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## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

# Fun, yet Docile



**Only 176  
Days to  
Oshkosh!**



David Karlson learned to fly at Hales Corners Airport in the early 1970's. Fellow member Carl Gollnick started him on his aviation journey with lessons and an eventual check ride before the end of the decade. David eventually worked his way to his instrument, multi-engine, commercial, and ATP ratings. He has been a member of the Experimental Aircraft Association since he was 12, and got engaged in Chapter 18 during his high school years, but trailed off to do other things. When he decided to scratch build an aircraft in 2009, David came back into Chapter 18 for good.

David wanted his own plane to enjoy personal aviation. He wanted something fun to fly, but docile and not 'much of a handful". The Acro Sport II, designed by Paul Poberezny, fit the bill. The plane was also featured as a project in the EAA School Flight program and David figured, if high school kids could build it, he could too.

The Acro II, is a two-place larger version of the single-place Acro-Sport. It features an M-6 airfoil with a 43 inch chord. It has large wheels, wide landing gear and a light gross weight. It is considered a fun, docile sport airplane designed for engines ranging in power from 115 to 200 hp. When fitted with a 180 hp Lycoming, its empty weight of 875 pounds makes it one of the lightest custom-built airplanes. The cockpit is designed to be comfortable for pilots up to 66 inches and 240 pounds. The airframe is somewhat larger than most biplanes to avoid "touchy" flight characteristics and allow for more baggage.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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# Docile

 Cont.

In 2009, David attended the welding forum at EAA. He remembers working hard to get the bead while a 12 year old, sitting behind him, was hammering one out with no problems. David moved on to take additional welding training at MATC. During his course of study he was the only gas welder in training. The biggest thing he's learned? "Try not to overthink stuff", something even he admits he hasn't managed to do. He's working hard to live up to the often provided advice of working on the project for, at least, an hour a day. When he completes the final welds on his fuselage the fun is going to begin. It's going to be a good show watching the Acro come out of the basement.



# PRESIDENT'S LETTER



## Greetings From The President

Hello and welcome to the first Flypaper of 2021! Being late January we are deep into the time of year that we refer to as “building season” and I hope you are taking advantage of this time to get some work done on your projects. I’ve heard and read from multiple sources that homebuilding really “took off” in 2020 and that many of the kit makers and suppliers like Aircraft Spruce are extremely busy trying to keep up with orders. This is a minor headache for those of us trying to get kits or parts, but it represents a good problem to have- we want these businesses to do well so they will be there in the future when we need them!

The last time that Chapter 18 got together for an in-person meeting was February 2020- almost a year ago. We had a couple of small gatherings since then, including a very, very late spring picnic in July as well as the Christmas Party in December. The Christmas Party was pretty well attended, and based on conversations with members at the party and elsewhere, there is a pretty strong inclination to resume in-person meetings. Your board has been kicking this around since last fall, and we’ve finally reached the point where we have decided to resume holding chapter meetings. And I don’t mean virtual meetings (although we will be live-streaming the meetings for those who can’t attend or don’t feel comfortable doing so) I mean real, live, in-person meetings.

We will hold our first meeting of 2021 on February 23rd, which is the usual 4th Tuesday, at the usual time of 7:30PM. The board will be meeting per usual at 6:30PM to discuss the business of the chapter, including where we go from here. One very important detail- the meeting location is changing. We will be meeting in the conference room at the Waukesha Airport terminal/ FBO building. This is the same room that we run Young Eagles events from, for those who are familiar. There is plenty of parking in the main parking lot which is outside the airport fence and therefor easily accessible.

I’m not going to patronize you with a lecture about masks, social distancing and the like. We all know the drill on that stuff by now. I will mention that we will be taking some precautionary measures, such as not serving coffee and cookies, so if you need your caffeine fix to stay awake during my presidential ramblings, be sure to hit Starbucks or KwikTrip on the way.

So why the move? Simple- because our usual meeting spot is within the City of Milwaukee (and obviously Milwaukee County as well) we are subject to the rather onerous restrictions that those entities have placed on in-person meetings. Waukesha County has no such restrictions and was more than glad to host our meetings. It is my sincere hope that this is just a short term move, and that we will be able to return to our permanent home soon. There is a lot of EAA history tied up in our meeting spot, but for the time being, Waukesha it is.

