



# EAA Chapter 838

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## President's Corner

By  
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Surprise! I'm back. Since Wayne stepped down as President earlier in the year, we have been officially ruling by committee. Unofficially I was largely playing the role as President. I decided that if I was doing the work, I may as well have the title and do it right. At the August board meeting, I volunteered to finish this term, which is through the end of 2013. The board proposed and voted to appoint me as President effective immediately. At the end of my term, we will resume the normal process of electing the President and other officers.

When I originally decided not to pursue a second term last year, it was primarily due to a need to channel my time and effort towards other priorities. While this has not changed, I believe it possible to make it through this term for two reasons: I anticipate less activity this time around and I continue to receive a large amount of help from chapter members. While we have several great contributing members, we need to get more involvement from other members to ensure that the current contributing population doesn't get burned out.

I'm happy to report that the work on the roof is almost complete and as of this writing the sheet metal details are almost done. After this, our consultant will perform a final inspection on the work and the final bills will be paid. At this point, it looks like the grand total will come to approximately \$155,000, which was our final estimate. This was not by luck; Scott Sellers did a great job of ensuring that we would not pay more than our estimates. As you may recall, SC Johnson gave us \$125,000 for the roof and \$25,000 to start a capital fund for future projects. We were able to withdraw \$20,000 from our Racine Community Fund account and several generous chapter members donated a total of nearly \$5,000. The remaining \$5,000 will come from our Foundation Fund. Although I don't like withdrawing any money from the Foundation, \$5,000 will barely be missed and \$155,000 would have been devastating. This is a heck of a deal considering we are getting a robust, well insulated system that will last us a minimum of 30 years.

In other news, we had great weather and a large turnout for Young Eagles this month. Brian O'Lena flew the EAA Glstar from Oshkosh and flew a few Young Eagles with us. Despite his help, we could have used some more pilots to ease the load. After Young Eagles, we had our annual picnic. Although the turnout was lighter than in previous years, it was an enjoyable time.

Finally, we are in need of an individual or couple that will plan our annual Holiday Party. Jim and Barb Hantschel have been doing it for many years and it is time to find some new blood and give them a break. It is a relatively easy gig and Jim & Barb will help guide the new person. This could be a great opportunity for someone that is looking for a way to contribute.

# Aviation Explorer Base Celebrates 20 Years at Oshkosh

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[http://www.airventure.org/news/2012/120723\\_aviation-explorer-base-celebrates-20-years.html](http://www.airventure.org/news/2012/120723_aviation-explorer-base-celebrates-20-years.html)

When Carl and Adele Helmle established the AirVenture Aviation Explorer Base in 1972, they had only two posts involved, but knew that they wanted to help get those few kids involved in aviation.

Today, the base is made up of 14 Aviation Explorer posts from nine different states. This year, the base is hosting 185 campers—considerably more than the usual 125.

"We are busting at the seams," said Katie Clark, base chairman, and Carl and Adele's daughter. "It's just awesome. The craziness never stops."

Affiliated with the Boy Scouts of America's Learning for Life program, Aviation Explorers is a co-ed organization for kids ages 14-20 who are interested in aviation.

Posts work with FBOs, EAA chapters, and EAA Young Eagles to get young post members involved and volunteering alongside aviation field workers. And how—since its beginning, the base has put in approximately 40,000 hours of volunteer service.

"It has become more than just two posts getting together," Clark said. "It's more like, 'Ya'll come over.'"

During AirVenture, the Explorers help out where needed, whether it is out on the flightline parking planes in the North 40 and "North Fond du Lac," keeping guests safe at the P-1 ropes, or working in the base's kitchen.

The kids also help out on the 18/36 taxiways during AirVenture. "They go through an extensive training/safety program to teach them the ropes for several hours before going on the flightline," Clark said. "Those over the age of 18 can choose to go through an air marshal training program as well. It's a great opportunity."

In celebration of the 20th anniversary, the base has planned a carnival for the campers, complete with Minute-To-Win-It games, prizes, and a special dinner. Thanks to the FAA, the campers will also get a unique opportunity to participate in a tower tour during the Night Air Show. And the annual volleyball tournament between the Aviation Explorers and the Civil Air Patrol base is this Thursday night.

