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OSH Airport Director to Speak at October Meeting

What does an airport manager do? What does it take to run the state's fifth busiest airport?

These questions and more will be answered on Tuesday, October 20 when Wittman Regional Airport Director Peter Moll presents to our group. Peter will provide an overview of airport operations, update us on current airport construction projects, and discuss findings in a recent Wittman Regional Airport Economic Impact Study.

Peter was named Airport director nearly three years ago. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aviation Management from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida. His aviation experience spans a wide range of responsibilities with companies like Republic Airlines, United Technologies, International Support Systems, General Mitchell International Airport, EAA Warbirds of America, and Cannon Aviation Insurance.



Meeting Notes

The September meeting was spent brainstorming speaker topics and event ideas for our 2010 calendar. Among the suggestions, a movie night and fundraising event ideas were discussed. Speaker topics covered a variety of aviation areas including aerobatics, crop dusting, maintenance, and flight training. If you have suggestions for future group tours or speaker events, please e-mail them to Kelly ASAP so we can begin planning and scheduling.

Also discussed was a plan for the creation of our chapter newsletter. The changes include new columns. Kristy will still be heading up the job of gathering the material for the newsletter and Kelly will still lay it out every month, but all chapter members are asked to help contribute content so that the time-consuming job of content generation can be less of a burden on any one person. Rose Dorcey volunteered to cover "What Members Are Doing," John Dorcey volunteered to write aviation questions for a new "Test Your Knowledge" section, and we plan to preview the next month's speaker or event in each issue. If you are in charge of contacting a speaker please be sure to provide Kristy with bio information and any other details that might be important to help promote the speaker.

The Member Spotlight is still up for the taking. The person assigned to this column would choose a new or current

member each month to answer a set of questions and provide a picture. The template of questions is provided. Email Kristy if you would like to volunteer.

The goal is to have all content together by the Friday after a meeting so that the newsletter can go out to the chapter by the following Tuesday. This will help those who are unable to make a meeting keep up with what our chapter is doing.

New member Linda Grady brought up the idea of starting a scholarship, as that is something she is personally interested in doing. Her company offers matching funds, and she offered to head up a small committee to develop a plan to help us start a scholarship. If you are interested in helping her with this project, please e-mail Linda at *Ljgrady5@yahoo.com*.

Fundraiser ideas were also discussed including a plane wash or pancake breakfast. Kelly will check into what is allowed by WAI before we move forward with hosting an event like that. If you have any other ideas, please let Kelly know.

All chapter members are asked to think about ways we can improve the quality of our meetings and recruit new members. If you have any suggestions, please e-mail them to Kelly or Rose. We want to be the best we can be, help each other reach our aviation goals, and have a lot of fun in the process. This can only be accomplished if we all pitch in!

Announcements

- It is time to start planning for the 2010 WAI Conference in Orlando, Florida. Details on the event including hotel and registration information, a conference schedule, and speaker list are available at www.WAI.org. If you are interested in going, let Kelly know. She will connect you with other chapter members who are going so you can coordinate travel and hotel rooms if you wish. This is always an event worth attending!
- EAA Chapter 252 is hosting a Chili Bash on Saturday, October 10 from 2 - 5 p.m. The event will be held at Wayne Daniels's hangar on the airport, affectionately dubbed "7th Heaven" (3778 Red Oak Ct., Oshkosh, WI). Guests are encouraged to bring their favorite chili or a dish to pass. For more information visit www.EAA252.org.
- WAI has announced three new Chapter Awards to be given at the conference, including a Chapter Newsletter Award, a Chapter Website Award, and a Chapter Member Award. All winners are selected by WAI, and nominations for the member award must be submitted by February 1.

What Our Members Are Doing

Each month, we will share information about some of the aviation things that our members are doing. Have you attended an aviation presentation or seminar, received an award, read a good aviation book, or had a notable flight? Share your special aviation moments to stay connected with your fellow WAI members.

