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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

AirVenture 2019

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It seems obligatory for the July newsletter to write about AirVenture. Many of us have been counting down since end of convention last year and are excited that the date is finally approaching. Due to our unique location, our members are heavily involved in many aspects of the week. It could be easy to take for granted the spectacle that takes place in our own back yard.

This year we celebrate the 50th anniversary of AirVenture in Oshkosh. I love to look back at photos from the early

years. Dick Knapinski's talk to our chapter a few months ago gave great highlights of the changes over the years. I know that we have many members who have a long history of their own with the convention while we also have newer members who will be attending their first or among their first weeks at "Oshkosh."

My first time was probably around 1976 or so. My family had no official aviation connection at that time, however my father was a Navy vet and had worked as a mechanic on aircraft carriers out of



Pensacola at the end of and after WWII. He became a car mechanic after the war, but always had an interest in most anything mechanical, including airplanes. At that time, he was a service manager at a local Chrysler dealership. My older brother was in high school and was a budding photojournalist, complete

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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.

July Gathering

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JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING:

Thursday, July 11
Dinner at 6:30 (Cookout)
Presentation at 7:00: Eric Abraham

Eric Abraham will be returning to talk about painting techniques from his experiences in two RV build projects. He hopes to bring both planes to the meeting. Dinner will be a cook out.

COMING AUGUST 8

Barry Yarbro from the Fox Cities Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. Dinner will be a cook out.



Chapter 252 Resource List

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AirVenture Pancake Breakfast

Great news! Our chapter has been awarded the opportunity to host a pancake breakfast during AirVenture. Last year was the first year that daily pancake breakfasts were offered in the pavilion in the chapter camping area. It was a great success, and this year our chapter entered the drawing to be able to host one of the events.

Our pancake breakfast will be on Saturday, July 20 – the Saturday prior to the official start of convention. We must have ten volunteers from 6:00 am – Noon. We've broken this into two, three-hour shifts, so we're looking for 20 volunteers. We've created a SignUp Genius form to make it easy for you to sign

up. Follow the link: [Chapter 252 AirVenture Pancake Breakfast Sign Up](#). You can sign up for a 6:00 am – 9:00 am shift, 9:00 am – Noon shift, or both.

EAA will provide all the necessary groceries and materials, we just show up and work the event. A maximum of 500 tickets will be sold. Our chapter will get to keep the proceeds, which should be somewhere between \$1,500 - \$2,000 which will cover a good portion of our annual hangar expenses.

Please consider helping out for this great event! It will be a fun opportunity to hang out with some of our chapter members, and also to meet chapter members from all over the world.





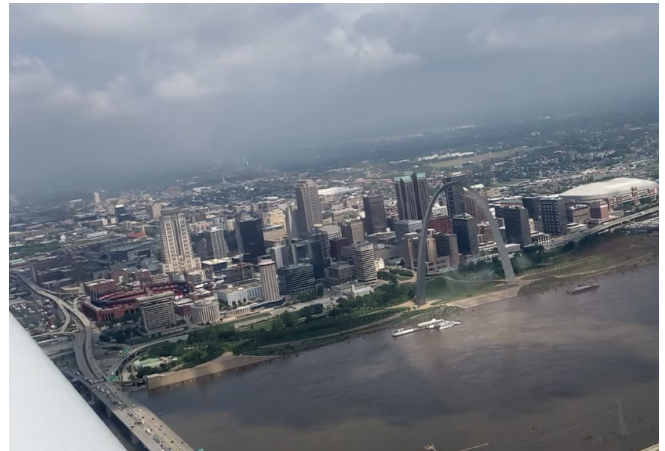
RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



From Our Scholar, Sonja

June has been an awesome month and I would like to share a few highlights with you! After cancelations due to weather, I was finally able to have my first flight lesson with Jamie Pittman. Although the wind gusts were high that day, it was great to get started and finally fly in the Piper Cub.

This month, I also attended the Saint Louis University Summer Aviation Academy. At this week-long academy, I was able to fly with the SLU CFI's and log a total of 1.7 hours, in which we flew past the Gateway Arch and flew a cross country in Missouri/Illinois. I also calculated weight and balance, analyzed the weather conditions, and practiced in four different simulators at the academy. With this great month behind us, I am getting very excited to continue lessons in July and, of course, for AirVenture!



