

Gen-Air Park, Geneseo, IL 61254

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March 2024 Newsletter - 410 BLAST!

EAA CH. 410 FEB. MEETINGS:

1) Monthly Chapter Meeting

Saturday, March 2nd – 7:00pm at Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge, Geneseo, IL

PROGRAM: Ashley Hanson will be our guest presenter. She is the Unmanned Aviation Systems Manager for John Deere Aviation and will give a presentation about how John Deere uses drones in their business. Ashley will also share what her job entails. Should be very interesting! Hope to see you there!

Social Hour/Meal from 6:00-7:00 (\$5 donation suggested)

2) VMC Club Gathering:

Thursday, March 7th - 7:00pm at Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge, Geneseo, IL

<u>PROGRAM:</u> The group will cover an EAA supplied scenario to review common memory tools (such as mnemonics and acronyms). Come ready to share.

Anyone interested in aviation is welcome to attend our meetings!

Our members are aircraft builders, restorers, pilots and non-pilots, mechanics and people who just enjoy airplanes and aviation. The monthly chapter meeting typically consists of a brief business meeting followed by refreshments and a short program (programs vary month to month). We encourage all who have an interest in aviation to join us.

Welcome to our new members:

- Aaron Elmendorf
- Cv Gallev
- Craig Olson
- Jim Smith

EAA 410 WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

- Visit our Website at: <u>https://chapters.eaa.org/eaa410</u>
- Visit us on Facebook (Search for EAA Chapter 410)

Our Facebook page is currently a private group. You can view the info, butmust join in order to post on the page – just "request to join".

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

March 2, 2024 (Saturday)

EAA Ch. 410 monthly meeting
 (7pm)
 Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge, Geneseo, IL.
 Social Hour/Meal 6:00-7:00pm.
 (\$5 donation suggested)

March 5, 2024 (Tuesday)

FAAST session by Jason Glass and David Hintz, Des Moines Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) 5:30-7:30pm. Location: Deere & Company Aviation, 5600 69th Ave., Milan, IL. (Flyer attached to email)

March 7, 2024 (Thursday)

EAA Ch. 410 VMC Club Mtg. 7pm Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge, Geneseo, IL



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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Slipped back into winter for a couple days, starting with cool temps but bright sunshine for our February Wingin' It Breakfast on the 17th. In spite of the cold and breezy morning, we had a great crowd of 29 aviation enthusiasts enjoying each other's company over a breakfast hosted by Barb and Bob Kuhns with help from Mary Carr. Mary and Barb baked delicious muffins to go along with Bob's pancakes and the biscuits and gravy. We had surprise additional contributions of scrambled eggs courtesy of Nick Anagnos and "dessert donuts" from Krispy Kreme thanks to the generosity of Brett Lohman and Theresa Klotz. Please consider volunteering to host or co-host one of our 3rd Saturday breakfasts or 1st Saturday social hour meals, it's not a lot of work, your efforts will be greatly appreciated, and you'll no doubt have a good time doing it! Just let Mary, Dion or myself know that you would like to host one and we will arrange for it to happen.

After breakfast, over half of the group made their way across town to the home of Doug and Kristen States to check on the progress on their RV-14 build project. I'm calling it "their" project because Kristen is actively helping Doug install the hundreds of rivets that go into building an all metal aircraft. Due to the recent unfortunate situation with the Van's Aircraft Company, Doug and Kristen will be building several structures twice since they now have replacement pieces arriving for assemblies they have already constructed with the originally shipped potentially defective parts. In spite of the setbacks that are affecting many RV builders, Doug and Kristen are making good progress and they were able to show us the beginnings of a fine looking airplane!

One airplane we were hoping to see that Saturday morning was Dale Burkey's newly acquired Citabria 7KCAB. This is a 150hp model with fuel injection and inverted fuel and oil systems for better aerobatic capability than the 7ECA 115hp model with no inverted systems. As I recall, this makes Dale's airplane capable of up to 4 minutes of continuous inverted flight. For those of you who haven't yet experienced the view of the world from an inverted airplane, number one, try it sometime—it's cool, and number two, staying inverted for anything more than a handful of seconds seems like you're timing it with a calendar! It's a looong time (at least for me). Alas, it was too windy for Dale to bring his airplane to breakfast, but it wasn't too windy the next day. Guess who taxied into my backyard and took me for a ride on Sunday! Many of you have heard Dion and I banter back and forth about who has the better airplane, the Cub that I fly or



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the Champ that he flies. I really love the classic Cub, but (cover your ears Dion) today's ride with Dale made me really, really miss the Citabria (think Champ on steroids) that I used to fly! So roomy and comfortable! I'm sure we'll have the opportunity to see Dale's beautiful airplane at a Geneseo Wingin' It breakfast before too long, and who knows, you may get to go for a spin! Thanks for stopping in Dale, you made my day today!