We have a lot of unfinished business from 2020, not the least of which is election of chapter officers which we agreed to put on hold until we could meet again. We are in the process of finalizing a contract with Dominion Voting Systems to purchase a machine to tally our votes for chapter officers as we speak. We hope to get the chapter back on its footing and moving forward. We lost an entire year of Young Eagles and there are a lot of kids out there eager for an airplane ride. Thankfully, the Dodgers won the World Series.

That is all for now. Hope to see you all on the 23rd. Until then keep your airspeed up and get ready for a better 2021!

# RAY AVIATION SCHOLAR



## Matthew Romuald



Matthew Romuald here with an update on my most recent achievements and activities with the help of Chapter 18, the EAA, and the Ray Scholarship association.

With the help of the Ray Aviation scholarship my most recent achievement is the completion of all of my long solo cross country flights and all of my required cross country time. I have also been working on ground lessons in preparation for my oral exam.

For my solo long cross country I flew Spring Cities Cessna 152 from the Waukesha airport to the Manitowoc airport to the Appleton airport. I had been chasing this flight for quite a while. Several times I had this flight scheduled, only to have it cancelled due to weather or cancelled due to maintenance. At least I made the call on go no go situations, and as excited as I was to complete this flight, knew the flight planning and cancelling was good practice. Luckily all the stars aligned and I was able to complete my flight on December 20, 2020. I started my flight in the afternoon and I landed back at the Waukesha airport right after sunset. In my opinion it was one of the most beautiful flights that I have ever been on.

Due to my two solo cross countries taking slightly less time than expected, I had to make a third cross country flight, in order to achieve my 5 hours of solo cross country. My third solo cross country was to the New Holstein airport (8D1). I made this flight in the morning so it was also an amazing flight. Although, I think that this was one of my most nerve racking flights as well, this was mainly due to the fact that I hadn't been to the New Holstein airport. Finding an airport like 8D1 in the snow when the only thing that is plowed is the runway and parking pad was, in my opinion, very interesting and challenging.

Most recently, my instructor Tom and I have been going over the ACS oral test standards. We have been talking about what questions I might be asked and how I should answer them. After I feel comfortable with my oral knowledge I believe that I will be ready for my check ride. I already feel confident in my flying abilities.

Recently, I have also received my Lightspeed Zulu 3 headset from Lightspeed Aviation. This is part of a program that lightspeed aviation runs in conjunction with the Ray Aviation Scholarship. As a part of your flight training as Ray Scholar, after you have completed your first solo and after you have passed your written exam you will receive a Zulu 3. This entailed paperwork, so call out to Tim for assisting me in making this awesome opportunity a reality. Thank you, Tim!

Overall, my plan for the coming month is to complete my simulated instrument time so that I will have all of my prerequisites for my check ride complete. After I have completed this I will be ready for my check ride, which weather and aircraft permitting, I plan to have completed by late January. I am really looking forward to completing my flight training and earning my pilots license!

## FEBRUARY MEETING



# February Meeting

**Tuesday, February 23**

**Board Meeting at 6:30 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.**

**Waukesha Airport Terminal**

**2525 Aviation Drive**

**Waukesha**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Tuesday, February 23 – Chapter 18 February Meeting**

Waukesha Airport Terminal  
 2525 Aviation Drive, Waukesha  
 Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
 Regular Meeting 7:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 13, 2021— Sun n Fun**

Lakeland, Florida

**Monday, July 26, 2021 – EAA AirVenture**

Oshkosh, WI

**Monday, April 8, 2024 – Total Eclipse of the Sun**

Somewhere, where there are no clouds. Remember your Social Distancing Protocols.



FEBRUARY 2021						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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TREASURER REPORT-TREASURER GLENN BOTSFORD

December 2020	Checking	Savings	PayPal	Total	Paid Membership
Beginning Balance	\$2,861.51	\$763.55	\$283.08	\$3,908.14	108
Income					
Interest	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.00		
Total Income	\$0.00	\$0.02	\$0.00		
Expenses					
WI Annual Report	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ray Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
EAA Chapter Fee and Insurance	\$423.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Total Expenses	\$1,433.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
Ending Balance	\$1,428.51	\$763.57	\$283.08	\$2,475.16	



Stay Safe



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