



EAA CHAPTER 135

Ankeny/Des Moines, IA

January 2025 #1

Dues Due January 1!

12 month annual dues are \$20
1 Jan 2025 through 31 Dec 2025
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<http://135.eaachapter.org>



Presidential Ramblings January 2025

Happy New Year

New year, new experiences and maybe meet and make a few new friends too.

First, I'll pass along a thank you for participating in chapter activities in 2024. This little chapter just wouldn't exist without you and your effort. 2024 was a great year for us; I'm not going to recite all we did together as a group but there was plenty.

The December meeting was held in the conference room at Exec1. The lead was VP Rick R who did a great job of getting it organized and providing smoked meats such as chicken, beef & pork. We had a total of 23 in attendance. If you went away hungry it was your own fault. The crazy gift exchange was a hit too - opening up a present then watching and waiting to see if the gift you just received would get taken by someone else.

We also had something new this year for those who wish to participate. Rick R. made a cleco game. Basically, it is ten clecos and a stopwatch to time the participants - anyway Roger S. won a nice aviation tumbler as he did it in record time. I'm sure the game will be at meetings where you can practice and get ready for the next Christmas gathering.

JANUARY MEETING

Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025

Board Meeting

4:45 - 5:45 pm

Regular Meeting

6:00 PM,

Upstairs at Exec 1 Aviation

Program:

Aviation Roundtable

Discussion

As 2025 approaches, (no pun intended), let's continue our forward momentum with flying, providing Young Eagle rides, our scholarship work, and most of all continuously learning and improving our flying skills. "Smooth air never made a skilled pilot" it is so true.

As you know January is the planning month for the year or at least the first few chapter meetings of the year. We have members building and flying their aircraft that started as a kit. Our work at the local level doesn't go unnoticed by National. I received favorable comments when I was in Oshkosh in October.

Mostly, regarding our status as a Silver Chapter. Let's keep it up. Goals in 2025: I'd like to see the Chapter grow not just in size but expand our work with the Ray Scholarship program that is available through National. The deadline for chapters to apply is January 31, 2025. You can read about it here:

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<https://www.eaa.org/ea/ea-chapters/ea-chapter-resources/chapter-programs-and-activities/ray-aviation-scholarship-fund>

There have been members who have expressed interest in overseeing this program. Also, there is a good source for new student pilots who are learning to fly at Exec1. This may be just what these student pilots, who are high on expectations of learning to fly but short on funds, need.

A house keeping item for you. This is a good time of the year to renew your youth protection in order to be able to fly Young Eagles. If you plan to fly or work with YE it

is mandatory. Here's the link:

<https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program>

What's your flying goal for 2025? Acquire another rating or endorsement, fly 5 or 10 hours more than 2024?

I'm looking forward to a positive 2025 chapter experience. My door (phone) is always open if you want to talk about flying, airplanes or just chat.

Be safe - fly smart Have a great day and keep the blue side up.

Till next time Blue skies and tailwinds
AJ

The Chapter will host a VMC (Visual Meteorological Conditions) and IMC (Instrument Meteorological Conditions) gathering on January 14 at 7:00 pm. VMC discussion will be the first 45 minutes, then the IMC discussion at 7:45 or 8:00. Come for one or both. The meeting will be in the Exec 1 Conference Room. Both programs are to discuss safety and to increase proficiency with "what would you do?" scenarios



Marianne Olson and Marc Broer met up with Mary and Ralph Briggs in their new hometown of Elkader. They like their new home and want to say hello to all the Chapter members.

Chapter 135 Christmas Party



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

Mail dues to: Stuart Rauh

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Do you need a specialty tool and don't have it, or it's too expensive for a one-time use?

CHECK OUT THE CHAPTER 135 TOOL CRIB

The Chapter is 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

Scales are available to members & non members to rent.

EAA Chapter 135 is establishing a Tool Crib (network) to all members 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. Forms are available to track the tool so we can know who has it.

Scale 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