We've been fortunate to see good membership participation in our Wingin' It Breakfast and I can't wait to see the weather cooperate so people can use it as a good excuse to go fly their airplanes! At the February breakfast we acquired another new Chapter 410 member. Cy Galley celebrated his 90th birthday on February 12th and joined our Chapter less than a week later! I commented that the 12th was President Lincoln's birthday and Cy told me "No, that's <u>my</u> birthday, Lincoln just happened to also be born on the 12th." Turns out these two men not only share a birthday, they were in the same graduating class in high school! (Just kidding Cy, welcome to Chapter 410!).

On the other end of the age spectrum, we had two guests at breakfast that were invited to come out by both member Liza Whiles and student member Nathan Dunker. Tayvion Turner is working line service for Revv at the Davenport airport and his friend Addison Goswick is a Senior in High School who also works with CNC machines at her dad's machine shop and is hoping to go to school to become a labor and birthing nurse. Tayvion would like to get his Airframe and Powerplant mechanics rating and then learn how to fly. We enjoyed meeting them and I hope they enjoyed their visit as well. Perhaps we'll get to see more of them at our gatherings.

A few months ago we had an opportunity to discuss what members liked or didn't like with how Chapter 410 operates, what they might want to see to keep their interest and participation level high, or any changes that we might want to consider. This is an ongoing process so please, if you have some thoughts along these lines, be sure to bring them to the attention of one of our friendly officers or board members. One suggestion was that if there was a way to see photos of members, it would be helpful for recognizing and getting to know people that we don't see every day. We have had a tool that could provide that for awhile, but we haven't emphasized the photo part of it yet. We could use that Chapter Roster tool more effectively and publish an annual



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photo membership list for email distribution to our membership. We just need someone to volunteer to take that project on and start collecting photos.

After attending the January EAA Leadership Training Session in Oshkosh and meeting and learning about other EAA members, I realized that one of the best benefits of this organization is getting to learn about the incredible people who are EAA members. I mentioned to our newsletter editor Betty Dierwechter that I was contemplating starting a "Meet our Members" newsletter column that would feature a member in each monthly newsletter. Any member could talk with another member and ask them about how they became interested in aviation in the first place, what they enjoy doing related to aviation or other activities they may have in their lives, where they live, where they've worked, or anything else that the interviewer may find interesting to learn. Then the interviewing member would submit their story along with a photo of the interviewee member to Betty for inclusion in a newsletter (with permission of the interviewee of course). When I mentioned it to Betty, she told me that she had been thinking of doing something like that some time ago and she meant to ask me about the idea at our February monthly gathering but she forgot at the time. She already had someone in mind to feature in the next newsletter so you may see this in the April issue. Please let us know what you think and if you have a story to tell about your own history or something you've learned from talking with another member.

Seven student members of the GHS Aviation Club enjoyed an excellent tour of the Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center in Aurora IL on President's Day. Chapter 410 member Kyle Ganson drove the bus and members Jim Ries, Doug States, and myself went along as chaperones. We spent an hour and a half with a Center supervisor and a controller who presented a program to show us what their jobs entail, the airspace that is controlled by Chicago Center (covers parts of several states, IL, IN, MI, WI, MN, IA, and MO), how they deal with emergencies, and how to apply for a job in the Center. They also described their personal career paths that lead them to their current positions. After that presentation, our tour guides took us to the simulation lab. This part of the facility is for training new controllers. It is set up exactly like the control room floor with several radar scopes and data entry positions. On the outer edges of the room are the remote pilot positions where controllers enter commands issued by the controller in training so that the targets on the radar scopes will turn, climb, or descend



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as the controller in training has instructed. In this room, developmental controllers can make all the mistakes they need to in the learning process without endangering the "live" aircraft that might be transporting your grandkids from O'Hare to Orlando! After watching a controller training in the simulation lab and the four additional controllers it takes to train him or her, we went into the weather briefing room where the supervisory controllers meet at the beginning of each shift to get a weather briefing from a resident meteorologist. Here we were split into four groups to go out to the various areas on the control room floor so we could observe and listen in on the frequencies as controllers worked "live" traffic, directing aircraft in and out of the Chicago area airports or across the midwest for those traveling from one coast to the other. The Center's airspace is divided into many "sectors" that are worked from several "areas" in the control room. Each area is like a rectangular room with a row of four or five radar scopes on each long wall. There may be six to a dozen or so controllers and a supervisor in each area, depending on how busy the traffic is and what positions may be combined. The whole tour was well done and well received by our student group.

