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## President's Report— Carrie Forster



AirVenture month is here! I'm sure you're as excited as I am that it is almost convention time. Many of our members are already deeply involved in getting ready for the convention from those who work at HQ, to volunteers who have been participating in the weekend work parties, to those who volunteer at the many areas of the convention from camping to print mail to flightline and more. My thanks to all of you for being the backbone of this wonderful aviation experience.

The One Week Wonder is returning this year. Make sure you take the opportunity to pull a rivet on the Sonex Waix project that is being built (if you're not already volunteering for the project).

We love to hear about your AirVenture experiences. If you have stories or photos to share, please email them to [aaa252@gmail.com](mailto:aaa252@gmail.com) and we'll include them in future issues of the Pylon. It's great to see the many ways our members are involved in AirVenture.

Save the date for a couple of fun, upcoming events.

Tuesday, August 16 our chapter will be hosting a Flying Hamburger Social. This event will take place at the terminal building from 5:00 - 7:00 pm. David Leitinger and Wayne Daniels are organizing the event, and there are many volunteer opportunities available for anyone who would like to help out. We need 12 - 20 volunteers. There is more info elsewhere in this issue. You can also sign up [HERE](#) or email [aaa252@gmail.com](mailto:aaa252@gmail.com) for more information.

Saturday, September 10 is our fall pancake breakfast and Young Eagle Rally. Brian Langkau and Joe Sonnleitner are the event chairs. They will be looking for volunteers to help with this event. Learn more at the chapter gathering on Thursday, and watch the August issue of the Pylon for more information and a link to sign up to help. Email Joe at [jsonnleitner3@outlook.com](mailto:jsonnleitner3@outlook.com) or Brian at [scibry@gmail.com](mailto:scibry@gmail.com) for more information.

Registration is live for the Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, September 10. Share the link [HERE](#) to sign up for a flight. If you would like to volunteer for the event, you can also register as a volunteer on [young eaglesday.org](http://young eaglesday.org). Register on the site and create a profile with what roles you would like to volunteer for (ex: pilot, ground crew). Questions? Email Carrie or John at [aaa252@gmail.com](mailto:aaa252@gmail.com).

Congratulations again to Ike Langkau for his selection as our 2022 Ray Scholar. We received official confirmation of his selection from EAA HQ. Ike has already begun training with Doug Osterberg. When you see Ike at a chapter event, please be sure to check in and see how his flight training is going and offer encouragement.

Congratulations to Jarrett Schiedemeyer, one of our 2021 Ray Scholars, on passing his FAA written examination recently. Jarrett is also preparing for his first solo flight, which should be happening very soon.

Forrest Drews, also a 2021 Ray Scholar, has been practicing solo flight and preparing for his dual and solo cross country flights. He will be taking his FAA written exam soon.

We'll be taking our annual chapter photo at the gathering on Thursday, so if you have a chapter shirt, please wear it. If not, any aviation themed shirt would be great. Kirby Scott will once again be taking the photo.

I look forward to seeing you on Thursday, and hope to see many of you during the week at AirVenture.

Blue Skies,  
Carrie

## July 14 Chapter Gathering

**Topic:** Guest speaker Mike Dooley will guide the chapter through an interactive game of aircraft tool trivia.

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

**PLEASE BRING A SIDE  
DISH OR DESSERT!**

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## July Chapter Gathering

AirVenture Homebuilt Headquarters Co-Chair Mike Dooley will present an interactive game with the chapter he calls Aircraft Tool Trivia. He will show pictures of tools and the audience will write down the name of the tool and what it's used for. He will then show the "reveal" pictures and participants will score themselves (one point for the correct tool name and one point

for knowing what it does). He will also have some tie-breaker tool pictures. Join us at the chapter hangar! Dinner at 6:30 and meeting at 7:00 PM.

*Please bring a side dish or dessert!*



## June Chapter Gathering Report

Before leaving for their new home in Alabama, chapter members (and newlyweds!) Jacob and Serena Brouillette presented on their recent trip to Washington State by Glas-tar. Flying a normally-aspirated single engine airplane through the Rockies is not your typical cross country! (Photos courtesy of Chris Gauger)





## Chapter 252 to Host Hamburger Social August 16

**Carrie Forster**  
Chapter President

**Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social Tuesday, August 16**

**Wittman Airport Terminal Building**  
**5:00 - 7:00 pm**  
**(or until the food is gone)**

Join us when we host the Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social on Tuesday, August 16. The social will be held at the terminal building at Wittman Airport. Food is served starting at 5:00 pm, until 7:00 pm (or when the food runs out).

