

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF EAA CHAPTER 252 OSHKOSH WISCONSIN

## President's Report— David Leiting, Jr.



The end of year provides us an opportunity to reflect on all that happened in 2023, while also looking forward to what is in store for 2024.

To recognize the efforts of the 2023 chapter volunteers, the annual chapter banquet is scheduled for Thursday, January 11 at The Roxy Supper Club in downtown Oshkosh. The doors will open at 6:00 pm, and we will order dinner at 6:45. The event will be held in the backroom at the Roxy. Space is limited, so we are asking that any members that plan to attend RSVP in advance. You can RSVP at this link, or by emailing [ea252@gmail.com](mailto:ea252@gmail.com).

Looking forward to 2024, there are a few exciting happenings planned for the chapter. Although the monthly gatherings provide a great opportunity for our members to mix and mingle with one another, there is room to improve the chapter's social opportunities. There will be two additional programs for members beginning next year.

Look for upcoming announcements as we relaunch the chapter fly-outs. Jim Cunningham will be leading the coordination of these activities. With Jim heading south for a bit, these activities will start to pop-up once the weather begins to turn.

Additionally, the IMC Club will be relaunched in 2024. Dennis Carew has volunteered to step forward and lead these events. There will be a more formal announcement once those meetings are scheduled. Thank you, Dennis!

As a reminder, the chapter board will be hosting a special strategy session on December 16th at 10am. The session will take place at the airport terminal conference room. The primary purpose of the session is to set the direction for the chapter over the next 5 years, including hangar expansion and plans for the RV-12 teen build. Chapter members are welcome to attend or share any suggestions with the board by emailing [ea252@gmail.com](mailto:ea252@gmail.com).

Lastly, I want to recognize Jim Cunningham. Shortly after moving to the Oshkosh area, Jim took over as chapter newsletter editor. Jim's dedication and talent for putting together a great newsletter has been a major asset to the chapter. During the toughest days of COVID-19, a quality and consistent newsletter was one of the few ties that continued to bind the chapter together.

Jim's talents were recognized in 2021, when he was awarded Newsletter Editor of the Year by EAA. The December 2023 edition of the Pylon is the last one that will be put together by Jim. In 2024, these duties will temporarily move to Christopher Gauger, as we look for a permanent replacement for Jim. Thank you, Jim!

I hope you have a wonderful holiday season!

David Leiting, EAA Lifetime 579157

### December 14 Chapter Gathering

**Presenter:**  
**Chapter Member and Army Helicopter Pilot Jacob Brouillette**  
**Dinner: 6:30PM Meeting: 7:00 PM**

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**EAA Chapter 252 Annual Banquet at The Roxy Supper Club.**

**Thursday, January 11  
6:00 P.M.**

**Join us for an evening of celebration as we recognize the accomplishments of EAA Chapter 252 over the course of 2023.**

**RSVP required as space is limited.**  
**Email [ea252@gmail.com](mailto:ea252@gmail.com) with any questions.**

**[Click here to RSVP.](#)**

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## December Chapter Gathering

Chapter member Jacob Brouillette will talk to us about the latest chapter in his aviation journey— U.S Army Flight School and flying UH-60 and UH-72 helicopters. As always, Dinner will be at 6:30PM and our meeting and presentation will be at 7:00 PM. PLEASE BRING A SIDE DISH OR DESSERT TO PASS!



## November Chapter Gathering Report

Members enjoyed Brian Liddle's presentation on creating aviation art. Brian's attention to historical accuracy and attention to technical details have resulted in his work being in demand in the aviation community. Brian had displays of his art and spoke with members after the presentation.



## Chapter Member Katie Tyriver Passes Checkride

Chapter member Katie Tyriver passed her private pilot checkride November 17. Katie sailed through the ground portion several weeks earlier but a combination of weather, airplane availability and examiner availability kept her from completing the flight component of her rating until recently. Katie only took six months from start to finish to earn her rating, and like many other chapter members flew with Doug Osterberg as her instructor. We will have to wait a few months to give Katie our in-person congratulations, as she has wisely returned to Florida for the winter. She already has plans to continue and expand her flying activities while in the Sunshine State. Congratulations, Katie!



## Chapter Banquet – Celebrate EAA Chapter 252 Volunteers!

Thursday, January 11, 6:00 pm | The Roxy Supper Club

Join us for a celebratory evening where we celebrate what makes our chapter so special – our amazing volunteers! The event will be held in the backroom at the Roxy Supper Club. Space is limited, so we are asking that any members that plan to attend RSVP in advance. You can RSVP at [this link](#), or by emailing [ea252@gmail.com](mailto:ea252@gmail.com).

