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# PYLON

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The monthly newsletter of EAA Chapter 252, Oshkosh, Wisconsin | Steve Wittman Chapter

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Dreaming of Spring

CARRIE FORSTER

Like many of you, I have really had it with the winter weather the last two months. It has been seriously hampering my ability to fly. We've been out to the hangar to clear the snow multiple times but haven't managed to fly. We actually made it onto the runway once but had a mechanical issue and had to turn around before take-off. Aargh. As I write this, we have about four to six inches of solid ice in front of our hangar. Warmer weather is in the forecast and I really can't wait.

Even though we may not be flying as much as we'd like, there are many ways to keep involved with aviation.

6. Go to your hangar and shovel snow. Repeat. Repeat again.
5. Chip ice away from in front of your hangar.
4. Visit your airplane and apologize for not being able to take it flying.
3. Read your latest issue of *Sport Aviation*.



2. Watch your AirVenture 2018 DVD.

1. Attend a chapter gathering.

#### Chapter Events

I'm excited about some upcoming events for our chapter. In addition to our monthly gatherings, we are looking at old and new ways to keep

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# Welcome

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

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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.

## March Gathering

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## MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Thursday, March 14  
Dinner at 6:30  
Presentation at 7:00: Brian O'Lena, EAA

Brian O'Lena, EAA Lifetime #645286, from the Young Eagles staff will provide an update on the Young Eagles program and how Chapter 252 along with other volunteers have helped over 2.1 million young people take flight.

Dinner will be hot dogs. Hot dogs, buns, and condiments will be provided. Feel free to bring other hot dog toppings (like chili or sauerkraut, etc), side dishes, or desserts.

COMING IN 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. Dinner TBD.



## Chapter 252 Resource List

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## Did Someone Say Pancakes?

March is here, which means our first Pancake Breakfast Fly-In is right around the corner! The April 6 event will be very much the same as our previous events. We are still looking for a number of volunteers to help with the breakfast.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

- Friday Set Up (8-12 volunteers)
- Money Collector/Chapter Sign-Up (2-3 volunteers)
- Directing Aircraft Traffic (3-4 volunteers)
- Food Servers (4 volunteers)
- Food Prep (4 volunteers)
- Griddle Operators (4 volunteers)
- Beverage Station/Table Cleaning (2 volunteers)
- Designated Runner (1 volunteer)

No matter if, you've volunteered in the past, or if you are looking to get involved for the first time, we would be delighted to have you help out! To sign up to volunteer or if you have any questions, please shoot me an email at [davidleiting47@hotmail.com](mailto:davidleiting47@hotmail.com).



## February Membership Gathering

Our chapter had a great turn out for our February Membership Gathering. Members enjoyed a variety of chilis on a cold winter evening. We had a panel present about the partnership between EAA and the Academy Model Aeronautics. EAA Staffers and AMA members Sean Elliot, Rick Larsen, Kyle Ludwig, and John Egan talked

about the partnership between the two organizations and the RC Build and Fly Program. This program provides an RC kit and support materials for chapters to engage youth in building and flying an RC model. Some chapters are beta testing this new program. Members in attendance were very interested in this program. The local AMA chapter holds a monthly meeting in the Chapter 252 hangar on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 pm.



# My Aviation Journey—

*A chronicle of my aviation experiences from first flight, to obtaining my license and beyond!*

Story and photos by Serena Kamps



## Perseverance

**M**y lesson today would prove full of new learning experiences. To start, we were delayed considerably when my pre-flight inspection revealed a whole row of screws missing from the nosewheel fairing. Hunting those down and installing them took quite a bit of time. Then, finally at the runway and completing our run-up, the engine ran very rough on the right mag. Jim demonstrated how to clear this up by increasing RPM and leaning the mixture and after a few minutes, the engine was running smoothly.

Cleared for takeoff on 18 (a runway I hadn't yet used up to that point), we departed south toward Fond du Lac where we would spend another lesson on patternwork. Even though I'd driven past this airport a hundred times on the highway, this would be my first time flying there. Due to its close proximity to Oshkosh, planning pattern entry begins almost as soon as you takeoff. It takes hardly any time to get there. FLD is a non-towered airport. Having not done any flying at a non-towered field for months and very little talking on the radio even then, that was a bit of an adjustment. Aside from that however, it was the same old patternwork I'd gotten used to doing with the twist of being at an unfamiliar airport. Since it was now mid-morning and the air quite warm, it was also

a little bumpy. That always makes things more interesting!