Aviation Explorers Base Co-Chairman Robb Szymik attended his first AirVenture at the age of 14, and was hooked. Twenty-eight years later, he's helping other kids pursue their aviation dreams.

"The experience these kids get from being here in Oshkosh will help them do anything they really want to in the field of aviation," Szymik said.

Sixteen-year-old Cole Burgess from Taylorsville, North Carolina, Post No. 850 has already been inspired by his AirVenture experiences over the past two years.

"Before coming to Oshkosh, I wanted to pursue a career in medicine, but now, I want to become a naval flight surgeon," Burgess said. "I think it would be awesome and would incorporate both of my passions, medicine and aviation, into job."

Burgess said his favorite part has been the people he's met and friendships he's made.

"It's so great to be in the same atmosphere as these kinds of people," he said.

With the enthusiastic energy from kids like Cole, and help from supportive organizations such as the National Aviation Exploring Committee, Sporty's, and the Custom Aircraft Group, AirVenture's Aviation Explorer Base hopes to continue to inspire more young people.

"And I want to give them any opportunity I possibly can," Szymik said.



*Over 100 kids from Explorer Troops all over the country descended on AirVenture to help along the flightline and learn aviation skills in the various workshops and forums.*

*Happy 20th Anniversary*

**Aviation Explorer Base!**



# Monopoly

is back and needs your help!

Items we discussed are in blue. The date has been set at Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012. There are a few questions which we need answered before the next meeting. They are:

1. Someone to handle marketing, advertising
2. Someone to send Dave Mann a brochure to send to renters at Batten,
3. Someone to get a raffle license
4. Someone to manage the takedown and cleanup and close the building.
5. EVERYONE to request Corporate sponsors for any amount
6. Scott suggested the following: if purchased before 1 Oct; \$45/person, \$80/couple, or \$120 for 4 people. Do you agree? Last year, we only had about 12 people that bought tickets. Setting the \$120 for four should get us more players who will participate in the silent auction, and buy drinks, all adding to profits. **DO YOU AGREE?**
7. Next meeting is [Monday Sept 10, 2012 7pm](#)

**I asked the last email for answers to these questions. If you did not respond, please do so.**

- Please email me with your commitment for 2012.
- Do you want to continue to receive these emails?
- Do you want to help out in any of the open positions.
- Any other words of wisdom.
- Is there anyone else that we should invite to the meeting to be on the committee?