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## Chapter Ray Scholar Updates

**Lucas Pulvermacher's** dad reports that Lucas continues to progress with his ratings. "He's finishing up on his commercial license and waiting on his checkride. Heading into his multi-engine next. Next semester is his final and her graduates in May!"

**Jarrett Schiedemeyer** is continuing his studies at Lewis University and working on his ratings. "So far this year has been great. School has been challenging, but very rewarding. I have about half of my commercial certificate completed and my instrument check ride is scheduled for next week, but the weather has been not the best down here lately so that may be pushed back.

Last week I went to Fort Lauderdale to interview with Spirit Airlines for a First Officer position. I hear back sometime this week if I get it and if I do, it's a CJO that when I reach 1,000 hours I go straight to an A320 F/O position. I also have a second interview with United Airlines and their aviate program next week Thursday. Otherwise, school has been great. I added on an aircraft dispatch minor and I am on track to graduate next December, about 3 semesters early!"



Jarrett Schiedemeyer

## Electronic E6b Flight Computers Needed

Looking for donations of Electronic E6b flight computers and plotters to use with our teen student pilots. Do you have an electronic flight computer or a plotter around that you are no longer using? We would love to have them to loan to our student pilots. A dedicated flight computer is required for the FAA Knowledge Exam and it seems a shame to have our students purchase one when they can use a free app except for the test. If you

have one you can donate to the chapter, please contact Carrie Forster ([planecarrie@gmail.com](mailto:planecarrie@gmail.com) or 920-540-6432) or bring it to the chapter gathering or drop it off during one of our Wednesday Teen Aircraft Build sessions. Thank you for supporting our teen student pilots!



## Chapter Member Jim Casper Recognized by EAA

### Jim Casper has led volunteer efforts at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh for four decades

EAA AVIATION CENTER, OSHKOSH, Wisconsin — (November 13, 2023) — Jim Casper of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, was recognized on November 9 for his contributions and volunteer service to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), as he received the Henry Kimberly Spirit of Leadership Award during the EAA Halls of Fame banquet at the EAA Aviation Center in Oshkosh.

The award is named for the late Henry Kimberly, a longtime Oshkosh civic leader who was instrumental in building community support for EAA when the fly-in arrived in Oshkosh in 1970, and later in the move of EAA headquarters to Oshkosh in the early 1980s.

Casper was recognized for more than four decades of service as an EAA AirVenture Oshkosh volunteer and chairperson at the North 40 Flight Line Operations at Wittman Regional Airport. That area welcomes thousands of aircraft each year, whose owners and passengers camp next to their aircraft for the weeklong fly-in. North 40 volunteers coordinate the thousands of landing aircraft and safely move them into parking and camping areas, as well as synchronizing their departures from Oshkosh when they return home.

Casper also has been involved in many other EAA activities, including at the EAA Aviation Museum and at the museum's Pioneer Airport. In addition, he is actively involved in EAA Chapter 252 based in Oshkosh, including as the chapter's past president and with a current re-creation project of Steve Wittman's famed "Buster" racing airplane.

"Jim represents the best of EAA volunteer corps – knowledgeable, dedicated, and a mentor to new volunteers," said Jack Pelton, EAA's CEO



and chairman of the board, who presented the award at a dinner in the EAA Aviation Museum's Eagle Hangar. "He has been an outstanding example of our volunteers from the Oshkosh area who make EAA a destination for aviation enthusiasts from all parts of the globe."

Along with announcing the Henry Kimberly Award that recognizes Oshkosh-area volunteers, the November 9 program inducted five aviators into the EAA Halls of Fame. They included

aviation enthusiasts from diverse aircraft areas that encompass homebuilt, vintage, warbird, ultralight, and aerobatic aircraft.

# **EAA Chapter 252**

## **November 2023 Board Meeting Agenda**

**November 29, 2023 at 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CST)**

**Attending:** David Leiting, John Forster, Christopher Gauger, Fred Stadler, Carrie Forster, Jim Cunningham, Jim Casper, Eric Abraham, Wayne Daniels, Charlie Becker

Membership report: Charlie

178 members

Renewal for 2024 underway

Treasurer's Report: Fred

\$77,000 in the bank

Substantial expenses coming up in January 2024. \$1,700 for hangar fees, insurance, rent, taxes, etc.

Ray Scholarship funds incoming to disburse to recipients.

