

THE PYLON



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 252 OSHKOSH WISCONSIN

President's Report— David Leiting, Jr.



Welcome to the April edition of the Pylon! What an exciting time for our chapter, and the impact we are having on the local aviation community. This month it is all about passing on our passion for aviation to the next generation.

This month signals the start of the chapter's Young Eagles activities for the year. The April 22 Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagles Rally is seeing great interest from local families, as the time slots are filling up quickly. The following weekend, a small group of Young Eagles volunteers will be flying 45 young women as part of EAA's Girls on the Fly event at the museum.

As I mentioned last month, the April Pancake Breakfast will act as a fundraiser for a brand-new youth flight training scholarship. Rusty Everhard, who has been a member of the chapter since last spring, will be the recipient

of this flight training scholarship. Every dollar raised at the event will be matched by EAA Chapter 252. If you're able to make the event, we'd love to see you there. Rusty will be on-hand volunteering as he has for previous chapter events, so be sure to say hi and ask him about his aviation aspirations.

Speaking of scholarships, the 2023 Chapter 252 Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient was announced at our March gathering. Alayna McKinnon, one of the most active youth in the RV-12 Teen Build program, was selected as this year's scholar. Alayna, who is a former Young Eagle, has been member of the chapter since 2021. To match the rising cost of flight-training, EAA increased the Ray Aviation Scholarship to \$11,000. As of late March, Alayna has already been putting this funding to good use by starting her flight lessons with Doug Osterberg. If you see her at an upcoming chapter event, be sure to say congratulations!

Prior to the beginning of the March gathering, I took some time to sit back and observe a group of young members. It was so neat to see the chapter's three most recent Ray Scholars, Chapter 41's Ray Scholar, and other local high schoolers all sitting together and talking about aviation. It made me extremely proud of the environment all the chapter members have helped cultivate over the past few years.

Often times the aviation community is searching for ways to keep the younger generation involved in aviation. At chapter 252, we have cracked that nut. Offer educational, interactive, and fun activities in a welcoming environment, and those youth with an interest in aviation will find a way to stay engaged. Thank you to all the members that continue to make EAA Chapter 252 a welcoming pathway for youth with an interest in aviation.

Tailwinds,

David Leiting, EAA Lifetime 579157

April 13 Chapter Gathering

The Bally Bomber

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

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

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April Chapter Gathering

Our April chapter gathering will feature our current hangar tenant—the one and only Bally Bomber. Owner Larry Nau will present on this unique aircraft. See the article elsewhere in this issue to learn more about the airplane.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 and will be hot beef. As always, please bring a side dish such as chips or dessert. Our meeting program will begin at 7:00.



March Chapter Gathering Report



Oshkosh ATC Tower Manager Chip Dyni gave updates on a variety of topics, including the upcoming National Intercollegiate Flying Association (NIFA) SAFECON to be held May 8-13. Chip also fielded questions from pilots on variety of operational and communications topics.

Pancake Breakfast Volunteers Needed April 22

Volunteer signup for the Chapter 252 pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 22, including set up, breakfast, and clean up, is now available online. We need your help! Sign up online at :

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4DAAA72BA3FFCF8-spring>

Ground and registration support for Young Eagles are also needed! If interested please contact Carrie Forster at planecarrie@gmail.com.

ROSTER NOTICE - Sharing of Phone, Address & Email

Charlie Becker

Membership Coordinator

(sonex450@gmail.com or 920-573-3381)

I'm getting ready to share our chapter roster in PDF format to current members.

If you **DO NOT** want us to share your address, phone or email, just let me know and I will mark it private in our database and it will not export to the shareable roster. Please notify me by April 15th. I plan on distributing the roster after our April pancake breakfast.

