



EAA Chapter 410

Gen-Air Park, Geneseo, IL 61254

Website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea410>

February 2024 Newsletter - 410 BLAST!

EAA CH. 410 FEB. MEETINGS:

1) VMC Club Gathering:

Thursday, Feb. 1st - 7:00pm at
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge,
Geneseo, IL

PROGRAM: Attendees will view two EAA generated scenario videos. As always, these sessions are interactive and educational. *Join us and share in the discussions and Q/A session.*

2) Monthly Chapter Meeting

Saturday, Feb. 3rd – 7:00pm at
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge,
Geneseo, IL

PROGRAM: Barb and Bob Kuhns will be presenters, sharing their exciting adventure flying around New Zealand in a Cessna. EXCITING! See “Notes from the President” for more info.

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

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:

- Travis Baldwin
- Craig Blumer
- Adam Santic

EAA 410 WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

- Visit our Website at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea410>
- Visit us on **Facebook** (Search for EAA Chapter 410)

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

January 26-28, 2024 (Fri – Sun)

- **EAA’s Chapter Leadership Training** (Kent Johnson, Kyle Ganson and Nick Anagnos are going) For details, see Kent’s “Notes From the President.” ***EAA also holds this training on other dates. (go to EAA.org for the dates)***

February 1, 2024 (Thursday)

- **EAA Ch. 410 VMC Meeting 7pm**
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge,
Geneseo, IL

February 3, 2024 (Saturday)

- **EAA Ch. 410 monthly meeting 7pm**
- **Social Hour/light meal 6:00-7:00**
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge
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February 17, 2024 (Saturday)

- **EAA Ch. 410 “WINGIN IT” breakfast (8:00-10:00 AM)**
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge,
Geneseo, IL (\$5 donation suggested)
SHOP VISIT – Doug States RV-14 (9-9:15 – 10:15ish). Address: 615 Virginia St., Geneseo (Richmond Hill addition, SW part of town)
- **EAA Ch. 22 Cottonwood Airport, Rockford, IL Ski Plane Fly-In (11 AM – 2 PM)** (See attached Flyer)



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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Finally, a break in the frigid temps has arrived! We still have a bunch of snow to melt before most of us start flying again at Gen-Airpark. Dion however, is anxious to get skis on the Champ and go flying in the snow!

We were able to enjoy a great Wingin' It Breakfast last Saturday in spite of having to move tons of snow to make the pilot lounge accessible (Thanks Dion Carr, Scott Durian, and Bob Johnson). Bob and Barb Kuhns assisted Mary and Dion with the breakfast and Mary's cinnamon French toast was a huge hit! After breakfast many of us made the short trek to Bob Johnson's "Skunk Works" airplane building shop to see the progress he's made on his Rans S-20 Raven. It's looking good and the wings are just getting a couple finishing touches in preparation for fabric covering.

Nick Anagnos, Kyle Ganson, and myself are looking forward to our Leadership Training trip to Oshkosh in a couple days. We will be able to report on our session at the Chapter 410 February 3rd gathering. For the main attraction at the February gathering, Barb and Bob Kuhns will be presenting a program about flying around New Zealand in a Cessna. Barb and Bob enjoyed this experience some time ago, but it was an exciting and memorable adventure that would be fun to be able to do and they will tell us all about it, complete with photos of the beautiful New Zealand scenery! How many of you have visited New Zealand, let alone flying around the country in a light plane? Just as I suspected, so this is an outstanding chance to "visit" vicariously through Barb and Bob's presentation. Let's start the optional social hour/meal around 6pm this time. Meal menu to be determined for those who care to partake.

Don't forget to put the upcoming VMC Club meeting on your calendar—Thursday, Feb 1, 2024 at 7pm—with VMC Coordinator Doug States at your favorite Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge. And while your calendar is handy, be sure to put in a reminder for February's 3rd Saturday "Wingin' It" Breakfast on February 17 from 8-10am. After enjoying breakfast, those who want to see how Doug States is coming along with his RV-14 are welcome to mosey over to his garage (about 3 miles from the airport).

I'm trying to keep this one short because I'm a few days behind in getting it done, so the one last item to mention is that I have just submitted the Chapter 410 Ray Aviation Scholarship Application to EAA. Being selected to participate in the Ray Aviation Scholarship Program in 2023 has had a huge impact on our Chapter's ability to promote youth aviation education in the area. Our 2023 Ray Scholar, Nathan Dunker, is scheduled for a private pilot checkride in February. He's been doing a great job with his flight training so I'm looking forward to being



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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT (cont'd)

able to announce his successful completion next month! Our Chapter will be notified in February if we have the privilege of being selected again in 2024 to participate in this cool Scholarship Program.

