

# THE PYLON



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## President's Report— Carrie Forster



I joined Chapter 252 in the later spring of 2013 with my husband John. We attended the Pancake Breakfast and made a spur of the moment decision to join. Within a few months of joining, I stepped in as chapter secretary to fill a vacant position and also began flight training. I became a private pilot in August of 2014 and have served multiple board positions.

After almost 9 years as an officer, serving in a variety of roles (secretary, newsletter editor, VP, and president), I am happy to hand the reins to David Leiting as our new chapter president starting January 1. I've enjoyed working with David on the board and know that he will be an excellent leader for our chapter.

Although I will no longer be an officer, I will continue to be actively involved, focusing most of my energies in our youth and educational programs as co-chair of YE and Eagles with my husband John (who will be joining the board as VP), co-leader of the Teen RV-12 Build, and Ray Scholarship coordinator for the chapter. John and I have found plenty of ways to keep involved with chapter programs.

When people ask me whether I recommend joining a chapter, my answer is an enthusiastic "yes." When they ask me why, that is also an easy question to answer. As a student pilot, and then a private pilot, being involved in a chapter makes me a better, safer, pilot and it also makes flying and aviation more fun. I've met so many interesting people, and made so many friends in the aviation community in our chapter and through chapter programs. I enjoy giving back to the aviation community through my involvement in youth programs.

I'm looking forward to continuing to play my part to help our chapter thrive and grow. I am excited to support our board as they lead our chapter. I also encourage members to jump in to volunteering and joining chapter initiatives if you can. There are lots of opportunities to help out and our chapter will continue to thrive and grow through the involvement, energy, and initiative of our members. If you are interested in becoming more involved in our chapter but aren't sure how, please reach out to me or any of our board members. We're happy to help.

Thank you to all of you for your support during the last nine years in helping me grow as an aviator and a leader. I look forward to continuing to be involved in our chapter for a long time to come. Come visit us at the Wednesday evening Teen Build and see what great things kids can do, volunteer at our Pancake Breakfast or Young Eagle Rallies, or help us create new programs and events for our members. Our members are the lifeblood of our chapter.

See you at the next chapter gathering.

Blue Skies,

Carrie

**December 8**  
**Chapter Gathering**

**EAA's Chris Henry: Former EAA Museum Aircraft**

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

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*Note: Due to the chapter board meeting being shifted a week later due to Thanksgiving, minutes were not yet available when this issue went to press (well, not press, but you know what we mean). We will include the meeting minutes in the January, 2023 Pylon.*

## December Chapter Gathering

EAA Aviation Museum staffer Chris Henry will talk about some of the aircraft that used to call EAA home and explore their past and where they are now.

Dinner will be Pizza, served at 6:30, with the presentation to follow at 7:00 PM.

***As always, please bring a side dish or dessert to pass!***



## November Chapter Gathering



Members enjoyed hearing from author BJ Elliott Prior who told us of her experiences as a flight attendant on airline flights to and from Vietnam in during the Vietnam War. The flights were chartered military and all passengers were servicemen going to and from the theater. The stress the servicemen were under—both going to and from the conflict—touched on her and other cabin crew in ways and to depths the public was never made aware of until she published her book. She shared her and their experiences with the chapter.



## Member Updates

### Kyle Voltz

Congratulations to chapter member Kyle Voltz, who is moving up fast.. to jet speed, actually! Kyle recently completed training at CAE in Dallas and is now type rated to ATP as PIC for the Phenom 300, which he is now flying. Kyle had to do his online training at home on a tighter schedule than the company usually gives students in order to finish his training at their facility before... well, his next big project that starts in January (the editor will leave it to him to report to members about that one).

After completing computer-based at-home training, Kyle spent seven days in ground school and after passing the exams required upon completion started the fun part—simulator training. That also was seven days, and started with “simple” normal operations of the jet progressing to sessions where it seemed like everything that could break on the airplane did, and all at once (as it invariably does in sim sessions).

