

April 18, 2006

**Next meeting:**

May 16, 2006

6:00 p.m.

at Sonex, Ltd.

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Women in Aviation, International  
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WI Aviation Conference  
[www.wiama.org/conference.htm](http://www.wiama.org/conference.htm)

## Chapter Tours Basler Turbo Conversions

The April meeting was held at Basler Turbo Conversions, LLC in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, followed by a tour of the Basler facility by Clare Patterson, director of operations and chief pilot for Basler Airlines.

Clare showed us the company's current projects including a gunship for the Columbian airforce, a newly converted aircraft for the Columbian police, and a DC-3 that will be headed to Mali within the next few weeks. Chapter members were able to get in the cockpit of a BT-67 (the name for Basler's DC-3 conversion), see a DC-3 ready to be stretched, view the inside of a wing in the process of having fuel tanks added to it, and see how the wiring for the entire aircraft is laid out before being installed.

A big thanks to Clare for taking the time to give us an



after hours tour and answering all of our questions!

Look for photos from the tour on our website at [www.oshkoshwai.org](http://www.oshkoshwai.org).

## Our First Outreach Activity!

Kathleen Witman and Kelly Nelson gave a presentation to a group of fourth and fifth grade Girl Scouts at St. Francis Cabrini Elementary School in Oshkosh April 10, helping the girls earn their Aerospace Badge.

Kathleen taught the girls a little bit about the famous women in aviation history and Kelly talked about becoming a private pilot before doing a straw rocket project with the group. The girls were very interested in the hands on project of making the rockets, and had a lot of fun trying to see who could get their rocket to travel the farthest.

The group had originally contacted EAA looking for someone to speak, and the request was forwarded to Kathleen because of her role as our chapter president. The program presented was a combination of Kathleen's research and a rocketry presentation from EAA's Girl Scouts program. Last month we received a Girl Scout program kit from Women in Aviation to help us with future presentations. The organization received a grant from WalMart to help them create these kits which were sent out to all 50 chapters. In the coming months several more kits will be assembled to give out to Girl Scout groups across the country as well.

### New Members:

Rose Dorcey

Laurie Pobst

## Logos

Women in Aviation has unveiled a universal chapter logo (left) they will be asking all chapters to start using for official business. While you will see this logo around, we are still able to use the logo we created for our purposes on t-shirts, the website, and of course, the Aviatrix Logbook.



### Announcements:

- Lynn Nelson has resigned as secretary. If anyone is interested in volunteering for the position please contact Kathleen.
- Sue Arrowood has taken over as webmaster for [www.oshkoshwai.org](http://www.oshkoshwai.org). She's worked out all the bugs and created a beautiful website for us.  
**Thanks Sue!**
- 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](mailto:lprobst@americanairshows.com).
- Katrina has offered the chapter the opportunity to participate in building an aircraft in Member Village during AirVenture. Let Kathleen or Kelly know if you are interested. We'll discuss more details at the May meeting.

### Reminder:

We will be taking the chapter photo at the May meeting. No excuses this time!