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President's Corner



EAA Chapter 75 & EAA Chapter 410 members attended the most recent EAA Leadership Academy in January. From Left to Right: Kent Johnson, Kyle Ganson, Nick Anagnos, Jenny, Liz Richards, Greg Stopyra, Kristin Simmons, Louis Simmons and Ashley Hanson.

"Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country." — **John F. Kennedy**

Those words from President Kennedy's 1961 inaugural address would inspire generations of people to service. I can't remember where I first heard that speech in school, but those words impressed upon me a desire to serve...seeking to contribute over simply consuming. In a recent conversation with another member, I said something similar about our chapter that I was told from our very own Jim Smith had spoken just the evening prior.

"Ask not what your chapter can do for you - ask what you can do for your chapter." — **Jim Smith**

Our chapter is preparing this fall to celebrate our 65th anniversary. One could argue the single factor that contributed directly to our chapter's success has been our membership stepping up in service to our chapter. Our volunteers, from tech & flight advisors, to program leaders, to those individuals who show up early to set up chairs or stay longer to clean up...are the lifeblood of our chapter. Without them, our chapter would not be great. Volunteering in our chapter requires no special skill, just a desire to say yes and commit your time and effort. If you have not been involved in volunteering within our chapter, now is your time. Visit our chapter website at EAA75.org and click on the "Volunteers Welcomed" link on the left side for more information.

Chapter Updates

Our chapter had several members attend the EAA Chapter Leadership Academy the last weekend in

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EAA Chapter 75 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on advancing aviation education within the Quad Cities Area.

Our chapter mission...Support the mission, vision, goals, and objectives of Experimental Aircraft Association. Create an environment to nurture growth of recreational aviation in our community, focusing on flight safety, education, youth STEAM programs, design and construction of amateur-aircraft, maintenance, and innovation.

President's Corner

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January. The weekend spent at EAA headquarters in Oshkosh provides a great opportunity to meet people from other chapters, share good ideas, and learn the latest about EAA programs from the EAA leaders directly. I encourage attendance by any chapter member who may be interested in learning what EAA has to offer, or if you are curious about taking on a chapter leadership role. If you cannot make the trek to Oshkosh, EAA will be hosting an Online Chapter Leadership Training on March 5-6. Visit EAA.org/chaptertraining for more information.

Our Ray Scholarship Application window is closed. Our scholarship committee will be working hard over the next couple months assessing all candidates through written essays and interviews to determine our best student. We anticipate notification from EAA in the next couple weeks of the status of our chapter's 2024 Ray Scholarship.

A special thank you to Suleman Chaudhry, Scott Durian, Summer Kuehl, Ken Perron, Jim Ries, and Bob Thomas for supporting our recent Teen Flying Start day event, held at Revv Aviation in Davenport on February 10th. We hosted six young adults and their parents for a short presentation followed by a Q&A informing how teens can begin flight training here in the Quad Cities. The event concluded with Young Eagle Flights for the youth. All in attendance provided very positive feedback on the event. EAA headquarters may even adopt a similar event nationwide based on the information we provided them. If you are a youth interested in learning to fly, but missed out on this event, stay plugged into our EAA75.org website for when we will host another event in the future.

Reminder again to send your 2024 chapter dues to our Treasurer Liz Richards. Renewal mailing information is also found on our website <u>EAA75.org</u> under the membership application tab. Dues are still \$10 for the year. We happily accept payment for multiple years.

Blue Skies! ~ Greg Stopyra



2024 Membership Dues Are Now Being Accepted

Just a reminder to our chapter members that 2024 membership dues are now being accepted. Dues are still \$10.00 for the year. You can pay dues (cash or check) to the **TREASURER** at the address on the application/renewal form or at a chapter function. Please fill out your membership information and send it along with your payment. The application/renewal form and the treasurer's address is located on page 13.

