

December 2021 #12



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EAA CHAPTER 135



## Dues Due January 1!

12 month annual dues are \$20

1 Jan through 31 Dec 2021

Payable to Stuart Rauh 1717 East Thornton

Des Moines, IA 50320

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## President's Ramblings December 2021

What a year it's been - our chapter saw growth with new members, development of a scholarship program with guidance from our sister chapter 675 in Marshalltown. Along with this, events like the poker run (always a hit) is our chapter's largest summer event. The chapter organized Young Eagle events, while socializing returned in the form of cookouts which are not just good, but good for the soul. Once the outdoor temps increased to comfortable levels most of our monthly gatherings were held/hosted by VP Dave Schuler in his hangar. In March & April a few of us traveled to Fernald, Iowa to gather with Chapter 675 at Ray Robinson's shop (cause it was heated lol). He and Sandy extended an invitation, plus we viewed Ray's rebuilding of a Wiley Post bi-plane. In May, our chapter presented a donation to Chapter 675's scholarship fund. They were quite surprised, but appreciated our contribution to support the next generation of potential aviators. In August, Roger & Janet Stewart hosted the chapter with their annual sweet corn feed, which was well attended. In September, I hosted the monthly meeting at Nashfield.

A notable fund raising event for the chapter was receiving a donation (from Peter James thanks again) of a Fokker VI partially assembled kit which we marketed and sold to a friend in Minneapolis that was planning to assemble it and hang it in his man-cave; we should all have a man cave . . .

Elections were held in November; this can be a challenge for the officers, to recruit or retain board members along with potential officers to fill positions. We had one dedicated member who has served in many capacities over the years in this chapter, decide to step back for a while from the board. With that, Ryan Rosa and Quinn Fairchild (both new members) were unanimously elected to join the ranks and fill the two positions available as board members. Along with this, Marc Broer was retained as Secretary and Newsletter Editor. Thanks to our newest members for stepping up to assist in guiding our chapter forward. Also, lets not forget those past board members or officers that have brought this chapter to where we are today.

Correct me if I'm inaccurate: EAA Chapter 135 was established in 1968? Impressive history to say the least. This year, we also saw progress on many of the members building

## CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 11

The Chapter's Christmas party will be held Dec 11 at 6:00pm in West Des Moines at the Buffet City restaurant. All members, relatives, and aviation enthusiasts are welcome to attend. No need to bring any presents because we're replacing the traditional Crazy Gift Exchange with a door prize drawing.

Buffet City is a casual all you care to eat Chinese Buffet with some American styled dishes. It is located in the SE corner of University Park strip mall, just south of the University Avenue and 25th St intersection. The staff will wear masks, but it is optional for attendees.

Meals are \$15 not including tax and tip. Soft drinks are \$1.90 and beer is available. Each party is responsible for their own bill.

We would like to get a rough estimate of attendees so please RSVP the number in your party to Brant at [bhollensbe@mchsi.com](mailto:bhollensbe@mchsi.com). You're welcome to attend if you have not RSVP. We would love to see a big turnout.

Brant

projects - Keep pulling or pounding those rivets; it's all worth it - PERSEVERANCE is the key to building a flying machine.

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 2022 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 in Clive. December 11 2021 - 6:00PM. Look for more information posted in this newsletter. Also, a little bird told me that there would be some cool door prizes. Dinner with the Chapter President isn't one of them lol.** Lastly, January 2022 dues are due for next year - use the PayPal app on the web site easiest way to do it. Thanks in advance.

A personal note; I wish to thank everyone that helped organize, donated time and resources, and especially attended 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

**Minutes of the November 13  
Board meeting 5:30 PM,  
upstairs at Exec 1**

Attending were Al Hummel, Marc Broer, Mike Graber, Dave Schuler, Stuart Rauh, Brant Hollensbe, Dave Kalwishky, Jacob Greenfield, Paul Reinke.

Minutes from October were read by Dave Schuler, and approved.

Treasurer's report given by Stuart: Trailer registrations are complete. We received \$400.00 down payment for the tri-plane project, balance of \$1,100.00 due when picked up. Please announce in the newsletter that dues are due Jan. 1, 2022.

Treasurers report approved.

**Old Business:**

5 people are signed up for the leadership academy Jan. 14-15-16, in Oshkosh, EAA complex.

Scholarship committee, no report, they are setting up.

Trailer – Mike Graber and Ralph Briggs cleaned it and are assessing minor repairs.

**New Business:**

Young Eagles – Adam Oebrecht is new

co-coordinator with Alan Core  
Discussion on a chapter sign to take to Oshkosh.

**Christmas Party – will be Saturday December 11, at Buffet City, University & 25<sup>th</sup> Street at 6:00 PM, \$15.00 plus beverage cost. No games or gifts, but we will have a door prize.**

Discussion on organizing a “tool crib” since we now have an engine jack.

Board meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM

**Regular Meeting, 6:30, upstairs  
at Exec 1, Program - Elections**

Attending also, Richard Rogers, Ryan Rosa, Kurt Wendell, Quinn Fairchild, Pat Hansen

Motion by Richard Rogers to accept the slate of candidates presented. Seconded by Stuart Rauh. Vote was 15 yay and 0 nay. Elected were Quinn Fairchild and Ryan Rosa to the Board of Directors, and Marc Broer to Secretary/Newsletter.

All those present introduced themselves.

Members recessed to see the new flight simulator that Exec 1 has installed

Respectfully submitted by Marc Broer





# Marc Broer's Stinson Engine Swap

Robert Richtsmeier Wayne Bosch  
Thanks to Marc Broer



**Wayne Boesch**



**Robert Richtsmeier**

Dave McCurrey from Marshalltown stops in at  
the Eldora Airport to see what's going on.



**Wayne and Robert discuss  
progress on Robert's Neuport 17  
full scale replica**



## Marshalltown EAA Chapter 675 Christmas Party

Per Corey Butcher, newsletter editor: Our annual Christmas Dinner is back on this year and we even have a program: Craig Brandenburg, Garry's son will be our speaker. He is retired from the USAF as an enlisted airman....1988 - 2018, 30 years! Craig has agreed to be our EAA speaker/program presenter



after our meal is finished. Craig was trained as a weapon loader and has serviced the ammo systems for B-1s, A-10s, F-16s, F-15s and perhaps a few others. Craig was able to complete his BS and Master's degrees while in the AF. He achieved the enlisted rank of Chief Master Sgt (E-9), holding that rank for the last five years of his duty. He retired out of Germany's Spangdahlem Air Base in 2018. He now works for a defense contractor at Eglin AFB, FL. Craig and wife Cathy live in Fort Walton Beach, FL. Craig will have many stories including incentive rides earned in an F-15 while in FL, and also an F-16 ride in a sand box country area. . . going over mach 1.0 and doing so below sea level over an ancient dry lake bed. And that's just the headline!

## 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://karlenepettitt.blogspot.com/2010/12/christmas-poem-aviation-style.html>

## 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](mailto:stuart@rauhnet.com)

## Chapter 135 Officers 2021

President: Al Hummel

Vice President: Dave Schuler

Treasurer: Stuart Rauh..... [stuart@rauhnet.com](mailto:stuart@rauhnet.com)

Secretary: Marc Broer

Newsletter Coordinator: Marc Broer

Young Eagles Coordinator: Alan Core

Board:

Ralph Briggs      Mike Graber      Paul Reinke      Jacob Greenfield

Brant Hollensbe      Dave Kalwishky      Roger Stewart

12 month annual dues will be \$20  
and run 1 January through  
31 December 2021.

Name:

EAA No.:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

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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