

December 2022 #12



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EAA CHAPTER 135



Dues Due January 1!

12 month annual dues are \$20
1 Jan 2023 through 31 Dec 2023
Payable to Stuart Rauh
1717 East Thornton
Des Moines, IA 50320
or online:
<http://135.eaachapter.org>



Saturday, Dec. 10, 2022

The annual EAA chapter Christmas party will be held **Saturday December 10th at 6:30pm**. It will be at the "all you care to eat" Chinese restaurant we were at last year. Buffet City is located at 8801 University Ave. Clive IA. Four door prizes will be awarded that evening. The gift exchange will not be held this year. An adult meal is \$19.50 and includes taxes and tip. Beverages are additional. All are welcome, members, non-members alike!
For more info call Brant at 515-720-8160.

Presidential Ramblings

Last month's meeting at Exec1 proved to be another good one in spite of competing with the IAPG's yearly meeting on the same day. I'll plan differently next time... Our program was put on by Marianne Olson on her travels to Orkney, Scotland. Orkney is an interesting area with a noteworthy military presence. Check out the historical significance at this link: <https://www.orkney.com/things/history> I'd like to mention chapter programs do not have to be exclusively aviation related. Marianne did a great job of incorporating a few airworthy details in her presentation. Again, if you have a travel story please feel free to consider sharing it at a chapter meeting.

Also, at last month's meeting we had a visitor, David Switzer. Dave has recently relocated to Des Moines and been an EAA member for years. He found Chapter 135 online and decided to pay us a visit. I'm hopeful we made a good first impression and Dave will join us often. Welcome Dave, hope to see you again.

What a year it's been - our chapter saw growth with new members, our scholarship program is in full swing with two candidates being selected. Along with this, events like the poker run (always a hit) which is our chapter's largest summer

event. The chapter also organized young eagle events, while trying our hand at our first ever eagle event too. Light turnout at the latter of these two events but nonetheless, we strive to be a successful chapter. Plus, we gathered at members hangars and socialized with aviation stories being our main focal point.

Along with these activities the chapter hosted a flyout to KSUX (Sioux City, IA) to tour the aviation museum there. In summarizing 2022 it appears we had a great year as a chapter so let's keep this momentum going into 2023. This year, we also saw progress on many of the members that are building projects - Keep pulling or pounding those rivets, it's all worth it - just ask Greg Long as his project is now a flying airplane PERSEVERANCE is the key to building a flying machine. Speaking of flying machines if you recall the chapter received a donated ultralight (Maxair Hummer) the board has decided we should market this as a project based on our two resident ultralight aficionado's evaluation...Boy say that three times real

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fast....LOL Look for more information as this saga of the homeless ultralight takes shape.

Looking back over these past twelve months I see a group of aviators that are enthusiastic to not just fly but to share their own excitement and knowledge with others. This is what EAA is all about as our founder stated "Planes bring us together, friendship keeps us together." So here we are in the last month of the year.

Have you thought about 2023 and goals you might put in place for yourself, family and of course aviation?

Our December meeting will be a gathering in the hospitality room at Buffet City 8801 University Ave Clive, Iowa - December 10, 2022 - 6:30PM look for more information posted in this newsletter.

Contact Brant Hollensbe if you're attending (need a headcount) 515-720-8160.

