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# PYLON

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

### Learning About Chapters

CARRIE FORSTER

Climbing into the cockpit of Paul's P-51, flying a Red Bird simulator, and being given a guided tour of the Museum after hours was a small part of the recent EAA Leadership Academy I was able to attend on behalf of our chapter. Several times a year, EAA hosts a leadership academy here in Oshkosh. The weekend is brimming with opportunities to network with chapter officers from around the country (at this academy there were approximately 65 participants, representing 35 chapters, 17 states, and Can-

ada) and training on a variety of topics pertinent to chapter officers. Topics included goal setting, ways to grow membership, membership meetings or gatherings, legal issues, roster management, Young Eagles, legislative advocacy, media relations, and more.

I had attended this academy once before – two years ago, when I became vice-president. Attending for the second time, learning with a focus on my new role in our chapter, was very beneficial. I really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with other chapter leaders and find out what they are doing



with their chapters. In addition to learning from others, I was able to share the great things that our chapter is doing. Learning from other chapters, it confirmed my feeling that our chapter has so many great things going on and also gave me ideas of ways to continue to strengthen and grow our chapter.

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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.

## February Gathering

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## FEBRUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Thursday, February 14  
Dinner at 6:30  
Presentation at 7:00: Rick Larsen, EAA

Topic: An all-around aviation enthusiast, Cub owner and pilot, and avid aero-modeler, Rick will discuss the many ways RC modeling and flying can inspire others—especially youth—to get involved in aviation by teaching valuable skills and building camaraderie. Rick will also let us in on a new initiative EAA is launching to bring RC build-and-fly activities to local EAA Chapters.



## Coming in March!

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.



## Chapter 252 Resource List

Chapter member advisors (aviation professionals, or experienced & EAA recognized) who are active as mentors and support Chapter programs/events.

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## Welcome New Members!



**Kyle Ludwick**-Kyle works for EAA and is a lifetime member. He is an active pilot and has his Commercial Multi engine and single engine rating. He lives in Oshkosh. Kyle owns a M20E and a C140. He has also owned a PA23. Kyle would also like to volunteer with some of our projects during the year. Welcome to Chapter 252!



**Catie Gullickson**-Catie and her Dad Jim joined the chapter after our last monthly meeting. They only live a few blocks from our chapter hangar so plan on walking over when the weather turns a little nicer. Catie is a student at UW-Fond du Lac majoring in history. Her Dad took her to a lot of airshows in the past where she got interested in the history of aviation. Catie has volunteered for EAA previously. She has interests in photography, history, and horseback riding. Welcome to Chapter 252!



**Jim Gullickson**-Jim and his wife Sue live in Oshkosh. Jim has volunteered for EAA in the past and is interested in helping with some of our events. He is a mechanical designer and has worked on designing off loading trucks arms that are used on C-5's and C-17's for Oshkosh Truck. He's always had an interest in aviation and has an intent interest in space and astronomy. Jim also served in the Army National Guard for 6 years. Thanks for your service! Welcome to Chapter 252!



**Alex Falcon**-Alex and his wife Bethany live in Menasha. Alex would like to help with some of our projects. He is currently a flight attendant but has an extreme desire to move forward to be a pilot. He is studying to pass his FAA written exam. He has always had an interest in flying and has been a FA for 8 years. In addition Alex likes sports, dirtbikes, photography and travel. Welcome to Chapter 252 and good luck with your pilot training!

## My Aviation Journey—

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

Story and photos by Serena Kamps



# The Three-Day Transformation

**D**espite the discouragement of my lesson the previous day, early next morning found me back at the hangar ready for another. Before Jim arrived, I pushed open the big hangar doors, then pulled the plane out on my own for the first time. It's a sight heavier than a Cub! By the time I'd completed my preflight, Jim had arrived and we were ready to go. Like the day before, the wind was calm, the sky clear and the temperature warm. Another beautiful morning for flying! Also like the previous day, we stayed in the pattern the entire time, again doing stop-and-goes.

