won't be a second main dish unless someone else decides to cook.

Ask members to bring a dish to pass in the newsletter.

Program:

Ask members to bring airplanes. Would increase attention and give the event a program. We can mention this in the newsletter.

There will be a cake for Ike Langkau's first solo flight.

Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social – Wrap-Up

Made some profit, thanks to donations from attendees.

At least 11 planes showed up. Decent number of locals in attendance. Those who came tended to stick around. Well-received event. Good number of volunteers.

Fall Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, September 10

Brian and Joe working on inventory.

Grill is back from AirVenture use. Should test it sometime to make sure everything works.

Only one propane tank at hangar; used to be five. Need to find out if remaining tanks are still on AirVenture grounds.

Gas griddle for sausages may be missing.

Brian and Joe will send list to Charlie Becker and John Egan at EAA to inquire about missing items that were used for AirVenture.

Need more volunteers for the breakfast. Carrie will email chapter members to fill open positions. Newsletter will also ask for volunteers.

David Leiting reported there was lots of leftover orange juice and cranberry juice from AirVenture, with expiration dates after the pancake breakfast, so we shouldn't have to buy any more juice. Will verify with David.

Banners go in front of Wittman Airport terminal.

Promote event in the *Oshkosh Herald*?

Limited space for vendors in new terminal, especially with both pancake breakfast and YE rally going on. Carrie will check with Katy Frost to see if we can get tables for Fox Valley Tech and Women in Aviation International.

Could we get airport fire trucks brought over for people to see?

Fall Young Eagles Rally – Saturday, September 10

Need more ground volunteers. Ideally, we want 2-3 for registration and 1-2 to interface with pilots for paperwork. Right now we need 1-3 more volunteers in total.

Chris offered to fly Young Eagles if an extra pilot is needed.

Upcoming Monthly Gatherings

2022 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, September 8	Corn Roast (Chapter Hangar)
Saturday, September 10	Pancake Breakfast and YE Rally (Wittman Terminal)
Thursday, October 13	
Thursday, November 10	<u>Behind My Wings: Untold Stories of Vietnam Vets</u> Author/Presenter BJ Prior
Thursday, December 8	

New Business:

Biennial Officer Elections in November

Carrie will not run for reelection, ending 4-year term, so she can focus on other roles including RV-12 teen build, Ray Scholarship, and Young Eagles.

David Leiting is planning to run for president, which means vice president will be open.

Fred Stadler is open to running for reelection as treasurer, but would not mind if someone else wants the position.

Eric Abraham welcome to stay on board beyond the end of this year.

Chapter 252 Hangar

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