After a few, well, shall I say "normal" landings, Jim had me try a few with power off in a simulated engine failure in the pattern. Again, a new experience in this plane and one that changes the normal landing pattern and procedures just when I'd begun to adjust a little. It felt like a lot and I was relieved when Jim told me to take us back to OSH. Time to make the transition back to a towered airport environment. In short order, we were cleared to land on 18 and I came around for the final landing of the day. How was it? I groaned as we touched down with a pronounced jolt. I'd done it again! I'd flared way too high! Not a very encouraging end to an already rather stressful lesson. I sighed with disappointment as we taxied to the fuel pump. When will I ever get it? I was doing so well as of last week. What happened? Dejectedly, I taxied back to Weeks wondering if I would ever gain the confidence and skill needed to become a safe and competent pilot.

The very next day however, I was back at it. A somewhat shorter flight early that morning brought my total hours logged to 50.8. Rather discouraging when I'd hoped to have my

license by now. I was encouraged, however, by some slight progress in a considerable improvement from the day before. We stayed in the pattern at OSH this time and made three or four landings and one "bounce-and-go" on Runway 31. With the exception of the latter, they were all fairly good though I still tend to flare a little high. Perhaps the wide runways, low-wing vs. high-wing, and nosewheel vs. tailwheel are contributing factors in this issue



but I hope, whatever it is, I'll soon overcome it.

The somewhat gusty wind along with a bit of spilled oil which came from the engine compartment and lightly splattered the windshield were the main reasons Jim decided to end our lesson earlier than usual. He had my heart in my throat for a few moments though, when he told me to taxi to the fuel pump after only four landings! I was afraid he was going to make me solo! But we

both knew that I wasn't quite there yet, though I'm getting ever closer. He again complimented me on my radio work and I was again thrilled to hear it. Yes, though slow, I am making progress.

A week later, I was up again after having one lesson canceled due to iffy weather. It was still cloudy but the clouds were high enough for our purposes—predictably more patternwork. We were operating off Runway 18 again. My first takeoff was rather unstable and my landings weren't much better than last time. Was this to be another discouraging plateau lesson?

About halfway through the lesson, I finally made a landing I was satisfied with. It felt just right. "Now if I could just make about ten more landings

just like that, I'd feel ready [to solo]", I told Jim. "Yes! That's exactly what we want!" Jim exclaimed. I was afraid to hope for more, but on the next time around, I made another good one and followed that with another—and another. At last, something had clicked and I had it!

Jim had talked about going down to Fond du Lac and possibly soloing me there, but since I was on a run with good landings, he didn't want to upset it so I continued to fly the pattern at OSH. Yes, for the first time, I began to feel settled in this plane—even comfortable—and with each good landing, my confidence grew. I knew I was ready at last but I hadn't expected it would come quite so quickly, especially after last week's discouragement.

I was ready to solo and knew I could do it, but I was tiring out and much as I wanted to get it done, I almost hoped he'd wait. When a rather rough landing after about five good ones signaled that it was time to call it a day, I was ready for it.

As we taxied to the fuel pump, Jim debriefed me. He made note of my amazing improvement over the course of the lesson and said I should be proud of myself. I was just pleased and happy.

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Did you know that Chapter 252 is registered as an Amazon Smile charity? It's an easy way for folks to support the chapter with any purchases made through Amazon. Just start their online shopping at **smile.amazon.com** and specify "Experimental Aircraft Association Steve Wittman Chapter 252" as your charity. The item prices are the same, and then Amazon donates a half percent of their purchase amounts to the chapter. *What a deal!*

# February 2019 Board Mtg Minutes

Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

EAA Chapter HQ Leadership Classroom

Attending: Carrie Forster(President), David Leiting(Vice President), Kurt Weina(Secretary), Fred Stadler(Treasurer), Wayne Daniels(Board Member), Jakob Brouillette(Board Member), Jim Casper(Board Member), Dennis Moehn, Serna Kamps, David, Eric Abraham, John Forster

- Bad weather do everything but the flying

- Meetings:

- March Meeting - Brian O'Lena, Young Eagles (confirmed by Carrie)
  - Hot dogs with fixings
  - David will bring the dogs
  - Carrie will bring buns
  - Other fixings needed, onions, kraut, chili, cheese
- April – Eric Abraham: Canopy building
- May - CAP (Doug will talk to Barry)
- June – Fred (tentative)
- July – RV painting presentation
- August – Airport Mgr
- September – Corn Roast
- October – Getting your HB final inspection

## Old Business:

- Brat Barn Updates
  - We may have co-chairs - Jim and Catie Gullickson
- Ray Aviation Scholarship (Serena)
  - Doug Milius has purchased a used headset for Sonya, and also has a kneeboard for her.
- Pancake Breakfast/YE
  - Stopped at KT and Perkins to give them a heads up of the upcoming event
  - Tech, Women Soar, and other groups invited to participate
  - Contact Kyle for flying start materials
  - YE online sign up trial?
    - Probably too late to do for this event
    - Push to fall
  - David will be at Sun & Fun that day
- Monthly Fly-Outs
  - Only one person went in Feb, marginal weather that day.
  - March plan - Sheboygan
- Flying Start
  - CFI's who will attend: Winnebago Flying Club, Jamie Pittman
  - Andy Miller will provide Flight Training magazine and 6 months membership in AOPA
  - Morning of May 18th at Chapter hanger
    - Eagle flights available
    - Would like people to pre-register
    - Cap number of attendance to no more than 2 to 1 CFI's?
    - 20 Max

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- Lighting for sign on 20th street

- Wayne has lights, need to figure out how to mount them.
- Jim to change the angle of the signs to pitch more towards road
- Hangar Expansion - any updates?
  - No updates this month
- T-shirts are in
  - If need any more need an order of 12 is required.