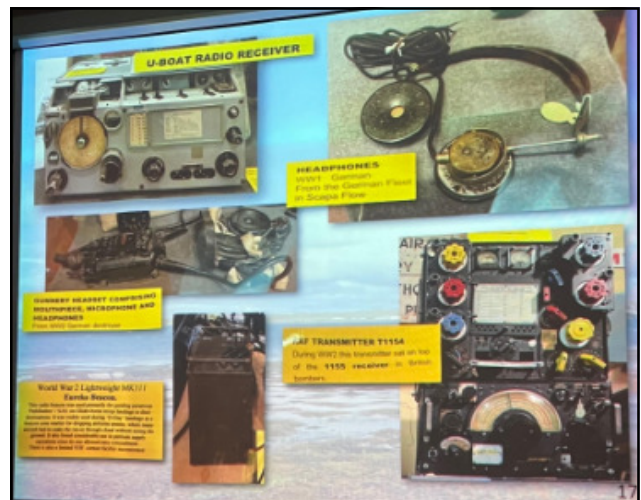
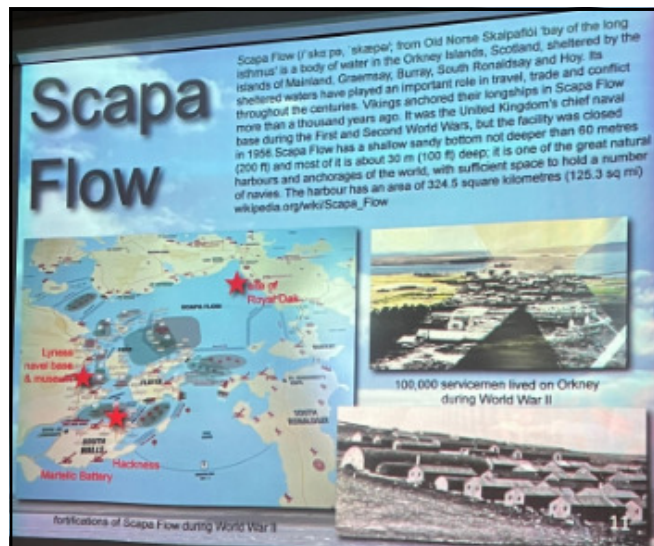
Also, a little bird told me that there would be some cash door prizes.

Lastly, January 2023 dues are due for next year - use the PayPal app on the web site easiest way to do it. Thanks in advance. Link for renewal here: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea135/membership>

A personal note I wish to thank everyone that helped organize, donate time and resources, and especially attend a meeting or two throughout the past year. Merry Christmas (yes I still say this) and a Happy New Year to you and yours.

Till next time Blue skies and tailwinds my friends.

AJ



EAA-135-minutes - November 12, 2022

Board meeting started at 5:05 PM in the upstairs room at Exec 1. Al Hummel read the treasurer's report, approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Red Trailer, Some repair on the door and hinges needs done. The trailer will need new tires in the spring.

Scholarship: Jacob Greenfield reported, following up on applications and planning for next year.

Scales have been rented by Greg Long.

NEW BUSINESS

Regular meeting: total of 11 people in attendance.

Young Eagles: we have \$470.00 in credits, they will expire at end of year 2022. Contact Chapter 675 to see if they can use them, otherwise we can donate them back to National.

Maxair Ultralight has been donated to us: The project needs much work. Motion by Marc Broer to market it for \$1,100.00 Jacob Greenfield seconded. Motion passed. Jacob will pursue advertising it.

Christmas Party: December 10th , Buffet City, 6:30 pm. Brant Hollensbe reserved the room. Motion by Marc to give four door prizes of \$30.00 each (cash). Seconded by Mike Graber, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned

Marianne Olson gave a presentation on her trip to Orkney/Scotland/Scapa Flow

Christmas Poem Aviation Style

'Twas the night before Christmas, and out on the ramp,
Not an airplane was stirring, not even a Champ.
The aircraft were fastened to tiedowns with care,
In hopes that come morning, they all would be there.

The fuel trucks were nestled, all snug in their spots,
With gusts from two-forty at 39 knots.
I slumped at the fuel desk, now finally caught up,
And settled down comfortably, resting my butt.

When the radio lit up with noise and with chatter,
I turned up the scanner to see what was the matter.
A voice clearly heard over static and snow,
Called for clearance to land at the airport below.

He barked his transmission so lively and quick,
I'd have sworn that the call sign he used was "St. Nick";
I ran to the panel to turn up the lights,
The better to welcome this magical flight.

He called his position, no room for denial,
"St. Nicholas One, turnin' left onto final."
And what to my wondering eyes should appear,
But a Rutan-built sleigh, with eight Rotax Reindeer!

With vectors to final, down the glideslope he came,
As he passed all fixes, he called them by name:
"Now Ringo! Now Tolga! Now Trini and Bacun!
On Comet! On Cupid!" What pills was he takin'?

