

March 2021 #3



Tale  
Spinner

EAA CHAPTER 135



## Dues

12 month annual dues are \$20  
1 Jan through 31 Dec 2021  
Payable to Stuart Rauh  
1717 East Thornton  
Des Moines, IA 50320

**March 13**

**1:00 at Ray Robinson's  
RR Metal Works Shop  
Fernald, IA**

**Meet at IKV at 12:15 to carpool**

## President's Ramblings March 2021

The old adage "March comes in like a lamb and will go out like a lion".....or vice versa couldn't have been more appropriate on March 3rd as the month came in like a lamb. I was living large that day (while having a few days to myself) and the fact is, I hadn't actually done the PIC thing in SEL in a couple months. The weather couldn't have been more cooperative. These perfect conditions combined with an eager attitude to just go burn some fossil fuel and exercise one of the most perfect Piper Comanches in the country. If you've never flown a Comanche the power & handling of this airplane is just incredible. If you're on a time schedule and need to get there it will take you to your destination fast or just ease back the manifold pressure, slow down a few knots and enjoy the ride. In order to check all systems on board to ensure they are in working order. I decided two practice RNAV approaches were in order with one of the two couple to the autopilot, the last leg of this two point five hours adventure was low and slow back to KIKV to put this lady back to bed till our paths cross again. I kinda got off my original topic but the Comanche needed to be talked about and it is one of my favorite airplanes. Enough said.....

Busting off the rust was my intended topic when I started to write this article for the Chapter newsletter. I can't emphasize enough about the importance of currency vs proficiency. This is a subject we could talk about for hours in the hangar flying world. In reality, was I current in that Comanche? My log book said yes but proficient? As aviators, motivation to slip the surly bonds and leave the earth for a short amount of time while taking in the three dimensional view of the world is all we need - like a drug addict needing that fix.

So proficient, I can usually feel a slight amount

of stress on the first landing (are my speeds correct, do your GUMPS check etc) in a plane that I haven't flown in a while or as one of my past students always said "I have the pucker factor again AI"

As spring approaches get that bird out and burn some fossil fuel and get back to enjoying why you have the airplane. Whether for business, pleasure or just a hobby it is so worth it.

Last month I pointed out goals for our chapter. This month I have a new challenge goal for you -

I state your name \_\_\_\_\_ will fly \_\_\_\_\_ hours this year and work on proficiency.

***Go confidently in the direction of your dreams.***

***Live the life you have imagined.***

***-Henry David Thoreau***

The March meeting will be a road trip to Fernald, Iowa as Chapter member Ray Robinson has invited the chapter to come and take a tour of his shop and see his progress on the Wiley Post Bi-Plane restoration. (Ray has been a dedicated member of 135 for many years) This will be an opportunity to visit and connect with chapter members. Consider offering a ride to another member/members. We will gather at KIKV about 12:15pm - Fernald is a 35 minute drive from KIKV for a 1:00 pm tour at Ray's shop. Afterwards we could stop and have dinner as a group? No evening meeting; the shop tour will be our monthly meeting with no business meeting. I hope you can participate in this tour and I look forward to seeing you.

Directions will be posted in this newsletter cause I don't even know exactly where Ray's shop is in Fernald. LOL I'm looking forward to this tour.

Till next time Blue Skies and Tail Winds!

AJ

**Board Meeting  
Minutes 2-13-21,**

**EAA Chapter 135, held remotely**

Board members present Or via internet connection : Ralph B., Stuart R., A. J. H., Brant H., Marc B., Dave S., Mike G. Jacob G.,

It needs to be noted that the meeting was broadcast from AJ's hanger at Nash field where internet connection was intermittent and unreliable

**OLD BUSINESS**

Old minutes were read and accepted  
Treasure report given

Chapters Web page on National EAA web was updated

After the meeting, Stuart, AJ. and Dave will conduct annual Treasurer audit and all treasurer documents will be passed to Stuart.

**NEW BUSINESS**

We need program ideas:

March- Dave Hintz from the FAA

April - Possible Fly out to Sully?

May - Flying Start program with possible Young Eagle event We need a chair person for this project

June - Young Eagle event?