The other major accomplishment for EAA Chapter 410 on Presidents Day, February 19th was that our Ray Scholar, Nathan Dunker, passed his Private Pilot Checkride and is now a licensed Private Pilot! Way to go Nathan!! Nathan was blessed with a beautiful sunny day with light winds for his checkride. He took advantage of the day and his new license to give his grandfather and friend a ride and then he gave his mom and dad a ride! We hope to see Nathan and his parents at the March 2nd gathering and social hour where attendees can help Nathan celebrate his accomplishment with a special cake for dessert!

Lastly, a couple notes on what's happening and upcoming events. Kyle Ganson, Nick Anagnos, and I met and visited with some great folks at the January Leadership Training Session that we attended in Oshkosh. As a result of those conversations and some of the training session presentations, Chapter 410 is in the process of changing the IRS status for our Chapter to a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. Treasurer Galen Johnson has submitted the form to make the change and we should know if we have been successful by mid-March. Kyle and I have been looking at flight simulators at Airventure, at the University of Dubuque, and at the Leadership Academy. We'll be exploring grant opportunities in hopes that we can acquire a flight simulator to use to



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educate students, attract young folks into aviation, maintain proficiency for members who wish to do so, and assist members or future Ray Scholars in getting a pilot's license. There is a Chapter in Columbus Indiana that has recently done just what we are thinking about. I've communicated with a couple of their members and since their simulator is located near the path that Carol and I are taking to Baltimore in a couple days, we are going to stop in for a tour and visit! On the Ray Scholar front, I submitted an application to the EAA so that Chapter 410 can participate again in 2024 if we are selected to do so. We should hear whether or not we've been selected by the end of February. I'll still be out of town for the March 2nd gathering, but our esteemed VP Dion Carr will stand in while I'm gone. The program for March is Ashley Hanson, the Unmanned Aviation Systems Manager for John Deere Aviation! Ashley is a Chapter 75 member/officer and her presentation will be about how John Deere uses drones in their business and what her job entails. This will be an interesting program that I've been looking forward to for the Chapter members! Saturday March 2nd, 6pm social hour and meal, 7pm meeting and program.



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VMC CLUB GATHERING #23 Thursday – March 7, 2024 @ 7:00pm

Program:

We will be covering an EAA supplied scenario to review and common memory tools (such as mnemonics and acronyms).

Please come ready to share the mnemonics you use while flying.

EAA 410 members, Gen-Air Pilots and Local Aviators are welcome to attend.

Hope to see you at the Pilot Lounge and Educational Facility, Thursday, March 7th at 7:00pm.

Doug States, VMC Coordinator



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EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES: We have a few exciting updates to report so please KEEP READING!

Nathan Dunker, our 2023 Ray Scholarship recipient obtained his Private Pilot's License February 19th. CONGRATULATIONS NATHAN!



CFI Tony Touvelle congratulating his student on earning his pilot's license!



Examiner Jeff Allen presenting Nathan with his temporary Airman Certificate!



New Private Pilot Nathan taking his proud parents Keith and Tina for a flight!



EAA Ch.410 Scholarship Coordinator (and esteemed Chapter 410 President) Kent Johnson, presenting our Scholar Nathan Dunker, with his "Job Well Done" Ray Scholarship polo shirt!



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EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES (CONT'D):

- ➤ EAA's Ray Scholarship Program EAA Chapter 410 received notification that we get the opportunity to select a 2024 Ray Scholar Candidate! How exciting! More detailed information regarding the candidate application and interview process, as well as due dates for submission to EAA, will be announced in the very near future.
- ➤ Chapter 410 is growing and we could really use your help: Please contact Kent Johnson to find out more about any or all of these positions.
 - Program Coordinator;
 - Scholarship Coordinator;
 - 2nd Young Eagles Coordinator:
- February 3rd EAA Ch. 410 Social Hour/Meal, Monthly Meeting and Presentation of their New Zealand trip by Barb and Bob Kuhns.

<u>Social Hour/Meal and Monthly Meeting</u>: We had a good social hour/meal and monthly meeting again in February. As usual, folks enjoyed the food and socialization before the meeting.







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Barb and Bob Kuhns New Zealand trip presentation: Barb and Bob took an eleven-day trip to New Zealand in January 2004. Their group used three Cessna airplanes – 2 Cessna 172's and 1 Cessna 206. Bob shared flying the 206 with another pilot. The scenery is beautiful but flying and landings/takeoffs were unique experiences with beaches and mountainous terrain. Thanks Barb & Bob!