IMC Club: Next Meeting April 18

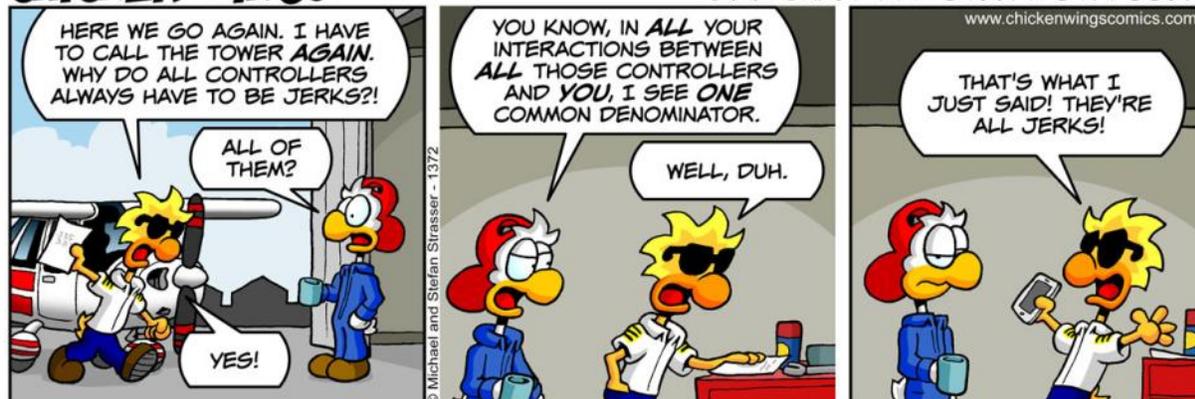
About two dozen participants enjoyed discussing aspects of both IMC and VMC scenarios at the March IMC Club meeting.

The next Chapter 252 IMC Club meeting will be held Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 PM at the Wittman Regional Airport, 525 W 20th Ave, Oshkosh, WI 5492.



CHICKEN WINGS

BY MICHAEL AND STEFAN STRASSER



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

2023 Ray Scholar: Alayna McKinnon

Chapter 252 is pleased to announce our 2023 Ray Scholar: Alayna McKinnon. Alayna has been a very active chapter member for several years, and volunteers her time and service at most every chapter event. Alayna is also very active in the chapter RV-12 Teen Build. As of this writing she has already started flight training with chapter member Doug Osterberg and has several lessons in her logbook. Congratulations Alayna!



Ray Scholar Update: Lucas Pulvermacher

Congratulations to Lucas Pulvermacher for completing his instrument rating this past weekend. Lucas, a former chapter member and Ray Scholar who currently lives Richmond, KY, is a student in the Professional Pilot program at Eastern Kentucky University. Well done, Lucas!



Ray Scholar Update: Sonja Karner

Hello, Chapter 252!

As a quick introduction for those that I haven't met yet, I was Chapter 252's Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient in 2019! I earned my Private Pilot License in December 2019 and started my enrollment in the Commercial Aviation program at the University of North Dakota in Fall 2020. After my first semester, I switched to the Helicopter option!

Now, I am finishing my third year and am expected to graduate in December (one semester early!). I am close to earning my commercial license and expect to start the CFI course this summer.

Since this is such a unique degree program, I want to share more about what it really entails. Every week, I fly an average of three times a week for about two hours each day, not including the prep or briefing time. I often fly on the weekends too, for extra hours and practice. When the weather is not fly-able, I spend this time studying ground material, either by myself, with my instructor, or with my study-buddies. The rest of the week, I am attending my other classes, staying involved with various on-campus student organizations, and working at my part-time jobs. I also involved with several student organizations and am the President of the UND Helicopter Association.

The past three years have really challenged me; I became a North Dakota resident by spending all seasons here to reduce my tuition costs, moved to two new apartments (once using just the VW beetle J), consistently worked two part-time jobs, participated in various student organizations, maintained my excellent academic standing, and survived the extreme seasons. Despite these challenges, I genuinely could not see myself anywhere else!