At planning session, come up with rough estimates of what we could spend on teen build in 2024.

Monthly Gatherings: David

November

Presenter Brian Liddle did good, got a lot of questions at the end, sold a few pieces of his aviation art.

Younger guy who works for ForeFlight and is building an RV-10 was in attendance and plans to join chapter.

Good supply of food.

December

Speaker: Jakob Brouillette will talk about his Army helicopter training. Will do rehearsal at chapter hangar this week.

Food: Sloppy Joe's from Carrol Winker.

January: Chapter Banquet

Banquet at the Roxy

Max of 50 attendees.

Slow RSVP

15 signed up so far.

There was an issue with the RSVP form that prevented some people from signing up. That has been fixed.

Slideshow

TVs at the Roxy. Photos of chapter events and activities over the past year. Young Eagles, Flying Start, chapter gatherings, teen build, etc. Email photos to David so they can be rotated during the presentation.

Spirit of Elo Award

Board members discussed potential recipients before narrowing down to one choice. Jim Casper made motion for the selected person to receive the 2024 award. Wayne seconded. Board unanimously voted in favor.

Jim will get the plaque made, as well as other plaques for completed Ray Scholars. He will also reach out to the recipient.

Newsletter Editor

Transition from Jim Cunningham.

Have someone to assist and fill in for editor.

Would Serena be interested in getting involved?

David and Chris will look at Mailchimp.

Free trial for the paid version is available. Would help us explore it.

Ray Aviation Scholarship: Carrie

Alayna

Done two cross-country flights, both to Wisconsin Rapids. Two night landings to do and solo long cross-country, then her requirements will be done. Followed by checkride prep. Study session with Carrie, John, and Jim Cunningham. Planning end of February for checkride as long as weather cooperates.

Wayne suggested that Ike help prep Alayna as well.

Rusty

Awarded Ray Scholarship, using unspent scholarship from another chapter. Training with Doug Osterberg.

Noah

Awarded Ray Scholarship, using unspent scholarship from another chapter. Received \$6,600 since he soloed already.

Cameron Rucinski, EAA 572 Ray Scholar and EAA 252 member, passed her checkride on November 28.

Have the completed Ray Scholars join other chapter members on a flyout to get lunch somewhere.

EAA 252 will sit out the 2024 Ray Scholarship since we won't have any good candidates in the age range, and we'd prefer to nominate someone we know. We'll have several good candidates in 2025.

Teen Build/RV-12 updates: Carrie/John/Eric

10 kids involved. Good attendance and communications if someone can't make it to a session.

4 teams of kids working on various things.

No room for more kids at this point.

Adult members of chapter continuously involved.

IMC Club: Revive Request

Dennis Carew said he can lead a revival of the club. David will work with him to restart the club.

Dennis will need to undergo EAA's IMC/VMC Coordinator training session: Virtual meeting with EAA Chapters Manager John Egan (an EAA 252 member).

We prefer using the Wittman Terminal again.

Maintain similar schedule consistency. We previously met the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Pick a night that works for Dennis.

We can put flyers at the Appleton airport. Mention that it counts for FAA WINGS credit.

David will handle event insurance request with EAA.

Chapter Member Survey Sent to Members

Will get Chapter Recognition credit if we get enough members to take the survey.

Chapter Recognition Extra Credit

Chapters can get an extra credit point.

Teen build would fulfill this. David will submit this extra credit to EAA.

Chapter Leadership Training

Academy at EAA HQ on January 27-28. Any of our chapter leaders can attend. Carrie and John might go.

Planning Meeting - Review Agenda

Date: Saturday, December 16

10 am to 2 pm

Airport Board Room

They said we can come earlier and stay later if needed

Food?

Working lunch

Topics

RV-12 Teen Build

Finances and expenses

Fundraising

Engine and avionics

Use of aircraft after completion

Hangar Updates/Expansion

What do we absolutely need for amenities?

Budgeting

Timelines

Chapter activities revamp

Pancake breakfast: How to increase profits and get more people

Flyouts (Jim Cunningham working on this)

Leadership succession

Elections at end of 2024

Cultivate future chapter leaders through leadership in chapter activities

Will count as our December board meeting.

<b>2023 Chapter Gatherings</b>	<b>Topic/Presenter</b>
Thursday, December 14	Jakob B - Helicopter Training
Thursday, January 11	Banquet at the Roxy - Must RSVP.
Thursday, February 8	TBD - Taco Bar
Thursday, March 14	TBD
Thursday, April 11	TBD



## **Chapter 252 Hangar**

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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:

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