Happy Flying Safely!
Kent Johnson



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VMC CLUB GATHERING #22 **Thursday - February 1, 2024 @ 7:00pm**

Program:

We will view two EAA generated scenario videos. As always, these sessions are interactive and educational! Come join us at the meeting watch the videos, share your experience and participate in the discussions and Q/A session.

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, February 1st at 7:00pm.

Doug States,
VMC Coordinator



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EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES:

➤ Chapter 410 is growing:

We are working to continually improve our Chapter and could use a few extra minds/hands. In an effort to meet our growing needs, we are looking for members who might be interested in filling one of the following positions. Please contact Kent Johnson for details on each position.

- Program Coordinator;
- Scholarship Coordinator;
- 2nd Young Eagles Coordinator;

➤ January 6th Ch. 410 Social Hour/Meal, Monthly Meeting, Presentation of EAA Award Certificates and Program by Jim Ries:

Social Hour/Meal: We had our first social hour/light meal in 2024 and it continues to be successful. It might have been cold outside but the gathering was warm and welcoming with hot soups and some sides. The turnout was good and all seemed to enjoy the food and a chance to socialize before the meeting. Below are a couple pictures:



Folks enjoying the foods and chatting with each other.



Hot soups, snacks and socializing with friends on a cold night. "Nothing better."



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Nice turnout for the meeting!



Nathan Dunker - Ch. 410's 2023 Ray Scholarship recipient shared his flying progress with the group.



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Presentation of EAA Award Certificates – Each year EAA provides Award Certificates and pins for Chapter Presidents to present to Chapter Officers and Chapter MVP. Kent Johnson presented certificates and pins to the individuals who were at January's meeting. A big Thank You to individuals recognized by EAA and Chapter 410 for your dedication and service to the Chapter.

Program: Jim Ries Presentation – Jim began his presentation by handing out an "Aviation Timeline" allowing us to follow his journey from obtaining his PPL (Private Pilot License) to becoming a CFI (Certified Flight Instructor) in twenty-two months.

The timeline started with Jim's first flight lesson in November 2021 and finished with his first solo flight to Carbondale in his new plane (N4570K), December 2023. During that time period, Jim purchased and sold a couple planes, and for a short time was the owner of two planes. He made several flights to places like, South Haven-MI, Gulf Shores Area-Dauphin Island, Hilton Head-SC, Nashville-TN, even the Bahamas. Jim's passion is flying and his desire is to bring the joys of flying, to others.

Below are a few photos from Jim's awesome presentation.



Attendees using the "Aviation Timeline" that goes along with Jim's presentation. Very helpful. Thanks Jim.



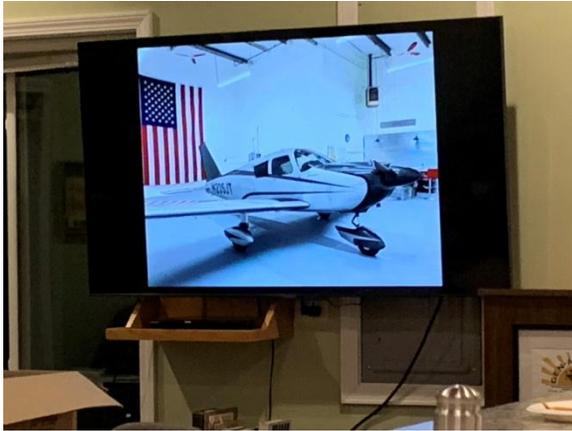
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Program: Jim Ries Presentation (cont'd)



Jim picked up this plane (N235JT)
February, 2022.

PPL checkride in the N235JT, April 25th

Cooper was his first passenger April 26th.



August, 2022 – N235JT suffers prop
strike...OUCH!



October, 2022 - Cooper's solo...but not in
dad's plane. (still out of commission).



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Program: Jim Ries Presentation (cont'd)



...ever fly one of your kids to his/her sporting event? That's what happening here. Heading to one of Cooper's



Purchased N4570K and Sold N235JT in December, 2023.

Thank you Jim for the presentation. We enjoyed following the accomplishments you made and your flying adventures over the past twenty-two months. We also look forward to following Cooper's aviation progress.

➤ **January 20th "Wingin' it" Breakfast and Shop Visit to Bob Johnson's "Skunk Works":**

"Wingin' It Breakfast - Despite the tons of snow and nasty winter weather, we enjoyed a great "Wingin' It" breakfast. Mary and Dion hosted the breakfast and Mary's cinnamon French toast was a huge hit! Barb and Bob Kuhns helped with the breakfast.