While controllers were sittin', and scratchin' their head,
They phoned to my office, and I heard it with dread,
The message they left was both urgent and dour:
"When Santa pulls in, have him please call the tower."

He landed like silk, with the sled runners sparking,
Then I heard "Left at Charlie," and "Taxi to parking."

He slowed to a taxi, turned off of three-oh
And stopped on the ramp with a "Ho, ho-ho- ho..."

He stepped out of the sleigh, but before he could talk,
I ran out to meet him with my best set of chocks.
His red helmet and goggles were covered with frost
And his beard was all blackened from Reindeer exhaust.

His breath smelled like peppermint, gone slightly stale,
And he puffed on a pipe, but he didn't inhale.
His cheeks were all rosy and jiggled like jelly,
His boots were as black as a cropduster's belly.

He was chubby and plump, in his suit of bright red,
And he asked me to "fill it, with hundred low- lead.
He came dashing in from the snow-covered pump,
I knew he was anxious for drainin' the sump.

I spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,
And I filled up the sleigh, but I spilled like a jerk.
He came out of the restroom, and sighed in relief,
Then he picked up a phone for a Flight Service brief.

And I thought as he silently scribbled in his log,
These reindeer could land in an eighth-mile fog.
He completed his pre-flight, from the front to the rear,
Then he put on his headset, and I heard him yell, "Clear!"

And laying a finger on his push-to-talk,
He called up the tower for clearance and squawk.
"Take taxiway Charlie, the southbound direction,
Turn right three-two-zero at pilot's discretion."

He sped down the runway, the best of the best,
"Your traffic's a Grumman, inbound from the west."
Then I heard him proclaim, as he climbed through the night,
"Merry Christmas to all! I have traffic in sight."

Anonymous but Brilliant

<https://karlenepetitt.blogspot.com/2010/12/christmas-poem-aviation-style.html>

Do you need a specialty tool and don't have it or it's too expensive for a one time use -
check out Chapter 135 TOOL CRIB.

Establishing a tool crib for those that are building or need a special tool for a specific job or project.

If you have a tool you're not using and wish to share with fellow members just submit a photo so we can list it on our web page for the members to view. Next the member would contact you directly or through the chapter web page, borrow and return when complete. Current items available to members only:

- Flatbed trailer 20 to 24 feet in length
- Engine Hoist this is the crane style lift
- Pneumatic squeezer
- Set of scales are available to members & non members to rent.

EAA Chapter 135 is establishing a Tool Crib (network) to all members in good standing, which means you are in good standing with your Chapter 135 membership. If you are not, please go to the website and submit your dues to EAA Chapter 135. Once your dues are paid for the year, then you will be able to check-out items from the Tool Crib. Also, forms are available to track the tool loaned out so we can remember who has it.



Marc Broer's Ercoupe at Eldora.



**Marshalltown EAA
Chapter 675
Christmas party
with some EAA 135
members present**



Here's the link to photos of our ultralight gift: Copy and Paste
<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-2Hts5KKGrVZ41qRa7dfppebYQbEyuPG>

Scales Rental Info

All scale rentals require check for \$200.00 deposit. This will be returned, uncashed, upon timely return of the scale.

Rentals are for three days. This may be extended for three additional days at no charge if there are no other conflicting requests for their use, with notification by phone. Otherwise, a late fee of \$100.00 per day applies.

Chapter 135 (must be a member 3 months prior to rental date): . . . \$25.00/3days

National EAA member but not Chapter 135 member \$75.00/3days

A&P or FBO rate \$125.00/3days

Copy of rental agreement available by email by contacting Stuart Rauh at stuart@rauhnet.com

Chapter 135 Officers 2022

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and run 1 January 2022 through
31 December 2022.

Name:

EAA No.:

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Our new bylaws move our fiscal year to Jan. 1, so the dues that are due June 30th will be for \$10.00,
Then \$20.00 dues will be due Jan. 1, 2020

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$200.00 You must be a member of the National EAA

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