

May 20, 2006

Next meeting:

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6:00 p.m.

at Sonex, Ltd.

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Pilot Gear for the Pilot Girl
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Chapter Tours Gulfstream Service Center

Flying in a Gulfstream G500 might not be in our immediate future, but WAI Oshkosh Chapter members viewed several of the company's business aircraft up close while touring Gulfstream's service center in Appleton, Wisconsin, on Saturday, May 20. We saw just about every step required to turn a "green," or bare aircraft, into a luxurious, customized work-of-art, inside and out.

The chapter toured the facility with about 30 Coffy Gregory Aviation program students. Offered only through EAA, the Coffy Gregory program offers young women in the 10th grade or older a web-based curriculum that helps them prepare for the FAA private pilot written test and earn two college-level credits. Participants also visit Oshkosh for a weekend of presentations and activities, such as the Gulfstream tour, to further inspire their aviation interest. We used our time together as an outreach opportunity and talked about our own careers in aviation and listened to their goals and interests.

Gulfstream is a growing company that offers many types of jobs and internships, including avionics specialists, sales & marketing, public relations, carpenters, painters, and even interior designers. In fact, the



Chapter members joined EAA Coffey Gregory students outside of Gulfstream's Service Center in Appleton, Wisconsin.

company typically hires about 70 percent of their interns for permanent positions around the United States and abroad. Visit www.gulfstream.com for more details and feel free to pass on the information about the company's internship or career opportunities to others.

Michelle Robbins, who coordinated the tour for EAA, said Gulfstream extended a tour invitation for next year's Coffy Gregory students and our chapter as well. Not a tour to miss. Special thanks to Elissa Lines for arranging the partnership.

Chapter Receives \$500 Donation

Betty Monnett has made a \$500 donation to the Oshkosh Chapter to help us with costs as we work toward official chapter status.

Since January, John and Betty Monnett have graciously offered up their company's hangar for our chapter meetings. (Sonex is in the

business of manufacturing experimental kit aircraft.) Betty donates regularly to women's causes in Oshkosh and wanted to help the WAI Oshkosh Chapter grow.

Thank you to Betty for her generous donation to help our chapter realize our goals!



Member Wins Award

The Wisconsin Airport Management Association (WAMA) presented WAI Oshkosh Chapter member Rose Dorsey with the 2006 Blue Light Award, for excellence in reporting Wisconsin aviation news and information. The award was presented at the annual Wisconsin Aviation Conference, held May 1-3 at the Regency Suites/KI Center in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Congratulations, Rose!

Announcements:

- We need volunteers to help with a chapter fundraiser, June 17 from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. We'll be preparing and serving food for 50-70 people during the Sonex open-house. For more information contact Kathleen.
- Laurie Probst is looking for volunteers to work at the Milwaukee Air Expo July 15 & 16. For more info, or to sign up, visit <http://milwaukeeairexpo.com>, or contact Laurie at lprobst@americanairshows.com.
- WAI is looking for volunteers during AirVenture to staff their booth and help with the Celebrity Breakfast Friday morning. For more information contact Gerri Schultz (gscultz@wai.org)
- Anyone interesting in helping out with Young Eagles Day June 10, please contact Kathleen.