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West End Pizza

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Local Angel Flight Pilot Shares His Story

Angel Flight pilot Dale Grahl spoke to the WAI Oshkosh Chapter at the June meeting. He shared a DVD from Angel Flight showing the many ways the organization helps those in need of transportation for medical treatment. After the video we heard some of his touching stories and he told us what it means for him to be an Angel Flight pilot. Dale was inducted into the organization's Golden Eagle Society on April 21 for flying over 100 Angel Flight missions.

The organization's mission is to serve people in need by arranging charitable flights for access to health care and for other humanitarian purposes. Qualifying passengers only need to call a toll-free number or send an e-mail through www.AngelFlightCentral.org and the Missions Team will arrange for free non-emergency transportation. Information on how to volunteer is also available through their website—they can use non-pilots, too!

A big thank you to Dale for coming to speak to our chapter!



Meeting Notes

At the June meeting we had an excellent presentation from Angel Flight pilot Dale Grahl, discussed the brat fry fundraiser, got an update on the girls we are sponsoring for Women Soar, and discussed plans for the annual Summer Hangar Social.

We raised \$125 during the Sonex Homecoming on June 9. Debi did the shopping, and Mary and Kelly cooked brats the night before, which worked out excellent. On Saturday, Mary and Debi sold the brats from 11-1. We charged \$5 for a brat, chips, and a cookie, \$2 per brat for extras, and Sonex provided the soda, condiments and utensils. Overall the fundraiser went well. Advice for next year is to keep the menu basic, only one person is really needed to sell the brats on Saturday, and we should bring brochures and talk about WAI more. It was also suggested that we consider selling brats as part of the Young Eagles day next year.

Women in Aviation sent over a membership list of the people they show as

being affiliated with our chapter. It was passed around at the meeting and it appears that all of the information is correct, except a few people were left off the list. Kelly will e-mail Betty Huck and ask her to update their file.

Betty reported that we have at least two girls who would like to attend Women Soar for sure and one tentatively interested. She contacted Big Brothers Big Sisters about the opportunity and their newsletter was set to go out mid-month so we expect to have a few more express interest after that. Betty will keep us posted on how many girls apply, and said she has been in contact with Lesley Poberezny at EAA who offered to extend the \$10 fee through the beginning of July for us.

The Summer Hangar Social is scheduled for August 21, and we confirmed that it will again be held at Joe and Jerri Norris's hangar just across the taxiway from Sonex. Kelly got a list of all of the

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Announcements:

- Please e-mail Kelly some of the reasons why you think being a member of Women in Aviation and/or the Oshkosh Chapter is worthwhile. These will be used as part of the invitation/brochure we will send out for the Summer Hangar Social.
- Please let Kelly know what you would like to order from the WAI Online catalog by July 13 so that we can place an order as a chapter before the Summer Hangar Social.
- Women in Aviation is looking for 7-9 volunteers to help out with their Celebrity Breakfast at the Hilton on July 27. The breakfast starts at 8 a.m. and she has asked that volunteers come at 7 a.m. to help set up. If you are able to pitch in, please let Kelly know ASAP so that she can tell Peggy how many people to expect.

Out 'n About... by Laurie Probst

The weekend of June 16, I attended the annual induction ceremonies at the International Forest of Friendship, located in Atchison, Kansas (birthplace of Amelia Earhart). The Forest contains a tree from each state, several countries, and even a moon tree. Along the pathway that winds around the beautiful trees are stones engraved with the names of inductees, all of whom have in some way contributed to aviation. Any group or individual is welcome to induct those they feel have influenced aviation in some way. Paul Poberezny and S.J. Wittman's stones are there, along with Orville and Wilbur Wright, Bessie Coleman, etc. It's quite a tribute! The ceremony itself was very touching, with local school children placing each state's flag in a holder at its corresponding tree to open the festivities, and many touching stories of this year's inductees. Jenny Beatty, who writes for *Aviation for Women* was inducted this year, as well as Thunderbird pilot Nicole Malachowski. For more information about the Forest, the website is www.ifof.org.



All of this year's inductees into the Forest of Friendship.

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active inactive WAI members in Wisconsin since 1996. We probably won't be able to use all of those addresses because some are so old, but the more recent ones will certainly be helpful with sending out invitations! If you have oth-

er people/businesses you'd like an invitation sent to, please give the address to Kelly and she will add it to the mailing list. The mailing will consist of a postcard with the date, time, place, etc. and an updated chapter brochure that talks about some of the speakers we've had and the activities we've planned. Everyone has been asked to come up with a few reasons people should join WAI and the Oshkosh Chapter and e-mail them to Kelly by July 13 so that she can incorporate them into the brochure and invite. We will also create a special edition of the Aviatix Logbook to hand out at AirVenture in the WAI booth. If you have a story you'd like to share for this issue please send it to Kelly by the June 13 as well! Everyone has also been asked to bring one new person to the social.

In the coming weeks a sign-up will also be sent around to plan for food at the event (we had way too much last year!). Joe has said he will have the Waco out that night again—so if you didn't get a ride last year, here's your chance!

We will be placing a merchandise order with WAI shortly before AirVenture so that if anyone wants any WAI clothing or souvenirs they will be able to get them at cost before the social. We need to order at least \$200 worth, and we will probably order a few extra items to sell for full price at the social. Check your e-mail for more information about this as well.

Our next meeting will be August 7 at West End Pizza to finalize plans for the Social. Hope you can make it!

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Member Spotlight: Betty Monnett

1. Job title: Co-owner of Sonex Aircraft, LLC with my husband and son

2. What I enjoy most about my job: The People I interact with. I enjoy working with my family and our employees. We have a very young, energetic staff. I enjoy our customers who are spread across the world.

3. When I am not at work I am: with family, relaxing. I am just now beginning to get back into hobbies and volunteering. When you own your own business, there is always work to do.

4. Aviation affiliation: Marrying John Monnett was my first affiliation with aviation and EAA. It continues to be the case today.

5. Favorite Airplane: John's designs of course! Although I really enjoyed the Antique Cubs and Vagabonds we restored and flew.

6. One thing most people don't know about me: My first career was as a Kindergarten teacher.

7. My greatest accomplishment in life so far: Specifically, surviving the first year of new born twins, a three year old, and running our business out of our house.

In general, my three boys and the fact that I supported John behind the scenes during his aviation career.

8. One thing I want to do before I die: Travel across the United States stopping anywhere along the way that looks interesting.

9. The person I most admire: My mom. She is the most accepting, non-judgmental person I know. She is the hub of my large family.

10. The latest CD that I bought: Michael Buble

11. My most favorite food and/or restaurant: The Vintage at the Hawthorne Inn

12. My least favorite place to be: The dentist

13. My favorite place to be: Out to dinner with my husband.

14. Why I joined Women in Aviation: To support Women in Aviation Inc. as an international organization. I think the work they do is very worthwhile, particularly educating young women. To support the creation of a chapter in Oshkosh/Wisconsin. It is important that our state be represented in the International Organization- particularly since we are host to AirVenture and EAA Headquarters. To join in on the camaraderie with our chapter members.