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# PYLON

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Opportunities and Mentorship

CARRIE FORSTER

Yesterday I was reflecting on the ways that learning to fly has impacted my life, ways beyond the obvious one of being able to fly an airplane. I was thinking about the experiences I've had and the people I've met. I don't know that those things really entered into the equation when I decided to pursue my pilot's license.

If you read this month's issue of the *Pylon*, I think you'll see what I mean. Looking back on the month of May, members of our chapter took part in

a variety of aviation related experiences and programs. Those things are also just a snippet of what our members have done recently with their aviation interests. I know full well that there are plenty of other things beyond what they did with our chapter and beyond what people share on social media.

This month alone, I met a bunch of new people through our Flying Start event and because I volunteered at the EAA Chapter 572 Young Eagle Rally. I got to know some other people better because I went on a fly out to



Bessie's restaurant in Janesville. I stopped by Tracy's for hangar coffee on a couple of Sundays. All of these things are opportunities I didn't even know existed prior to joining our chapter and prior to becoming a pilot.

The other piece that I've been thinking about a lot lately

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# Welcome

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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.

We had a great turn out for our May membership meeting with presenter Jim Schell, Airport Manager for Wittman Regional Airport. Jim spent the majority of the time answering chapter members' questions about the airport. He fielded some tough questions from the group. It was a great opportunity for airport management and our chapter members to share ideas.



## June Gathering

JUNE

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

JULY

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## JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Thursday, June 13  
Dinner at 6:30 (Cookout)  
Presentation at 7:00: Eric Abraham

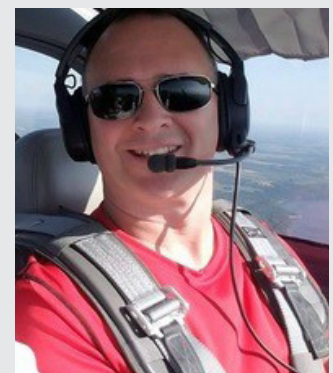
Rescheduled from April, Eric Abraham will be talking about his experience with building the canopies on the RV-7, both tip up and slider configurations. Eric says he used a non-standard procedure and glue instead of rivets and screws. He'll also cover basics on what a builder should expect during this part of the build.

### COMING JULY 11

Eric Abraham will be returning talk about painting techniques from his experiences in two RV build projects. He hopes to bring both planes to the meeting. Dinner will be a cook out.

### COMING AUGUST 8

**2** Barry Yarbrow from the Fox Cities Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. Dinner will be a cook out.



## Chapter 252 Resource List

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## Young Eagles Rally at EAA Chapter 572, Fond du Lac

EAA Chapter 572, Fond du Lac, held their spring Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, May 5. Chapter 252 member Chuck Pazdzioch is the Young Eagle coordinator for 572, and several 252 members helped out at the rally. Kirby Scott was on hand to take some photos.

Thanks to each and every pilot for helping make this event such a

success and accept 572's complete gratitude:

John Forster - Chapter 252  
James Jones - Chapter 252  
Donald Able - Chapter 252  
Eric Abraham - Chapter 252  
Mike Spurlock - Chapter 252  
Elaine Kauh - Chapter 252  
Doug Milius - Chapter 252  
Lou Radecki - Chapter 252  
Pete Vercouteren - Chapter 572  
Charlie Browning - Chapter 572  
Harley Miskov - No chapter -  
(Need to work on that ;)  
Thank you!





## RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



### From Our Scholar, Sonja

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your Ray Aviation Scholar; my name is Sonja Karner and I am 17 years old. I have lived in Oshkosh my entire life, but have recently discovered my passion for aviation. I am thrilled to be a part of your group and have the opportunities you have given me. Thank you for welcoming me into your group with open arms in November. I have gotten to meet so many amazing people since then and I look forward to shaking hands with those I haven't yet.

Thank you to those who have given me the opportunity to occupy a passenger seat at the monthly fly-outs, and to those who I've gotten to share brunch conversation with at the fly-outs. I have learned so much from those experiences and will forever be grateful for them. Thank you to everyone who has encouraged me and has continued to express their support, even if it's just a simple smile at a meeting. I am blessed to have a very supportive and excited family, but it's incredible to feel the support from people who have gone through the same process I will be. I can't say I understand what it is like for my parents to watch me go through this process, but I can say it really is incredible to watch all of you support them too, and I thank you for that.

