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**Experimental Aircraft Association**  
**Chapter 135**  
**News**



**Next Chapter Meeting ✦ Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018**

**Board Meeting: 5:00 pm ✦ Exec 1 Upstairs**

**Chapter Meeting: 6:00 ✦ Potluck at Brant's Hanger**

### **Minutes August 11, 2018**

#### **Poker run, September 1-15**

Fly or drive to these airports, and pick up a card: Newton, Grinnell, Marshalltown, Pella, Knoxville. Bring the cards to the Sept. meeting Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>. Need not be present to win.

**The September 15, 2018, meeting will be a potluck at Brant's Hanger, India-4, Ankeny Airport. The meeting date is changed due to the power being shut off at the airport during this time.** Once again the chapter will furnish hamburgers and hot dogs; bring a side dish to share.

October 13, 2018, program will be Cory Butcher, subject – Replica Fighters.

November 10, 2018, Election night, please think of filling officer and board positions. We will need someone to run for President.

December is our Christmas Party, Friday Dec. 7, at Smokey D's, time and other details to be announced later.

Our August Meeting had 4 members and 4 guests. Dave Schuler presented his time at Air Venture 2018 with fascinating photos and dialog. John Backer from Chapter 94 in Mason City

Annual chapter dues for this year run from 1 July 2018 through 31 Dec 2018 (6 months long) and are \$10. Then our 12 month annual dues will be back at \$20 and run 1 January through 31 December 2019.

visited our meeting, and brought Hanna Fox, an aspiring pilot their chapter has been helping to get ground school and flight time.

Jack Wagner and his mother Brandy Walker also came to our meeting. They live north of Huxley. Jack is a senior in high school and wants to become a pilot. He is looking to get a Young Eagle flight and get registered as a Student member of EAA National. Then he can get ground school materials and lessons.

How about making him a junior member of our chapter? - Marc Broer

**Chapter Christmas Party  
is Friday Dec. 7  
at Smokey D's**



## 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL POKER RUN



WHERE/ROUTE: KMIW, KGGI, KPEA, KTNU, KOXV

WHEN: September 1st thru September 8, 2018

Time: Closing 5:00PM September 8th

Meeting at KIKV: September 8th @ 6:00 PM (5:30 Pm Socializing)



### 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, no prizes just camaraderie with likeminded people
- >You do not 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*

# Local Aviator Likes Making New Pilots



**Erik Edgren of Oskaloosa farms for a living, but his passion is flying.**

OTTUMWA – Erik Edgren’s airshow performances aren’t aerobatic only. Edgren likes a little comedy in his act.

“In my opinion, the greatest comedy pilot who ever lived was from Albia, Iowa,” said Edgren who will bring his clipped 1939 Taylorcraft to Fly Ottumwa next week.

Edgren, an Oskaloosa native, was influenced by Albia pilot Dick Willets. “I grew up watching him fly at the antique airshow.”

The Antique Airplane Association and the Airpower Museum fly-in near Blakesburg used to be open to the public, Edgren said. “As a kid I watched [Willets] there and was enthralled.”

Later Edgren’s father took him to the airshow in Oshkosh, Wisconsin where they witnessed Duane Cole’s performance in his Clipped Wing Cub.

Edgren’s comedy routine features his alter ego Hobie Washburn who has had a little too much to

drink. Many people call the character the drunken farmer, Edgren said, but Hobie's not a farmer. "I am a farmer," Edgren said, "so I didn't want to be a drunk farmer." Hobie wears a tropical-print shirt and straw hat and loves his margaritas.

Though a summary of his act includes spoilers about the show, anyone who has seen Edgren perform will be familiar with the routine. "I'll have airshows [that] I go back year after year," Edgren said. "There's always new people."

Edgren's comedy routine will be part of Fly Ottumwa's Saturday and Sunday afternoon airshows, but he also plans to perform a strictly aerobatic act during Friday's night flight.

"The comedy act burns a lot of time," Edgren said. Sometimes he's asked to do something aerobatic only, and he does. "The customer's always right."

