



EAA CHAPTER 135

Ankeny/Des Moines, IA

February 2025 #2

Dues Due January 1!

12 month annual dues are \$20
1 Jan 2025 through 31 Dec 2025
Payable to Stuart Rauh
1717 East Thornton
Des Moines, IA 50320
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<http://135.eaachapter.org>



Presidential Ramblings February 2025

Greetings:

Have you ever had the feeling of what you missed last month - the January Chapter 135 meeting!

We started the year off on the right foot. A mix of new and established members. Welcome new members: Amanda Vogel and Sri Nandakumar. Sri comes to 135 from Chapter 33 in KCID. Also welcome visitor and potential new member Tom Schwartz. If I missed any other new member I apologize.

The members participated in a round robin discussion on various topics placed on the white board. A lot of good information was exchanged. Plus a few sweet treats consumed.

We (your chapter) need your help - please consider jumping in. What we need - 1) a nomination committee of two or three (husband and wife team ok) to determine who or whom may be interested in being on the board or in an officer position, and present your findings to the board. 2) poker run committee 3) parade committee covered thanks to the three that stepped up. 4) Dave K has agreed to look into the Ray Scholarship program for the Chapter since there are many new aspiring pilots coming and going through the door at

February Meeting
Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025
Board Meeting
4:45 - 5:45 pm
Regular Meeting
6:00 PM,
Upstairs at Exec 1 Aviation
Program by
DSM Air Traffic
Control

Exec1. Let's keep our fingers crossed that we might help one or two get their pilot's license through this program. If you'd like to help Dave just reach out to him. I'm sure he will appreciate your assistance.

The first VMC/IMC club gathering took place on Jan 14th. As the moderator I wasn't quite sure how it would go. A total of eight aviators took part. The scenario provided from National for each category made for good discussion. Sri lent a helpful hand on talking points which got the group's creative juices flowing.

The consensus of the first VMC/IMC meeting was positive and we agreed to continue to go forward, keeping the second Tuesday of the month for this gathering. Also, Stuart has completed the moderator training and will be giving us his time as well for this 135 project.

Here's a Foreflight tip to pass along - (disclaimer) not all foreflight plans may have

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this, individual results may vary. If you use Foreflight, open it, go to "More" (lower right hand corner) - tap, this will open a menu - scroll down to "Discover". On this menu here you will find a calendar with events around the country going on or coming up. It's basically EAA's calendar of events, monthly meetings, fly-ins, YE events etc. the plan is to migrate all of 135's events to the calendar so everything we do shows up for all to see.

The February meeting will be a visit from ATC thanks to Ryan B.

March - Greg Long stratux (ADS-B receiver) updates along with cellular engine heaters for your aircraft.

April - Rick Ross RV12 project at Rick's place in Mitchellville. More to follow

May - Dan Folkers DAR oversight.

My door (phone) is always open if you want to talk about flying, airplanes or just your chat.

Be safe - fly smart

Till next time Blue skies and tailwinds
AJ

EAA Chapter 135 Meeting Notes

January 11, 2024 - Exec 1 Conference Room, Ankeny IA

The meeting was called to order by Rick Ross at 4:45pm

Board Members in Attendance:

Al Hummel, Rick Ross, Ryan Brosz, Stuart Rauh.
Marc Broer, Jacob Greenfield, Mike Graber
Paul Reinke, Dan Folker

Approvals

Oct. Minutes - Rick made a motion to approve, Marc seconded - Approved
Unanimously

Treasurer's Report - Marc made a motion to approve, Mike seconded - Approved
Unanimously

Planning for Future Programs:

February - DSM ATCT has a presentation for the members

March - Greg Long can give a presentation on building a Stratux box for ADS-B reception.

April - Rick will give a presentation on his RV-12 project. Possibly off site at his home.

May - Dan will give a presentation on DARs and the approval process when completing a build

June - Possibility a cookout at Brant's hangar

July - Poker run

August - Stuart's Field

September - Nash Field at AJ's Hangar

October - Open (Chapter Elections for Secretary, 2 Board Members)

November - IAPG Annual Meeting

December - Christmas Party at Exec1

July Poker run:

Board members discussed and suggested the run should be a single day, and results should be during a regular meeting to keep activities linked to the regular group activities. It was also suggested airports selected should include at least 5 airports with paved strips if participants cannot use grass strips.

Airport Signage:

Al reported that there was no additional news on placing a sign for the chapter at the Ankeny airport. Al will revisit the possibility of placing a sign for the chapter at the airport.

Space for the Chapter:

Members discussed getting a dedicated space for the group. Space can't be shared with the museum at Ankeny because of EAA National issues with insurance coverage. Lots on the Ankeny airport will be too expensive for the group to afford. Most possibilities would be off airport or at other airports. Discussion will be tabled for a future meeting.