I did somewhat better that day and felt the handling of the plane begin to feel more settled and routine though I still had to keep a sharp watch on the airspeed and altitude so as not to let one or the other, or both, get away. My landings were getting better too, though I still had a bit of a tendency to flare high and couldn't seem to come down right on the runway centerline.

I guess Jim figured I was ready to start handling the radio in the pattern also so this added a new item to the patternwork mix. I did alright though. Well after seven takeoffs and landings, we at last came around a final pattern for our final landing of the day. Back at Weeks, Jim told me I'd improved considerably

from the day before. My only real snafu was the time I forgot to turn downwind until Jim reminded me to, by which time I was (what felt like) ridiculously far from the airport. I had been so absorbed in keeping my speed down at that moment that I didn't even think about flying the pattern! It was a rather embarrassing mistake but once I got back where I was supposed to be, I was in perfect control and did fine and, I might add, I never forgot to turn again.

Next morning, in spite of some earlier doubts about the weather, we flew again. When I met

another great morning for flying. Rather than stay in the pattern the entire time however, Jim had a different plan for the day's flight.

Once we were seated in the plane, Jim spent the next ten or fifteen minutes quizzing me on what this or that instrument, lever, or switch does or how it operates. I knew most of the answers, but it was a good exercise for me to give the answers verbally and I was almost surprised to find that I actually could!

Cleared to the west, we took



Jim at the hangar, there were a few clouds but they were high and the sun shone easily through them. The wind again was less than five knots. Again,

off, made right traffic, and exited the pattern. Near Rush Lake, we made clearing turns to right and left then Jim had me try a power off stall. Reducing power

a little at a time I flew first at 80 mph, then 75. At 69, I was expecting the stall within seconds but was amazed to find that at 65, we were still flying (though very sluggishly) despite our nose high attitude and the fact that the throttle was now pulled all the way to idle. Finally, somewhere between 65 and 60 the wing could fly no longer and the nose dropped. Almost reflexively, I released back pressure on the stick, added power and we were again in level flight. It was actually rather fun and had we had time for it, I would have done another but today we were flying to Appleton and had to be on our way.

I pointed the nose northeast and tuned in the Appleton ATIS, then called the Appleton tower. We were told to report entering a right downwind for runway 21. Still a few miles from entering the pattern began the work of slowing the airplane down. Once in the pattern, everything was just the same as at OSH. I didn't calculate my first turn to final very well but still managed to get realigned to the runway and apply full flaps before touchdown. Braking to a stop, I readjusted the flaps for takeoff and, applying power, we were on our way again, this time making left traffic. I did better with the approach this time and also found I was doing a much better



job of coming down on centerline at touch down here than at OSH too.

We flew one more pattern and made another decent landing before exiting the pattern to the south and heading back to OSH. After getting the ATIS info at OSH, I called the tower and we were told to report a three mile left base for Runway 9. A couple minutes later, I made the report and we were cleared for the option on 9. A couple stop-and-goes and one touch-and-go around to a final beautiful landing completed our lesson for the day.

As we taxied to the fuel pump, Jim praised me highly. My landings were good and my radio work solid. I beamed with pleasure. My radio work solid? I never thought I'd hear those words! And my landings once again were good enough to restore a little of my confidence! Two days ago, I expected that

would take a month! What a transformation had taken place over just three days!

Nothing could keep the grin off my face as we taxied back to Weeks, pushed the plane back inside, closed the doors and then sat down to fill out paperwork and talk over the lesson. "You did a good job today," Jim told me again, then added that he could've probably soloed me today only he wanted me to have a little more practice landing in stronger winds. My mouth must have dropped open. Solo? Oh my! I guess I have come a long ways in three days! After cleaning the windshield, I left with a light heart and step, well satisfied with the day's lesson.

*Serena (EAA Lifetime #1011028) is a Chapter 252 member, EAA employee, Private Pilot with tailwheel endorsement, and accomplished harpist. Serena lives near Pickett, WI.*

### **Wisconsin Light Aviation Safety Seminar Coming Soon!**

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.