Meeting in session!



Bob getting ready to start the presentation!



This photo shows the planes that landed on the beach!



The Cessna 206



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(Barb and Bob Kuhns New Zealand trip presentation photos cont'd)



Yes, that's Barb kissing a fish! ©



Aerial view from the plane! Beautiful country!



More beautiful scenery!



Runway is at sea level! The scenery is amazing!



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February 17th "Wingin' it" Breakfast and visit to Doug States Build Shop:

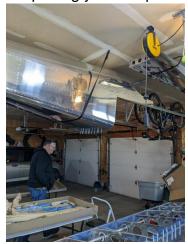
"Wingin' It Breakfast – A bit chilly outside but the sun was beautiful It was a great breakfast with 29 people coming by. A couple pics from the breakfast!





<u>Shop Visit – Doug States</u> - The shop visit was scheduled to begin right after the breakfast. Many folks went directly from the breakfast to Doug's shop not too far from Gen-Airpark. He is building the Vans RV-14. Below are photos from Doug's shop and his build. Thank you Doug for opening your shop to us!









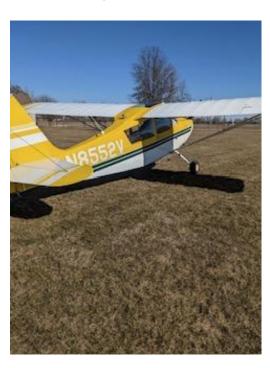
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> The Citabria 7KCAB: Dale Burkey (Ch. 410 Secretary) purchased a new aircraft. Very Nice Dale! Here are a couple photos.







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EAA OshKosh Leadership Training: EAA Chapter 410's Kent Johnson, Kyle Ganson and Nick Anagnos attended the January Leadership Training in OshKosh, WI. Many members of EAA Chapter 75 also attended the January training session. Both Chapter members in attendance got together for a picture. Several of these folks have dual memberships in both Chapters. Thank you all for working to make our Chapters great!

Individuals in order from left to right:

Kent Johnson (President, EAA Chapter 410), Kyle Ganson (EAA Chapter Member, EAA Chapter 410), Nick Anganos (Former Ray Aviation Scholarship Coordinator and Former Board of Director, EAA Chapter 75), Jenny Wilson (Ray Aviation Scholarship Coordinator, EAA Chapter 75), Liz Richards (Treasurer, EAA Chapter 75), Greg Stopyra (President, EAA Chapter 75), Kristin Simmons (Chapter Member, EAA Chapter 75), and Ashley







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<u>EAA Chapter 75 News</u> – EAA has selected Chapter 75 as a BETA tester for a new part of the Ray Aviation Scholarship Program. Only 7 of the 900 EAA Chapters receive this opportunity. What an honor for Ch. 75 to be selected!

CONGRATULATIONS EAA CHAPTER 75!

EAA CHAPTER 410 FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

EAA Chapter 410 members who are flight instructors qualified and willing to help with primary flight instructions, biennial flight reviews, etc., please let Kent Johnson or Dion Carr know, OR, email your information to Betdier@aol.com to be included in this list.

Name	Phone	Email	New Students	CFII	MEI	BFR	Tail Wheel	Airports	Plane
Jim Ries	309-945- 2544	jim@villagehomestores.com	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	3G8,DVN, MLI	Owner, QC Area
Travis Baldwin	309-781- 8896	Tmb1998@gmail.com	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI, 3G8	Owner, FBO & Revv Aviation
Craig Blumer	641-799- 8149	Craigblumer27@gmail.com	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	MLI	Owner Craig's J-3

We will also add, 410 member A&Ps qualified and willing to assist with specific member project needs. If interested in having your information published in our Chapter Newsletter, please let Kent or Dion know **OR**, email your information to Betdier@aol.com. Thanks!



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EAA CHAPTER 410 MERCHANDISE - We have four great items for purchase bearing our EAA Chapter 410 Logo. These may be purchased at Chapter 410 meetings and Gen-Air events. (We do not ship any items.)

T-Shirts (Lt. Blue only) \$20.00



(T-Shirt with our Chapter 410 Logo)

Pins \$3.00

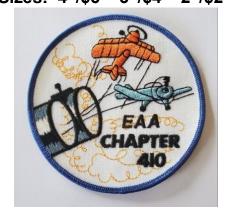


(approx. size of a quarter)

Mugs \$15.00



Embroidered Iron-on Patches Sizes: 4"/\$5 3"/\$4 2"/\$2





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MISCELLANEOUS AND AVIATION ITEMS/PLANES FOR SALE:

No ads at this time.