Learn more about the Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social by following the link [HERE](#).

We have lots of volunteer opportunities for the social. David Leiting and Wayne Daniels have agreed to help

organize the event, but there are many other volunteer opportunities available.

Volunteers needed in the following capacities:

Organize volunteers

Load grills and equipment from the chapter hangar onto Wayne's truck, then unload at the terminal on Tuesday afternoon

Set up tables on Tuesday afternoon

Grill food  
Make side dishes and/or desserts

Serve food

Clean up after

Load and return equipment to the chapter hangar and put the equipment away

Everything needs to be set up and ready to serve by 5:00 pm. Clean up will begin at 7:00 pm.

This event is shorter than the pancake breakfast and serves fewer people. Generally, if the weather is good, we could expect about 150 meals to be served (rough estimate based upon attendance at other socials).

Attendees offer a goodwill donation. This is not a fundraiser, but a fun event for the aviation community. People are welcome to fly in or drive in to attend.

If you can help out, please email [aaa252@gmail.com](mailto:aaa252@gmail.com) or sign up [HERE](#). You can sign up for one task or more than one. Questions? Email [aaa252@gmail.com](mailto:aaa252@gmail.com). We need between 12 - 20 volunteers for the event.

## Chapter Photo to be Taken at July Gathering

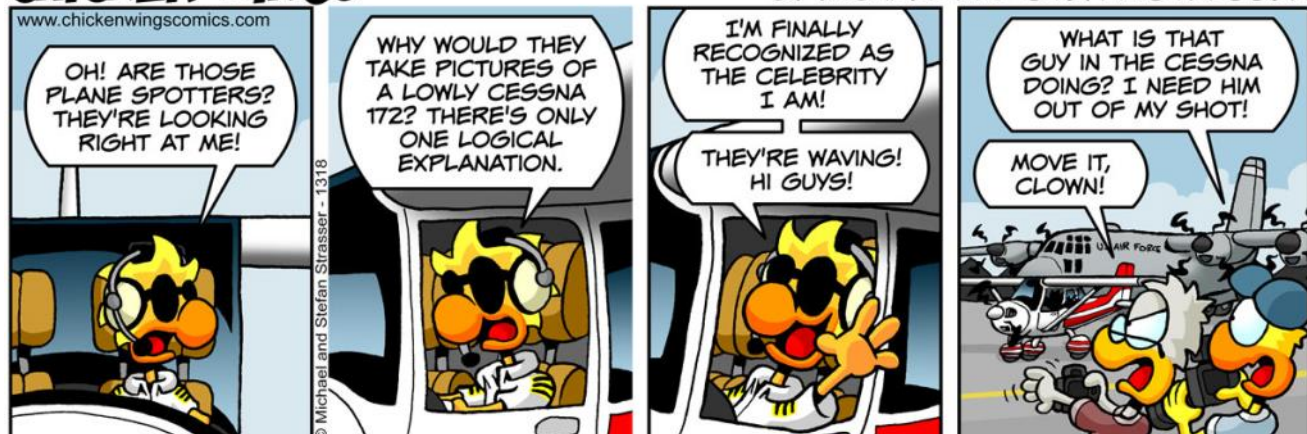
We'll be taking our annual chapter photo at the gathering at our July gathering on July 14, so if you have a chapter shirt, please wear it. If not, any aviation themed shirt would be great. Chapter member Kirby Scott will once again be taking the photo.



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## Young Eagle and Eagle Flight Programs

**Carrie Forster**  
**YE/Eagle Programs Co-Coordinator**

Thanks to our many volunteers, our chapter has provided quite a few flight experiences to youth and adults in the past two months.

We held a successful Young Eagle Rally in celebration of International Young Eagle Day on Saturday, June 10. Seven pilots flew 25 sorties and provided flights to 39 Young Eagles. The pilots were supported by ground crew and flightline crew.

