

February 2020 # 2



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## Dues

12 month annual dues are \$20  
1 Jan through 31 Dec 2020.  
Payable to Brant Hollensbe  
6224 Aspen Dr.  
West Des Moines, IA 50266

Meeting Saturday Feb. 8 6:00 Exec 1

Board Meeting 5:00

**USS Theodore Roosevelt  
by Dave Schuler**

## President's Ramblings February 2020

Second month of the new year - have you stuck to your New Year's resolution?? Of course you have to get out and fly more this year!

Most of you know I've skipped out of Iowa for January hoping my winter would be a little shorter. Great time in the sunny south. After thinking the best way to describe my escape I decided sabbatical was the best word to use. Webster defines sabbatical as - sab·bat·i·cal /sə'badək(ə)/ a period of paid leave granted to a university teacher or other worker for study or travel, traditionally one year for every seven years worked.

After reading the definition, I guess I didn't spend enough time in Florida. My tan has started to fade lol.

One month away is incredibly refreshing and gives one time to decompress. Traveling in itself is good but nice to get back to my own turf as in Nash Field.

While in Florida, I did connect with EAA Chapter 66 in Fort Meyers they are finishing a Zenith 601 which was donated to their chapter. I was there the night they attempted to start the ole girl (0-200) but no luck as the battery was bad. It was on a battery tender but needless to say it had a bad cell.

It was nice to meet fellow EEAers and chat with another chapter President, we swapped strategies of the office and how to

improve chapter activities. Great bunch of guys, I attended their young eagle fly/flight breakfast along with Rick Gleason and Rick Bohler. Fun time had by all and a great breakfast too.

Weather was great as well, only a couple cool nights so hot tubbing was definitely in order along with cocktails.

Lastly, I made some new friends along with a lot of guy stuff lol. Good luck to chapter 66 with the 601's final touches.

Till next time blue skies and tailwinds

AJ



## Jan. 11, 2020, Chapter 135 minutes

5:00 PM, business meeting, chaired by Dave Schuler

Attending were: Mike Graber, Brant Hollensbe, Dave Schuler, Marc Broer, Ralph Briggs, Jacob Greenfield, Stuart Rauh, Richard Rogers

Treasurer's report given by Brant, our national dues and ins. is paid, \$408.00

Adirondack chair project, Brant reports progress, building times are Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, both Tuesdays, 6:00 PM, at Brant's house, 645 8<sup>th</sup> street, West Des Moines

Christmas Party, we broke even on the costs, Diane Rauh will chair for next December

Leadership Academy, March 7-8, Saturday & Sunday, Lee's Summit MO, could fly to it, several members are interested.

State Historical Museum, Mike and

Ralph report, the Curtiss plane needs cleaned, and the Bleriot plane needs recovered, its cotton is rotten. We are waiting for more info from project coordinator Kay Coates.

Stuart Rauh is investigating changes to the National EAA website software and how it will affect our website.

Discussion on paying dues.

Discussion on removing board members emails and phone numbers from the newsletter for security reasons, Tabled until February.

February program will be on the USS Theodore Roosevelt, given by Dave Schuler.

