

EAA Chapter 227 Tower Talk

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Upcoming Area Events

January 7th Saturday 8:30 am
Breakfast at the Ramada Inn Downtown
Waterloo W4th and Commercial St

January 20th Friday 7:00pm
Chapter monthly meeting at Livingston
Aviation Board Room program to be
announced

February 4th Saturday 8:30am
Breakfast at the Ramada Inn Downtown
Waterloo W4th and Commercial St

February 17th Friday 7:00pm
Chapter Monthly Meeting at Livingston
Aviation Board Room program to be
announced

March 3rd Saturday 8:30am
Breakfast at the Ramada Inn Downtown
Waterloo W4th and Commercial St

March 16th Friday 7:00pm
Chapter Monthly Meeting at Livingston
Aviation Board Room program to be
announced

The election of officers was held at our
November meeting and the following officers
were voted in .

Dave Dunn	President
Richard Shepherd	Vice President
Robert Gutknecht	Secretary
Warren Brecheisen	Treasurer

Two great programs in November and December

Scott Lowe gave a presentation on aeronautical decision making and discipline at our November meeting. Scott, a professional pilot, clarified the decision making process with a diagram of what is required for a safe flight. There are the obvious things like checking the tires and oil then there are insidious traps that can occur from the lack of discipline; overlooking an item on the checklist being one of them. He shared some of his own experiences and stressed the importance of always having a “plan B.” We are fortunate to have Scott as a member of our chapter.

On December 7th an FAA safety seminar “Human Errors During Surface Operations” was held at the Waterloo Airport Conference Room. The program was an hour of airport questions and answers riddled with humor. Charles Rottinghaus was the only one to get the question right about runway holding sign numbers. The rest of us really knew the answer but we either forgot or suffered brain freeze. The theme of being fully aware of things happening around us was illustrated with pictures of accidents about to happen. Also there were recorded examples of what can happen from miscommunication with ATC. It was an excellent entertaining and informative program.



A time for Giving

Christmas Party and Chinese Gift Exchange 2011



Matt Evers is standing at the back of the room holding Elizabeth Ann the worlds youngest EAA member.

After traveling hundreds of miles and spending countless hours roaming through the shopping malls and stores to find “just the right gift” that is not too expensive, just the right color and size or just perfect ; you finally get to watch somebody open a gift that you bought for them. You’ll never know who it is for and they will never know who it is from. This often brings tears of joy or tears of laughter. Ann Campbell drew the numbers, Glenda Salyer read the names and Carl Campbell did the announcing. You could almost here Carly Simon in the background singing “anticipation” while waiting for your name to be called. I’m sure the gift of friendship was there too.

Thank you Richard and staff of the Ramada Inn for the fantastic job you did in making our Christmas Party a pleasant and memorable event.



Had this space to fill in the newsletter so I asked John Bender if he had any interesting pictures. I knew he wouldn’t let me down. This is a photo he took of a wind farm in northwest Iowa. while flying to Lakeville Minnesota. If you haven’t been in this area for a few years you will find he landscape has really changed.

Student pilots Members Richard Shepherd and Nolan Campbell are pursuing a private pilot license and it may be fun for us to help them anyway we can to achieve their goal. Most of the people they associate with on a daily basis are probably not airplane people and have little knowledge or interest in aviation. The challenges to flight training include unpredictable weather that can raise havoc with the training schedule, it is expensive and there is much to learn to pass the knowledge test. Belonging to an EAA chapter can help alleviate that feeling of being all alone in the world. Many of us have been in that same situation and can help by offering advice and being ready to listen when they tell about their first solo flight.

New terminal building under construction at the Oelwein Airport. The new maintenance storage facility and terminal is nearing the final stages of completion. It is located on the site of the old terminal building. It is still business as usual with fuel sales and maintenance although some amenities are a little primitive.



Pilot Greg Bryan making a “low pass” over the terminal building at the Oelwein Airport.

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Robert Federhofer's VR-9A has been moved to the Waterloo Airport for final assembly.



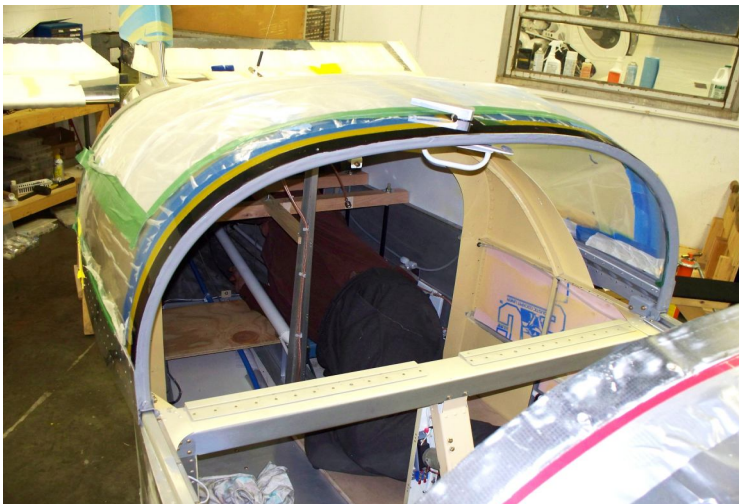
Doug Mattson and Jim Salyer were available to help install the wings.



Tail feathers installed



Robert testing the pitot static system for leaks



Installing trim cable. Not a job for someone who is Claustrophobic.