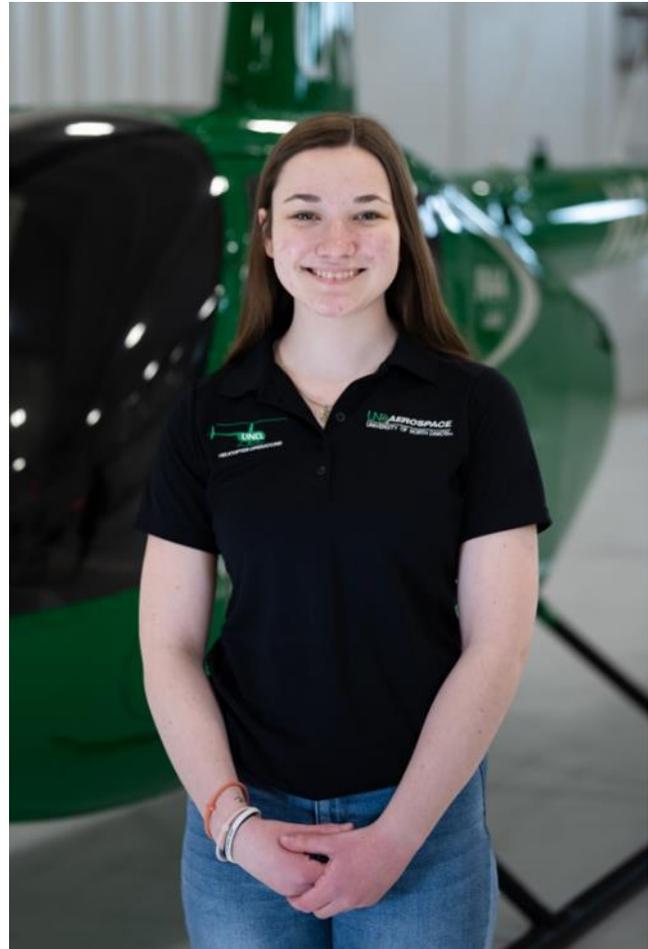
I was only 16 years old when I was

invited to my first Chapter 252 meeting! I will be celebrating my 21st birthday at the end of April and as I look at my growth during this time, I can contribute much of my successes to many of you specifically, and to Chapter 252 as a whole! I have stayed up to date with the Chapter through the monthly Pylon and have been so proud to watch the other success stories over the years!

An exciting opportunity at UND has captured my attention prior to graduation.

Within my degree program, my favorite areas of study have included atmospheric sciences, especially extreme weather! UND offers a 3-credit course, in May, called the Storm Experience, where students learn how to forecast and safely observe severe thunderstorms. The class is about 15 days long and the trip averages about 600 miles per day, traveling wherever the storms are located across the United States! I am so excited for this hands-on learning opportunity. I am considering this trip as a graduation and birthday gift to myself! The total cost for this in-depth learning experience is about \$2700, plus the daily costs for food and incidentals.

I have been able to slowly save for this class, while still funding my education and living costs. In addition to what I have saved, I hope to raise about



\$2000 to fund this trip. I cannot make this class happen alone and have started a GoFundMe: <https://gofund.me/851a61b3>. Any donation is greatly appreciated! If the goal is exceeded, the extra donations will go towards my flight training. Thank you for supporting me, my commitment, and my dreams!

I am planning to make a trip back home to Oshkosh after this class and plan to attend the Chapter meeting for that month. I also plan to attend EAA Airventure with UND again this summer! I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Teen Build Update: Wings Complete

Both wings on the RV-12 are now complete and are stored in their cradle. The team has started on the aircraft's stabilator and flaperons.

Teen Build members meet on Wednesday nights at the Chapter 252 hangar.



Steve Wittman Webinar Tuesday, April 11

Chapter 252 is the Steve Wittman chapter. Steve (not his real name) was the Oshkosh airport manager from 1931-1969, won more air races than any other pilot in history, designed and built several racing aircraft, and almost had his Buttercup design put into production as a certificated airplane, among other achievements.

Join chapter members Chris Henry and Jim Cunningham for an online webinar on Wittman at 7 PM, April 11. Registration is required. Among other fascinating things, you will learn Wittman's REAL first name!

https://pages.eaa.org/2023-04-11WBN_SteveWittman_LP-Registration.html



EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20

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Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the checkride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.

Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short

presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

“Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process,” said David Leitig, EAA Eagles Program Manager. “Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is.” Leitig also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at



Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at [EAA.org/LTFWeek](https://www.eaa.org/LTFWeek).

A Great Big Little Bomber



(The Bally Bomber has been our chapter hangar tenant for several months and is the subject of this month's chapter gathering. We are reprinting this article from EAA's blog from 2021 written by chapter member Hal Bryan (with photos by ye olde newsletter editor) to give you some background on this remarkable, one-of-a-kind airplane. — ed.)

BY HAL BRYAN

"It's just an airplane."