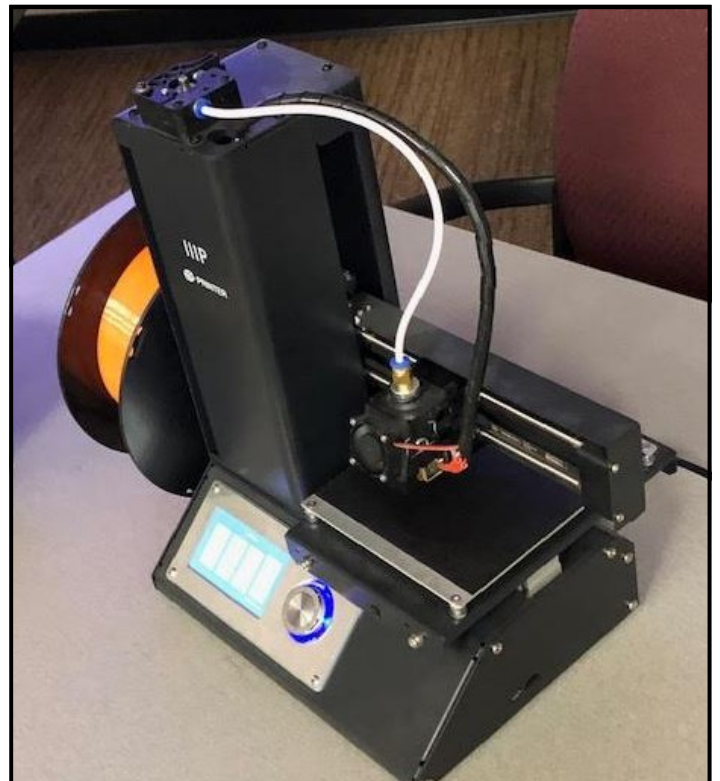
Meeting adjourned at 6:20 PM,

### Regular meeting begins.

Additional attendees, Tom Merfeld, Larry Lyon, John Pazek

Brant collected some dues.

Awesome program on 2-D printing given by Jacob Greenfield.





## Iowa Aviation Heritage Museum January Potluck

## Boone Area Pilots' Association January Meeting



## Adirondack Chairs for Oshkosh Making Progress

Thanks to Ralph's help we have almost the main body of the Adirondack chairs built. They're looking great! Just a little building and finishing remain. You're invited to help make the chairs on Monday evening Feb 10 and Wed Feb 13th at 7:00 pm at 645 8th Street, West Des Moines. Any questions call or text Brant 515-720-8160.



## FOR SALE

1946 Ercoupe 415C LSA, C85, 295 SMOH 2270 TT  
Rudder Pedals, Metal Wings, 132GW STC Auto Fuel STC  
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In Loving Memory



*Myrtle Van Dyke*

1922 ~ 2019

**Myrtle Van Dyke was the little lady in the white sweater who was our military veteran recipient of the donated B17 flight last summer.**

**Myrtle passed away In December.**

**Her service was at the Iowa Gold Star Museum and she was interred beside her husband at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery In Van Meter.**

*A Life Remembered...*



Myrtle Mae "Myrtle" Van Dyke, 97, of Johnston, Iowa, passed away December 30, 2019 at UnityPoint Iowa Methodist Medical Center.

Myrtle was born October 29, 1922 in Dunlap, Iowa to parents, Thomas and Myrtle (Peters) Lynch. She grew up in Dunlap and moved to Des Moines in 1940. Myrtle joined the United States Navy WAVES in 1943 until her honorable discharge in 1946. She was stationed in New York and assigned as chief mailman. Returning to Des Moines from her military duty, she attended Drake University, where she received her Master and teaching degrees. She worked as a Kindergarten Teacher for the Des Moines Public Schools for 33 years and retired in 1984.

Myrtle was united in marriage to Edward A. Van Dyke on March 25, 1948. In 1987, they moved to Johnston.

Myrtle was a member of the Iowa Genealogical Society, Immanuel United Methodist Church in Des Moines, D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution), National Huguenot Society, Daughters of American Colonists, Colonial Clergy, The National, Iowa and Des Moines Education Associations, Des Moines Area School Personnel Association, Iowa WAVES Veterans #84, V.F.W. Auxiliary #9662, Naval Armed Guard Iowa-Minnesota WWII and the American Legion in Johnston. She also served as a Volunteer for the Iowa Genealogical Library and VA Central Iowa Health Care System.

Myrtle is survived by many nieces, nephews and their families as well as many close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Edward in 1992; siblings, Fern M. Shoemaker, Beulah Harrison, Eula Siwek, Kathryn Ventura, James Patrick, Thomas, Kenneth and James Robert Lynch.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Iowa Gold Star Military Museum or the Iowa Genealogical Society Library.



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31 December 2020.

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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  
**Mail dues to: Brant Hollensbe 6224 Aspen Drive West Des Moines, IA 50266**