Book Review: Famous Planes and Pilots by Charles Hubbell

Article By - Dennis Crispin, Friend of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief



Last spring, I had the great honor of being selected for the Volunteer Spotlight recognition in *Sport Aviation* magazine. When EAA Publications called me for an interview, her first question was "what was the first thing that got you interested in aviation?"

I replied that it was a book that my grandmother gave me when I was five years old. The book, titled Famous Planes & Pilots, was a collection of articles and watercolor paintings by Charles H. Hubbell of the great aircraft of the time and short bios of the men and women that flew them. I was totally mesmerized by the book, my mother read it to me time after time, and when I was old enough to read on my own, it was the first "real" book that I tackled.

The pictures were of airplanes with intriguing names like *Firecracker*, *Goon*, *Sprit of Saint Louis*, *Bonzo*, *Mister Mulligan* and *Gee Bee*. One particularly fascinating picture, which was forever burned in my memory, was of a small white plane emerging from a rain squall over a dark and foreboding ocean – Willy Post's *Winnie May*.

The pilots included many that were in the public consciousness at the time, Charles Lindbergh, Howard Hughes, Jacqueline Cochran, Amelia Earhart, Jimmy

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Book Review: Famous Planes and Pilots by Charles Hubbell

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Doolittle and others.

After the EAA interview, the thought struck me that I should try to find a copy of that book. I had tried to find it about forty years ago and could not find any trace of it, even with the help of the Lincoln City Library's research desk.

With the magic of the modern internet, I found that there were at least two copies in existence and for sale. I managed to purchase one of them. It was published in 1939 and was intended as a children's book, written at about the junior high school level. I found that the same author created similar books about cars and ships.

Even though eighty-year-old memories can be highly inaccurate, I found that much of the book was just as I remembered from reading it in my youth. Reading the book from a modern perspective, it gives a highly informative insight into the state of American aviation in the era immediately before World War Two.

The first illustration is of the Army's then newest plane, the Lockheed XP-38 that flew with two 1,000 horsepower Allison engines. The craft had just set a coast-to-coast speed record of nearly 330 MPH. Air racing was an important thing in the 1930s and most of the aircraft featured in the book are racing and record setting planes.

Airline travel was represented by the, then new, Douglas DC-3s and several other transports that have since been lost to history. The prototype four engine Douglas DC-4 was claimed to be the ultimate passenger carrying craft. However, that plane was never put into production. A slightly smaller Douglas plane carried the designation of DC-4 to an illustrious history.

The four engine Boeing Stratoliner had just been introduced. It was the first attempt to fly passengers in pressurized, high altitude over-the-weather comfort. Of particular interest was the Boeing Model 314 *Yankee Clipper*. The largest of the American flying boats, it carried thirty-two passengers in luxurious transoceanic service.

The one light aircraft illustrated in the book is an Aeronca Chief that flew from Los Angeles to New York on \$25.70 worth of fuel & oil. Amelia Earhart's red Lockheed Vega, which she named *The Little Red Bus*, is featured citing the flights over the Atlantic and Pacific. Amelia's loss on the around-the-world flight rates only one sentence. The military is represented with several Army and Navy fighters and the B-17. The principal Marine fighter was a Grumman biplane!

The pilots featured in the book are, for the most part, names that only the most serious modern student of aviation history will now recognize. Steve Wittman, included with his racer *Bonzo*, is an entry that all EAAers know.

Reliving a childhood memory eighty years later is a wonderful experience.



In this illustration, Jimmy Doolittle rounds the pylons in the Gee Bee R-1 to win the 1932 Thompson Trophy Race. The Gee Bee R-1 had a reputation as a mankiller.

John Bruesch's Want Ad

WANTED to borrow or rent: DIGITAL thermostat-controlled regular and tight spaces fabric irons for my wing and fuselage covering this winter. I already have calibrated irons of both sizes, but need to be better informed of the irons' varying temp while in use. If anyone has a pair of these irons (with digital displays) and is between projects, I would be happy to compensate you for their use. I expect the fabric covering phase (already begun on control surfaces) to be complete by Eastertime. Contact John Bruesch at 708-341 -7083.



