



Above it All

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EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 327 - DUBUQUE IA USA

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From The Desk of the President



Well, lots of time for reflection this month. The RV-12 youth and adult team got together once, but my wife was concerned that if anyone got sick, it would be my fault and our family's concern. Wow! How will we as a society ever work our way out of this mess? First time to my knowledge that well-people have been quarantined. I hope we will be returning to work and social activities soon. I hope fear of litigation won't ruin us as a people and as a nation. Germs and people have coexisted for all of human history. I don't think we should give up so easily. I expect when people get hungry they'll go back to work. Well, that's enough talk of the things I can't do much about.

I received an interesting call from our airport manager Todd Dalsing last week. He has really taken seriously the list of items I shared with him of requirements for an EAA Gold Chapter status and tried to see how those can match with airport and aviation promotion. One of those items on the list was whether the local EAA organization had a Chapter hanger. Todd has identified a potential hanger that might become an EAA Chapter 327 home. It is off the parking lot behind the control tower. There is a walkway from the parking lot that would allow those without a gate pass access to the building. It is the hanger that Dan Kruse used to keep his T-6 Texan in, and is located next to the Crescent Electric hanger and has recently been used by the Air Methods air ambulance service.

Since going to Sun n Fun last spring and seeing the Teen Aero Club Hanger in Lakeland, Florida I have been daydreaming about whether such a place might be possible in Dubuque. My vision has been a place where there could be several build projects going on and a community of builders and pilots encouraged. There could be

a tool library for lending tools. A lounge area where magazines and aviation themed books and videos might be shared is a possibility. Perhaps a flight simulator would be possible. I remember when I was a high school student and Al Beyer's FBO had a round table with an assortment of chairs, lots of magazines and a pot of coffee. Instructors, students and airport people hung around exchanging stories and encouragement. T-shirt tails from recent pilot solo celebrations were tacked to the wall. With the change and emphasis on corporate aviation, there has been no place on the airport to encourage recreational aviation, and to encourage high school aged people in aviation interests. There hasn't been a place for the T-hanger tenants to socialize. Perhaps an EAA hanger could provide some of that to our aviation community.

There is provision in the FAA regulations for providing space at less than market rates to aviation museums and other not for profit aviation activities on the airfield. I have been talking with Todd, EAA members and airport commission people about creating a space to encourage general aviation. My concern is that I am told there is no way to kill a Chapter quicker than to take on a hanger that is a money pit requiring ongoing assessments or contributions from members. We have an income stream of about \$1,000 annually from the Pancake Breakfast, and I won't commit the Chapter to regular expenses greater than our chapter income. The model that has been proposed is that two or three members might pay the rent they are now paying in hanger fees. We are still discussing how utilities and insurance costs might be covered. In exchange, Todd is wondering if the EAA Chapter might host a summer fly-in lunch similar to what Clinton Airport has been doing once a

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month. It might be a place where we could host our pancake breakfast. The Flying Club and airport tenants could have a place to socialize. The young people that have been attracted to our RV-12 build could be offered a chance to participate and help in other build projects and catch an occasional airplane ride in exchange for washing a plane. We would be expected to encourage their interests in aviation and to promote the Dubuque Airport and aviation activities.

At any rate, that is the loose context of the discussions we have been having. The question is

whether our EAA Chapter would support such an activity? As new corporate hangers get build, there may be an opportunity for hanger space for the Chapter. There are lots of challenges. Who would manage it? How would access be controlled? Would members be responsible? How would the space be planned, utilized and modifications/construction paid for? Just wanted to let you know your officers and airport management are talking, and more specific proposals may be coming. Thanks for reading and considering. To be clear, nothing has been decided, and no definite offer has been made. We are exploring possibilities for the Chapter. - Chuck

Many of you watched this while standing on the ground, but this is a fabulous video of the flyover from start to finish and in between. The photography is amazing and it will make you feel like you are sitting in the cockpit of one of the planes. Makes me so proud to have spent a good part of our lives in the U S Military. What a great country we live in. This is good stuff.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=USq7e1UukNU



May 19, 2020 Chapter Meeting

**All EAA 327 Meetings
Canceled until further Notice!**

April 21, 2020 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

1. President Weber called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. In attendance, via video chat, were Chuck Weber, VP Steve Bradley (via phone), Secretary Bob Woodward, and Treasurer Merle Neises.
2. On a motion by Neises, seconded by Bradley, the minutes from the March 17th, 2020 Executive Committee were unanimously approved.
3. Financials. Treasurer Neises reported that the club had the following balanced:

Main Account	\$15,587.51
Capital Fund	\$1,239.51
Foundation	\$3,783.77
Bus. Checking	\$19,203.46

Neises said even though he is keeping track of funds separately, he is looking at setting up a separate account for the EAA Ray Scholarship grant in order to not mingle the funds. He also said he has set up a spreadsheet to track all expenses related to the scholarship for club and EAA accounting. In order to ensure the integrity of the grant, all funds will be paid to the parties providing services (e.g., Key City Fliers, instructor Mike Nickeson, etc.) rather than to the recipient himself.