We'd like to recognize the following volunteers for helping out at our rally:

### **Pilots**

Hal Bryan  
Albert Fisher  
John Forster  
Tom Helm  
Ed Jeziorny  
Doug Osterberg  
Ben Van Handel

### **Flightline Crew**

Bill Haag  
Marty Detloff  
Don Maki  
Jim Heindl

### **Ground Volunteers**

Carrie Forster  
Brian Langkau  
Ike Langkau  
Chris Marshall  
Sarah Marshall  
Caleb Wolfrath

In addition to our rally, we have a number of volunteer YE pilots who regularly fly youth outside of rallies. If you're interested in learning more about the YE program, or volunteering as a pilot, ground crew or flightline crew for rallies, contact Carrie at eaa252@gmail.com.

May and June have also been busy with Eagle Flight experiences. In addition to our Flying Start event on May 14, our volunteer pilots have flown with a number of other individuals who are interested in pursuing a pilot certificate. Approximately 13 flights have been provided by chapter volunteers since the middle of May.

An Eagle flight is similar to a Young Eagle flight, but more in depth. An Eagle flight is provided to an adult (age 18 or older) who is interested in learning to fly. The mentor pilot provides a flight, and also spends time with the individual talking about the basics of flight training, how and where to find resources to assist the individual in learning to fly, and answering questions. The goal is also

that the pilot acts as a mentor that the individual can reach out to after the flight if and when they begin flight training for further support.

Thanks to the mentor pilots who have provided recent Eagle Flights:

Hal Bryan  
Tom Charpentier  
Jim Cunningham  
John Forster  
Gary Geisler  
Tom Helm  
Ed Jeziorny  
Doug Osterberg  
Kyle Voltz

If you are interested in learning more about the Eagle flight program, contact Carrie at eaa252@gmail.com.

### **SAVE the DATE:**

### **Young Eagle Rally**

**Saturday, September 10, 2022**

Registration is live for the Young Eagle Rally on Saturday, September 10. Share the link [HERE](#) to sign up for a flight. If you would like to volunteer for the event, you can also register as a volunteer on [youngeaglesday.org](http://youngeaglesday.org). Register on the site and create a profile with what roles you would like to volunteer for (ex: pilot, ground crew). Questions? Email Carrie or John at eaa252@gmail.com.

## Chapter 252 Recognized For Young Eagle Achievements

Providing free flights to youth for thirty consecutive years is a feat that EAA members should be extremely proud of, but they should also know that this wouldn't have been possible without the tremendous support of the EAA chapter network. As a matter of fact, in 2021, over 90% of the Young Eagles flown were done so by members of a local EAA chapter.

Out of the thousands of chapters that were in operation between 1992 and

2022, only 102 can claim their membership has supported Young Eagles for thirty consecutive years.

EAA Chapter 252 is one of the chapters that has had members participate in the program every year since 1992!

To recognize your chapter's unwavering support of the Young Eagles program, EAA has created a commemorative plaque for EAA Chapter 252. These plaques will be available for

pick-up at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in the Blue Barn.

Please, stop by the Blue Barn anytime between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. during the week of convention to pick up your chapter's plaque. You might even see your chapter recognized other places within the Blue Barn. Don't miss the week of Young Eagles celebrations in Oshkosh!! Visit [EAA.org/YEatAV](http://EAA.org/YEatAV) to see what is scheduled for the week.

## Youth Build Updates

### *Carrie and John Forster*

We met with our group of teens on Wednesday, June 23 for dinner and to start some aviation related activities. We learned some basics of aerodynamics, looked at some sectionals, looked at some airplane plans, and learned about measurement.

Details of the kit donation still need to be finalized, which won't happen until after AirVenture is completed. More information will be shared once we have it.

In the meantime, we are planning for other aviation and build related activities for the interested teens. We plan to meet once in August (on a Wednesday TBD) to build model airplane ribs and do some other activities, and then begin meeting more regularly in September. There are a number of skill building sessions that need to take place to get ready for the kit.

One of the bigger tasks that will need to be accomplished prior to starting the build will be to organize the chapter hangar and get things set up for the build project. Watch for more information and a call for volunteer help in the next issue of the Pylon.

There are still opportunities for interested youth to join the project, as well as for adult volunteers. Adult volunteers will need to complete the

EAA youth protection program if they have not already done so.

Email Carrie and John at [ea2252@gmail.com](mailto:ea2252@gmail.com) for more information.