Thank you for nominating and selecting me as your Ray Aviation Scholar. I'll admit it: I still can't fathom all of the opportunities this scholarship gives me, but I can promise you



I open my arms graciously to it all. Thank you to everyone who has generously donated a headset, maps, books, and other equipment to me. I promise I will not let you down. I am ready to work hard.

As your scholar, I will complete my solo within 3 months, my FAA written within 6 months, and my training with a successful checkride within the year. I will be targeting flying each week at least twice, as well as volunteering with the chapter at least 2 hours each month. Each month, I will also be updating you on my progress, my accomplishments and my experiences.

Thank you for all you've done! I look forward to the upcoming months with you!

### *Member Milestone: Congrats, Jessica Bower!*

EAA Chapter 252 Member, Jessica Bower, daughter of John and Carrie Forster, recently received her Airframe & Powerplant mechanic's license! Woo hoo! Proud dad said, "She can fly them, design them, and now she can repair them!" While Carrie quipped, "I guess she's serious about this airplane thing!"

## Off to a Flying Start

Sharing our passion for flight is one of the great joys of being a pilot. Despite miserable spring weather in Wisconsin, our chapter recently had the opportunity to share that passion with about 16 individuals who were interested in learning more about how to become pilots. The electricity and energy in the hangar were palpable as those participants interacted with a variety of volunteers, mentor pilots, and flight instructors.

This was a first-time event for our chapter, so we weren't quite sure how everything would go. The chosen date, Saturday, May 18, was International Learn to Fly Day and EAA was encouraging as many chapters as possible to host a Flying Start event on that date. David and

I acted as event co-chairs and received the help of the chapter board and other volunteers. Materials were created by EAA that we just needed to customize for our chapter.

We asked participants to pre-register so we had an idea of how many people to expect, and so we would know how many mentor pilots to recruit. Our Ray Scholar, Sonja Karner, acted as greeter to welcome the participants when they arrived. Hangar Manager Jim Kress picked up donuts and juice and made coffee and had the hangar arranged for the presentation. After some time to mill around, we started the morning with a presentation, which David Leitinger led. The presentation gave an overview of EAA and the nuts and bolts of learning to fly.

It also talked about overcoming barriers to learning to fly and opened the door to some great large group discussion. How do you overcome financial barriers to learning to fly? How do you choose a flight instructor that's right for you? What do you want to do with flying? What can you do with flying? What fears do you have about learning to fly? We had plenty of mentor pilots and other chapter members in the group to have a great discussion about all of these questions and more.

Although the weather didn't cooperate for us to have the Eagle flights that morning, all of our mentor pilots came to the event. After the presentation, participants were able to talk one on one and in small groups with flight instructors





and they also met their mentor pilots. Each mentor pilot then scheduled an individual time for an Eagle flight on a later date. Serena Kamps and Gary Geisler taxied aircraft over to the hangar so that participants and pilots could go outside and look at the aircraft and continue their conversations.

We also provided lunch for everyone, with Tracy Noack and Dennis Moehn taking on the job of grilling and organizing the food. It was a great way to have people continue their conversations and to thank everyone for their attendance.

This event was successful because of the efforts of our members. The energy in the hangar when all of the conversations were taking place was amazing. Just having the presentation and information alone would not have been nearly as powerful.

The fact that everyone could have time to process that information, and then speak individually with a variety of people, made it much more powerful.

In addition to attending our event, all participants were given a complimentary chapter membership through the end of the year. The board hopes that this will provide additional support to them to help them pursue their dreams of flight. I'm excited to see these new members at upcoming meetings and for the rest of you to meet them as well. Hopefully Flying Start will become an annual event for our chapter.

Thanks for our Flying Start Volunteers!