Last Month's Program Presenter - Dr. James Blum, FAA Aeromedical Examiner

Photo By - Liz Richards, Treasurer, EAA Chapter 75





North Scott High School Senior Ava Duncan Pursuing an Aviation Career

North Scott High School senior Ava Duncan is featured in this *North Scott Press* article about her desire to pursue a career in flying in the Air Force. <u>Click Here</u> to read more.

Ava Whitney Learning to Fly with Quad Cities Aero

14-year-old Ava Whitney of Silvis, IL, is learning to become a pilot with Quad Cities Aero. You can learn about her passion and goals in this <u>wonderful piece</u> that KWQC-TV6 News produced and wrote.

X-59 QueSST Debuts

On January 12, 2024, NASA and Lockheed Martin rolled out the new X-59 QueSST (Quiet SuperSonic Technology) during a ceremony hosted by prime contractor Lockheed Martin Skunk Works in Palmdale, California. You can read a really great article that TheAviationist wrote here and a video of its official ceremony here.

The Landings is seeking articles from members to publish in future issues. We are looking for articles about flights you have taken, aviation events you have attended, tech issues you have solved or builds/repairs you have done that others might be interested in reading about. We would like to make these a regular feature of the newsletter in the future. Please submit articles to: adam.santic@gmail.com.



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<u>FAA Safety Team – FAASTeam Safety Seminar</u> <u>How to Survive a Ramp Check</u>



Presenters: Jason Glass and David Hintz, Des Moines Flight Standards

District Office (FSDO)

Date: Tuesday March 5th, 2024

Time: 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Doors Open at 5:00 PM

Location: Deere & Company Aviation, 5600 69th Ave., Milan, IL. 61264

(See Map Attached or in Google Maps Enter Deere & Co Aviation)

Registration Information: Click here to register online

Sponsored By: FAASTeam, John Deere Global Aviation Department, and

EAA Chapter 75's IMC Club

Parking: Park in either the circle drive parking spaces or the bigger main lot

Come early and sign in for WINGS credit



From I-74 turn Right on Airport Road
Turn Left on 52nd Street
Turn Left on 69th Avenue
Go to the end of the road and Turn Right into the parking lot

EAA CHAPTER 75 – QUAD CITIES

1ST SATURDAY COFFEE AND DONUTS

MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS
ALL ARE INVITED – BRING THE FAMILY

FREE COFFEE & DONUTS WITH SOME GOOD HANGAR TALK DAVENPORT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KDVN)

Saturday, March 2, 2024 8:30 – 11:00 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)

Hosted this Month by: Tim Baldwin



DRIVING OR FLYING - WE HOPE TO SEE ALL

This month we hope to see everyone at our 1st Saturday of the month coffee and donuts hosted by Tim Baldwin. Come and see Tim & Travis' 1969 American Champion 7KCAB Citabria and 1971 Cessna 172L Skyhawk and for some good hangar talk.

FLYING: Fly to the Davenport Municipal Airport. When taxiing, use Taxiway B to get to the Box Style Hangars and park on the taxiway or in the grass.

DRIVING: Drive to the Davenport Municipal Airport. We will be meeting at Tim Baldwin's & Brian Richards' hangar (I-4). Call Tim at 309-781-7686 for access if the gate is closed.

Help AOPA Oppose Iowa Bill to Increase Aircraft Registration Fees



Dear Iowans,

The lowa state Senate is considering a Bill to increase aircraft registration fees by 50% and increase the cap on these fees from \$5,000 annually to \$7,000 annually. Please contact Senator Mike Klimesh, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee, immediately to voice your opposition to Senate Bill 2070.