LOCAL HANGAR SPACE:

- Clinton Municipal Airport Hangar options: Individual t-hangar or one of the community hangars. All have electric bi-fold doors and hard floors. T-hangars are rented through the City of Clinton and rental rates vary from \$95 \$156/mth depending on the hangar size. For more information and to confirm availability, contact Marlana Nass, airport manager, at 563-242-3292, or email marlananass@cityofclintoniowa.us.
- Whiteside Regional Airport No availability at this time. Contact Darren Heffelfinger 815-626-3750 or dheffelfinger@whiteside.org to be added to wait list.
- Gen-Airpark Airport No availability at this time. Contact Kent Johnson 309-912-0437 or airport3g8@gmail.com

ADVERTISING IN CH. 410 NEWSLETTER

Anyone wanting to place an advertisement in the Newsletter, please provide information to Betty Dierwechter, betdier@aol.com by the middle of the month. She will need item name/description, price, 1-2 photo(s) of item (if possible), your contact info, etc. There is no cost to members and \$10 for non-members.



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EAA CHAPTER 410 Minutes - February 3, 2024

<u>Call to Order</u> - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kent Johnson. Twenty-seven (27) were in attendance at the meeting.

<u>Secretary's Report</u> - Bob Kuhns made a motion to accept January 2024minutes. Nick Anagnos seconded. The motion was approved.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> - The treasurer's report for January 2024 was presented. Dale Burkey made a motion to accept the report. John Shurtz seconded. The motion was approved.

New Business

- The Wingin It Breakfast is scheduled for February 17th and will be followed by a visit to Doug States work shop to see the Vans RV-14 he is building.
- Ray Scholar, Nathan Dunker, has check ride scheduled for February 19th. He is still working at Revv.
- The Aviation Club plans to tour Chicago Center in Aurora, Il in February.
- Nick Anagnos He attended EAA's Leadership Training at OshKosh, WI with Kent Johnson, and Kyle Ganson. They enjoyed meeting EAA members from other Chapters and the training and accommodations were great. (Several EAA Ch. 75 members also attended.)

Technical Counselor Report - None

Progress Reports -

Dale Burkey - purchasing a Citabria 7KCAB

Doug States - working on RV14 replacing original parts that were defective

Member Activities - VMC club met on Thursday, Febbruary 1st.

<u>Program</u> - Barb and Bob Kuhns did a presentation sharing their adventures of flying around New Zealand in a Cessna.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted, Dale Burkey, EAA Ch. 410 Secretary



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 - FLYING The Weekender
- <u>EAA.org</u> EAA's National website. A plethora of aviation information too numerous to mention.



Experimental Aircraft Association

EAA Chapter 410



Membership Application/Renewal Form

EAA Chapter 410 is based in Geneseo, IL. If you are interested in almost any aspect of Aviation, we may be the spot for you! Please come and join us. We gather at Gen-Airpark the first Saturday of each month at 7pm to share aircraft building and flying experiences with an aviation related program to follow. Membership dues are payable on a calendar year cycle beginning January of each year. Whether you are joining for the first time or renewing your membership, please complete the form below and submit it with your dues payment so that we may keep our Chapter Roster current. Thank you!

?Questions? Please contact our: Media and Membership Coordinator or: President

Daryl Dierwechter

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Please keep your National EAA membership current at "www.eaa.org/membership" or by phone 1-800-564-6322. New Member Or (required) Spouse/Partner: EAA# Renewal (if applicable) <u>Payment:</u> Dues \$____(\$10) Additional Family Members: EAA# Spouse(if applicable) \$____(\$5) (if applicable) Total Dues \$ Address: _____ City:____ **Dues Note:** Membership dues are \$10/year for regular State: Zip: membership. Any members of your family are welcome to attend any Chapter Phone: Home:_____ Cell:_____ 410 event with no additional dues payment. If your spouse, partner or family member up Email Address: To age 18 also has a National EAA Member number and would like to be a regular member Pilot/A&P Ratings:_____ Chapter 410, he/she/they may join with our Chapter family plan for an additional \$5. Any What are you building/restoring?_____ youths age 8 through 18 who have received a What are you flying?_____ free National EAA Student Membership after taking a Young Eagles Flight, may also receive What are your aviation interests?_____ a free Chapter 410 Student Membership.

Please make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 410

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Dues may be paid at the monthly gathering **OR**, remit dues with this form by mail to: EAA Chapter 410, % Galen Johnson

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