That's how the late Jack Bally, EAA 348338, a lifelong pilot and builder, described his one-third scale replica of a Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress — just an airplane. Never mind that it's unique in nearly every respect: an enormous miniature four-engine bomber that looks like it could be a giant RC model until the canopy swings open and a person climbs out.

So Let's Build One

When asked the big question of why he built himself a one-third scale B-17, Jack's reply was simple and matter of fact: because if you scaled down a B-24, you don't end up with enough wing area. Well, sure, but why build such a thing at all?

"Some of my friends were discussing next projects, and we picked this because there isn't any other ones out there," Jack recalled. "There's two-engine P-38s made, and there's a lot

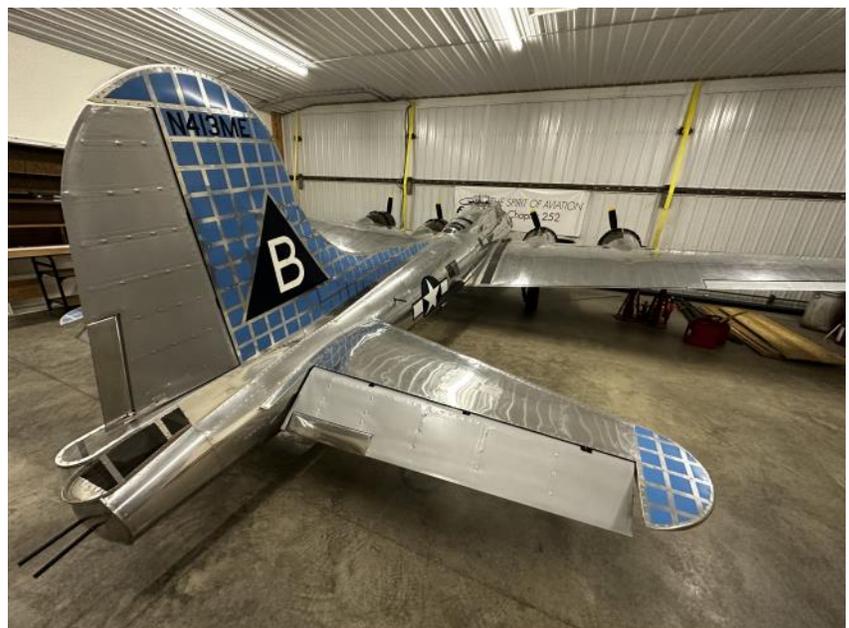
of P-51s, but there ain't no four-engine bombers out there. So let's build one."

Jack didn't have any kind of an engineering background, but a few decades as a carpenter taught him a thing or two about working with his hands. As for learning to work with metal versus wood, he pointed out with a laugh that he "did side two houses with aluminum."

Obviously, nobody makes a kit for an airplane like this, so Jack bought a set of RC model plans and scaled them up. Staying true to the proportions of the full-scale airplane, the "Bally Bomber," as it's known, is 25 feet

long, with a wingspan of 34 feet, 7 inches, which is about 8 inches less than that of a Piper Cub. Like its ancestor, the airplane is all metal, 2024 and 6061 aluminum, except for the control surfaces, which are fabric-covered, in this case with Poly Fiber. The engine cowlings are made from composites, but he felt like that was cheating and planned to remake them in aluminum. The only part of the airplane that's significantly out of scale are the cockpit windows, which Jack roughly doubled in height to improve visibility for the pilot.

The airplane is powered by four Hirth F-30 two-stroke, air-cooled, horizontally opposed, four-cylinder engines.





The engines are rated at 80 hp, but with no room for a prop speed reduction unit in the scaled-down cowlings, the engines are connected directly to the propellers, resulting in 60 hp at 3300 rpm, or a total of 240 hp. They burn about 4 gph each, for a total of 16, sipping from two tanks in the wings with a total

capacity of 40 gallons. In theory, this would provide two hours of flying time with a half-hour reserve.

The 46-inch diameter ground-adjustable propellers are solid wood, well painted to look like metal, and are redlined at 3900 rpm as any faster than that and the tips will go supersonic. Adjusting the props is a complex and tedious affair, multiplied by 12 blades.

Walking around the airplane, the loving attention to detail, and Jack's pragmatic approach to it, is reinforced repeatedly. The markings are fictionalized but credible, and the N-number honors his wife's birthday. The nose art is an era-appropriate pinup, accompanied by the one word that sums up Jack's project perfectly: *Obsession*.

