## EAA Chapter 227 Tower Talk

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## **Upcoming Chapter Events**

April 6th 8:30am Saturday Breakfast at the Ramada Inn downtown Waterloo on the corner of W4<sup>th</sup> and Commercial St.

April 16<sup>th</sup> 7:00PM Chapter monthly meeting. Location and program to be announced.

May4<sup>th</sup> 8:30am Saturday Breakfast at the Ramada Inn downtown Waterloo on the corner of W4<sup>th</sup> and Commercial St.

May21<sup>st</sup> 7:00pm Chapter monthly meeting. Location and program to be announced.

June 1<sup>st</sup> 8:30am Saturday Breakfast at the Ramada Inn downtown Waterloo on the corner of W4<sup>th</sup> and Commercial St.

June 18<sup>th</sup> Chapter monthly meeting. Location and program to be announced.

## Other area events

Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> **FAA Wings Seminar** Red Wing, Minnesota

FAA Wings Seminar will be held at the Prairie view Elementary School from 9:30am-Noon. School is near the RGK Airport. Follow signs from US63 & WI 35 or from RGK Airport to school. Shuttle service will be provided from Airport Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup>

## **Fort Dodge Regional Airport**

Annual Chili Fly-in/Drive-in PIC eats free 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. 515-955-3434 (Eric Amundson)

E-mail: fdairport@fortdodgeiowa.org

Nothing like the smell of fresh paint.

January 4<sup>th</sup> Robert Federhofer took his RV-9A to Sandwich Illinois to get it painted.



Forty days and \$\$\$\$ later he wasn't disappointed.



Since January two blizzards and an ice storm have provided plenty of free entertainment and exercise. Much of the free entertainment was in the form of snow fighting stories at chapter breakfasts. The following is a list of other things that have happened since the start of the new year.

Jan 4<sup>th</sup> Robert Federhofer took his plane to Sandwich Illinois to get it painted. It was a very cold and windy day and on the return trip the ground speed was about 68mph in "ole Betsy"; Dave Dunn's Cherokee 140. Nothing like a nice long scenic airplane ride.

Jan 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday breakfast and trivia questions.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Livingston Aviation. Motion was passed to keep future meeting start times later than 6:30 pm. Because Livingston Aviation closes at 8:00 pm we have had to start our meetings earlier.

Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday breakfast trivia questions, snow fighting stories and pictures of Dave Dunn's new grand daughters (twin girls).

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Brad Hagen, Waterloo Airport Director, gave the chapter permission to use the board room at the airport main terminal for chapter meetings.

Feb 13<sup>th</sup> Robert Federhofer took another ride in "ole Betsy", the Cherokee 140, to pick up his newly painted airplane.

Feb 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting at Waterloo terminal board room. Thanks to Matt Evers and his laptop computer, Dave Roberts' speakers and chapter projector we were able to watch a webinar on "Maintaining Aircraft Control and How To Avoid Loss of Control". One of the questions that had almost everyone was stumped "What is the primary control surface you use when turning an airplane?" The correct answer is the elevator. The video is on the EAA

websitMarch 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday breakfast: trivia questions. Marty Hoel won a free breakfast. March 3<sup>rd</sup> Dave Hummel and Richard Shepherd logged some flying time in Carl Campbell's airplane. Carl is in Texas and he doesn't like to leave his plane just sitting for any length of time.

March 19<sup>th</sup> Meeting at the Waterloo terminal board room. The program a video about ADS-B. (Automatic Dependent Surveillance- Broadcast) A new navigation aid that will be required in the year 2020 for aircraft that fly into airspace that now requires a transponder with mode C.

March 21 burger burn at Mason City From Dave Roberts: "Chris and I spent another great Thursday evening at KMCW's 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday's Burger Burn. I encourage anyone to become part of the group. Also I have been meeting on Saturday mornings at KMCW for Liars and Flyers. There is always plenty of good conversation there."

March 21- 31 Warren Brecheisen logged four hours in his RV-6 to hone his flying skills after a period of "other than flying," important things to do.

Inclement weather has done little to dampen Richard Shepherd's passion for flying since the day he earned his pilot's certificate. He enjoys taking people with him when he goes flying. One of his favorite destinations is the Black Angus Steak House across from the airport at Prairie du Chien Wisconsin. I am sure they appreciate all the new customers he has taken there. He has a log book with the names of forty two people who have gone with him on his flying adventures. Richard also participated in the Young Eagle Rally and gave 11 young eagle rides.



April 2, 2013 A day off, some text messaging, a couple of phone calls, two planes and some good walking shoes. Huckleberry's restaurant and gift shop at Prairie du Chien is a healthy one mile walk from the airport and the food is really good.



Flying into Prairie du Chien from the west is a unique experience because there is so much to see as soon as you fly over the river bluff. The big bridge over the Mississippi river, trains, barges and the river boat casino. If you are flying downwind for runway 29 in the summer you can see the campers at Wyalusing State Park off to your right. It is a real treat for the passengers while the pilot is busy flying the plane.

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