



Fightline Chronicles

Moline, IL / Quad Cities International Airport (KMLI)



What Have We Done for You Lately?

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This will date me BUT, Janet Jackson released a song in 1986 entitled, "What Have You Done For Me Lately?" This song is what established her in the music industry. As a teen in Hawaii at the time, it became an anthem to gauge our relationships and expectations. In addition to assessing what we could do for others through self-reflection, this song gave us permission to evaluate aspects of our life and honestly reflect on what was life giving for us. With this in mind, the topic for February is chapter events and activities – what have we done, and can we do for you (lately)? Conversely, is there a way for you to plug into the chapter more fully?

This past weekend, we are very proud that nine chapter leaders piled into a 15-passenger van (Big Bertha) and headed North to Oshkosh to learn about the latest and greatest, the best practices and chapter successes, to bring back to our chapter. This is an exciting leadership academy opportunity open to all EAA members three times a year.

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The next academy will be in April, and we highly recommend this free weekend training – [EAA Leadership Academy](#).

Join us February 1, at 11:30 AM at QC Aero for our monthly gathering. We will have our chapter leaders present with an informative presentation regarding what we learned at leadership academy in terms of what EAA has coming up, what they offer chapters, and what you can look forward to in terms of national membership. Then, we will discuss our upcoming calendar, what we hope to do to grow and expand as a chapter in the upcoming year, opportunities for you to engage, and an overall discussion of how we can better meet your needs as a chapter member and areas we can grow.

Things we can reflect on before the gathering:

- Our mission statement - We are a group of aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together with likeminded people to share ideas, exchange information, encourage safety, serve the local aviation community and have a lot of fun doing so. *Does this still fit us? If it does, are our activities and programs all in line with this statement? If it does not, how could we better word our mission statement to reflect our current efforts?*
- These are our founding principles:
 - *Diversity & Inclusion is paramount, as the love for aviation knows no boundaries*
 - *Foster an aviation focused, family friendly, welcoming chapter*
 - *Inspire youth & adults to pursue their passion for aviation through Eagle & Young Eagle experiences - follow up with chapter mentorship*

- *Provide aviation opportunities to marginalized populations*
- *Develop and administer scholarships to remove barriers for those with the greatest passion for aviation*
- *Promote and host aviation educational programs in support of STEM*
- *Encourage cooperation of all members to support one another's aviation goals*

Are our efforts consistent with our founding principles? If not, how can we realign our efforts to stay consistent with these principles? Are there efforts that we could be pursuing to better align ourselves?

- Volunteer opportunities – *What opportunities are currently available? What opportunities would you like to see within your organization? Are there better ways to engage membership to make our chapter more sustainable for the future?*
- Financial – *We do plan on giving a current financial update. Are there better ways to communicate this to the chapter in addition to the monthly business meetings and meeting notes?*
- Partnerships and collaboration – *Are there individuals and organizations that would make for a mutually beneficial partnership? If so, who are they? How can we connect?*
- Storytelling and impact – *How are we sharing our story and the impact of our chapter? Are there better, more effective ways? What are they and how can we utilize them?*

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Having this honest conversation in self-reflection regarding our chapter will help us overcome the challenges, meet the needs of our local aviation community, and grow with this industry in ways that will help each of us be safer and more effective pilots, UAS pilots, mechanics, and enthusiasts. What have we done for each other lately?

Let's talk about it – February 1, 11:30 AM, QC Aero – bring a dish to share if you can - Comfort food is our theme. If you can't, still come, it's not about the food, it's about you!

Calling All Volunteers!

What makes our Chapter thrive? You!

Our volunteers are the heart of everything we do, from Young Eagles rallies to gathering potlucks. Every successful event is a direct result of the time and effort you dedicate. Whether you're a seasoned pilot, an aviation enthusiast, or a parent cheering from the sidelines, there's a role for everyone.

Not sure where to start? Well, dip your toes in the water with one of our upcoming events! Tasks range from helping kids into planes for their first flight, flipping pancakes, greeting guests, taking photos, or simply sharing your enthusiasm for aviation.



No special skills required—just a little time and a willingness to lend a hand.

To prepare for some roles, you may need to complete the EAA Youth Protection Training. This quick, easy process ensures we're providing a safe and welcoming environment for all. Check out the upcoming events on page 5 and see how you can help! With your support, we'll continue educating current pilots and inspiring the next generation of aviators.

Ready to join the action?