The Bomber Comes Back

When Jack started this project, he estimated that it would take about five years. That was in 1999.

Eighteen years, nearly a thousand lost weekends, 25,000 rivets, and an estimated 40,000 man-hours later, the airplane was finished and flown, and made its first AirVenture appearance in 2018. Based on the foot traffic around the airplane, it was a clear winner of that year's "dead grass award." Now owned by Larry Neu, EAA Lifetime 104067, the airplane is a clear contender to repeat that honor in 2021. Larry purchased the third-scale bomber last summer and brought the airplane to Oshkosh from Dixon, Illinois.

"I saw the ad on Barnstormers, and I looked at the pictures and was like, "Wow, that's pretty cool,"" Larry said. "One of a kind, 18 years to build. I could never do that. I don't have the skill, and I don't have the patience. I thought it was a very unique opportunity [to purchase it]."

Larry intends to move the Bally Bomber down to San Antonio, Texas, where he lives, and make a few modifications to it to allow his 6-foot frame to fit in the aircraft a bit better.

"I did figure out how I can modify the seat to give me some more room," Larry said. "Once I get the seat modded, it will be a lot more comfortable. Right now it's got about a one-hour range, and that's how long my back can handle it."

Once Larry gets the airplane back to Texas, he's looking to potentially replace a couple of the engines with electric motors to increase the horsepower and range. In the next few years, Larry plans on taking the Bally Bomber to air shows around Texas and hopes to eventually make it back to Oshkosh.

"I'm thinking I'll be able to triple my range, which will take it from 120 miles to probably close to 400 miles," he said. "With that, I can make Houston and Dallas [air shows] and even come back up here again in a few years."



Wittman Airport - Oshkosh

Fly-In Drive-In

Aircraft on Display!

-S.J. Wittman Birthday Celebration-

Pancake Breakfast

April 22, 2023

7:30 – 11:00 A.M.

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

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



Adults \$8.00*
Children under 10, \$4.00

* Free for pilots of homebuilt
aircraft who fly in.



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://young eaglesday.org/?yereg&event=83CjwMmx7>

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Visit our web site at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea252>
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EAA Chapter 252
February 2023 Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, February 23, 2023 6:00 - 7:00 PM (CST)

Attending: David Leiting, John Forster, Chris Gauger, Fred Stadler, Jim Cunningham, Jim Casper

Monthly Gatherings – David

March

New presenter needed.

Perhaps a NIFA presentation?

David will talk to Rick Larsen to verify NIFA contact.

Fred will talk to Chip Dyni from KOSH tower.

Food: Pizza. Jim Casper will pick it up.

April: Taco night. Chapter will provide meat, tortillas, and cheese; while rest of members can bring other toppings, salsa, chips, etc.

David might cook the meat.

Future presentations:

Homebuilders Buffet

Jim Cunningham has a Steve Wittman presentation for a later time.

EAA 70th anniversary – Spring or Summer for high turnout.

Membership Report – Charlie (provided before the meeting)

Current: 124

Expired: 61

New: 21

Treasury – Fred

\$75,000 in Treasury

CD is performing very well

Some funds are for Ray Scholars

\$2,000 incoming for Ike

Ray Aviation Scholarship – David

Jarrett – Checkride Complete!

Total cost was \$20,000 due to having to restart flight training at Lewis University.

Ike – Written Exam Completed (Score of 98)

Soloed C150 and C172. Only spent ~\$4,800 so far. Will probably finish with money left over. Can keep up to \$1,500 of leftover funds. Carrie encouraging him to spend remainder at Cub Air Flight in Hartford for tailwheel endorsement.

Carrie talked to Doug Osterberg about taking an additional Ray Scholar student. He is currently full, but once one of his 3 students is finished, he can take a new student.

Provide Rusty with a stipend for his flight training?

Jim made motion to use proceeds from April pancake breakfast and match them to provide scholarship for Rusty. Fred seconded. All voted in favor.

Use milestones for provisions of funds like with RAS.

Young Eagles

April 22 – Pancake Breakfast

Have pilots and volunteers signed up, arrangements made.