**Flight Schools who attended:** Winnebago Flying Club came with club president and Master CFI Tim Lemke. Additional

instructors from WFC: Eric Abraham, John Dorcey, and Michelle Wrobmich (?). Discover Flight, LLC came with president and CFI Jamie Pittman. CFI Dennis Carew

**Volunteer Eagle Pilots:**

- Eric Abraham
- Gary Geisler
- Chuck Pazdzioch
- John Forster
- Jessica Bower
- Kyle Voltz
- David Leiting
- Serena Kamps

**Other Volunteers:**

- Jim Kress
- Sonja Karner
- David Leiting and Carrie Forster, event co-chairs
- Tracy Noack and Dennis Moehn grilled and organized the lunch.

## Flying Start Flights!

Since the Chapter couldn't do Eagle flights the day of the Flying Start event due to weather, John and Jessica scheduled flights on their own with a couple of our Flying Start participants.



Flying Start participant Lukasz Glowacki getting a preflight briefing with pilot Jessica Bower.

and John Forster. Due to weather conditions the day of our Flying Start program, Eagle flights did not take place that day. Each participant was matched with a pilot mentor that day and they had time to talk and answer questions, and then individual flights were scheduled for a later time.



Getting ready for the flight.



Flying Start participants Lukasz Glowacki and Mark King learning about preflighting an aircraft with pilots Jessica Bower



Our Flying Start/Eagle Flight participants and new members are Mark King and Lukasz Glowacki. Welcome!

## Participants in Chapter 252's Flying Start Event

William Steiner  
Todd Fischer  
Owen Holecko  
Matthew Pfluger  
Eli Lehrer  
Mark Winter  
Ray Reyes  
Quintin Stephens

Mark Hoffman  
Lukasz Glowacki  
Mark King  
Peter Tuley  
Edwine Penn  
Erik Gatford  
Richard Murphy IV  
Lucas Burger

# May 2019 Board Mtg Agenda

Thursday, May 23, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Chapter Hangar

Attending: Carrie Forster (President), Wayne Daniels (Board Member), Dennis Moehn (Board Member), Karen Moehn, John Forster, Charlie Becker (Past President), Jim Kress (Hangar Manager), Serena Kamps, Jim Casper (Board Member), Doug Milius (Membership), Fred Stadler (Treasurer), Jim and Catie Gullickson

## Old Business:

- Ray Aviation Scholarship – updates
  - Sonia is more than ready to get started
- Young Eagles updates
  - Rally rescheduled for June 8
  - 11 are signed up on the website
  - 4 pilots are committed to fly
  - Eric is available to run things on the ground
  - John will contact tower
  - Serena will double check we are registered for insurance
  - Will be flying out of the terminal
  - Is registered with YE.org
- Monthly Fly-Outs
  - May fly-out, three planes went to Janesville, one to Waupaca
- Flying Start – recap
  - 23 signed up, 16 came and two walk-ins came
  - Pilots came, but weather was not conducive to flying
  - Winnebago flying club 4 instructors, Jamie, Dennis Carru were the CFI's that were here
  - Jamie may have got 3 new students out of the event
  - Eagle flights were setup individually within the next few weeks.
  - Very successful for a first time event.
  - 7 new membership forms were received from the event.
- Brat Barn - May 25 – updates
  - Picked up supplies from the hangar, need to pick up charcoal and oven mitts
- Plenty of volunteers have committed to helping
- Meetings:
  - Tuesday, June 4 - Flying Hamburger Social (5-7pm)
  - David needs early crew to help start cooking
  - June - Eric Abraham, airplane canopy construction
  - Dennis grilling out
  - July - Eric Abraham, aircraft painting
  - August - Barry, CAP
  - September - Corn Roast
  - September - Pancake Breakfast/ YE Rally
  - October -
  - November -
  - December -
- Hangar Expansion – updates
  - John met with Ganther construction, can't do it, but gave some tips on how to manage the costs
  - Has another contractor coming to take a look.
  - Due to high cost estimate for the expansion, maybe we should look at an alternative plan of selling current hangar and build a new hangar with all the amenities we desire.
  - Also look at adding bathrooms into the current footprint.
- New Business:
  - Hangar - new tables?
  - Maybe ask terminal to sell a few of theirs
  - Carrie motions to explore getting 4 6' tables for the hangar not to exceed \$250
  - Doug second, approved by board
  - Hangar rental for convention
  - Charlie has a hot lead Sun – Sun for \$2500



## Fly-Out Fun!

On Saturday, May 11, Doug Milius flew up to Appleton and picked up EAA Chapter 252 member Phil Myrkle. They flew over to Wau-paca to meet with EAA Chapter 444 and inspected a Zenith project that will be completed in our hangar in Oshkosh.