Weber said that a number of EAA 327 club mem-

bers had offered to provide items to Ray Scholarship recipient Joe Chapman, including headset, E6B, old iPad. Also procured were a kneeboard, VFR sectional chart, Airport Facilities Directory (chart supplement).

Weber report that the RV-12 build continues. Youth contributors were working on Wednesday April 22 and Jeff from the Creative Center is assisting. They've been working on bleeding brakes and fiberglass work. He also reported taking two kids on Young Eagles flights on April 19. The intention is to potentially identify one or two additional potential Ray Scholarship participants.

Most social events are are postponed or canceled at this time. Ford Tri-Motor visit is not rescheduled at this time, Flying Start is now moved to June 20, Young Eagles postponed from June 6th to unknown date. Pancake breakfast remains Sept. 13th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 pm.

Respectively, submitted.

Bob Woodward, EAA 327 Club Secretary

Chapter 327 Flight Instructors

Here is a listing of Chapter 327 members that are flight instructors and would be willing to help with primary flight instruction, your next BFR or other. *If you are a Chapter member and a flight instructor please let me know and I will include your name in the listing. Additions/Corrections are welcome!*

CFI / CFII	Phone	New Students	CFII	BFR	IFP	Airports	Plane
Mike Nickeson	563/451-6246	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DBQ	Owners, Club Plane
Alaine Olthafer	608/988-6864	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	PVB	Owners, Club, FBO
e-mail - Bob Woodward (bob.woodward312@gmail.com to add your name to the list.							

More Aviation YouTube Videos to watch while we all hunker down!

By Bob Woodward

It sounds like a number of you enjoyed checking on a few of my favorite YouTube video channels last month. (OK, it was actually more like a couple of weeks ago due to my tardiness with the April newsletter)!

Here are few more aviation channels you might enjoy. Each have their own strengths and appeal, depending on what your level and type of aviation interest might be.



Air Safety Institute (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCq4urPJHPbzOsQsgxYKGd2A>) This channel has a number of different types of videos. Some are great pilot stories while my favorites are the accident case studies. Like many pilots, I like to read NTSB reports and watch videos which can show situations NOT to get into or decisions NOT to make. Some of the accidents are more relevant than others, but all are informative.

Baron Pilot (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC2ONz1evD4R114CfqyJLYg>) Like 310 Pilot, another twin engine example, this one from Florida. (Does everyone in Florida fly? It almost seems like it)! Kris and Kim make it to some interesting destinations and Kim is working on her radio work, as well as running the GPS. Fun couple on some fun missions.



Flying Doodles (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRW7tzjWFIbjiO3Te2HhrA>). Bobby White has an interesting backstory, as he used to be a corporate pilot, then suffered a brain aneurism of some sort and lost his medical. He now sails around the world but still celebrates his love of aviation by hitching rides on a variety of aircraft. Each airplane owner tell us a little about the plane, it's history, how they came to own it, their missions, and their own aviation path, then go up for a ride. Great variety of aircraft examples.



The Finer Points (https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPCyMEHOWm2DrxUKEA_zOQQ). Ride along with CFI Jason Miller as he lets us ride along with him during actual VFR and IFR flight training sessions, teaches us some tips and techniques he's learned from 20 years on the flight line. He shares methods to make flying safer, easier and more fun while also offering some interesting tools for everything from better landings, handling an engine failure, IFR check ride prep, and more.

Pictures from the build...



Fiberglassing the canopy frame.



Joe working on RV-12 with Merle.



Ray Scholar
Joe Chapman.



Young Eagles Flight



Club notes

Ray Scholar news

Joe Chapman was selected as the first recipient of the \$10,000 Ray Scholarship awarded to our chapter. Mike Nickeson, the CFII who has been working with our IMC Club and with Key City Flying Club as well as recent experience as a University of Dubuque flight school instructor, is ready to start teaching him. Joe has been studying the Sporty's ground school curriculum online and went through all the modules. He is reviewing the sections and taking practice tests in preparation for the FAA written exam.

Chapter Past President Wally donated a headset for Joe to use until he gets his Zulu headset after solo. Bob Woodward donated a knee-board and current sectional map to assist Joe in his studies. Mike is ready to start instruction once Joe is in the Key City Flying Club. If any members have additional resources they think would be helpful to Joe, please contact him or Chuck Weber.

Please help us help Joe by offering encouragement and support in any way we can.