## New Business:

- Board meeting time
  - Push a bit later to 6:30 if that works for all
    - Motion by Carrie, 2nd by Jim, approved by all.
- David did a poll online
  - 18 members that didn't renew from last year
- Shane from Madison chapter would like to host our members and vice versa
- Hamburger social this year?
  - David Motion to host it June 4th, Fred second, approved by all

# EAA Flying Start

## Flying Start Update

Our first Flying Start event will be held on **Saturday, May 18**, in the morning at our chapter hangar. The purpose of this event is to help foster future general aviation pilots by providing information and resources for them to start flight training. The morning will consist of a presentation about what it takes to become a pilot, including training requirements, costs, etc. We'll have several CFI's on hand to answer questions. Participants will also take part in an Eagle Flight. Pre-registration for this event will be required with a maximum of 20 participants. We will be looking for volunteer Eagle pilots as the event gets closer, as well as a few volunteers to be on hand to help out that morning. More information will be coming soon.

## March Fly-Out

March chapter fly-out will be to Sheboygan on **Saturday, March 16** for breakfast at Fuel Cafe.



**Wittman Flying Service t-shirts** are now available for \$15.00. We have adult M, L, and XL in stock. Members who would like to order other sizes can contact Carrie Forster at [ea2252@gmail.com](mailto:ea2252@gmail.com). If I get 12 orders (they don't need to all be the same size) I can place another order for those specific sizes.



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# RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



## *A note on the Ray Aviation Scholarship from coordinator Serena Kamps...*

Last month I put out a callout for various flight training items for our scholarship recipient. We have had a couple of items donated! Thank you very much! As you can see, there are still items we would like to collect. If you have anything to donate, please let me or one of the other officers or board members know. Thank you for your help with this!

- E6B Flight Computer
- Pilot's Log Book
- Kneeboard
- Sectional Plotter
- Headset
- FAR/AIM
- Flight Bag
- FAA Airplane Flying Handbook
- Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge
- ASA or Gleim Test Prep



## **REMINDER! Wisconsin Light Aviation Safety Seminar**

The upcoming 2019 Safety Seminar is being held on Saturday, March 16th with 8:00 a.m. registration in the EAA Aviation Museum Founder's Wing in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

We have a great line up of guest speakers this year along with many BIG TICKET raffle prizes. We will also be handing out door prizes to lucky attendees during the breaks. Lunch is available for a fee on site along with coffee, water and other soft drinks. Admission to the Museum and this event is FREE and your attendance counts toward the FAA WINGS program as well (separate on-site registration is required). Please visit the event website at [www.av8safe.org](http://www.av8safe.org) for all the event details and the event flyer.

### **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.

our chapter vibrant and active. Our spring Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagle rally is under a month away. Our two Pancake Breakfasts and Young Eagle Rallies are wonderful opportunities for community outreach, education, and fundraising. We have many members who have been volunteering for this particular event for years which helps to make it run really smoothly. That also makes it a great event for newcomers to become involved in because you have plenty of experience around you.

Our monthly chapter fly-outs are off to a bit of a slow start due to winter weather. We knew that was a possibility but decided to give it a try anyway. We hope March brings better weather. The planned destination is Fuel Café in the Burrows Aviation building at Sheboygan airport. Look for more details about times coming out shortly before the event. The fly-out date is Saturday, March 16.

We are also hosting our first Flying Start event on Saturday, May 18. Flying Start is an EAA initiative to help chapters reach out to prospective pilots in the community. It will be a great community education and outreach opportunity.

Your chapter board is continually looking for ways to engage our members and provide opportunities that are meaningful to you. We are always open to suggestions. If you have ideas, please reach out to a board member or attend a monthly board meeting. Please note that we are making a slight adjustment to our board meeting times. We will continue to meet the fourth Thursday of the month, but our start time will be 6:30 pm instead of 6:00 pm. We will also be meeting at the Leadership Classroom at EAA year-round.

I hope to see you on March 13.

*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!

**Reminder!**  
If you haven't yet paid your 2019 dues, please send your payment into Doug soon.  
Thank you!

