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Summer Hangar Fun

On Monday, August 10, 2009, our chapter held our fourth annual Summer Hangar Social at chapter members Joe and Jeri Norris's hangar on Wittman Regional Airport. Everyone enjoyed a smorgasbord of snacks, socializing, networking, and great hangar flying. We also celebrated member John Dorcey's birthday with cake and singing. Of course, the beautiful weather meant Joe needed to take his Waco around the patch a few times, and he was kind enough to take a few guests with him. Thank you Joe and Jeri for hosting another great social!



Announcements

- The link to a hi-res printable 8x10 WomenVenture photo is on the EAA website at www.AirVenture.org/attractions/womenventure.html.
- EAA Chapter 252 is hosting its annual Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast Saturday, Sept. 12 at the OSH terminal building off 20th Street. All you can eat pancakes, sausage, eggs, milk, juice, and coffee will be served from 7:30 a.m.-11 a.m. For more information visit www.EAA252.org.

AOPA and WAI Collaborate

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) and Women in Aviation, International (WAI) announced a new collaborative agreement during EAA AirVenture 2009 intended to strengthen general aviation and increase the number of women in the aviation industry.

"America's women are a tremendous audience for general aviation and are extremely important for our industry's growth," said Craig Fuller, President and CEO of AOPA. "They currently make up only six percent of the total pilot population, so the more we can do to encourage women to bring their enthusiasm and talents to aviation, the stronger we will all be."

"Ensuring a strong general aviation industry is key to drawing women in, whether as pilots or mechanics or in some other aspect of the industry," said Dr. Peggy Chabrian, President of WAI. "That's why Women in Aviation is looking forward to working closely with AOPA on its General Aviation Serves

America campaign. It addresses the root cause of so many of general aviation's challenges—a lack of understanding about what GA is and does."

As part of the collaboration, AOPA and WAI will have a stronger presence at each other's premier events, the AOPA Aviation Summit, November 5-7, 2009, in Tampa, and the 21st Annual WAI Conference, February 25-27, 2010, in Orlando.

At the AOPA Aviation Summit, Dr. Chabrian will join Craig Fuller and other industry leaders in the inaugural session on the opening day of the Summit to discuss the key issues facing the industry. In addition, AOPA will feature an all-new "Women's Wing" area, hosted by WAI.

At the WAI Conference, AOPA will expand its exhibit, present additional AOPA Air Safety Foundation seminars, and award a student pilot scholarship for WAI members.

President's Column

Thank you to everyone who made it out to Joe & Jeri's for our annual Summer Hangar Social. I think it's safe to say (at least in my mind) the event was a resounding success. It was great to see faces old and new, and reconnect with old friends (Maria!) who don't make it out to our meetings as often as they might like. This is always my favorite event of our calendar year and I love the laid back format that allows us each to network and make new friends without having to worry about when the speaker's going to start or if our conversation is going to hold up the meeting.

As in years past, this meeting was a recharge for my "batteries" reminding me how important this group is to myself, you all, our community, and the industry at large. We get to have a great time with our aviation friends; through our outreach we educate the next generation about the wonder of flight and the opportunities it provides; and the industry benefits by seeing women participating and giving back. It's a good feeling.

That said, with these newly recharged batteries, I'm looking forward to the September meeting when hopefully we can brainstorm some fantastic speakers and events for 2010 and talk about other ways to improve our chapter further. We're already a great group to be a part of, but let's see if we can take it to the "can't miss" level.




5th Aviation and Women in Europe Conference
September 4-6
Ferrara, Italy

AOPA Aviation Summit
November 5-7
Tampa, Florida
www.AOPA.org/summit

Member Spotlight: Heather Gollnow



Job Title: Systems Engineer / Software Engineering Instructor

When I am not at work I am: flying, at the gym, hanging with friends and family, reading

Aviation affiliation: CFI at Tailwind Flight Center in KGRB, Member of WAI, EAA, AOPA, just started flying Young Eagles, talks about airplanes to anyone who will listen.

Favorite airplane: Fast and loud! Although Joe Norris has turned me on to open-cockpit flying.

One thing most people don't know about me: I ride a motorcycle.

My greatest accomplishment in life so far: getting my pilot certificate. It was something I wanted to do since I was 5 years old. It gave me the confidence to know that I truly can accomplish something if I put my mind to it.

One thing I want to do before I die: Visit all 7 continents

The person I admire most: My great-grandma and my mom. They've both done so much in their lives (and yes, my great-grandma is still alive!)

The latest CD that I bought: Haven't bought one in years... Although I did download New Kids on the Block from iTunes for their reunion tour.

My favorite food: Anything at Pasquale's in De Pere. Great food, it's decorated with airplane memorabilia and there is a mural of an airport on the wall!

My favorite place to be: wherever my family is. The airport at night is a good place too. The lights are like Christmas.

My least favorite place to be: flying in the air, wishing I'm on the ground. Hopefully that will never happen!

One person I would love to have lunch with: Michelle Obama.

Scholarship Deadline Coming Up!

You've heard it a zillion times, but scholarships are a major part of what WAI does. Millions of dollars have been dispersed over the past 20 years, and as a member of WAI the door is open for you to apply for these funds and, ultimately, reach for your dreams.

A full list of the scholarships available was printed in the July/August issue of *Aviation for Women*, and since then a few updated offerings have been added to the list at www.WAI.org (click on Scholarships). A printable scholar-



ship application is also available online, as well as answers to frequently asked questions and some tips on what it takes to win.

Don't delay though, scholarship packages require essays and references, so you'll want to be sure you have plenty of time to write and plenty of time for your references to respond. You're only allowed to apply for two scholarships each year, and all of them (unless otherwise noted) will be awarded at the February conference in Orlando, Florida (in most cases you don't have to be present).

Good luck!

Welcome to our new members!

- Karla Szekeres
- Heather Gollnow
- Maria Tzougros
- Megan Giese
- Linda Grady



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