No word yet on whether Kyle will be using the Phenom 300 for Young Eagle flights. ;)



### Jakob and Serena Brouillette

From Jakob: I did "solo" a UH-72A at Army flight school in Fort Rucker on October 19th (the Army requires you to have a fellow trainee onboard the aircraft as a safety measure; I usually call it a "brolo" instead of a "solo"). I passed my first two evals and am working on instruments. I am at the rough equivalent of the private pilot level. It's a very accelerated course and, even though I started with a lot of helpful airplane experience, it is demanding a lot of focus. It's almost unbelievable to me that my fellow trainees are starting, with 0 hours of flight time, in twin turbine helicopters! They

impress me every day!

Serena and I both read the Pylon monthly and enjoy hearing about the RV-12 build and other chapter activities! She's dutifully working on her commercial pilot certificate in our new-to-us Cessna 150.

The weather down here is ridiculously good; in two months of training my class hasn't had a single weather cancellation! Serena also hasn't had to cancel any of her training flights due to weather."



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## New Chapter Hangar Tenant



Chapter 252 has had some rather rare aircraft as hangar tenants over the years. Given our location and needs to store airplanes during convention, this isn't a surprise. Our new tenant, however, is truly unique—the one and only Bally Bomber. As many of you know, the Bally Bomber is a fully-flyable, single-seat, 1/3 scale replica B-17. The airplane was designed and scratch-built by the late Jack Bally over a period of two decades using scaled-up RC plans. The airplane is powered by four Hirth F-30 two-stroke, air-cooled, horizontally opposed, four-cylinder engines. Bally spent approximately 40,000 hours on his creation. Everything is hand-made.



Upon his passing the airplane was sold to Larry Neu of San Antonio, Texas. The airplane will be our chapter hangar tenant until sometime next spring. Neu will present on the airplane at a future chapter gathering next year. As soon as we know when, we will pass along that information. In the meantime, we can all brag "Yeah, we have a B-17 in our chapter hangar right now... sort of."



## Ray Scholars Update

**Ike Langkau:** Since the last chapter meeting, I've mainly been doing "under the hood" stuff. Tracking VOR's and unusual attitudes are a ton of fun! I couldn't believe how hard it was just to maintain straight and level with my eyes closed! I was also fortunate enough to have been awarded a Lightspeed Zulu 3 headset at the November chapter meeting, and it's fantastic! I can't thank the people in the chapter and the people at Lightspeed enough for providing me with such a wonderful headset! I've mainly been flying at night, since finding time during the day has been challenging. So there's a few things I need to touch up on. Next, I want to get comfortable with towered airspace, as that's something I am always nervous about. Nevertheless, I am still having a blast!



Chapter Secretary Chris Gauger presents Ike Langkau with his Zulu 3 headset.

**Jarrett Schiedemeyer:** Jarrett is close to completing his private pilot training at National Lewis University, where he is a freshman. He is currently working on checkride prep to wrap things up at the end of his first semester. He recently made a night flight under O'Hare's Class B airspace along Lake Michigan and snapped this amazing photo of the experience.



## Welcome New Member

**Doug Milius**  
Chapter Membership

**Christian Wilson**—Christian and his wife Maygen live in Oshkosh. Chris-

tian is a retired USAF and Marine pilot where he flew helicopters, tilt rotors and fixed wing aircraft for 22 years. He currently works at EAA in the Flight Proficiency Center. His rat-

ings include Commercial, Instrument, ASEL, AMEL, Rotorcraft, Powered Lift, CFI, CFII, ASEL. Christian also likes to hike and hunt. Welcome to Chapter 252!