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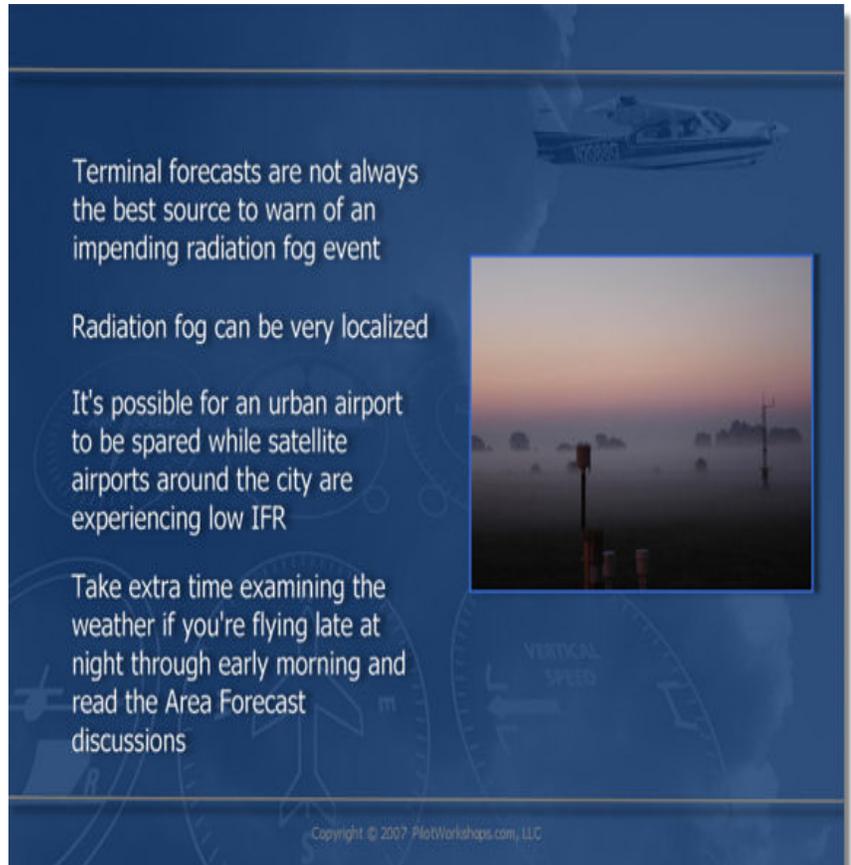
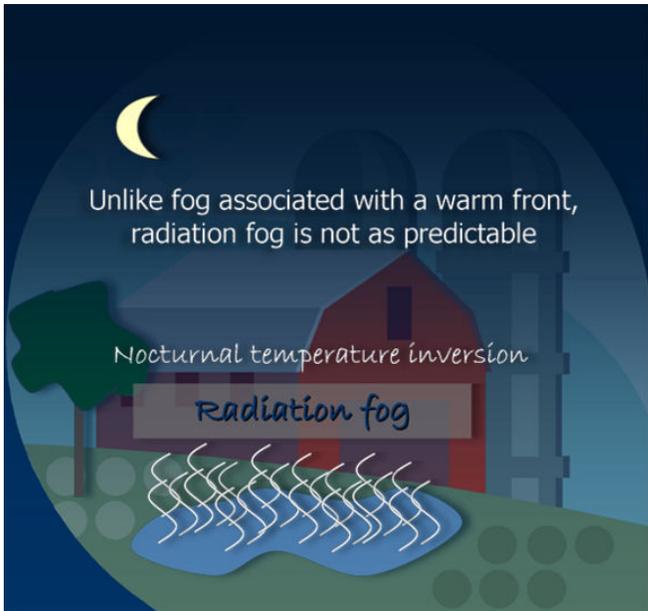
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# Pilot's Tip of the Week

## Radiation Fog

Featuring Scott Dennstaedt



### Scott:

"Most pilots typically fly during the day or early evening. We rarely fly in the overnight hours. The basic rules that work for us during the day don't always apply during the graveyard shift.

A perfect example of what can bite a pilot during these hours is radiation fog. Radiation fog can catch even the most prepared pilot by surprise. Unlike fog associated with a warm front, it is not as predictable. It is the most common and dense form of fog, and even the most astute forecaster can miss the event entirely. It will typically develop several hours after sunset, first in the rural areas especially near bodies of water as the earth begins to cool by radiation on a clear night. This produces a nocturnal temperature inversion just above the surface providing for very stable conditions.

Terminal forecasts are not always the best source to warn a pilot for an impending radiation fog event since radiation fog can be a very localized event. It is very possible that an airport in an urban area is spared while satellite airports around the city are experiencing a low IFR event.

**Take some extra time examining the weather if you are flying late at night into the early morning hours. Read the area forecast discussions. They will often help you understand more about the forecaster's thought process and what is expected to occur throughout the local region."**

This tip is provided courtesy of Pilotworkshop.com  
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## **A Note from the Editor**

I would like to thank everyone for their article donations and help to me in getting me Chapter meeting info. This is very critical to the creation of each months newsletter.

A BIG Thank You goes out to Eric Wolf who has reaccepted the mantle of President for our Chapter.

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## **Calendar of Events**

Board Meeting every second Thursday @ 7:00pm  
Chapter Meeting: every third Thursday @ 7:00pm  
Happy Hour starts @ 6:30pm  
Explorer Post 218 Meeting: second and fourth Thursday @ 7:00 pm  
Young Eagles: second Saturday @ 9:00am (March –November)

## **Upcoming Meeting Dates**

September 20th Happy Hour at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00  
October 18th Happy Hour at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00  
November 15th Happy Hour at 6:30 Meeting at 7:00

## **Upcoming Speakers**

September — Pete Buffington: Author of Squawk 7700