# January 2019 Board Mtg. Minutes

Thursday, January 24, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

EAA Chapter HQ Leadership Classroom

Attending: Carrie Forster (President), Doug Milius (Membership), Fred Stadler (Treasurer), Kurt Weina (Secretary), Wayne Daniels (Board Member), Charlie Becker (Past President), Jakob Brouillette (Board Member), Jim Casper (Board Member), Serena Kamps (Ray Scholarship Coordinator)

Charlie)

- Chili
- March Meeting - Brian O'Lena, Young Eagles (confirmed by Carrie)
- Food?
- April – Eric Abraham to do canopy building
- May? CAP presentation?
- June – David working on something
- July – Eric Abraham aircraft painting
- Aug? – Airport Mgr

## Old Business:

- Brat Barn Updates
- Choosing dates – Wayne on Feb 6 @ 7am
- Friday before Memorial day or July 3
- A Friday or Sat in August, possibly 8/24 or 8/30
- Recruiting volunteers – A volunteer chairman for each date that would coordinate volunteers
- Shirt Order Updates (Carrie)
- Shirts should be finished in time for the February meeting
- Fred said they will be delivered 2/7
- Shirts are will cost the chapter \$10 each.
- Charge \$15 per shirt
- Ray Aviation Scholarship (Serena)
- Chapter application submitted by 1/8
- Formal approval 2/28
- Jamie does have availability to take on student
- Sonia has her medical completed and working on her Sporty's course.
- Volunteer opportunities needed
- Pancake Breakfast
- New table idea – David
- For providing chapter information and recruiting
- Meetings:
  - February Meeting - Rick Larsen, AMA/RC Modelers (confirmed by

## New Business:

- Lighting the sign on 20th street
- Wayne will check into solar lighting for the sign
- Move it a bit higher on the poles
- Flying Start Event
  - Program that EAA has to assist people in starting to fly
  - May 18th EAA is having an event to highlight this
  - Chapter may be interested in doing something in conjunction with this.
  - Carrie will see if she can round up pilots for this.
- YE Day Event
  - Possible joint activity with EAA on 6/15
- Chapter FB page
  - Review admins on that page
- Utilize Google Drive for past editions of the newsletter.
- Member Christmas banquet 2019 – Jan 11th at Roxy, Dennis will contact them for booking

# SAVE THE DATE: Learn to Fly Day + Flying Start Event!

EAA Chapter 252 is going to host our first Flying Start Event in conjunction with EAA Learn to Fly Day on Saturday, **May 18** in the morning (actual times TBD) in the chapter hangar.

EAA Flying Start Provides EAA chapters with an opportunity to reach out into the local community and bring those interested in aviation to the airport for a first-hand look at the wonders of flight. The program consists of an EAA-prepared presentation and video that provide information about topics ranging from what is involved in flight training and the types of certificates one can pursue, to how much it will cost in both time and money. EAA chapters can customize the presentation with information about their local chapter and flight-training resources.

After the presentation, Flying Start attendees can experience aviation first-hand with a free introductory Eagle Flight provided by an EAA volunteer pilot.

We're looking for CFI's to participate! If you are a CFI who is taking new students, please contact Carrie at [eaa252@gmail.com](mailto:eaa252@gmail.com). We love to see our CFI's participate in the event and help us promote this special day to prospective students.



## SportAir Workshop Lunches a Success

As in prior years, Chapter 252 provided lunches for attendees at the SportAir Workshop held at EAA headquarters in January. The weekend event teaches a variety of homebuilding skills to EAA members from nearby states and Chapter 252's annual participation lets them stay at their class locations during lunchtime, particularly appreciated this year because of the arctic temperatures outside.

A record number of 139 lunches were provided on the two days, with a boost to the chapter treasury of almost \$500. Dennis Moehn led the chapter's project, with help from Jim Casper, Wayne Daniels, Gary Geisler, Doug Milius, Karen Moehn, and Fred Stadler. Special thanks go to Karen, who provided home-made cookies to accompany the lunches

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# RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



## *An update on the Ray Aviation Scholarship from coordinator Serena Kamps...*

An application for Chapter 252 to be approved to administer a scholarship through the Ray Scholarship program was submitted to EAA early last month. Now I am pleased to report that the chapter has just received formal approval and is ready to begin the scholar application process! This is a very exciting opportunity that we are thrilled to have the chance to participate in! Stay tuned for further announcements as we move forward. If you are not familiar with the program, please check out [www.eaa.org/ray-scholars](http://www.eaa.org/ray-scholars) for more information.