New Business:

Members suggested establishing a Facebook page for the Chapter. It was pointed out that other groups already exist like the Central Iowa Pilots Group, which are a pre established audience which could serve our purposes. Posting events there would be more effective and less to manage for the group than a dedicated page for the chapter.

Parade Float:

Members suggested the Chapter could participate with a float in a parade this year. A committee will be established to check which cities have parades and which would be appropriate for the chapter to participate.

Marc made a motion to adjourn, Dan seconded - Meeting adjourned 5:45pm



January meeting



Guess Who???

Chapter 135 - 2025 Schedule of Events

- ◆ **February 8**, 6:00 (upstairs at Exec 1) program by DSM Air Traffic Control
- ◆ **March 8**, 6:00 (at Exec 1), Greg Long on Statux ADSB receiver, build and operate, and engine heaters.
- ◆ **April 12**, travel to Mitchelville, Rick Ross open house (project) with food.
- ◆ **May 10**, 6:00, (at Exec 1), Dan Folkers, builders program
- ◆ **June 14**, 6:00, (Exec 1), video from veteran on his military service as a ferry pilot, in WWII and Korea.
- ◆ **July 12**, Poker Run, followed by cookout at Brant's hanger at IKV
- ◆ **August 9**, (subject to sweet corn maturity) fly in/drive in to Stewarts' farm, time to be announced
- ◆ **September 13**, fly in/drive in to Nash Field, cook out
- ◆ **October 11**, elections and ?. program to be determined
- ◆ **November**, date to be determined, meet at Gold Star Museum, program by Iowa Aviation Promotion Group, food furnished.
- ◆ **December ?**, Christmas gathering at Exec 1, Rick Ross hosting, time and date to be determined.



Airworthiness Certification Step One
Daniel Folkers DAR-T

In today's Techno" age we can do most anything from the convenience of our living rooms and never leave the couch. Pay bills, order a pizza and yes apply for an Aircraft Airworthiness Certification. There is an adopted process now within the FAA and your certification will start there. Let's take a look.

Many of us aviators that have interacted with the FAA in recent years have already been asked to apply for and generate an AWC account online within the FAA Website. AWC is the acronym for Airworthiness Certification (Portal). This newly developed portal is quickly becoming the FAA's starting place for all sorts of general aviation regulatory requests which could include issuance of Ferry Permits, Import / Export of foreign aircraft, replacement of lost or damaged Airworthiness Certificates and yes the issuance of your new Amateur Built Airworthiness Certificate.

Your personal AWC (portal) or account can be applied for anytime during the building process and once issued stays with you for as long as you are involved in U.S. aviation activities. If you haven't interacted with the FAA in the recent past then completing the task of developing your personal online AWC portal is step one for Aircraft Certification. The process is fairly self-explanatory and takes about a half an hour. Remember to jot down your user name and passwords as this account will stay with you long into the future.

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Many builders early in their project choose to follow FAA document AC-20-27(G) or latest Rev, titled *Certification and Operation of Amateur-Built Aircraft*. This document lists detailed steps in building and certifying Amateur built aircraft and can be useful in greasing the path towards a successful build and certification. If for whatever reason this document was not use during your build it's not too late. Whether from the beginning, in the middle or at the end, the information included in this AC will prove valuable towards your end goal. This document lists the individual applications required and their progression through AWC. I recommend you download a copy soon and familiarize yourself with its guidance. At our next visit we will discuss in detail the documentations listed in this AC there purpose and more. Tailwinds.

Daniel Folkers, DAR-T
Bright Star Aviation.

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

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Chapter 135 Officers 2025

President: Al Hummel

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Secretary: Ryan Brosz

Newsletter Coordinator: Marc Broer

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Board:

Dan Folkers DAR-T

Mike Graber

Paul Reinke

Jacob Greenfield

Quinn Fairchild

Ryan Rosa

Do you need a specialty tool and don't have it, or it's too expensive for a one-time use?

CHECK OUT THE CHAPTER 135 TOOL CRIB

The Chapter is establishing a tool crib for those that are building or need a special tool for a specific job or project.

If you have a tool you're not using and wish to share with fellow members just submit a photo so we can list it on our web page for the members to view. Next the member would contact you directly or through the Chapter web page, borrow and return when complete.

Current items available to members only

Flatbed trailer 20 to 24 feet in length - Engine Hoist this is the crane style lift - Pneumatic squeezer

Scales are available to members & non members to rent.

EAA Chapter 135 is establishing a Tool Crib (network) to all members in good standing, with your Chapter 135 membership. If you are not, please go to the website and submit your dues to EAA Chapter 135. Once your dues are paid for the year, then you will be able to check-out items from the Tool Crib. Forms are available to track the tool so we can know who has it.

Scale 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