Shop Visit – Bob Johnson's "Skunk Works" - Folks made a short trek to Bob's airplane building shop to see the progress he's making on his Rans S-20 Raven. Thanks Bob!



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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



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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 airport3q8@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 - January 6, 2024

Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kent Johnson. Kent welcomed new member Adam Santic.

Secretary's Report - The Board of Directors approved the November 2023 minutes at a December meeting.

Treasurer's Report - The treasurer's report for December and January was presented. Chapter renewal was paid. Doug States made a motion to accept the report. Daryl Diewechter seconded. The motion was approved.

Old Business - Great Christmas party in December. Thanks to Bob and Penny Johnson and Dion and Mary Carr for their donations. Also, thanks to everyone who attended and enjoyed the food that was shared. It was a delicious feast and social time.

New Business - The Wingin It Breakfast is scheduled for January 20. The Carr's will host. We are looking for others to host upcoming dates. We are looking to arrange shop visits with Bob Johnson and Doug States. We will keep you posted on these. Chapter will apply for another Ray Aviation Scholarship. The chapter is looking for a scholarship coordinator and a second young eagle coordinator. Kent brought to the Chapter's attention the Jane Berg Scholarship. It is a tail wheel endorsement for a female pilot. Service awards were presented. There were co MVP's awarded.

Progress Reports -

Nathan Dunker - working on Hood time-studying-working line at REV. FAA written was taken at Dubuque and he passed.

Ron Franks - went to Bowling Green and had an interesting engine discussion.

Doug States - working on RV14 wing kit-leading edge assembly for outer wing.

Gary Robertson - 750 Stol - working on assembling fuselage

Dion Carr - flew 3 hours on Thursday-engine from TC being disassembled.

Member Activities - VMC club met last Thursday. There were 6 people in attendance. Good discussion on aviation weather website and a bounced landing scenario. The GHS Aviation Club elected student officers.

The Board of Directors approved the renewal of the Honorary Chapter memberships.

Program - Jim Reis talked about his rise from no aviation to a CFI.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Carr, Secretary Pro Tem



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AVIATION NEWS/WEBSITES

- FunPlacesToFly.com - All things aviation (suggests best fly-in places to eat, ads to purchase items, instructional information, videos, etc.) One of the recent editions had a write-up about Revv Aviation. Take a look at an edition online at the above website. Best of all, it is free to subscribe online!
- Flying@flyingmag.com – FLYING is a subscription magazine that can be emailed or printed. They also offer the following email newsletters. Visit their website for details on subscribing to the magazine and/or newsletters.
 - FLYING Destinations
 - Modern FLYING
 - FLYING The Weekender
- EAA.org – EAA’s National website. A plethora of aviation information too numerous to mention.



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JOIN US FOR THE SKI PLANE FLY-IN
EXPERIENCE THE THRILL OF LIGHT
AIRCRAFT ON SKIS

Sat. Feb. 17, 2024

COTTONWOOD AIRPORT

Rockford, IL (1C8) 5105 Auburn St
122.800, 2540 x 260 ft., 815-243-3416

"If Runway 18 is in use; note that it has a Right-hand pattern."

Drive-In/Fly-in 11 am to 2 pm

Ski Planes and Wheeled Planes Welcome.

Chili for Lunch - Adults \$10 & Kids \$6
Coffee & Hot Chocolate Suggested Donation (501-C-3)

See: EAA 22 Facebook Page for Runway Conditions.



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 Kent Johnson
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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 _____ **Name:** _____ **EAA#** _____
 Or _____ (required)
Renewal _____ **Spouse/Partner:** _____ **EAA#** _____
 _____ (if applicable)
Payment: Dues \$ _____ (\$10)
Spouse(if applicable) \$ _____ (\$5)
Additional Family Members: _____ **EAA#** _____
 _____ (if applicable)
 Total Dues \$ _____

Address: _____ **City:** _____
 _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Dues Note:
Membership dues are \$10/year for regular membership. Any members of your family are welcome to attend any Chapter 410 event with no additional dues payment. If your spouse, partner or family member up To age 18 also has a National EAA Member number and would like to be a regular member Chapter 410, he/she/they may join with our Chapter family plan for an additional \$5. Any youths age 8 through 18 who have received a free National EAA Student Membership after taking a Young Eagles Flight, may also receive a free Chapter 410 Student Membership.

Phone: Home: _____ **Cell:** _____
 Email Address: _____
 Pilot/A&P Ratings: _____
What are you building/restoring? _____
What are you flying? _____
What are your aviation interests? _____

Please make checks payable to: **EAA Chapter 410**
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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Morrison, IL. 61270