Phone: 515-281-3371
Email: mike.klimesh@legis.iowa.gov

If there is no answer when calling, please leave a message asking for their support – they WILL get your message. We also suggest any communication be followed up in writing (email is fine).

Let the Senator know that....

- You are a pilot in Iowa and the Senator should OPPOSE Senate Bill 2070.
- It will negatively affect not just individual owners, but also flight schools, agriculture spraying, and many other businesses that utilize general aviation aircraft.
- lowa aircraft owners already pay the highest aircraft registration fees in the region by a wide margin.
- General Aviation will be unfairly and disproportionately funding commercial service airports which have many more sources of revenue.
- There are better ways to address the anticipated reduced tax revenue this bill is intended to
 offset, such as directing aircraft sales taxes directly into the Aviation Fund rather than the
 General Fund, as they currently do.

The formulas are based on the age of the aircraft and the original manufacturer's retail price (MSRP) of the aircraft as follows...

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4 – Year 30
Current Fee	MSRP x 0.01	MSRP x 0.0075	MSRP x 0.005	MSRP x 0.0025
Proposed Fee	MSRP x 0.015	MSRP x 0.01125	MSRP x 0.0075	MSRP x 0.00375

After the aircraft reaches 30 years old, the rate will be fixed at \$100/yr. (currently \$35/yr.).

The bill specifically slates some of the revenue for much-needed hangar development. Unfortunately, as the bill is currently written, General Aviation airports would benefit less than Commercial Airports from this revenue, even though GA airports are home to more aircraft and have fewer sources of revenue to pay for additional hangars. YOUR VOICE MATTERS, so please call now and urge Senator Klimesh to oppose SB2070

Legislation Link #1 Legislation Link #2

Thank you,
Tom Chandler,
Central Southwest Regional Manager, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association



PNB Aviation Club (Pleasant Valley, North Scott, Bettendorf)

Students are building a two passenger airplane!

(Under the guidance of EAA Chapter 75 mentors)

Feel free to stop in during a build session:



Mondays 6pm-8:30pm

Thursdays 6pm-8:30pm

Saturdays 8am-11am

At the North Scott Bus Barn 120 N. Scott Park Rd. Eldridge, IA

PNB Aviation Club





F-22 Raptor Demo Team 2024 Air Show Schedule

Capt. Samuel "RaZZ" Larson, a Davenport, Iowa native and a 2011 Bettendorf High School graduate is the Pilot/Commander of the F-22 Raptor Demo Team for the 2024 air show season. Below you can find the schedule of where he is going to perform.



Sat. March 23, 2024 11AM to 1PM

Harlan, IA

Fly in for our FREE soup!

Fly to Harlan, IA (KHNR) to try our collection of homemade soup and chili.



Courtesy of 8-Ball Aviation Club. Scott Pigsley, Airport Manager (712) 744-3366





Local Calendar of Events

For many other Aviation Related events, visit the following websites.

EAA Chapter 75 Upcoming Events

EAA Aviation Calendar of Events

AOPA Calendar of Events

FAA Safety Team 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

North American Air Show Calendar

Classified Ads

Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR) Services: Amateur Built/Light Sport Airworthiness Certification Inspections, Ferry Permits (Certified & Experimental), Replace lost/damaged Airworthiness Certificates (Certified and Experimental). Call Ross Carbiener (A&P) at 309-312-1066.

For Sale: One share in the Four Seven Jays Flying

Club The club plane is an extremely well maintained 180HP 1973 Cessna 172M Skyhawk (N147J) hangared at MLI. IFR equipped. Paint



and interior new in 2003, and the following avionics were installed in 2010: Garmin GMA-340 Audio Panel/ICS/Marker, Garmin GNS-430W WAAS GPS, Garmin GI-106A CDI, Garmin GTX37 Transponder. Installed in 2021 was a Garmin G5 HSI & Garmin G5 AH with a GFC 500 Autopilot. Contact Dan Murphy 309-752-3887, Ron Ehrecke 309-236-9785, or Ralph Stephenson 309-737-6902.

