

June 16, 2009

**Next meeting:**

August 10, 2009

6 p.m.

Joe & Jeri Norris's Hangar  
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## Chapter Celebrates Wisconsin's Centennial of Flight

At the June meeting, Oshkosh chapter member Rose Dorcey presented "The First Thing I Knew, I Was Flying," the story of Arthur Pratt Warner, who became Wisconsin's first pilot on November 4, 1909. From information gathered from 100-year-old newspapers, Dorcey shared details of Warner's first flight. "I intended to keep it on the ground until I became familiar with it," Warner said. "But on account of the wind, I unexpectedly took to the air, and the first thing I knew, I was flying."

The event took place at Wittman Regional Airport (OSH), where a one-of-a-kind quarter-scale model of Warner's Curtiss aircraft was on temporary display, creating a perfect venue for the chapter meeting. The exhibit was part of the year-long Wisconsin Centennial of



Flight celebration, sponsored by the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame, of which Dorcey serves as president.

Nearly two dozen men and women shared refreshments and their own avi-

ation stories after the presentation, and several discussed ways to collaborate on additional joint meetings and presentations. Thank you to all who helped make it such a great night!

## Out 'n About...

**By Laurie Probst**

On Mother's Day, I had the privilege of flying Young Eagles at the 128th Air Refueling Base at Milwaukee Mitchell Airport. It was fun being able to land side-by-side with airliners. But more important than that, I got to take quite a few young ladies on their first flight. One of the coordinators thanked me for coming, stating that he was glad they had a female pilot on board to show young girls that it isn't just the guys who fly.



**Connect Breakfast at AirVenture**

July 31, 8 a.m.

EAA Nature Center



## Announcements

- It's not too late! Know a high school-aged girl interested in aviation? Tell her about Women Soar, *You Soar* July 26-28! [www.AirVenture.org/WomenSoar](http://www.AirVenture.org/WomenSoar)
- Are you a female pilot? Don't forget to pick up your lavender WomenVenture t-shirt at the EAA Welcome Center or WAI booth during EAA AirVenture 2009... and then be sure to show up for the world's largest gathering of female pilots on AeroShell Square Friday morning (July 31) at 10 a.m.!
- **CONGRATS!** to chapter member Laurie Probst who is the proud winner of the 99s AEMF scholarship, which will help her earn her CFI certificate.
- Mark your calendar for the 2010 International Women in Aviation Conference at Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida. Feb 25-27, 2010! For more info: [www.wai.org](http://www.wai.org)

## Member Spotlight: John M. Dorcey



**Job Title:** Airport Operations and Maintenance Manager  
Wittman Regional Airport / Winnebago County

**When I am not at work I am:** Reading, hiking, biking, or sharing my skills with several volunteer organizations.

**Aviation affiliation:** AOPA, EAA, SAFE, WAHF, and WAI

**Favorite airplane:** Every type that I have ever flown (or worked on) is a favorite – right now the Pietenpol Air Camper.

**One thing most people don't know about me:** I was very shy growing up.

**My greatest accomplishment in life so far:** I don't feel I have achieved my greatest accomplishment yet.

**One thing I want to do before I die:** Visit Ireland

**The person I admire most:** I admire many, but it is the person who continues striving for a much desired goal, overcoming any and all obstacles, that I admire most. **The latest CD that I bought:** a gift – Trace Adkins' Greatest Hits, Volume II, American Man

**My favorite food:** It is impossible to provide a single favorite – I like just about everything.

**My favorite place to be:** Home followed closely by any hiking trail with a view.

**My least favorite place to be:** Sick, in bed

**One person I would love to have lunch with:** Lester Maitland – piloted first flight from the US mainland to Hawaii in June, 1927.

**Why I joined Women in Aviation:** WAI is a group of passionate people, passionate about the same things I am. How could I not join?

*We would love to profile every member of Women in Aviation-Oshkosh Chapter. Recommend a fellow member you think should be profiled, or send in your profile. To request an electronic file of the questions, please email [khemp@eaa.org](mailto:khemp@eaa.org) or visit [www.OshkoshWAI.org](http://www.OshkoshWAI.org).*

## President's Column

Summer is upon us, and that means beautiful flying weather and lots of opportunities to connect with old friends. Our chapter traditionally takes the month of July off as many of us are hard at work preparing for the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration, EAA AirVenture.

But just because we won't physically be meeting as a chapter doesn't mean there aren't also many opportunities to be spreading the word about Women in Aviation and the opportunities it presents. The 2010 Scholarships list will be coming out soon, and I expect it will again offer a little bit of something for everyone—regardless of your segment of aviation. Watch for it in the July/August issue of *Aviation for Women*, and check [www.wai.org](http://www.wai.org) often for any late additions!

There will also be plenty of opportunities to show your pride in being a woman in aviation during AirVenture, with a week's worth of WomenVenture activities planned. Most notably, be there on Friday morning for the WAI Celebrity breakfast, followed by the largest gathering of female pilots at 10 a.m. on AeroShell Square. You can pick up your WomenVenture shirt at the WAI booth or in the EAA Welcome Center throughout the week. Look for me while you're out there so we can take a group picture of our chapter participants after the big photo has been shot!

And, of course, the summer aviation calendar would not be complete without our annual Summer Hangar Social, scheduled for August 10 at Joe and Jeri Norris's hangar. Joe and Jeri have generously offered to host us for the fourth year in a row, and we couldn't be happier! As usual, this event promises good food, good people, and good times. I hope you'll be able to make it, and I hope you'll bring a friend. This is a great meeting to introduce someone new to the group and let them learn more about the organization.

Have a great summer, take advantage of the beautiful flying weather, and don't be shy about sharing your passion for aviation!

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## WAI Oshkosh Chapter Survey

We've been an official chapter for three years now and have enjoyed recognition for our member involvement and quality programming, but that doesn't mean we can't get better at what we're doing! Please take a few moments to fill out the survey below to help our chapter grow and thrive. You can e-mail your answers to [knelson@eaa.org](mailto:knelson@eaa.org). Thanks!

1. What is a favorite chapter meeting you've attended?
2. What is the deciding factor on whether or not you attend a meeting?
3. Does the pre-set meeting time (6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month) work for your schedule? If not, is there a better time?
4. What kinds of activities would you like to see the chapter arrange in the future?
5. Thoughts on how we could recruit new members:
6. Other comments: