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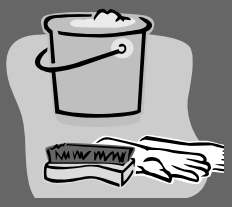
Summer Meetings:
First Tuesday of the Month
6 p.m.
Hangar C5 (North Ts)
Wittman Regional Airport
Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, May 6
Details here



…Workin' at the Plane Wash

Remember that song by Rose Royce about washing a plane? Goes something this:

Ooh, ooh
You might not ever get rich,
But let me tell ya,
It's better than diggin' a ditch.
There ain't no tellin' who you might meet,
A movie star or maybe even an Indian Chief.

Workin' at the plane wash
Workin' at the plane wash, girl…

Okay, yeah, so the song was really about washing a car. Who sings about washing cars, anyway? And if you're young like some of our members, you have no idea what I'm talking about. Listen in.

If the weather is good, we'll be washing N7770G—and maybe singing the song—on May 6, beginning at 6 p.m. at our hangar. If the weather does not permit a plane wash, girl, then our regular meeting begins at 7—also at our hangar. Even though it's no place to be if you plan on being a star (according to Ms. Royce) we hope you'll join us for a funky good time. C'mon, sing it with me, with feeling…

At the plane wash
Whoa, whoa, whoa, whoa
Talkin' about the plane wash, yeah
Come on ya'll and sing it for me
(Plane wash)
Ooh, ooh, ooh
(Plane wash, yeah)

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Flying Wisconsin

By Rose Dorcey

After what I wrote above, you probably won't even touch this column. Promoting our meeting with a song… what is she thinking? *WFC Pilot* allows me to get in touch with my creative side. Anyone can say, "the next meeting is on Tuesday, May 6 at 6 p.m., please attend." You just have to liven it up sometimes. That song though!

Speaking of being creative, Brendan Stormo and I could use your help. As your club event coordinators, we're charged with putting on events of interest to our members. We had a nice dinner at Mahoney's in March, but it would be great to have a summer event, too. What would you like to do?

A cookout at our hangar might be fun, and another pizza night, too. How about a picnic at a park in Oshkosh? If we did a summer picnic, would you want planned activities, like sack races or kid's games? (Okay, maybe not really sack races, but *something* on that order.) Would any of you be willing to help plan it? (Helping plan it can be as simple as suggesting ideas.) Think about safety seminars, too.

We have such a great group of people in this club and I know how much fun it is to get together with everyone. But for it to be enjoyable for all, we need your ideas on activities you would like to try. Please share your thoughts about public, member-only, and family-oriented events we could host. Your ideas would be greatly appreciated. Just send Brendan or me an email.

Also on the creative side, it's been more than a year since we started our *WFC Pilot* newsletter. This is the 14th issue! You've had some time to review it, so now I'm asking, what is *WFC Pilot* missing? What kinds of stories would you like to see? Is it "perfect" the way it is, or can we change it up some to make it more enjoyable and/or readable to you? Specific subject ideas are welcome as well.

One thing I enjoy hearing about are favorite flights and aviation experiences. I may create a form similar to Member Spotlight, where you answer simple questions related to flight experiences. It's an easy way to tell a story, and I think you would all enjoy reading them. Am I right? Would you fill it out? If so, let me know, and I'll get on it. Not immediately though, as I have this crazy song stuck in my head, interfering with the creative process. Something about car washing...

MEMBERS
In Action

Congratulations Brendan Stormo
WFC's Winter Flying Photo Contest Winner

Out of five entries for our Winter Flying photo contest, Brendan Stormo's Fond du Lac photo was the clear winner. Brendan received 8 of 10 votes, and one member commented, "He captured the winter landscape and the lights and their reflection added an element of Christmas."

Brendan's first place finish means that at our next meeting, he'll be presented with a $20 gift card from Fratello's Waterfront Restaurant, courtesy of Winnebago Flying Club. Congratulations, Brendan!

Good Job, Al!

Al Follendorf continues his progress on the Sonex Waiex aircraft he's building. Al has installed the engine on his Waiex airplane, and he recently conducted the first engine run.

Above: An already built Waiex (pronounced Y-X) like Al is building.

Next Contest

Watch for details on our next photo contest. Hint: Start taking photos now! The basic idea is this: Any photo taken in 2014 will be eligible for our next photo contest. No specific theme, just take an aviation-theme photo of anything you see that is particularly beautiful, or that sums up in pictures why you enjoy flying.

WFC's Lemke, Myers Present at FVTC's Fly-in Breakfast and Safety Seminar

Saturday, April 26 was a good day for flying, and a good day to stop at Fox Valley Technical College's Aviation Campus for its Open House, French Toast Breakfast, and Safety Seminar by WFC's Tim Lemke and Keith Myers. Their presentations, "The Art of Trim Control" and "FARs Every Pilot Should Know" gave dozens of pilots something to think about on their flights home. Several club members attended the breakfast and seminar, including John and Carrie Forster, Russ Brodtke, Eric Abraham, and Sara Strands. Jared Huss, from FVTC, reported that 23 airplanes arrived for the event, about 140 breakfasts were served, and several came to just "walk around and see the place." All around, a good day!

More Congratulations…

WFC Member Adi Fenrich continues to advance in her flight training. Adi completed her first solo cross country on Wednesday, April 2, from Oshkosh to Stevens Point Municipal Airport and return. That brings her one step closer to earning her private pilot certificate this summer, shortly after she turns 17 in June.

Adi also attended her first International Women in Aviation Conference in Lake Buena Vista, Florida, March 6 - 8. Adisen took full advantage of all it had to offer, volunteering to work in the conference registration area. She met several inspiring women, including Women Air Force Service Pilot Dawn Seymour, and Wally Funk, a professional pilot and participant in the 1961 Women in Space program.

Adi Fenrich (right) with Elissa Lines and Wally Funk (center.) Photo by Jeanne Fenrich.

More women (and men) than ever attended this year's conference, with attendance setting a new record at more than 4,500 registered individuals, representing all segments of the aviation community. A total of nearly $500,000 in scholarships were awarded. The 26th Annual International Women in Aviation Conference will be held at the Hilton Anatole in Dallas, Texas, from March 5-7, 2015. For more information, visit *www.wai.org*.

WFC Members Attend EAA Chapter 252 Breakfast

Several Winnebago Flying Club members attended the EAA Chapter 252 pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 12 at Wittman Regional Airport (KOSH). In fact, N7770G was put into service flying Young Eagles flights. John Forster (below) flew his Cherokee, N1599R, and Doug Koehler flew four kids in N7770G. Many WFC members were there in support of the chapter's activities: Gary Geisler, Al Follendorf, Doug Koehler, John and Carrie Forster, and Eric Abraham. Seven volunteer pilots flew 26 Young Eagles, and if the weather had been better, it's likely more kids would have gotten rides.

Al said that 255 breakfasts were served, down a bit from last year, but considering the weather, he was pleased with that number. WFC President Tim Lemke, Kyle and Sara Strands, and Rose Dorcey came for breakfast to support the chapter, and Rose sold cupcakes for the Oshkosh Chapter of Women in Aviation's scholarship fundraiser, raising $170.

WAHF Remembers WWII Ace Richard I. Bong

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame (WAHF) is honoring the accomplishments of Richard Ira Bong, America's Ace of Aces, in 2014. Bong, a native of Poplar, Wisconsin, was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor in December 1944 "for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action above and beyond the call of duty in the Southwest Pacific area from 10 October to 15 November 1944."

In collaboration with the Richard I. Bong Veteran's Historical Center, Superior, Wisconsin, the celebration of Bong's achievements will include presentations throughout the state by WAHF speakers throughout the year. His accomplishments will be conveyed by a multimedia presentation, four-panel Bong exhibit, limited edition Bong trading cards, and a model of the Lockheed P-38 aircraft he flew.

The celebration begins May 5 - 7 when WAHF board members will exhibit and present at the Wisconsin Aviation Conference, taking place at The Patriot Center near Wausau. It culminates with an event at the Richard I. Bong Veteran's Historical Center on Friday, December 12, 70 years to the day after Bong was awarded the Medal of Honor. Details will be announced soon.

WAHF speakers are available to travel to cities throughout Wisconsin, giving presentations that highlight Bong's background and the events that led to him being selected as a Medal of Honor recipient. Representatives from service clubs, historical societies, EAA chapters, flying clubs, or any interested parties are invited to contact WAHF about scheduling a presentation. The presentation can be tailored to adults or teens.

To request a speaker, call Rose Dorcey at 920-385-1483.

Gen. Douglas MacArthur presents the Medal of Honor to Major Bong.

Photo courtesy Bong Historical Center.

Date Set for Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame Induction Banquet

The Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame has named the date of its 29th annual induction banquet. The event will be held on Saturday evening, October 25, 2014, at the EAA Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Six aviators will be inducted for their achievements and significant contributions to aviation in Wisconsin: Brig. Gen. Peter Drahn (ret.), Vice Admiral James H. Flatley, Jr., Donald Voland, and brothers James, Ed, and Ray Knaup. Those interested in attending the banquet should contact Rose Dorcey at 920-385-1483 or email *rdorcey@wisconsinaviationhalloffame.org*.

A "Special" Airplane

By Keith Myers

I have been fortunate to fly a number of different airplanes during my flying career. I just flew my 100th airplane type the other day, a Piper Turbo-Lance. While most of the airplanes I have flown are familiar to most pilots, there have been a few "special" ones.

There was the Aeronca Lancer. There aren't many of them out there. I have about 50 hours in one which makes me a "high-time" Lancer driver. I leased one to build multi-engine time some years back.

The Lancer is basically a twin-engine Aeronca champ. I think this airplane may have been designed and built by the Aeronca factory bowling team, in their "spare" time (pun intended) using parts lying about the factory. I believe their mission was to build a cheap multi-engine trainer to cash in on the then booming multi-engine instruction market. Back in the day the rules for getting multi-engine time, and what constituted a multi-engine trainer, were pretty loose!

The Champion 402 Lancer, as it was officially called, had a pair of 100-hp Continentals mounted up high, with fixed pitch props, and a fixed landing gear. Because the propellers did not feather, lose an engine and the second one just carried you to the accident site. A student who lost an engine during any phase of flight other than cruise was trained to shut down the other "good" engine. Becoming a two motor glider was safer than trying to do anything on one engine!

The Lancer had a control wheel in the front, since the idea was to teach future professional pilots, and a stick in the rear, a unique control arrangement. Engine controls were overhead to shorten the cable runs to the engines. I think it even had a gear switch. Move it up and a red light came on, down and a green light came on. Of course the gear did not go anywhere!

You would think that with two engines and 200-hp it would be a going machine. It wasn't. The extra engine, fuel, and drag made the airplane slice through the air like a bag of whiffle balls. It did make a lot of noise, so the illusion of speed and power was there. It was also not stable in flight. It required constant attention to maintain heading and altitude, neither of which it would hold for long, despite the pilot's best effort at trimming. After flying around for a couple of hours I was glad to get back on the ground to take a rest.

Most airplanes I have flown are fun to fly. The Lancer was not.

Keith Myers, Pilot Examiner

One day I got a call from the local sheriff's office. They wanted me to take off to help in a search for an elderly gentleman who had walked away from the local old folks home. I was told to fly a search grid over a large swamp near the outskirts of town. I jumped in the Lancer and took off on my "rescue" mission. Never found the guy. Even if he was out there I wasn't sure he would wave for help with such a strange, noisy airplane flying around. To everyone's relief the guy showed up back at the home later that day. Maybe this weird airplane scared him out of the swamp!

Oshkosh Women in Aviation Offers Scholarship, July 19th Deadline

The WAI Oshkosh Chapter Spirit of Flight Scholarship is open to women of all ages who have already soloed and are working on their recreational, sport pilot, private pilot, or commercial certificate, instrument or multiengine rating, or CFI. Preference will be given to Wisconsin residents, but all who qualify are encouraged to apply. The $500 award will be paid to the flight school of your choice.

Applicants are required to submit a copy of their logbook page(s) showing the entry documenting their solo flight, and must submit a one-page typewritten response to the following questions by July 19, 2014.

1. What are you now accomplishing that provides evidence for your sincere interest in the world of aviation?
2. Identify the people who have been the most influential to you in pursuing your dreams of flight. Describe what makes that connection special in your life and what you aspire to do "give wings" to a future generation of females as they do for you.
3. What are your current extracurricular pursuits and what are your career goals?

Application and/or questions should be sent electronically to *knelson@wai.org*, or mailed to Kelly Nelson, WAI-Oshkosh Chapter Scholarship, 3007 Clairville Road, Oshkosh, WI 54904.

Member Spotlight
Russell Brodtke

Russell Brodtke

Occupation or Title, Current: Retired Patternmaker.

Where did you grow up? On the family homestead in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Latest book you've read and/or favorite book: *Heaven is for Real,* by Todd Burpo. Unpretentious and without guile, Colton explained what he experienced and saw in Heaven as matter of fact. No theological dogma nor religious agenda within the covers of this book, just a child's profound report of eternal love.

Favorite airplane: Any airplane can become my magic carpet. So many planes, each unique, makes choosing one impossible.

My other hobbies, besides aviation: Collecting and reading books about paranormal experiences, Jesus encounters, miracles, global benevolence, extraterrestrial contact, and any other paradigm shifting literature.

I'd love to trade places with a day: With a movie producer because I've been fascinated by the integration of actors and computer generated images in movies. I want to better understand how all aspects: storyboards, lighting, camera angle, audio, and acting all come together during editing to support the director's objective.

Describe a favorite flying experience: A flight from DaNang to Saigon in a Lear jet.

If I could be King for a day, I would: Implement a policy where all ideas conceived at taxpayer funded educational institutions became the property of the taxpayers of that state. Hopefully cures for diseases or new energy technologies discovered would benefit humanity rather than the continual cycle of suffering many now endure.

How did you get interested in aviation/your aviation background: A J-3 flight at five years old.

Name something most people don't know about you: I worked at a mink ranch prior to my military service.

Favorite Quote: God will always love you.

What do you like about being a member of Winnebago Flying Club: The friendliness and readily shared knowledge of our members. (As in the photo of Brendan Stormo showing the Foreflight app on Brendan's iPad Mini to fellow club member John DeLong.)

Meet your fellow members in each issue of *WFC Pilot*.

Meet WFC Member Russell Brodtke

If you haven't already, please be sure to fill out your ***Member Spotlight*** *form and send it to the editor. Thanks!*

Send your Ideas!

Do you have story ideas? Need a flying question answered by Keith, Tim, or John? Want to write a story or share a favorite flying photo?

Your ideas, questions, photos, and comments are welcome. What can we do to make *WFC Pilot* even better? Let us know! Send to Rose at *skyword@new.rr.com*. Thanks!

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Flying isn't dangerous. Crashing is what's dangerous.

—Anonymous

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The Fox Valley's Friendliest Flying Club!

Our club airplane, N7770G, is a 1971 Cessna 172. This is a 150 hp, four-seat aircraft certified for flight under IFR, with VOR and GPS navigation radios. Dues are $30 per month and the airplane rents for $85* per Hobbs hour, wet. Aircraft scheduling is done via internet or telephone through *www.AircraftClubs.com.* Flight instruction is available from any of our several club instructors.

Spring, summer, and fall monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. in the north T-hangars at Hangar C-5. Enter through the automatic gate located on Knapp Street, just east of the Oshkosh Post Office. Winter meetings are held at 6 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, typically at Fox Valley Technical College-Spanbauer Aviation Campus, located at 3601 Oregon Street in Oshkosh.

We have openings! To make application to the Winnebago Flying Club, simply fill out our application (available online at *www.WinnebagoFlyingClub.com*) and send it, along with the initial, non-refundable membership fee of $150, to the address noted.

Visit our website or email *info@winnebagoflyingclub.com* to learn more.

*Due to market conditions and other circumstances, see our website for current rate.

Area Events

Thursday, May 8, 7 p.m. EAA Chapter 252, Oshkosh. WFC's John Dorcey will present, "Dick Bong, Poplar's Ace." 2014 marks the 70th anniversary of Richard I. Bong receiving the Congressional Medal of Honor. Bong, a Wisconsin native, was one of just 16 Wisconsin MOH recipients during World War II. John will share more fascinating, little-known facts about America's Ace of Aces and the Medal of Honor as part of the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame's statewide commemorative tour. Stick around for a limited edition, collectible gift at the presentation's conclusion. EAA Chapter 252 hangar at Wittman Regional Airport (KOSH).

Thursday, May 15, 7 p.m. Tom Thomas will present "Landing a C-97 at Dodgeville" at the EAA Museum. Tom will share his story of the role he played in landing that huge airplane on the short runway that once graced the Don Q Inn property in Dodgeville. There is no admission charge. FMI: 920-426-6108.

All summer long: event time: 5 p.m., an opportunity for pilots to fly on **Wednesday nights** to central Wisconsin airports for a burger and great conversation. Each week a different airport will host. Menu varies, donations are appreciated.
June 4 - Wausau Downtown Airport (KAUW);
June 11 - Alexander Field-South Wood County Airport (KISW)
June 18 - Marshfield Municipal Airport-Roy Shwery Field (KMFI)
June 25 - Merrill Municipal Airport (KRRL) and many more. Visit *http://www.wiflysocial.com* for a complete schedule.

Charity Flying Challenge at the Wausau Downtown Airport (KAUW), May 2014: Landings For Lunches gives airplane pilots an opportunity to compete in a landing contest. Proceeds from the 2nd annual event benefit The Neighbors' Place. During the entire month of May, pilots will attempt to land with their main wheels on or as close as possible to a box marked on the runway. Pilots will donate one dollar and a non-perishable food item (or an additional dollar) each time they compete. Donations will be split between prize money and contributions to The Neighbors' Place. Contact John Chmiel at Wausau Flying Service for more information, 715-845-3400 or visit *www.WausauFlyingService.com.*

Saturday, May 17, EAA Chapter 60 Spring Fling Pancake Breakfast Fly-in at the Beloit Airport (44C). 7 - 11:30 a.m., All you can eat pancakes. Adults $6, Age 5-11 $4, Under 4 Free! Contact Bob Rauscher at 608-752-9025 for more info, or visit *www.60.eaachapter.org*.

Thursday, May 22 at 6:30 p.m. Oshkosh's Dick Campbell will present, "Remembering the Battle of the Midway." Oshkosh Public Library, lower level meeting room.

Sunday, June 1, Fly-in, Pancake Breakfast and Pig Roast, Wild Rose Idlewild Airport (W23). Pancakes & Sausage 8-11. Pig roast serving begins at 11:30. Airplane rides, 50/50 raffle, rain or shine. For more information call Bert Ruedinger at 920-420-8443.