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Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 135
News



Next Chapter Meeting ✦ Saturday, Jan. 13, 2018

Board Meeting: 5:00 pm ✦ Chapter Meeting: 6:00 ✦ Exec 1 Upstairs

Program is Jeff Beckley on 3-D printing Special Election for Treasurer

Letter from the President:

Happy New Year, everyone!

After years of serving in many roles in Chapter 135 Dave Kalwishky decided he needs a break from responsibility and has resigned as Treasurer. Many thanks to Dave for his hard work for so long keeping the club together. So this month Chapter 135 starts with a Special Election, and to do this right we will likely need participation even from members who don't attend the meeting. It is called "voting by proxy". If you are a paid member and don't plan to attend the meeting you would assign your vote to someone who does plan to attend. This could be an officer, a board member, or any other paid member of the chapter. Set it up in writing (an email would do) so there is a record. According to our by-laws we need 15 paid members to have an official vote.

Brant Hollensbe served several years as our Treasurer years ago and has volunteered to do it again. This is an open election, so if anyone else would like to stand for the position please let anyone on

the board know, or just be there for the meeting. Brant was recently elected to the position as Secretary, but our by-laws allow for Secretary and Treasurer to be held by the same person.

But I don't think you want to miss this meeting. It looks like we will have a break in the weather next week so we should be winding up the Poker Run at 5 before the meeting with a modest prize for the winner and chili for everyone. We changed the participation period from a single day to the entire week before, so whenever it works for you, get out there and get to the airports. See the flyer elsewhere in the newsletter for further information. The program is one I'm excited about, Jeff Beckley has been diving into 3D printing and will be doing a presentation for us. Think "owner produced parts."

We hope to see you Saturday the 13th.

Ralph Briggs



1ST ANNUAL POKER RUN

WHERE: KIKV - KAMW - I75 - KBNW - KOXV

KIFA was replaced with KAMW

**WHEN: Monday, January 8 through
Saturday, January 13 5:00 pm before EAA meeting**



GUIDELINES

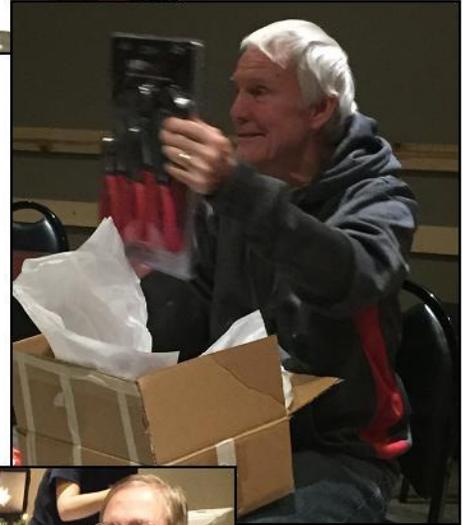
- Fly or drive to all of the airports listed above in any order you like.
- Pick up an envelope which will contain a playing card
- Bring your envelopes (total 5) to the monthly meeting where they will be opened
- The best or highest poker hand will have the title of winner
- Camaraderie with likeminded people
- You do have to be a member of Chapter 135 to participate
- Invite another pilot or friend to fly along



Disclaimer, this is a chapter event not tied to any national function – fly at your own risk and expense, maintain VFR Flight

EAA CHAPTER 135 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday December 8, 2017 ✦ Smokey D's Barbecue



Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Aviation Calendar

JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY, JAN. 21

Monticello Regional Airport (MXO)
Iowa 99s monthly meeting
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Phone: 563-650-0342 (Jenny Myren)
Email: iowa@ncs99s.org
Facebook: Iowa 99s
Website: <http://iowa.ncs99s.org>

TUESDAY, JAN. 30 - WEDNESDAY, JAN 31

2018 Midwest Aircraft Maintenance Symposium and Trade Show
Airport Holiday Inn
Des Moines, Iowa
319-389-3943 (Phil Conn)
Email: phil@iaaviation.com
Website: www.iaaviation.com
Website: <http://iowa.ncs99s.org>

FEBRUARY 2018

SUNDAY, FEB. 18

Waverly Municipal Airport (C25)
Iowa 99s monthly meeting
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Phone: 563-650-0342 (Jenny Myren)
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Website: <http://iowa.ncs99s.org>

MARCH 2018

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Ottumwa Regional Airport (OTM)
Iowa 99s monthly meeting
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Phone: 563-650-0342 (Jenny Myren)
Email: iowa@ncs99s.org
Facebook: Iowa 99s
Website: <http://iowa.ncs99s.org>

APRIL 2018

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

Ames Municipal Airport (AMW)
Iowa State Flying Cyclones
Fly-in Breakfast
7 a.m. - 11 a.m.
Email: awinter@iastate.edu
Website: www.flying.stuorg.iastate.edu/ames_flyin.p

Estherville Municipal Airport (EST)

Iowa 99s monthly meeting
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Phone: 563-650-0342 (Jenny Myren)
Email: iowa@ncs99s.org
Facebook: Iowa 99s
Website: <http://iowa.ncs99s.org>

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25 - FRIDAY, APRIL 27

2017 Iowa Public Airports Association Conference
Renaissance Hotel
Des Moines, Iowa
515-727-0667 (Sue Heath)
Email: sheath@iowaairports.org
Website: www.iowaairports.org

From EAA
Chapter 675 in
Marshalltown

IN MEMORY

We all lost a good friend and someone that added to our life. Bruce Devick was of course a fellow pilot, an avid flyer, an EAA'r, a steadfast member of the FOGz breakfast group, but most of all a good friend. He will be greatly missed.