## Welcome New Members

### *Doug Milius* *Membership*

Maki Family-Kim, Bob and their children, Brett, Alexis, and Alysa live in Oshkosh. Kim is the Administrative Assistant at the Airport in Oshkosh. Brett has taken a Young Eagle flight and is very interested in aviation. He has taken online courses and a flight with an instructor. They are new to aviation so any help our members can give them would be great. They all enjoy boating on Lake Winnebago. Brett enjoys soccer, basketball, and karate. Bob runs the Karate school at the 20th Y. Welcome to Chapter 252.



## Member Profile: Ike Langkau

One of Ike Langkau's earliest memories is of looking up from his stroller at the Red Devil Pitts Specials and Christen Eagles in the atrium of the EAA Aviation Museum as a young child. Later he would take his collection of diecast airplane models and "play EAA" with them. (He still collects them... the current total is 200 plus!) Next came building model airplane kits. Then he moved on to flying various RC aircraft, including helicopters. Is it any wonder that Ike is EAA Chapter 252's latest Ray Scholar and is now immersed in flight training?

Born and raised in Oshkosh, Ike got his first airplane ride at age eight in a Sling TSi in 2014. If he had any doubts about what he wanted to do with his life before that flight, he had none left when the plane's wheels returned to the ground. The following year he met famed glider pilot Luca Bertossio when he came to AirVenture and got to assist him and his crew prepare his aircraft for the night airshow. As a reward for his efforts Ike was treated to a glider flight with him at Waupaca, complete with aerobatics!

Ike was first inspired to become an aviation mechanic, and still plans on earning his A&P certificate, quite possibly at Fox Valley Technical College, but is now focused on flying as his vocation. Rather than focusing on an airline career, Ike plans on a more general aviation career path. Instructing is one of his goals, along with perhaps flying for the Department of Natural Resources or an FBO.

It's no surprise to hear that Ike is also interested in vintage aircraft and warbirds. He hopes to fly either or



both of these types of aircraft as a volunteer (but wouldn't mind some kind of paying gig along those lines, either). He already has plans to spend his free time restoring them.

Ike wasted no time in starting flight training upon being awarded his scholarship and has begun flying with chapter member and CFI Doug Osterberg. As of this writing, Ike has flown several lessons in Doug's Cessna 150

out of Brennand Airport. The airport's short and narrow runway will ensure that Ike learns to perform landings—especially in crosswinds—with precision right off the bat.

We look forward to hearing about Ike's progress. We are sure this is just the beginning of a long and fascinating journey.

# Wittman Regional Airport Turf Ops Area Now Open

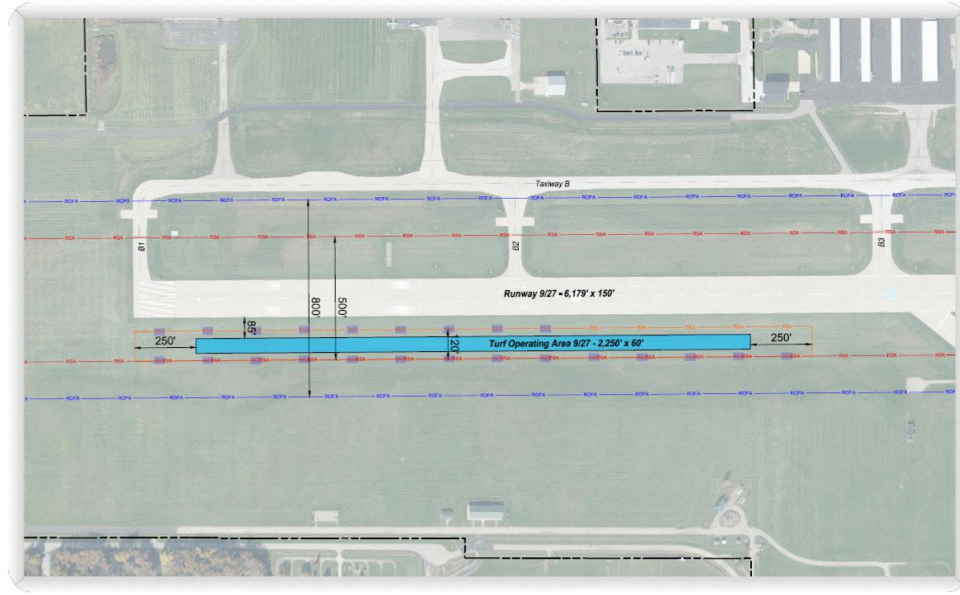
## Wittman Regional Airport - Turf Operations Area Description and Operational Guidelines



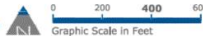
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### DESCRIPTION

The Wittman Regional Airport hosts a Turf Operations Area (TOA) for pilots that prefer to operate off of grass when conditions and other limitations permit. The TOA is not an officially designated turf runway, it is simply a grass area for takeoffs and landings.