Edgren comes from an aviation family. His great uncle Hobie – Washburn is respectfully named for him – owned the first airplane in Mahaska County, Edgren said.

Hobie, unfortunately, purchased the plane right after World War I "before all the Jennies got cheap."

According to the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum, the Curtiss JN-4D, called the Jenny, was first built in 1917 and is nearly synonymous with American aviation in the 1920s. The Jenny was used as a trainer for the U.S. Air Service during World War I.

Large numbers of war surplus Jennies were available after 1918, and its affordability, ease of operation and versatility made it the signature plane of the barnstorming era, the Smithsonian says.

Hobie met his Jenny at the train stop and took it to the farm using a team of horses and a hay wagon, Edgren said. He crashed the plane on takeoff.

Edgren's father, John, took flying lessons at Ottumwa airport when he was 19. John began teaching his son to fly when Edgren was 6. By the time he was 8, Edgren was ready to solo using a custom seat and control extensions.

At age 10, Edgren learned spins and developed a passion for aerobatics.

Edgren, taught his son, John, to fly. John received his pilot's license on his 17th birthday, the earliest anyone can receive a pilot license.

"I taught him to fly in a stock Taylorcraft," Edgren said, "and my dad taught me to fly in a Taylorcraft." John will be with his father during Fly Ottumwa. "He'll be helping me out as kind of my ground crew."

The 17-year-old Oskaloosa High School senior will also attend Fly Ottumwa's Education Day sponsored by Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation.

"I'm just thrilled with that," said Edgren, a member of the Oskaloosa school board. "It's such a wonderful opportunity for the students not just to get science [information] out of this, but it's a great career day."

Education Day is open only to high school students through their respective schools. Students will visit Ottumwa's Naval Air Station and airport, will see a corporate jet, several stunt planes and the Air Force's A-10 and will meet several pilots before touring the Indian Hills aviation facilities and learning about its aviation programs.

"Tying in the education with this event was a no-brainer for us," Kelly Genners, Legacy's vice president of programs and initiatives, said last week. "It's amazing the number of students who have never been on campus before."

"As far as the show in Ottumwa, I am just blown away by the quality of show they put on last year," Edgren said. "This is even bigger and better. This is totally top-level stuff."

Meeting the fans is the best thing about airshows, Edgren said. "I'm kind of an aviation evangelist. You get the best chance to show how awesome aviation is, and to get that one-on-one time with the fans."

Edgren signs autographs for anyone, but he especially enjoys meeting kids. "I go out and walk through the crowds, find the kids, sit down on the grass with them. I like to think I'm making some new pilots."

Reporter Winona Whitaker can be contacted at [wwhitaker@ottumwacourier.com](mailto:wwhitaker@ottumwacourier.com) and followed on Twitter @courierwinona.

Most of us already knew this, but Marc Broer is now officially a Geezer. He flew in to a breakfast meeting of the FOGZ (Flying Old Geezers) in Ames on August 9.



**Eight People  
& Six Planes  
Flew into Ames Airport**



**Waukon  
Flight  
Breakfast  
August 19  
Marc Broer &  
Brant  
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# Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Aviation Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2018

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

**Belle Plaine Municipal Airport (TZT)**

Fly-in Breakfast  
7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
Pilots eat free  
319-350-7136 (Bruce Gapstur)  
Email: [bruce.gapstur@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.gapstur@gmail.com)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

**Council Bluffs Municipal Airport (CBF)**

Great Plains Wing CAF Flight Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
PIC eats free  
402-981-4633 (Jeff Hutcheson)  
Email: [jeffhutcheson3@gmail.com](mailto:jeffhutcheson3@gmail.com)

**Knoxville Municipal Airport (OXV)**

Fly-in breakfast  
7 a.m – 11 a.m.  
Fly-ins eat free  
641-842-4423 (Dan Van Donselaar)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**Green Castle Aero Club (IA24)**

Family Air Adventure (kids and family)  
10 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
PIC eats free  
319-545-2101 (Erika Smith)  
Email: [Eka192003@yahoo.com](mailto:Eka192003@yahoo.com)  
Website: [www.greencastleaeroclub.com](http://www.greencastleaeroclub.com)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ)**