MOVING SALE!

As I am going to be moving to Madison in late August, I have some aviation materials which may be of interest to members.

10 sheets 6061 t6. .025" 4 x 12 ft sheets
\$80 ea.

1 sheet 6061 t6 .032" 4x 12 ft sheet \$80

Thatcher cx5 main spar.....not yet drilled....\$2,500 value for \$1,500.

Hundreds of rivets, both pulled and bucked. Tools, squeezers, grinder, clecos, shears, bucking bars....etc

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June 2019 Board Mtg Agenda

Thursday, June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

Chapter Hangar

Attending: Carrie Forster (President), David Letting (Vice-President), Jakob Brouillette (Board Member), Charlie Becker (Past President), Jim Casper (Board Member, Historian), Jim Kress (Hangar Manager), Doug Milius (Membership), Wayne Daniels (Board Member), John Forster (Young Eagle Coordinator), Jim Cunningham, Fred Stadler (Treasurer), Serena Kamps (Young Eagle Coordinator, Ray Scholarship Coordinator)

Old Business:

- Ray Aviation Scholarship – updates
 - Sonja had her first flight lesson with Jamie Pittman of Discover Flight the day of last chapter meeting.
 - Sonja attended Aviation Camp at Parks College at St. Louis University
- Young Eagles updates
 - Report on June 8 Rally
 - Flew 19 Young Eagles
 - Used youngeaglesday.org with a few day of sign ups
 - Use the website for September – (let Dennis know so he can adjust the posters and business cards)
 - Add International Young Eagles Day as a chapter event/rally in conjunction with EAA HQ (which is what we did this year)
- Monthly Fly-Outs
 - David will arrange for July 13.
- Meetings:
 - July - Eric Abraham, aircraft painting, baked potatoes or corn to try out the new corn roaster
 - August - Barry, CAP
 - September - Corn Roast
 - September - Pancake Breakfast/YE Rally
 - October – ADSB? Find members to talk about their ADSB solutions?
 - November – Jakob, winter flying/engine considerations
 - December -
- Hangar Expansion - updates?
 - Waiting on another estimate
 - Chapter Hangar rental during AirVen-

ture?

- Potential lead fell through, Charlie has put the word out, but no leads at this time.

New Business:

- AirVenture Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, July 20
 - Volunteers could meet at chapter hangar and carpool over.
 - Park at blue lot and walk over? (no cost for blue lot on Saturday)
 - David is point person.
 - Bring chapter banner
 - Offer AirVenture wrist bands in raffle to those that volunteer
- City of Oshkosh Day at AirVenture – free admission the Monday of AirVenture; sign up on the EAA webpage; provide identification with ticket pick up; tell your Oshkosh friends and neighbors.
- Mitchell Wing B-10 materials kit – Charlie is going to talk to Tim Bogenhagen about selling/giving it away.
- Tables – buy four more six foot tables from Menard's. John and Carrie will watch for the next sale at Menard's.
- Charlie will check with Brian Long about work on the Zenith project. It's been moved into the chapter hangar, but no work has been done as of yet.
- Buster Project update –
 - Mike Butler has been working on it.
 - Wings attached.
 - Making progress on wings.
 - Mike found some drawings that Dave Broadfoot had.
 - Mike has been doing a lot of research and looking at changes to Buster over time from 1947 – 1950.
- Jim Casper offered to do a presentation this winter on the history of the chapter.
- Membership – still have about 24 members who haven't renewed and haven't said they wouldn't renew. Those members are expired in chapter membership.

Upcoming Fly-Outs!

July Fly-Out – July 13, Lone Rock, WI (KLNR) Piccadilly Lilly Airport Diner

We will plan to meet at the Chapter 252 at 8:30 am for an 8:45 am departure. This should get most people on the ground in Lone Rock (KLNR) by 9:30 -9:45am, so if you would like to head straight to KLNR, that it completely fine! (This is mainly for you speedsters or low and slow flyers.) Piccadilly Lilly is known for a great breakfast, so come hungry!

If you plan to fly or would like to fill an empty seat, please email David Leiting at davidleiting47@hotmail.com.