Hangars Available at the Davenport Municipal Airport. Hosts 78 aircraft t-hangars, 6 box style hangars, and 2 executive aircraft box hangars. Prices range from \$105.00-300.00/month. Contact the Airport Manager Thomas Vesalga at 563-326-7783 or thomas.vesalga@davenportiowa.com for more info.

Hangar Space at the Clinton Municipal Airport

Hangar space is available at the Clinton Municipal Airport in either an individual t-hangar or in one of the community hangars. All hangars have electric bifold doors, and hard floors. T-Hangars are rented through the City of Clinton and rental rates vary from \$95 to \$156/month depending on the size of the hangar. For information on availability please contact Marlana Nass, the airport manager at 563-242-3292, or at marlananass@cityofclintoniowa.us.

Upcoming EAA Chapter 75 Events

March

- 02 8:30 AM First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at KDVN (Hangar I-4)
- 05 5:30 PM FAAST Safety Seminar at Deere & Company Aviation
- 13 5:30 PM Chapter Business Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN

April

- 02 6:00 PM IMC Club Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 06 8:30 AM First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at TBD
- 10 5:30 PM Chapter Business Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN

May

- 04 8:30 AM First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at TBD
- 07 6:00 PM IMC Club Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 08 5:30 PM Chapter Business Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN

Visit eaa75.org for more event details

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Hangar Space at the Whiteside County Airport

The airport currently has no hangar space available at the moment. Call Darin Heffelfinger at 815-626-3750 or visit the website for more information.

New Partnership in Cross Country Turbo

Now searching for a third person in equal share for a new partnership. The airplane has not been acquired yet, but meets the spirit of an IFR cross country machine with turbo. It has been decided to hangar at the Davenport Municipal Airport. Otherwise, everything else is open for flexibility and discussion as a group. Three members will make a great balance of tiebreak voting and airplane availability! Please inquire more details by contacting Tyler Nack at 605-321-4091 or Bobby Kem at 563-349-7305.



Exhaust Parts for Sale

I have for sale the exhaust off my 1957 Cessna 172. It's a Continental O-300 & exhaust. Sold as removed and I can give out more details if you call Floyd Taber at 515-805-6242.

To place an ad: Submit requests for aviation related For Sale or Want Ads to the newsletter editor at adam.santic@gmail.com. Ads are free to EAA Chapter 75 members. Ads from nonmembers are \$10.00 per ad. Ads will run / rerun at the editor's discretion.

Chapter 75 Merchandise Now Available

As mentioned at chapter meetings, the baseball caps are now available with the EAA Chapter 75 logo. The caps are of a nice quality as the logo is embroidered. The caps are available for purchase for \$10.00 each and can be delivered personally to you at the next chapter function. We have lots of caps in stock. If you want the hat shipped to you, that can be done for \$17.00. Please mail a \$17.00 check to Elizabeth Richards, 205 Shawnee Ct. Eldridge, IA 52748. If you would like a cap delivered, please e-mail:

elizabeth.richards@north-scott.k12.ia.us.

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Baseball Cap in Light Khaki

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Always Remember...... Time Spent Flying is NOT Subtracted from Your Lifespan! - Dave Higdon, Jr.

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instagram.com/eaachapter75/

QUAD CITIES CHAPTER 75 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM

New Member □	Name:	1 1)				
Renewal	Copilot (spouse, friend, other):					
Info Change	Address:					
Membership dues for EAA Quad Cities Chapter 75 are \$10/year.	City:	State:	Zip:			
Make checks payable to EAA Chapter 75	Phone (Home): (Work):					
Mail application/renewal to: Elizabeth Richards, Treasurer	EAA#: Exp Date: Pilot/A&P Ratings:					
EAA Chapter 75 205 Shawnee Ct. Eldridge, IA 52748	Occupation: Hobbies: Hobbies:					
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