Email us at chapter@eaa1702.org today to sign up for a volunteer opportunity!





RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP



Chapter Scholarship Update

We want to provide a short update on where our chapter is at with regards to the Ray Aviation Scholarship.

- Our Chapter has applied to EAA for a full Ray Scholarship, \$12,000 for 2025
- EAA will notify winning chapters beginning late Feb to early March
- Our Chapter has begun forming our Scholarship Committee in anticipation of receiving a scholarship
- Interested Chapter Youth must meet minimum requirements listed below

Eligibility Requirements for the Ray Aviation Scholarship

- 1 Must be Age 16 – 19 for powered flight training
- 2 Must possess an FAA Medical Certificate
- 3 Must possess an FAA Student Pilot Certificate
- 4 Must begin flight training within 60 days of accepting the award
- 5 Must be able to volunteer for Chapter service a min of 2 hours per month
- 6 Must meet with the Coordinator and submit a Monthly Activity Report which details flight training and volunteer activities and costs.
- 7 Must be able to schedule at least 3 flight lessons per week
- 8 Must be able to Solo within 3 months of start
- 9 Must be able to pass the FAA Knowledge Test within 6 months
- 10 Must be able to take and pass the FAA Checkride within 12 months

Boost Your Application Score

Here is a short list of things you can do now to help boost your application score. While none of these guarantee a scholarship, they will help set your application above other applicants.

Take a Young Eagle Flight: Becoming a “Young Eagle” opens up tremendous opportunities to help you advance in your flight training. The best part is that Young Eagle flights are given FREE from EAA Chapter Volunteers. Flights do not need to be completed with EAA 1702...any EAA Chapter Young Eagle flight applies! You can search for upcoming Young Eagle Rallies by visiting <https://events.eaachapters.org> or contact one of the chapters listed at the bottom of the page for more info.

Complete EAA’s “Young Eagle Flight Plan”: By taking a Young Eagle Flight, you receive FREE access to Sporty’s Private Pilot Ground School. Progressing or completing this online course not only helps you learn the knowledge required to become a pilot, but shows the scholarship committee your discipline and dedication to learning to fly. You should’ve received an email with link to access course at the email submitted when you took your Young Eagle Flight.

Completion of AeroEducate Elemental / Grade Badges: EAA’s AeroEducate is a FREE, self-paced online activity program for you to explore the exciting world of aviation. Through online activities, you will learn about the principles of flight, aviation technologies, and the vast career opportunities in aviation and Aerospace. As you complete activities, you will earn points and digital badges to mark your progression. Visit <https://www.aeroeducate.org> to sign up and begin earning badges today!

UPCOMING Events >>>

FEBRUARY CHAPTER EVENTS

- Sat **Feb 1** Chapter Gathering
QC Aero @ 11:30 AM
- Sat **Feb 8** Young Eagles Flying Start -
Teens ages 15-17
- Tue **Feb 11** Chapter Business Meeting
QC Aero @ 6 PM
- Sat **Feb 15** Coffee with the Controllers -
MLI Tower - Time TBD
- Tue **Feb 18** VMC Club Meeting
QC Aero @ 6 PM

UPCOMING MARCH EVENTS

- Sat **Mar 1** Chapter Gathering
QC Aero @ 11:30 AM
- Sat **Mar 8** Young Eagles Rally (Public)
- Tue **Mar 11** Chapter Business Meeting
QC Aero @ 6 PM
- Tue **Mar 18** VMC Club Meeting
QC Aero @ 6 PM
- Sat **Mar 22** Young Eagles Workshop
QC Aero @ 8:30 AM

[Click to View 2025 Chapter Events Calendar](#)



Ashley Mhoon	Feb 3
Ashley Hanson	Feb 7
Kritsin Mosher	Feb 23

Please email chapter@eaa1702.org if
your birthday is not listed

UPCOMING GATHERING TOPICS

FEBRUARY - WHAT'S NEW WITH EAA: ALL ABOUT EAA CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Chapter Members attending the EAA Chapter Leadership Academy in January will share their experience and lessons learned. Come attend if you are interested in learning about EAA Programs and what our chapter has planned for 2025.

MARCH - FAA MEDICAL DISCUSSION WITH DR. JAMES BLUM, SENIOR AME

We welcome Dr. James Blum, senior Aero-Medical Examiner from Iowa City to lead a discussion on FAA Medical Requirements for Pilots. This is a great session to attend if you are a looking to start flight training or a certified pilot with questions about Medical Renewal process and Basic Med.



