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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pilot Proficiency

CARRIE FORSTER

“Safety Through Proficiency” was the theme of the recent IMC/VMC Clubs Regional Meeting, held at the EAA Museum on Saturday, January 11. This full day event provide opportunities for learning and networking. The topic of the first general session was proficiency. EAA Manager of Flight Proficiency Radek Wyrzykowski spoke to the group about EAA’s efforts to assist pilots in improving proficiency. To that end, the Pilot Proficiency Center, a staple of AirVenture, will be

expanding. One component of that will be the online skills tracker. Find out more on the EAA website: [EAA Pilot Proficiency365](#)

Radek brought a lot of great information to the group. He talked about the old axiom that getting your pilot’s license is really a “license to learn,” but he took it one step further - he called it a “license to practice.” I really liked that twist. As pilots, we often talk about the importance of safety and also what we love about flying. When I was a student pilot, I had specific tasks and goals I was trying



to accomplish and scheduling lessons with my instructor helped to keep me on track. As a licensed pilot, I continue to practice and learn. When Radek spoke about proficiency rules, he talked about both the letter and the spirit of the rules. Which helps you to be more proficient - 3 landings on day 89, or averaging one
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Welcome

The Pylon is the monthly newsletter of EAA Ch. 252 and is published monthly by the newsletter editor.

Digital copies are emailed to each chapter member. Hard copies are mailed upon request to those without email access. Current and past copies can be accessed from the chapter website at www.252.eaachapter.org. If you have submissions for the newsletter, please send to editor Jim Cunningham no later than the 20th of each month preceding the issue month at jlcunni6@yahoo.com. Submissions received after the 20th will be included at the editor's discretion in the next month or held for a future publication.

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.

February Gathering

FEBRUARY

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

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March Gathering

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February Chapter Gathering on Thursday, February 13

Tom Charpentier, EAA Government Relations, will present updates regarding ADS-B. We'll have pizza for dinner, so hope to see you there!



March Chapter Gathering on Thursday, March 12: Levi Eastlick, Chief Pilot with the WI DOT Bureau of Aeronautics, will present on: Who is the Bureau of Aeronautics and What Do We Do? Levi will be joined by his section chief, Scott Brummond.



Photo of the Month

Chapter member, Cindy Boelk, shared this photo from her cousin, Mike Pomplin, from Lake Hood in Alaska. Mike, formerly of Fond du Lac, is a member of EAA Chapter 42 in Anchorage. Here's a sign that is certainly nothing we would see around here (with the possible exception of during that thing that happens at the end of July each year!)



SAVE THE DATES

Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, April 18. Watch for announcements looking for volunteer opportunities.

Flying Start, Saturday, May 16 - chapter 252 will participate in International Learn to Fly Day by hosting our second annual Flying Start Event. More information coming soon.

EAA Chapter 252 and the city of Oshkosh were shocked and saddened about the sudden loss of chapter member Jay Puestohl, 67.

Puestohl retired as Captain of Investigative Services Bureau in 2008. He served 32 years with the Oshkosh Police Department.



WBAY.COM

Police say retired captain stabbed to death in Oshkosh

On Tuesday, Oshkosh Police identified the victim as Jay Puestohl, 67.

Spirit of ELO

Every year, our chapter presents a very special award called “The Spirit of ELO.” This award is named for Munsil Williams and his ELO International Aerodrome.

Many, many years ago, area pilots would gather on Saturday mornings at Bill Brennan’s FBO for coffee, donuts, and hangar flying. When Bill’s FBO closed, the weekly gathering moved to the shop next to Munsil William’s grass airstrip in Picket, WI. Munsil and his wife Shirley hosted this gathering for many years. Shirley passed away more than 20 years ago, and Munsil died in 2017, but the tradition continues thanks to their daughter, Vicki, and the likes of Jay Puestohl (please see page 3) and Dennis Moehn.

Munsil embodied what we like to call “grass roots aviation.” Munsil’s obituary states that “Among his only “vices” was a love of airplanes. He learned to fly 50 years ago, set aside a few acres for a grass strip and made hangar space at the end of the farm equipment shed. He and Shirley began welcoming pilot friends for “coffee club” Saturday mornings in the farm’s shop. The gathering became an informal plane builders’ exchange, providing supervision and advice for whatever project Muns had going on in his shop at the time. Over the years, he built a Buddy Baby Lakes, an RV-8, part of a Buttercup and reassembled a Model T pickup from a pile of junk.”