April 29 – EAA Girls on the Fly

Not much commitment needed from chapter. Just some ground volunteers and 4 pilots with planes.

June 10 – International Young Eagles Day

EAA 252 will fly Young Eagles. Possibly as part of Warbirds 32's event that day.

Flying Start – David

May 20

Registration opening in March.

Materials ordered from EAA.

Callout for volunteers in next few weeks.

IMC Club – David

12 people came to chapter hangar for meeting. Dennis Carew moderated.

Some attendees asked if VMC Club will happen.

Next meeting at Wittman FBO on March 21. Fred or Jim Cunningham will moderate.

Teen Build/RV-12 Updates – John, Carrie, and Eric

Going well. Both wings being built. Kids doing great, could use 1 more kid.

Chapter Awards/Spirit of ELO

Full discussion tabled until March board meeting. Aim for presentation at spring meeting for more turnout.

Hangar – David

Manager/Committee

Kyle onboard with manager position, just wants a description of what the manager would do.

Wi-Fi

David went to cellcom 2 weeks ago and inquired about data-only plans. They have some that would fit our requirements for \$15/month. Cellcom could even send folks out to figure out best place at hangar to place antenna for best reception.

Monthly Gatherings:

2023 Chapter Gatherings	Topic/Presenter
Thursday, February 9	Tom Knott - Chili Feed
Thursday, March 9	Bally Bomber - TBD
Thursday, April 13	Homebuilders Buffet - Pizza
Saturday, April 22	Pancake Breakfast & YE Rally
Thursday, May 11	TBD
Saturday, May 20	Flying Start
Thursday, June 8	TBD
Saturday, June 10	International YE Day
Thursday, July 13	TBD
Thursday, August 10	TBD
Thursday, September 14	Annual Corn Roast
Saturday, September 16	Pancake Breakfast & YE Rally
Thursday, October 12	TBD
Thursday, November 9	TBD
Thursday, December 14	TBD

EAA Chapter 252
March 2023 Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 6:00 - 7:00 PM (CDT)

Rescheduled from March 23, 2023

Attending: David Leiting, John Forster, Carrie Forster, Fred Stadler, Christopher Gauger, Jim Cunningham, Jim Casper, Wayne Daniels, Brian Langkau, Joe Sonnleitner

Membership report – Charlie

Current members: 141

Expired members: 48

New members: 22

Treasurer's Report – Fred

\$77,000 in the bank. Some is committed for Ray Scholars. Finances looking strong.

\$60,000 is in a Certificate of Deposit (CD) and has already made \$700 in interest.

Monthly Gatherings – David

April 13 – Larry Nau (Bally Bomber)

Food: Hot Beef

David will run to Costco for beef and buns.

Attendees encouraged to bring sides and other dishes.

Fred won't be able to attend, so someone else needs to collect donations and reimburse David for purchases.

May – Homebuilders Buffet

Eric Abraham, Charlie Becker, Dennis Moehn, and others can get involved with activities.

Food: Taco Buffet

Attendees can bring salsa, chips, toppings, and other dishes.

June – EAA 70th Anniversary? (or July)

Food Grill Out

Chapter Awards/Spirit of ELO?

Teen Build/RV-12 updates – Carrie/John/Eric Abraham/Jim Casper

Tail feathers and tail cone are done. Wings nearing completion. Forward fuselage being assembled.

Making good progress. Teens learning a lot.

6-8 kids currently involved in project, seems to be enough for now, but can recruit more kids if additional help is needed.

Most important question to ask interested kids is if they're open on Wednesday nights, because that's when the build sessions occur.

EAA HQ loaned the chapter 5-6 tool kits with basic metalworking tools. Chapter will return complete tool kits when EAA needs them again. Need to inventory the tools and determine what the chapter needs to purchase. Might be able to use Young Eagles Credits for purchases of new tools. Chapter members have donated many tools and materials already.

Next project focuses are getting the engine, general fundraising, and how to sell the airplane (keep it in a flying club in Oshkosh, or sell it to someone else?).

Might be able to sell completed aircraft for ~\$100,000.

Might reach out to some manufacturers for tools (e.g. Milwaukee Tool).

David started some fundraising letters for soliciting donations from local businesses.

Pancake Breakfast Planning – Brian/Joe

This Thursday (4/6), they'll do inventory count. Some reorganization. Joe has list of volunteers.