One thing Bruce left us with was a set of memories. I don't know how many times I witnessed his ordering of tomatoes for breakfast, two slices, and when more than two slices were served, he had that little smirk and talked how he ordered only two slices. He was somewhat of a quiet man, therefore it gave me a chance to pick on him a little. I had fun kibitzing back and forth about his quiet nature and me accusing him of being antisocial. Of course he wasn't; just quiet at times. I will personally miss the black Mercedes pulling up to the hangar, window open, and Bruce asking "what are you up to now?"

As friends and flyers go, he was a good one. We will miss him.



- Mary Ellis was in a select gang of female pilots who flew during World War II
- She has now celebrated her 100th birthday by flying a plane over West Sussex
- Mrs. Ellis flew next to one of the Spitfires she was in more than 70 years ago

Mary Ellis (pictured during her time as an Air Transport Auxiliary pilot in WW2) has celebrated her 100th birthday.



Thanks to Ray Robinson and to Marc Broer for passing it on.

Tearing through the skies above the South Coast, two Spitfires evoke powerful memories of Britain's wartime resilience.

But this stirring image holds a further poignancy - for in the cockpit of the lead aircraft sits Mary Ellis, celebrating her 100th birthday by recreating her time as one of the 'Ata-girls', the select gang of female pilots who flew Britain's fighters during the war

And over her shoulder is one of the actual Spitfires she flew during her 1,000 flights as a First Officer with the Air Transport Auxiliary.

'Wizard, this is wizard!' yelled the delighted centenarian through her intercom.

Mary was handed the controls of the 275mph twin-seater as it swooped over West Sussex. After about 15 minutes, she turned for home, and told her co-pilot Matt Jones: 'Goodwood on the nose, you have control ...' Then she settled back to enjoy the ride back to base.

Earlier, Mary watched in delight as Spitfire MV154 took its place beside her in an extraordinary airborne tribute. It was a plane she had delivered to RAF Brize Norton from Southampton on September 15, 1944, and it hides a sentimental secret. For at the end of the 25-minute wartime flight, she signed the cockpit, scrawling her maiden name Wilkins and the initials ATA.



Mary Ellis (circled) was handed the controls of the 275mph twin-seater as it swooped over West Sussex

She hoped her tag might be spotted by a handsome pilot and lead to a wartime romance - although the impulsive act, a career one-off, didn't bag her a boyfriend.

Mary, originally from Oxfordshire, had her first flying lesson in 1938, and flew for pleasure until 1941 when she heard a BBC radio appeal for women pilots to join the auxiliary service and so release male pilots for combat duty.

Speaking at a surprise birthday party on Thursday, Mary said: 'The war was a challenge and one had to do something about it. I went on and on until I flew everything. I love the Spitfire - it's my favourite aircraft, it's everyone's favourite, it's the symbol of freedom.'

For four years she ferried warplanes from factories to frontline squadrons. The 166 women of the ATA - about one in eight of the total - have been dubbed 'The Female Few,' echoing Winston Churchill's description of the RAF airmen who fought in the Battle of Britain.



Mrs Ellis looked back over her left shoulder and glanced at the aircraft she once flew.

Mary was usually found at the joystick of a Spitfire or a Hurricane but ultimately flew more than 50 types of aircraft, logging 1,100 hours of flight, much to the astonishment of some colleagues.

As she sat on the airfield ready to deliver her first Spitfire, the mechanic standing on the wing asked how many of them she'd flown. When she said it was her first, he was so startled he fell right off. The largest aircraft she flew solo was the Wellington bomber. After landing at an East Anglian airfield, Mary was greeted by the ground crew who asked where the pilot was. 'I'm the pilot,' she said. They insisted on searching the aircraft before they believed her.

It was dangerous work. Mary was sometimes ordered to move combat-damaged planes that were not officially fit to fly, but had to be taken for repairs. She crash-landed twice and was shot at once.



Mrs Ellis toasted a glass of champagne with co-pilot Matt Jones, managing director of Boulton Flight Academy

Fourteen of her fellow ATA female flyers lost their lives, including aviation pioneer Amy Johnson

Mary - who to this day needs no spectacles, nor a walking stick - was one of the last six women serving in the ATA when it disbanded after the war. She remained a private pilot and then became managing director of Sandown Airport on the Isle of Wight. She married Don Ellis, a fellow pilot, in 1961, but was widowed in 2009. Matt Jones, who flies Spitfires for Goodwood-based Boulton Flight Academy, reunited Mary with MV154 after first meeting her in 2015. He conspired with the plane's current owner, pilot Maxi Gainza, to bring it to the UK from its base in Bremgarten, Germany.

He said: 'I gave Mary control of our Spitfire. I wasn't sure where we were but Mary was very clear. She pointed us towards Thorney Island, up through the Witterings, flew on to Selsey Bill and then Bognor Regis, never losing a foot of altitude.'

'She showed me precisely how she was able to deliver all those aircraft with just a map, a compass and a stopwatch. I was utterly humbled by a superior aviator who also happens to be 60 years my senior!'

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Melvin Hoffman of the 82nd Fighter Squadron made the best landing he could under the circumstances in his P-51D Mustang at RAF Duxford, Cambridgeshire, England, January 4 1945. Note oil covering the windscreen and engine cowling.



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days at no charge, if there are no other conflicting requests for their use, with notification by phone. Otherwise late fee of \$100 per day applies.

Chapter 135 members (must be member 3 months prior to rental date.) \$25.00 for 3 days

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

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

Copy of rental agreement available by fax or email by calling Craig Martin at 515250-3124 or email to smartindsm@gmail.com

Scales are kept at Wisecup Willow Aviation (Craig Martin) Nash Field, Indianola.



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