Also on May 11, chapter members flew from KOSH to KJVL for lunch at Bessie's Diner. Pictured, left to right: Alex Falcon, Carrie Forster, John Forster, Sonja Karner, Kyle Voltz, Tracy Noack, and Jamie Pittman.



## Mark Your Calendar!

**Thursday, September 12**  
is our annual Corn Roast at Munsil's/ELO.

**Saturday, September 14**  
is our fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagles Rally.



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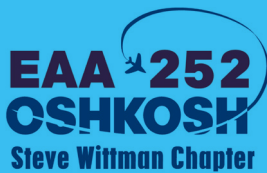
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# FIRST BRAT BARN EVENT A SUCCESS!

Our first Brat Barn of the season was a great success. Our chapter netted just over \$550 after expenses. Thanks to Wayne Daniels for organizing and to volunteers Jim and Catie Gullickson, Jim Streblow, Jim Janes and his wife, Charlie Becker, Doug Milius, Juergen Otte, and Gary Geisler.

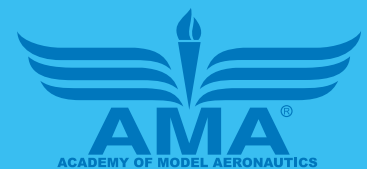
*Photos by Doug Milius*



**Board Meetings**  
 Fourth Thursday of every month  
 at 6:00 p.m.  
 Location: Chapter Hangar  
 Members Welcome at board meetings.



**IMC Club Meetings**  
 Third Tuesday of the Month  
 6:30 pm  
 Location: EAA Aviation Center  
 All Chapter Members Welcome



**Winnebago RC Flyers Club Meetings**  
 Fourth Tuesday of the Month  
 7:00 pm  
 Location: Chapter Hangar  
 Local AMA Chapter

is mentorship. It is why the Ray Aviation Scholarship is so important. It is why we held a Flying Start Event. It is also why being part of a chapter can be so powerful. Mentorship is the key to success in anything, really, and aviation is no different. Apparently only about 20% of people who start their private pilot training finish through their check ride. The Ray Aviation Scholarship is hoping to turn that statistic on its head with a goal of 80% completion for its scholars. At our Flying Start event, participants were able to get a whole lot of information in one place, but they were also able to connect with real people who have been in their shoes.

I think about who my aviation mentors are and what an important role they played in my life – as an aviator and as a person. My flight instructor told me after I passed my private pilot check ride that he is my “instructor for life.” He encouraged me to contact him any time I have questions, and I do. If I have questions about an airspace I haven’t gone into in a while, or procedures I have questions

about, I know that he’s an email or a phone call away. I enjoy flying with my husband and daughter – both of whom are more experienced pilots than I am. At the same time, we do a lot of debriefing situations after flights; what went well, what didn’t. We challenge and support each other.

I’m beginning to feel like I am in a position to be a mentor to others. It was fun to be able to answer questions and encourage all of the prospective pilots in the hangar at Flying Start. The reason that I’ve become active in our chapter is that I want to be able to give the support to others that has been given to me. I know that I still have a lot to learn when it comes to flying, and I’m so happy that I have many people in my life that I can turn to who will help me grow. Mentorship isn’t only in one direction – I love that flying challenges me to keep learning and keep growing. I hope to become a better mentor to others, but I don’t foresee outgrowing the need for mentorship from others either.

*Blue Skies,  
Carrie*

## Member Milestone: Congrats, Edwine Penn!



## 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:

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Thank you for your continued support of EAA Chapter 252!

## Hangar Spring Cleaning Items For Sale

See Jim Kress, hangar manager

- 10'x10' outdoor tent canopy - \$40.00
- 10'x20' outdoor tent canopy - \$80.00
- Large Microwave oven - \$15.00
- Popcorn machine - \$20.00
- Glass front, TV stand - \$10.00
- Hundreds of old aviation magazines and aviation books - Free, Free, Free