Attachment A: Runway Alternate Operations Area



Source: Mead & Hunt

The TOA will be in operation between April 1 and July 4, and then from August 4 through November 30 annually, as conditions allow. The TOA is on the south side of Runway 9-27, adjacent and parallel to the approach end of Runway 9. It's approximately 2,250 feet long by 60 feet wide, and its boundaries are contained within the runway safety area of Runway 9/27. See the attached diagram.

### OPERATIONS

Simultaneous aircraft operations will not be permitted on the TOA while other runways are in use.

Simultaneous aircraft operations on the TOA and Pioneer Airport will also not be permitted.

Wittman Regional Airport Management may close the TOA at any time due to water saturation, snow accumulation, or other conditions that would prohibit safe turf operations for aircraft. ATC can deny requests for use of the TOA based on current air traffic operations/complexity.

Departures - Aircraft will enter and exit the TOA by instruction from ATC and pilots will be instructed to cross Runway 9-27 and then cleared for takeoff from the TOA.

#### • Departing to the east:

Pilots planning to depart to the east will obtain taxi clearance from ATC and request the use of TOA. Expect taxi instructions to Taxiway B1. Pilots will call that they are ready for departure.

Once ATC has authorized the aircraft to cross Runway 9, pilots will taxi from the hard surface into the grass, using extreme caution to avoid all runway and taxiway lighting. ATC will then issue a takeoff clearance.

• Departing to the west:

Pilots planning to depart to the west will obtain taxi clearance from ATC and request the use of TOA. Expect taxi instructions to Taxiway B3. Pilots will call that they are ready for departure.

#### • Departing to the west:

Once ATC has authorized the aircraft to cross Runway 27, pilots will taxi from the hard surface into the grass, using extreme caution to avoid all runway and taxiway lighting. ATC will then issue a takeoff clearance.

Arrivals - Pilots will call ATC as usual prior to entering the Class D airspace and request landing on the TOA. ATC will provide a landing clearance.

• Landing to the east:

#### • Landing to the east:

After touchdown and rollout, plan to cross Runway 9 once instructed by ATC and exit onto the nearest intersecting taxiway. Use extreme caution to avoid all runway and taxiway lighting. Once off Runway 9, contact Ground for continued taxi as usual. Do not enter Runway 13-31.

#### • Landing to the west:

After touchdown and rollout, plan to cross Runway 27 once instructed by ATC and exit onto the

nearest intersecting taxiway. Use extreme caution to avoid all runway and taxiway lighting. Once

off Runway 27, contact Ground for continued taxi as usual.

### EMERGENCIES

An emergency on the TOA will be treated the same as on any other surface at Wittman Regional Airport.

In the event of an emergency, Wittman Regional Airport will temporarily close the TOA and Runway 9-

27. Aircraft will return to normal operations on an alternate designated runway.

## June 2022 Board Mtg Agenda

### EAA Chapter 252

Thu, June 23, 2022 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)

*Reminder: No July board mtg due to AirVenture. Next board mtg will be Thursday, Aug. 25 from 6:00 - 7:00 pm via GoToMeeting.*

**Attending:** Carrie Forster (President), David Leiting (Vice President), Chris Gauger (Secretary), Fred Stadler (Treasurer), John Forster (Young Eagles Coordinator), Doug Milius (Membership Coordinator), Jim Cunningham (Newsletter Editor), Wayne Daniels (Board Member), Dennis Moehn (Board Member)

#### Old Business:

##### Teen Build/RV-12 Project

###### Updates

Session on June 22: 7 kids attended, 1 no-show. Used activities from Young Eagles Workshops kit. More of a stopgap event before kit building begins.

Chapter members ready to help.