## Chapter IMC Club Reestablished

About 20 people attended the first reestablishing meeting of the Chapter 252 IMC Club held at the new EAA Pilot Proficiency Center. Longtime chapter member and CFI Fred Stadler led the group through a scenario involving deteriorating weather conditions, limited fuel, and terrain factors. Attendees discussed considerations, options, and decision-

making. The scenario was complex, and there were many possibilities answers. Pizza was kindly provided. Afterward attendees enjoyed a tour of EAA's new Pilot Proficiency Center and Education Center. Plans for the future of the IMC Club are still being discussed as of this writing; look for more information in the Pylon in the future.



*EAA photo*







## Member Profile: Doug Milius

Doug Milius is stepping down as Membership Chair for the chapter after serving in that role for almost 20 years... one of many positions he has held with the chapter—and as an EAA volunteer—for decades. But if you're thinking that's because he's slowing down, think again. More on that in a minute.

Doug's interest in aviation began, as it did for most of us, in childhood. His dad, a WWII veteran and aircraft mechanic, maintained DC-3s for North Central Airlines and Doug spent time at the Minneapolis St. Paul airport watching airplanes take off and land when his dad worked weekends. Doug investigated becoming a pilot for the military through ROTC, but at that point only applicants with eyesight like eagles were being accepted. Doug decided to take a personal and GA approach to become a pilot instead.

After graduating college in 1973 and getting established in his career, Doug obtained his private pilot's license in Fond du Lac in a Cessna 150. He says the total bill for his training was about \$1,300! Doug later went on to earn an instrument rating in the 1990s, back before things like moving maps were around to make it easy.

A series of airplanes of course accompanied him through his flying. Doug first was in a partnership in Fond du Lac that started with a 1947 TAC Champ; this was followed by a Grumman AA1A which was more of a practical traveling machine. Doug did just that with it and flew "all over the country." Later in 1984 he heard about a nice Cherokee 160 located down in Juneau that was



*Doug in the left seat of his 1962 Cherokee 160.*



*Family portrait. Doug's wife Rosann, Co-pilot Benji, and Doug.*

for sale. He and his dad looked at it and decided it was in good shape and would make a great personal airplane. A deal was struck, but in the intervening few days while Doug assembled payment the seller sold it to someone else for a higher price! Fortunately for Doug the new owner did-

n't really want the airplane long term just long enough to fly in a while and use one of the radios for another aircraft. Doug was able to buy the Cherokee from him... though not at the same price. The purchase has served him well, however—he still owns and flies the airplane regularly. How reg-





*Doug with two of the 300+ Young Eagles he has flown.*



*Doug driving a flight line ops bug during convention.*

ularly? Well, EAA recognized him this year for flying over 300 Young Eagles! Doug also delights in giving rides to just about anyone who has never flown in a general aviation air-

plane, but who would like to.

Doug joined Chapter 252 in the 1970s, has served in a variety of roles, and can be found volunteering at just

about every event and function the chapter hosts. He served as Vice President in the 1980s, as Membership Chair for the last two decades, and was awarded the chapter's Spirit of Elo award in 2018. Back when EAA's Aluminum Overcast first appeared at convention on static display in the 80s Doug was part of the team that gave ground tours of the airplane. Doug said that WWII veterans who flew on B-17s were common visitors at the time, and that many became emotional when reunited with an airplane that brought back memories of their most difficult hours.

Flight Line Operations for convention used to be largely run by Chapter 252 in the past. Doug became part of the team and has served three decades now, earning the position of Co-Chairman. He says that he enjoys the work and has met many interesting people over the years and seen lots of airplanes.

Not one to sit on his laurels, Doug joined the Civil Air Patrol three years ago. Now a Second Lieutenant, Doug was awarded his CAP wings this fall and completed the requirements to be a CAP pilot. And as of this month he has started as Squadron Finance Officer for the Fox Cities Composite Squadron.

After decades of service to the chapter, we doubt Doug will slow down anytime soon, and we look forward to his ongoing participation and service to Chapter 252.

## **Chapter 252 Hangar**

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## 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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