

April 15, 2008

**Next meeting:**

May 20, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Vitale's

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## Local Legend Gene Chase Shares His Stories

Local aviation legend Gene Chase shared his flying stories at the April chapter meeting, recounting events from his military career, and time as a flight instructor and corporate pilot. He also shared several stories from his adventures as an EAA pilot, ferrying many of the aircraft on display in the museum today to Hales Corners and later, Oshkosh. Gene learned to fly in the Navy during World War II, joined the Navy Reserves after the war, and retired with more than 20 years of service. He went on to do some agricultural flying and was a corporate pilot for Standard Oil. He was a flight instructor for more than 60 years, and has more than 9,000 hours and has been checked out in more than 342 different aircraft!

Gene gave an excellent presentation, even telling a few stories his wife Dorothy hadn't heard yet. We are so glad Gene was willing to come and speak to our chapter, and hope to see more of Gene and Dorothy at future WAI events!



Gene and Dorothy Chase with the Oshkosh chapter.

## Meeting Notes

A quick chapter meeting was held after Gene's presentation to take care of a few loose ends.

Kathleen has spoken to Alan Westby at the EAA AirVenture Museum and he is open to the idea of us painting a compass rose in the museum with the 99's. Rose is still trying to find out if the county will let us paint one at Wittman Regional Airport.

Mary is going to check with Joe and Jeri Norris to see if they are willing to host the chapter social at their hangar again this year. Kelly would like to form a committee to delegate individual tasks to and help plan the event. Kathleen will check with Fred Stadler to see if he will give a presentation on his research into the history of EAA's Swallow biplane. Kelly is going to get invitations together and out

to the group for distribution, as well as a sign-up for food.

Women in Aviation International has asked if anyone from our chapter would be able to help out with the Celebrity Breakfast being held at the EAA Nature Center during AirVenture. If you think you will have time to help with this Friday morning, please let Kelly know ASAP so she can pass your name to Betty Huck.

A few calendar items were changed; it no longer looks like we will be able to get Brigit Kincaid on our schedule this year, and Rose is going to arrange a tour of the new Oshkosh tower for us this fall.

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## Announcements:

- WAI is looking for a few volunteers to help out at the Celebrity Breakfast on August 1 at 7 a.m. The event will be at the EAA Nature Center this year. Please let Kelly know if you will be able to help.
- EAA and WAI will be hosting WomenVenture activities this year as part of EAA AirVenture at the end of July. Stay tuned for details on all that is being planned—forums, workshops, networking opportunities, and a gathering on AeroShell Square for a photo of the largest gathering of female pilots ever!

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