



EAA CHAPTER 135

Ankeny/Des Moines, IA

December 2024 #12

Dues Due January 1!

12 month annual dues are \$20
1 Jan 2024 through 31 Dec 2024
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Presidential Ramblings December 2024

Greetings and Happy Holidays

What a year - as you know I try to do a year in review type of writing in the last ramblings for the year. As a chapter we are in great shape. Membership is up slightly and the financial side is also in great shape.

The chapter programs were informative this year and many had lasting impressions. Other outside activities - Young Eagle flights, our poker run, cookouts at the Ankeny airport at members hangars or at Stewart's airstrip and we can't forget Nashfield. Look for more great fun and adventures in 2025.

The newsletter is the backbone of a chapter. This newsletter you are reading is the culmination of two people. 1) your newsletter editor Marc Broer who oversees the assembly and collects photos and stories from all of us from events we attend. Plus keeps me on my toes getting these ramblings complete so our deadline is made each month. 2) Marianne Olson who puts it all together for us to peruse in an easy to read format. Keep in mind neither Marianne or Marc have to do this but it is their

DECEMBER MEETING CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday,
December 7, 2024

This is one week earlier
than our regular meeting!!

5:00 PM,
Upstairs at
Exec 1 Aviation

Rick Ross is the lead this year. Rick is bringing a ham, 3 turkeys, cheesy potatoes, green bean casserole, and 3 pies. Please message Rick with planned attendance and the side dish you are bringing. There will be a voluntary gift exchange with gifts not to exceed \$25.00

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sense of volunteering which drives not just these two but all of us whether in an officer role or board member position.

In the past the response has been so strong from all members of this great chapter whenever the need for asking for volunteers during a special event. Hence, Young Eagle events, Tri-Motor, B-17 or B-25. Thank you for the service to EAA and this chapter. Without us it would simply not exist. That being said in May 2027 this chapter will be celebrating 65 years as a chapter. Let that sink in. I think we should start a planning committee to host a blowout celebration. More at a later date.

On November 18 the chapter assisted the Iowa Historical Museum in moving their Bleriot airplane to storage. Mike Graber was able to represent the Chapter. Mike, Ralph and myself assisted last year with cleaning the other aircraft to be returned to display their Benoist & Curtis Pusher. If you would like to assist down the road it's a great place to lend a hand and represent the Chapter. They like us there too lol.

Looking ahead in 2025 - What would you like from your Chapter? Send me an

email or message with questions or ideas? There will be a board planning meeting in January

Don't forget to renew your membership no price increases in the past 10 plus years - who said there's not good value in America?

I hope each of you have a memorable holiday season surrounded by those near and dear to you.

Till next time blue skies and tailwinds
AJ

"Flight 1234, for noise abatement, turn right 45 degrees.."

"But Center, we are at 35,000 feet. How much noise can we make up here?"

"Sir, have you ever heard the noise a 747 makes when it hits a Beechjet?"

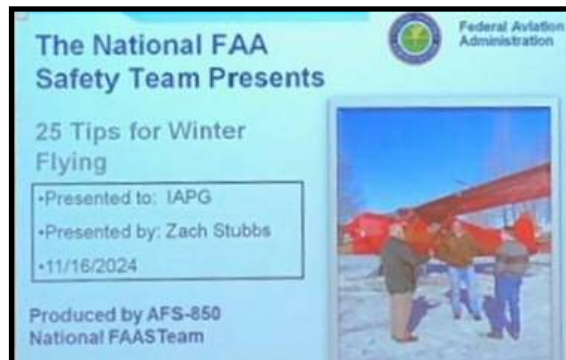
A student was having difficulty with landings. Seems like he would bounce it in every time. However, on the first night lesson, the student greased in all landings.

Puzzled, the instructor asked, "How are you doing that? You have so much trouble during the day?" The student replied, "It's easy, I continue the approach until you stiffen up, then I just pull back."



Ten members of Chapter 135 attended the Iowa Aviation Promotion Group Annual Meeting at the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge. It was our November meeting. The food was good and the FAA gave a program on winter flying safety

Three flyers received their flight jackets for visiting every airport in Iowa. Adam Obrecht of Chapter 135, who was not present



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 heads,
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>



November 20 FOGZ in Marshalltown
at the Tremont Restaurant



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

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31 December 2024.

Name:

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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, 2024

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

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