Open house/ EAA 327 Fly-In Breakfast  
8 a.m. – noon  
Phone: 563-589-4237 (Karin Spisak)  
Email: [kspisak@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:kspisak@cityofdubuque.org)  
Website: [www.flydbq.com](http://www.flydbq.com)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

**Carroll Municipal Airport (CIN)**

Fly-in breakfast  
6 a.m. – noon  
Fly-in pilots/passengers free  
712-792-4980 (Don Mensen)  
Email: [don@carrollaviation.com](mailto:don@carrollaviation.com)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

**Chariton Municipal Airport (CNC)**

Fly-in breakfast  
8 a.m. - 11 a.m.  
Fly-ins eats free  
641-203-0529 (Ken Anderson)  
Email: [Krado@iowatelecom.net](mailto:Krado@iowatelecom.net)

**Marshalltown Municipal Airport (MIW)**

Fly-in breakfast  
7 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
641-752-0012 (Stephen Valbracht)  
Email: [stevevalbracht@gmail.com](mailto:stevevalbracht@gmail.com)

SUNDAY, SEPT. 16

**Fort Dodge Regional Airport (FOD)**

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

**Webster City Municipal Airport (EBS)**

Fly-in lunch  
10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Mark Gillette  
515-835-0287  
Email: [mgillette@mchsi.com](mailto:mgillette@mchsi.com)

Every year, our Air Traffic Control facility is required to meet with the airport authority, and various local stakeholders specifically to discuss and promote runway safety at DSM. We deliver a presentation to raise awareness about current issues, various trends, and key areas where mistakes are happening. This year, we are making this presentation available to any local pilot who wants to attend and to get an inside view of the Air Traffic perspective on runway safety.

You are invited to join Air Traffic controllers and management from DSM, accompanied by FSDO personnel as we explore runway safety. The meeting will be on October 10th starting at 6:30PM until about 8:00.

Thank you for your interest in aviation safety. If you know anybody else that would be interest or benefit from this please forward this invite on. Feel free to respond with any questions.

Thank you!

Christopher R. Axtell

Operations Supervisor

DSM ATCT Northern Plains District

### **FOGZ gathering, 8/22/18 Eldora Airport and Breakfast in Town**

Seven airplanes and 9 people attended, representing: Grinnell, Ankeny, Waterloo, Ackley, Allison, Carroll, Marshalltown and of course Eldora. We had breakfast at the Aloha Restaurant in Eldora. - Marc Broer



**TUESDAY, SEPT. 18**

**Boone Municipal Airport (BNW)**

Potluck and movie night

6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

515-432-1018 (Dale Farnham)

**Email:** [farnhamaviation@outlook.com](mailto:farnhamaviation@outlook.com)

**Website:** [www.farnhamaviation.com](http://www.farnhamaviation.com)

**OCTOBER 2018**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 13**

**Aviation Academy School- Des Moines**

Girls in Aviation Day

Register [here](#)

Sara Arnold

515-991-0866

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**SATURDAY, OCT. 20**

**Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ)**

Iowa 99s monthly meeting

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Phone: 563-650-0342 (Jenny Myren)

**Email:** [iowa@ncs99s.org](mailto:iowa@ncs99s.org)

**Facebook:** Iowa 99s

**Website:** <http://iowa.ncs99s.org>

**NOVEMBER 2018**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 18**

**Grinnell Regional Airport (GGI)**

Iowa 99s monthly meeting

11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Phone: 563-650-0342 (Jenny Myren)

**Email:** [iowa@ncs99s.org](mailto:iowa@ncs99s.org)

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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, 2019

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

**Mail dues to: Brant Hollensbe 512 36th Street West Des Moines, IA 50265**



## EAA Chapter 135

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**Experimental  
Sweet Corn Cooker  
Marshalltown Fly-In  
August 6**

### Scale Rental Info

All scale rentals require check for \$200. deposit (Will be returned, uncashed, upon timely scale return).

Three day rentals. 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 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 [cmartindsm@gmail.com](mailto:cmartindsm@gmail.com)

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

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