In anticipation of our involvement in this program, please consider how you might be able to support our scholarship recipient by donating flight training items/equipment. Things like a headset, kneeboard, E6B, plotter, or even textbooks like the Pilot's Handbook of Aeronautical Knowledge or Airplane Flying Handbook. They don't have to be new, just in good condition. If you have items you are willing to donate, please bring them to our next meeting or call me at 920-427-8673. Thank you! Your help is appreciated!

## **Gone West: Will Schaick**

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Will Schaick, longtime EAA Chapter 252 member and EAA volunteer. Will helped start Flightline Operations at the fly-in in Oshkosh and was also credited with initially suggesting that EAA use Volkswagen Beetles as simple, low-cost transportation for staff and volunteers on the grounds. Schaick Avenue in Camp Scholler is named for him, His granddaughter, Kristin Schaick, is a current member of the Warbirds staff, and shares her grandfather's obituary [here](#).



### **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.

One of the unique aspects of our chapter is the ready access we have to EAA HQ and the many chapter members we have who also work for HQ. It was fun to see Charlie, David, Kyle, Serena, and John as they worked with all of the chapter leaders. How lucky we are to have their expertise, enthusiasm, and experience involved in our chapter.

One topic of great interest in our seminars and throughout conversations with other chapter leaders is the types of chapter meetings, or chapter gatherings, that chapters hold. We try to keep our focus during our membership gatherings on experiences that make our members keep wanting to come back. In the trainings, the idea of calling the monthly meetings gatherings, rather than meetings, was suggested as a way to keep the focus away from the idea of a dry business meeting. I like that idea and will endeavor to use the term gatherings in place of meetings for our second Thursday time together. That is also why our board holds our monthly business meetings on a separate night, where we discuss the nuts and bolts of keeping our chapter running. Please remember that members are always welcome at these monthly board meetings and look for the meeting minutes in each issue of the Pylon. If you have ideas or suggestions for the board, come to a meeting and share your thoughts with us.

Your board is working hard to set up a slate of interesting presenters and topics for our monthly gatherings. We are currently working on planning

our gatherings for throughout 2019, and have speakers lined up through August. We try to vary topics in the areas of building topics, flying related topics, and general aviation interest topics. We are always looking for great ideas and presenters for our gatherings, so if you have any ideas along those lines, please pass your thoughts along to me or to any of our board members. I'm very excited for how 2019 is shaping up for our chapter.

We also talked about setting goals for our chapter as chapter leaders. One goal that we have as a board is to find more ways to involve and engage members. The monthly fly-outs that David is organizing is one way to provide another opportunity for our members. A primary reason that we are working on our hangar expansion, which will provide bathrooms and additional meeting space, is so that we can more conveniently host events for our members and for the community. Watch for more opportunities coming up this year.

Plans are also in the works for us to host our first Flying Start event on Saturday, May 18. Flying Start is an EAA initiative that helps give people interested in learning to fly the information and tools necessary to begin flight training. The event involves training, providing Eagle Flights, and connecting potential flight students with instructors and flight schools. We'll be looking for volunteers to help with this event, so consider if this might be something you'd like to be involved with. In particular, we want to provide flight

## 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!

instructor and flight school connections to the participants, so if you are a flight instructor or can recommend someone, please forward that information to me. We'll be putting together a resource list, and we'll be inviting instructors and flight schools to be a part of our event.

Thank you so much to the warm welcome you've already given me as your chapter president. I'm working hard to get to know more people in the chapter. I'm excited for this opportunity with our chapter and working to overcome my naturally introverted nature to do my very best for our chapter and for all of you.

I'll see you all on Valentine's Day for our monthly gathering. I'm excited to learn more about RC modeling from Rick Larsen. Bring your Valentine and maybe a pot of chili or something sweet.

*Blue Skies,*  
*Carrie*