Young Eagle pilot requirements

Here is a reprint of an article about how to get qualified to carry Young Eagles 8-17 years old for introductory rides to help encourage their interest in aviation. We'll need qualified pilots to pull off a proposed Young Eagle Day scheduled for June 6, which will likely be delayed. It is also possible to give rides in a one-off manner with kids who express an interest. We don't need to wait for a big Young Eagle event. Get qualified and ask for the forms needed to get a release signed ahead & the flight registered with EAA. That qualifies a young person for a free EAA membership with magazines and for free Sporty's ground school.

Young Eagles Day & Youth Protection Training by Chuck Weber

Our Young Eagles Coordinator, Cheryl Sheldon and I scheduled a Young Eagles Day for June 6, 2020 (now postponed to a date unknown). It will be from 8am to noon. Karin Spisak will help us with publicity. I'd like as many pilots who are able, to get Youth Protection Training to qualify as Young Eagle Pilots. Many hands make less work. Remember that? It isn't too early to get qualified. To find out if you're qualified, www.eaa.org website, click on Chapter Resources, Managing Your Chapter & finally EAA Chapter Member Look Up.

Here are the requirements:

- All participating pilots must hold an appropriate airmen's certificate (sport pilot or greater).
- Pilots must possess a current medical certificate (if applicable).
- Pilots must be current EAA national members.
- Pilots must be current to carry passengers in the aircraft they plan to use.
- Pilots must have a current flight review.
- Aircraft Passenger Liability Insurance is required for the aircraft used (owned, rental or borrowed).
- The Young Eagles registration form must be completed before the flight, complete with parent or guardian signature.
- The aircraft used for the flight must be in airworthy condition (experimental OK)
- Must complete EAA Youth Protection training & background check.

As an EAA member, pilots participating in the Young Eagles Program are eligible for an additional \$1 million of passenger liability insurance coverage, if they carry a minimum of \$100,000 per seat liability insurance.

To get Youth Protection Training & a background check(no charge) go to www.EAA.org and sign in. Go to "My Training" &/or "Go to Course" link on top of the page. You'll need to take the Youth Protection Training and the Background check. It takes about a half hour and you'll hear from EAA in a week or two. I don't see if anyone fails so don't worry!

Let's put a smile on these kids faces. If anyone has trouble navigating the EAA website, let me know and I'll help. For more resources, www.youngeaglesday.org.

Local Calendar of Events

For many other Aviation Related events, visit the following websites. Click on the following links. Will only list events submitted to the editor and other most local events here.

[EAA Aviation Calendar of Events](#)
[AOPA Calendar of Events](#)
[Iowa DOT Office of Aviation Calendar](#)
[Wisconsin Fly-Ins and Airshow Event Calendar](#)
[Fly-Ins.com Calendar Website](#)
[Fun Places to Fly Website](#)
[Social Flight Calendar](#)
[Midwest Flyer Magazine Calendar](#)



EAA Chapter 327 IMC Club

"To promote instrument flying, proficiency, and safety"

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Meets: 7pm, 2nd Thurs of month
 Location: Dubuque Airport Terminal Conference Room
 For more information contact: charlesbweber@me.com

Chapter Website: www.327.eaachapter.org
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EAAChapter327DubuqueIowa/>

Upcoming EAA Webinars

Go to www.eaa.org/webinars to view the schedule and to register.

5/5/20 7 p.m. CDT Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye
 5/6/20 7 p.m. CDT Is it Legal to Install? - Mike Busch
 5/7/20 7 p.m. CDT Critical RV Flying Skills - Rian Johnson and Mike Seager
 5/12/20 7 p.m. CDT ATC and You: Don't Let That Cloud Mislead You - Richard Kennington
 5/13/20 7 p.m. CDT Operation at Towered Airports - Prof. H. Paul Shuch
 5/19/20 7 p.m. CDT Understanding Hypoxia in Aviation—Steve Martin
 5/20/20 7 p.m. CDT Getting to Know the Rotax 915 iS Engine - Jorge Tavo

Want a collector's item? How about a shirt from the cancelled 2020 Airventure?

<https://www.eaa.org/Shop/ProductCatalog/productcategory.aspx?ID=920>



Send event information on those activities that would interest the membership. Will be delighted to include any information on aviation related activities, fly-in breakfasts, etc. e-Mail your information to Bob.woodward312@gmail.com.

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Membership Application

Please print:

First Name _____ Last _____ Spouse _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Landline (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Email address _____

National member ID. _____

Single membership: \$15.00

Family membership: \$22.50

Payable To: FAA Chapter 327

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Meetings the third Tuesday of the month, 7PM, Conference Rm next to restaurant, DBQ Airport Terminal

Meeting times & places may vary in the summer time contact a chapter officer for exact times and place

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