At last pancake breakfast, some circuit breakers were blown at the FBO (near the end of the event). Next time, we should try to get access to the FBO's breaker panel in case another circuit is blown.

Wayne will meet with Jim Schell at airport tomorrow morning (4/5). He'll talk about the circuit breaker issues.

Should we bring generators? Wayne and Brian have generators they can bring as backups.

How much promotion should we do? How big do we want to make this event? Brian can look at doing more advertising if we want to bring more people.

EAA Calendar of Events

Wisconsin Flying Hamburger Social calendar

NIFA attendees will be arriving early for SAFECON event. They could be invited.

Might be in competition for ramp space, since these attendees are bringing their own aircraft for SAFECON.

KOSH tower expecting 800-1,200 aircraft operations per day during SAFECON event.

EAA Chapter Leadership Academy occurring that week. Expect 40-50 chapter leaders to attend the breakfast.

Recruit volunteers through newsletter and next chapter gathering.

Creating display boards about what EAA Chapter 252 is and about why we are fundraising.

Young Eagles – Carrie/John

April 22 – Pancake Breakfast

45 kids pre-registered so far.

8 pilots so far.

Need at least 1-2 more ground volunteers. At least one of them must have completed EAA's Youth Protection Policy.

April 29 – EAA Girls on the Fly

Capacity for 48 girls and have 48 signed up.

All-day event running from 9 AM to 4 PM.

Using 4 aircraft due to SAFECON. KOSH tower gave us go-ahead. John Forster, David Leiting, Ed Jeziorny, and Doug Milius will be the pilots. Mark Hangar will be used. No marshallsers needed. Carrie Forster and Michelle Leiting will handle paperwork on the ground.

June 10 – International Young Eagles Day

EAA 252 flying Young Eagles at Warbirds Squadron 32's all-day event at the Wittman FBO.

Warbirds 32 doing pancake breakfast, fly-in, warbirds events.

Need 6-7 pilots. Capacity of 40 kids? Flights in the morning (9-11 AM or 8-11 AM).

Air Academy – Carrie

No new updates. Chapter sending two kids this year.

Flying Start – David

May 20

8 pre-registered so far. Hoping for at least 15.

Ages range from 20s to 60s.

David posted flyers around Oshkosh. Posted event in some local event calendars. Already got a sign-up from someone who saw poster at YMCA in Neenah.

Starting to recruit pilots for Eagle Flights. Will also need ground volunteers for check-in, food service, etc.

David emailed CFIs in chapter and from Pilotsmith, Discovery Flight, Winnebago Flying Club, Fond du Lac Airport, etc. inviting them to present and speak with attendees.

Attendees will get welcome letters and nametags.

Hangar Updates – David/Kyle Voltz

Wayne purchased materials for rewiring and relighting the hangar. Need at least two people to help. Jim Casper, Jim Cunningham, John Forster, and David Leiting may be available.

Hangar manager description sent to Kyle Voltz for his thoughts before the board approves.

David will call Cellcom for setting up WiFi at the hangar.

IMC Club – David

March meeting went well. Combined VMC/IMC scenarios. Fred and Jim Cunningham presented VMC and IMC scenarios, respectively. 12-15 attendees.

David booked room at FBO for April, May, and June for the next meetings.

Need to bring in more donations to cover food costs. A more overt donations jar would help ("Your donations make this event possible.").

Still need an official coordinator. David willing to serve as IMC Coordinator.

IMC Club meetings bring in members who don't regularly attend the chapter gatherings.

Ray Aviation Scholarship – Carrie

Alayna submitted her application to EAA for final approval of scholarship. As of last Wednesday, she has already had 3 flight lessons with Doug Osterberg.

Ike completed takeoffs and landings at towered airport. Preparing for cross-country flights; waiting for good weather on the weekends.

Alayna and Ike attending ground school that Doug Osterberg created. Caleb also attending it.

Rusty applied for EAA 41's Ray Scholarship. If he receives it, we should rescind our in-house scholarship offer to

him, but we'll still raise funds to award to another candidate.

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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:

Charlie Becker
3975 Sharratt Drive
Oshkosh, WI 54901

Renew your membership online from home at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea252/join-renew>

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