August Fly-Out – August 10, Ephraim, WI (3D2)

We will plan to meet at the Chapter 252 at 10:30 am for an 10:45 am departure. This should get most people on the ground in Ephraim (3D2) by 11:30 -11:45am, so if you would like to head straight to 3D2, that it completely fine! (This is mainly for you speedsters or low and slow flyers.). Once on the ground at 3D2, folks can use airport bikes or the crew car to run into town for lunch. This is a beautiful flight, but there are a few hills between the airport and lunch so the biking may be a little difficult!

If you plan to fly or would like to fill an empty seat, please email David Leiting at davidleiting47@hotmail.com.

Mark Your Calendar!

Thursday, September 12
is our annual Corn Roast at Munsil's/ELO.

Saturday, September 14
is our fall Pancake Breakfast and Young Eagles Rally.



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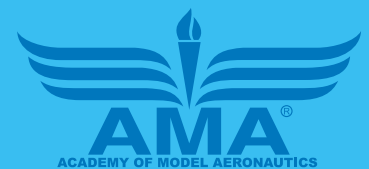
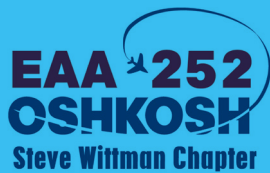
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BRAT BARN!

Jim and Catie Gullickson will be organizing the August event. Contact Jim for information for the Brat Fry in August: bgm-71e@hotmail.com or 920-809-3815.



Board Meetings

Fourth Thursday of every month
at 6:00 p.m.
Location: Chapter Hangar
Members Welcome at board meetings.

IMC Club Meetings

Third Tuesday of the Month
6:30 pm
Location: EAA Aviation Center
All Chapter Members Welcome

Winnebago RC Flyers Club Meetings

Fourth Tuesday of the Month
7:00 pm
Location: Chapter Hangar
Local AMA Chapter

with a dark room in our basement. You had to be a member or have some kind of credentials to get behind the fence in those days, at least that's how I recall it. Dad had a customer who was able to get press credentials for my brother and so our family attended. My brother was thrilled and took a bunch of photos which he then developed in the basement dark room and submitted to our local paper. I remember being amazed at the aircraft and the airshow, and my dad talking to me about the planes. Little did I know at that time the place aviation would hold in my life in the future.

My next time attending wouldn't be until 1995. My husband attended on his own in 1994 and came home ready to get his pilot's license and started training almost immediately, fulfilling a dream he'd had since childhood. In 1995, we went as a family with our young children. We haven't missed a year since.

The scope of AirVenture is difficult to comprehend. As we know, it is so much more than an air show. Many describe it as a giant family reunion, and I agree. It is airshow, trade show, educational conference, networking opportunity, and family reunion all rolled into one.

I'm reminded of how I sometimes take this annual trek to AirVenture for granted when I meet people from other places who have always wanted to attend but haven't had the chance. We often wear "Oshkosh" t-shirts when we're traveling, especially when visiting museums in other parts of the country. It often has resulted in strangers approaching us and ask-

ing if we've "been to Oshkosh." When tell them we live nearby and start talking about the convention, they get almost wistful. They share stories of the times they've attended or their desire to attend "some day."

I've met so many great people over the years that I've attended AirVenture, particularly in recent years as I've become more active in our chapter. I also love the ways that the convention itself grows and changes each year – expanding opportunities (and also basic amenities like bathrooms and food choices). Each year there are so many new things to look forward to.

One of the things I've learned to do is to talk to more people. AirVenture is the perfect place to talk to strangers, I've learned. One of the best places to do that is when grabbing a bite to eat. Often the tables are crowded, so it becomes necessary to join an occupied table. John and I have learned to strike up a conversation (which is challenging for the naturally introverted) and have met some really great people that way. I highly recommend it.

A few years ago, I was getting ready for my private pilot written and my check ride. I had been dragging my feet on taking the written test and was going to schedule it for right after convention. John had been prodding me to just get it done, so he challenged me that if I didn't take the test prior to convention he would make a shirt that said, "I'm studying for my private pilot written, ask me a question" and make me wear it on the grounds. That was enough to spur me to take the test

prior to convention.

I'm looking forward to a lot of things for convention this year, but one of the highlights will definitely be the people. I hope I see a lot of you there!

*Blue Skies,
Carrie*

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!