This is the type of individual our chapter wanted to recognize with this yearly award. Munsil was the first recipient when the award was established in 2004 by the board of directors. You can see the complete list of recipients on our chapter website.



This year’s recipient truly embodies this idea of a supporter of “grassroots aviation” that the award was designed to recognize.

This chapter member has a lifetime interest in all things aviation as enthusiast, pilot, and builder. This person supports others, while shunning the spotlight for themselves. If you have a question or a need, this person is right there to help. They help for chapter events, they recruit members for the chapter, and mentor others. This person has both worked and volunteered for EAA at Weeks Hangar for decades, and possesses a well respected and unique skills set in fabric covering. Like Munsil, this person hosts a weekly hangar coffee where all are welcome, as well as a pre-convention hangar party. This person flew from Clearwater, Florida to Oshkosh in a Flybaby for convention in 1986 and has basically been here ever since. She engenders such loyalty and caring that a group from the weekly hangar coffee worked together to find the original Flybaby and bring her home a couple of years ago. On behalf of the board of directors and members of Chapter 252 I am proud to present this year’s Spirit of ELO Award to Tracy Noack.



That's Nice... But Where Are You...?

Jim Cunningham

When I was a student pilot soloing in the pattern at my non-towered airport, I would sometimes hear strange things that I didn't understand on the radio. The only phrases I recognized were the name of the airport and an N number of the airplane making the radio call. Presumably they were operating at the same airport I was, but I had no idea where they might be in relation to it based on the gobbledygook they were spewing out. Being a newbie, I didn't have the gumption to ask them where they were, so I just kept my eyes peeled and made sure I gave accurate position reports of my airplane in hopes that they would know if my Cessna 150 was going to end up in close formation with them.

It wasn't until years later when I started my instrument rating that I realized what mysterious phrases like "procedure turn inbound on the NDB 27 approach" meant and had some idea of where the airplanes had been.

When you are practicing instrument approaches at a non-towered airport remember that many pilots on the CTAF have no IFR training and that using IFR phraseology for position reports will not help them understand where you are in relation to the airport. Instead of saying "procedure turn inbound on the VOR Alpha approach" say something on

the order of "five miles northeast of the field on the VOR Alpha approach and will be making a straight in for runway six."

If you are a VFR pilot at a non-towered airport and hear an airplane uttering a bunch of strange phrases about making an instrument approach that make no sense to you, don't hesitate to ask them where they are in relation to the airport. Also, be a good sport and help them out by offering to extend your pattern a bit if needed to allow them to continue their approach to a landing or to the designated missed approach point. The last couple of minutes of an approach are often the most challenging and require the most practice, and having to break off early because of another airplane robs the instrument pilot or student of valuable training.

Last but not least, keep up your scan. ADS-B helps a great deal with this scenario, if both airplanes are equipped. They may not be. Nor is every airplane at a non-towered airport radio equipped, and there are still some pilots who leave their radios off because they don't like to use them (which though legal is not helpful for safety). Even with all the technology we now enjoy, there is still no substitute for the Mark I eyeball in an airplane.



January 2020 Board Mtg Minutes
Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.
EAA HQ - Leadership Classroom

Attending: Carrie Forster (President), John Forster, Fred Stadler (Treasurer), Serena Kamps, Jakob Brouillette (Board Member), Dennis Moehn(Board Member), Jim Casper (Board Member), Charlie Becker (Past President), Jim Cunningham, David Leiting (Vice President), Doug Milius (Membership), Wayne Daniels (Board Member)

Old Business:

- Ray Aviation Scholarship - Serena
 - Applicants
 - Julia Juedes
 - Lucas Pulvermacher
 - No information whether the chapter has been awarded a scholarship yet.
 - Proceed to interviewing the candidates should we be awarded the scholarship
 - Carrie, Serena and Jim C will do the interviews
- Pancake Breakfast/YE Rally in April
 - Jerry Pulmacher and Joe Somlinger are going to co-chair the breakfast, shadowing David to learn the ropes
 - John Forster to coordinate Y-E pilots
- Other Events
 - Flying Start
 - Interested in repeating in May on the 16th which is EAA Learn to Fly Day
 - EAA will provide marketing materials
 - Chapter will provide refreshments/ lunch
 - Flying Hamburger Social
 - Carrie motioned to hold on June 2, Jakob second, passed by all
 - David will contact the coordinators
 - RC Youth Build Fly program
 - The kit is in the hangar
 - Need to determine next steps and timing by the chairs of the project
 - Proposed Donation to C.A.P.
 - Should we be doing more on our own before giving money to
 - Motion made to table until a decision made on hangar by Wayne, Second by Kurt, Motion withdrawn by Wayne.
 - Motion made by Doug to donate one time \$200 to CAP, Charlie seconded,