July - Poker Run event Brant H. will be the project chairperson, Turf runways are preferred

Board discussed the possibility of the chapter working at Air Venture to serve breakfast. Will need 10-12 workers and we get paid for it. Maybe we can combine with Marshalltown EAA to get enough workers.

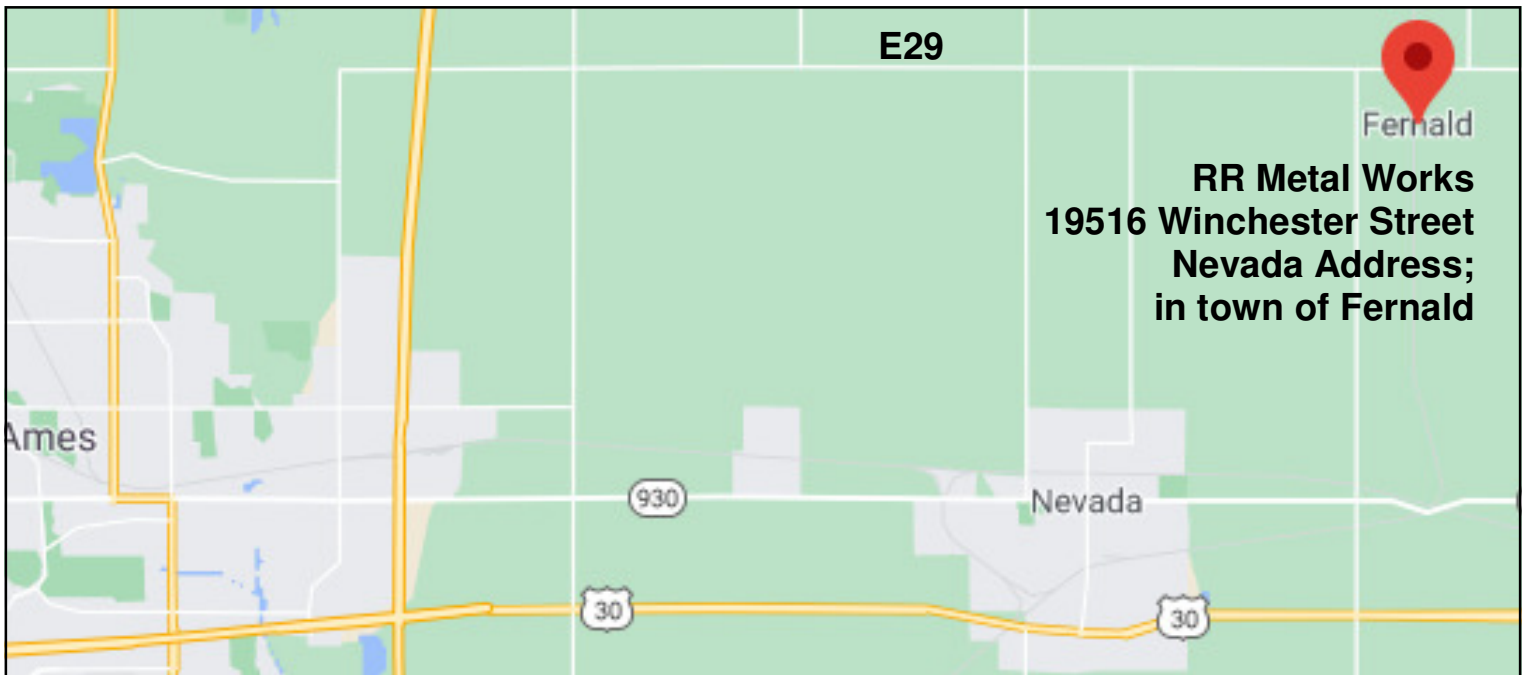
Stuart informed us about National EAA has a spreadsheet for us to use containing all our members.

Membership growth was discussed. Our chapter has a goal to increase membership by 5% this year.

The board would like to see our officers and board members attend an EAA leadership academy

This months membership meeting was canceled due to lack of internet connectivity.

Respectfully submitted by  
Brant Hollensbe, EAA 135 board member



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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

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Copy of rental agreement available by fax or email by calling Brant Hollensbe at 515-221-0970 or by email at bhollensbe@mchsi.com

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and run 1 January through  
31 December 2021.

Name:

EAA No.:

Address:

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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: Stuart Rauh • 1717 East Thornton • Des Moines, IA • 50320**