What three factors constitute a "stabilized approach" when making a VFR approach and landing, and when should the aircraft be stabilized?

[Answer on page 8](#)

Membership

Setting You Up for Success

If you haven't registered as a member yet, please do so as soon as possible. This will ensure that you are receiving all of the membership emails, are kept up to date regarding the happenings, you are aware of all the volunteer opportunities, and will allow us to hear your voice to give you the greatest chapter experience possible. Membership also allows all of us to work together to make a strong, vibrant aviation community and support network for each other. Registration is simple - [MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION](#) Membership dues is \$20 for and individual, \$30 for a family, but dues should not be an impediment to membership.

0:30 Survey

Your Input Matters

How do you typically receive information about our chapter events?

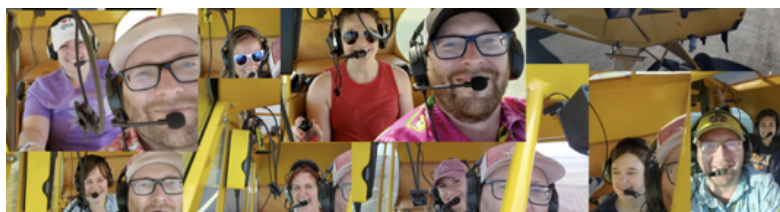
You can take this 30 second survey by following this link. This will help us focus our efforts to serve you best.

<https://forms.gle/uFdqEeDooyXLbJ6j7>

Spirit Wear



Show your chapter spirit with a t-shirt, hat, or hoodie! There are lots of options to choose from. **Click the photo above to go to the store.** Be on the look out for some special edition merchandise.



Jane Berg Tailwheel Scholarship

This scholarship is for tailwheel training in Milan, Illinois at the KMLI airport. The training will be completed in a 100HP 1946 Piper J3 Cub in accordance with 14 CFR §61.31(i). It will consist of approximately five to six hours of flight training and will conclude with a tailwheel endorsement.

This scholarship has a combined value of \$2,000. Of that amount, \$1,000 will be granted for the flight training. The remaining amount will be used for transportation to the training airport, housing, food, etc. That amount will be reimbursed upon completion of the training. If the applicant selected is determined to be based locally*, the amount for expenses will be held for the following year's scholarship. Applicants will have one year to complete the training or the funds for the flight portion will be forfeited.

* "local" applicants are defined by their current address residing within a 100 mile radius of KMLI, Quad City International Airport

Scholarship applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident
- Female
- Hold a minimum of an FAA Private Pilot or Sport Pilot certification in airplane
- Must hold a current flight review or equivalent under 14 CFR §61.56
- Meet parameters for the airplane (Piper Cub) to be flown within legal limitations

Essay Details

300 word minimum essay addressing why you want tailwheel endorsement training. Optional topics include: Why did you become a pilot? What qualities you enjoy in a flight instructor? Activities that promote aviation? Where you see yourself in five/ten years?

Application Deadline: February 18th, 2025

<https://forms.gle/aP8mRP8ncubLs2Zc9>

Member *Achievements*



WE'RE ON THE MAP!! Charlie Becker, EAA's Director of Chapters adds our patch to Official Chapter Map in EAA's Museum!!!!



Our chapter leaders at EAA's Chapter Leadership Academy in Oshkosh.



Tobey Strauch enjoying the view from a P-51 cockpit. CLEAR PROP!!

Do you have an Achievement you want to share?
Email us at
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VMC Question of the Month ANSWER

A stabilized approach means the aircraft is (1) on a constant descent angle (generally 3 degrees, or 300 feet per nm) to the touchdown point, (2) at a constant airspeed, and (3) properly configured (landing configuration). If the aircraft is not stabilized at 500 feet AGL for a VFR approach and landing, the pilot should go around.

Reference: [Fly Safe: Prevent Loss of Control Accidents | Federal Aviation Administration](#)

YouTube Channel to Check Out

AQP Grassroots Series by Aviation101:

This is the topic CFI Jim Reis discussed during our November Gathering. **A**dvanced **Q**ualification **P**rogram for General Aviation addresses the scenarios GA pilots should prepare themselves for so that there are no surprises during in-flight emergencies.

Download the AQP Flight Review Supplement [HERE](#)

Click Video on left to go to YouTube!



YouTube videos are not a substitute for flight training with an instructor. Consult a CFI before trying anything you see online.

Find more information at
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