- motion carried by all.
- Lunches for Sport Air Workshop in January
 - All setup for this weekend and the crew has volunteered to sell and serve lunch.
- Hangar Expansion Discussion
 - Current Use
 - Monthly gathering
 - Rent space for aircraft
 - Flying Start
 - Rental during AV
 - Pancake breakfast storage
 - Buster project
 - Future Use
 - RC Youth build
 - Additional YE rallies
 - Pancake breakfast if terminal doesn't work
 - Build an aircraft
 - Chapter flying club - aircraft storage
 - Youth education/outreach
 - Youth aviation workshops (day camp model)
 - Chapter tool crib for checkout
 - Hands on demos and training
 - What we need/want from a hangar
 - More ramp space
 - Restrooms (2)
 - Running water and sink
 - Food prep and serving area
 - Better storage for tools (crib)
 - Better storage for supplies
 - Things we must keep
 - At least the current size
 - Through the fence access
 - Parking

Other:

- IMC Gathering
- Discussed that though the chapter was listed as a sponsor, we had virtually no prior knowledge of this status. Will need to better coordinate in the future.

EAA Raffle Plane Commemorates 50 Years in OSH: C & D Aviation S-LSA PA-18 Replica

***Raffle tickets will be available at the next
chapter meeting!***

Tickets are \$100 and for each ticket EAA252 sells, the chapter receives \$20. The raffle concludes on Monday July 20th.

A maximum of 4,000 tickets can be sold. Right now EAA has sold just over 1,100 tickets which included all of AirVenture 2019. So your chances of actually winning are pretty good!

This stunning aircraft is feature-packed and will be valued at \$150,000:



SportAir Lunches Helps Bunches

Supporting EAA's SportAir workshop in Oshkosh is a Chapter 252 tradition. Homebuilders from around the country head to Oshkosh each January to learn new skills at a variety of SportAir Workshop classes. This year's classes were on fabric covering, sheet metal, electrical wiring, gas welding, TIG welding, and general homebuilding topics.

Chapter 252 supports the workshops by arranging lunches for the students and instructors. Dennis Moehn led this year's lunch project, supported by Jim Casper, Jim Cunningham, Karen Moehn, Wayne Daniels, Doug Milius, and Fred Stadler.

Each Saturday and Sunday lunch is comprised of an individually-ordered Subway sandwich, plus chips, cookies, and a soda. 65 lunches were provided on Saturday and 67 on Sunday. The lunch project helped the students get back to their homebuilding classes quickly and netted \$549 to our Chapter treasury. All in all, a great activity for a chilly January weekend!



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Wittman Airport - Oshkosh

Fly-In Drive-In

Aircraft on Display!

-S.J. Wittman Birthday Celebration-

Pancake Breakfast

April 18, 2020

7:30 – 11:00 A.M.

Wittman Airport Terminal
20th Ave. Oshkosh, WI

Sausage, Scrambled Eggs,
Milk, Juice, Coffee, and all
you can eat Pancakes!



Adults \$7.00*
Children under 10, \$3.00

* Free for pilots of homebuilt
aircraft who fly in.



FREE AIRPLANE RIDES!
(EAA Young Eagles)
For kids ages 8 – 17
with parent permission &

Weather permitting.
9:00 to 11:00 A.M.

Register at:
<http://youngeaglesday.org/>



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landing every 30 days? Consistent flying and practice helps make us safer pilots. It may be a difficult goal to achieve for a variety of reasons - access to aircraft, weather, time - but doing something aviation related on a consistent basis can help that proficiency.

I'm excited to learn more about Pilot Proficiency365 and how it can help me build my own skills and proficiency.

*Blue Skies,
Carrie*



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!

*EAA SportAir Workshop photo by
Christina Basken*

IT'S MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME! DON'T WAIT!

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Or pay at a chapter meeting, or pay via PayPal on the chapter website. Thank you!