2 months away from getting RV-12 kit from EAA.

###### Next Steps

Need to recruit more kids and get more tools. Need to resolve how to purchase extra items needed, and figure out how to sell completed aircraft. Need to address workspace, tool crib, and kids' capabilities.

May have to build RV-12 at chapter hangar instead of at EAA Aviation Center.

May switch build project to a workshop model.

May create a test project for the kids to help them learn and get some direction (Van's toolbox project?).

Planning wood project, wiring project, and metal project.

David said Lakeland Aero Club does 3 instructional nights for their new kids to teach them and determine if kids want to continue.

Should we do something similar to what SportAir workshops do?

Mark Forss from EAA has a metal wing project that we could do. Materials available, virtually no expense, wing not meant for airworthy plane.

##### Ray Aviation Scholarship

###### Forrest Drews (Carrie)

Almost ready for Stage 3 check, progressing with cross-country flying.

###### Jarrett Schiedemeyer (David)

Will take written exam on June 30. 1 week away from solo according to CFI Jamie Pittman.

###### Ike Langkau (2022 recipient)

Just started flight training.

Receiving letter of recommendation from EAA's Sean Elliott.

##### Monthly Gatherings

###### July Gathering: Mike Dooley (EAA Chapter 91 President)

Food: Dennis can cook. Prepare for more people than usual, due to AirVenture attendees. Will restock fridge in hangar and get more napkins and plates. Maybe more plasticware as well.

Annual chapter photo (Kirby Scott will take the photo).

August Gathering: Jim Cunningham could do presentation on short notice about Wittman slides if we don't find a presenter.

Food: TBD

##### Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social – Tuesday, August 16 at the Wittman Terminal

###### Event chairperson needed

David willing to help, assist chair, pick up food and determine what food is needed, and help day of event.

Wayne might be able to chair or assist (can't do anything physical due to upcoming surgery).

Fred can help with moving stuff.

Plan for ~150 people attending?

Recruit volunteers in the next *Pylon*.



Fall Pancake Breakfast – Saturday, September 10

Price Increase

We currently charge \$7 for pancake breakfast. Should we increase, and by how much?

For AirVenture pancake breakfasts at Chapters Pavilion, costs are \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids. Identical to EAA 252 breakfasts, but no milk and Tang instead of orange juice. Has sausages, all you can eat pancakes, etc.

We currently charge free for those who fly in in experimental aircraft. Should we start charging them?

Our pancake breakfasts usually get 15-20 aircraft that fly in. Experimental aircraft usually in the single digits.

We could offer free breakfast for Young Eagle pilots.

John made motion to change to \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids, Wayne seconded. All board members voted in favor, none opposed.

Griddle repair/maintenance needed

David will talk to John Egan about maintenance the griddle needs.

Need to find or put together documentation for griddle.

Other?

John and Carrie noticed that everything from the previous pancake breakfast was dropped by the door entrance to the chapter hangar. Things will need to be put away and organized, ideally before next chapter gathering.

Need to take inventory of pancake breakfast materials.

Doug will talk to Joe Sonnleitner about organizing and putting away pancake breakfast materials. Jim Cunningham may be able to help.

International Young Eagle Day Rally on June 11 – Wrap-Up

Rally went well. 39 flights and 7 pilots.

Fall YE Rally – Saturday, September 10

Planning underway.

Miscellaneous

Winnebago County Board of Supervisors voted to approve building new hangars at Wittman Airport. Vote was 22-10, a narrow 2/3 majority.

**New Business:**

None

**Monthly Gatherings:**

<b>2022 Chapter Gatherings</b>	<b>Topic/Presenter</b>
Thursday, July 14	Mike Dooley NOTE: Annual Chapter Photo
Thursday, August 11	TBD
<b>Tuesday, August 16</b>	<b>Flying Hamburger Social (Wittman Terminal)</b>
Thursday, September 8	Corn Roast (Chapter Hangar)
<b>Saturday, September 10</b>	<b>Pancake Breakfast and YE Rally (Wittman Terminal)</b>
Thursday, October 13	TBD
Thursday, November 10	<b><u>Behind My Wings: Untold Stories of Vietnam Vets</u></b> Author/Presenter BJ Prior
Thursday, December 8	TBD

## **Chapter 252 Hangar**

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Doug Milius  
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