I went to the Reno Air Races.—Audra Hoy

I went to the fly-in at Price County Airport (PBH) in Phillips, Wisconsin, over Labor Day and had my first powered parachute ride.—Kristy Hemp

I attended the FaasTeam CFI Workshop #4 in Milwaukee.—Julie Wegner

I attended a CFI seminar at the Milwaukee FSDO and a 99s meeting at Manitowoc. Also received a Flight Leader hat and rocker from EAA that indicated I have flown more than 50 Young Eagles.—Laurie Probst

I'm giving a presentation at the Waukesha County Airport (UES) on September 29 about Wisconsin's first flight in 1909 and the man who made it. I'm also attending the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame's banquet on October 17.—Rose Dorcey

So—what have you been doing? Send an email to Rose Dorcey at rosesroses@new.rr.com to share your special aviation moments in the next issue of *Aviatrrix Logbook*.

Member Spotlight: Karla Szekeres



Job Title: Marketing Account Manager at EAA.

When I am not at work I am: Gardening, reading, watching HGTV, and enjoying time with family and friends, and of course my dogs.

Aviation affiliation: Member of EAA, AOPA and WAI. My career started out in the travel industry, but after coming to EAA 2+ years ago, my interests in aviation have grown and I now would like to pursue getting my

sport pilot license.

Favorite airplane: I enjoy the sheer power of military aircraft, but after experiencing a ride in Joe Norris' Waco biplane, not sure anything can beat open-cockpit.

One thing most people don't know about me: I attend weight-pull competitions with my American Bulldogs. Our male, who we lost to old age a couple months ago, was a state champion for several years, his best pull being around 4,000 pounds.

My greatest accomplishment in life so far: Running a half-marathon. It made me realize that with hard work and determination, I can do anything I put my mind to.

One thing I want to do before I die: Travel to Australia and China.

The person I admire most: Soldiers, firefighters, paramedics, police officers... to put your life on the line to help and protect complete strangers takes a very special kind of person.

The latest CD that I bought: Chris Daughtry, Leave This Town.

My favorite food: Anything Italian, but mostly pizza.

My favorite place to be: Walking on the beach.

My least favorite place to be: I'd have to go with work—it's not nearly as relaxing as a long walk on the beach.

One person I would love to have lunch with: Ellen DeGeneres

Why I joined Women in Aviation: To network with other women in aviation, and to learn more about what's happening in the field as a whole.

President's Column

There's a lot going on right now, in everyone's lives. Things are changing; at work, at home, with your children or your spouse. It all takes time and effort, and often time has an additional need for your time on top of whatever else you might be doing. It's not just you, it's everyone. Think of how much the landscape of your life has changed since we started this chapter four years ago. I know mine's changed a lot, and more than once!

I'm personally striving for balance, meaning I've got to give up a few things that I enjoyed before to make time for things that might be more important right now. That's true for the big things in my life (like flying... I miss it, but it's more important I spend money on diapers right now!), and little things (like scrapbooking... I just don't have the time for that right now). Of course, I'll still keep looking for opportunities to bring those things back into my life.

Right now I'm prioritizing and organizing, and one of the things on my list is this chapter. I haven't quite given it the attention lately that I used to, and I've seen what that can do to our attendance and enthusiasm at meetings. I apologize for that. I think we're on the road to recovery though with Kristy holding the reins of the newsletter (with all of your help, of course!), and the fantastic brainstorming we did for our 2010 calendar. If we can even schedule half of the speakers and events we've planned we'll be in a good place. Then it's up to us to spread the word and get the rest of the community excited about what we already know: Our chapter is fun! Aviation is fun!

Keep our group in mind as you interact with people in your daily life. You never know who might be looking for a door to the aviation industry to open for them. You hold the keys, don't be shy about sharing them!

Remember, regardless of where you are in your pilot training (or if you're even training at all!), you can be an ambassador for the aviation world and help give someone the inspiration they need to achieve their goals.



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

WAI Connect Breakfast
November 6
AOPA Aviation Summit
WAI.org/events/connect.cfm

Test Your Knowledge by John Dorcey

- 1) Is the pilot-in-command required to check weather for every flight?
- 2) Who is responsible for determining if an aircraft is airworthy?

Answers:

1) No, you only need to check weather before each flight when you are leaving the immediate area of your departure airport. But, according to FAR 91.103, Preflight Action, you may need to check more than just the weather. The regulation begins with, "Each pilot in command shall, before beginning a flight, become familiar with **all available information regarding that flight.**"

2) When I ask that question during a Flight Review, typically I'll get one of three answers. The aircraft mechanic, the owner, or the pilot-in-command (PIC) all are good answers; but only one is correct. The correct answer is the PIC. (For more information, refer to FAR 91.07 and 91.403)

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