

EAA Chapter 227 Tower Talk

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Upcoming Chapter Events

October 6th 8:30am Saturday

Breakfast at the Ramada Inn downtown Waterloo on the corner of W4th and Commercial St.

October 19th Friday Night

7:00pm. Chili Potluck Dinner in the hanger at Livingston Aviation in lieu of regular monthly meeting. Anyone who would like to contribute a pot of chili please contact Dave Dunn (319)269-1272 or Carl Campbell (319)234-2294.

November 3rd 8:30am

Saturday Breakfast at the Ramada Inn downtown Waterloo on the corner of W4th and Commercial St.

November 20th Chapter

monthly meeting. Location and program to be announced

December 1st 8:30am

Saturday Breakfast at the Ramada Inn downtown Waterloo on the corner of W4th and Commercial St.

December 14th Friday Night

7:00pm Annual Christmas Dinner and Chinese Gift exchange at the Ramada Inn downtown Waterloo on the corner of W4th and Commercial St. Please bring a gift of value between 5 and 10 dollars. You won't know who it is for and they won't know who it is from. Mystery, excitement, anticipation, laughter.

Richard Poppe Picnic Hero

At our July picnic Richard "Dick" Poppe, with a display of courage, boldly charged in where others feared to tread. He volunteered to cook the brats and burgers on our Chapter's new grill. The weather was warm but with a breeze, plenty of shade and good food everything turned out fine. Dick deserves a Culinary Commendation Medal.

Houston We Have a New Pilot.

The atmosphere was tense as Carl Campbell and I waited to see if Richard Shepherd was going to pass his check ride. Carl called Livingston Aviation several times and one of the reports was, "the examiner seemed to be in a good mood and that was a good sign." They hadn't taken the plane up yet. We waited by the radio on the kitchen table as long as we could but had other commitments so we had to wait until later for the news. Congratulations Richard!

Craig Simcox Guest Speaker at Chapter Meeting

Craig Simcox former Chief Project Engineer for the 767 and the 777 shared his career experiences while working for the Boeing Aircraft Company. Craig was returning to Waterloo to attend his 55th West High School class of 1957 anniversary when he was asked by Bill Ramsey if he would like to give a presentation to our chapter. He said yes and we were entertained with interesting stories of 'behind the scene' events that led to the production of the Boeing 767 and 777.

Craig received his Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State University in Aerospace Engineering. Master of Science from Stanford University in Aeronautics and Astronautics. PHD in Engineering Science from Purdue University.

His career included work at NASA-Ames Research Center, Assistant Professor at Purdue and Boeing. His last title at Boeing was Director of Engineering.

Craig graciously answered questions and now has many new friends.

Young Eagle Rally 2012 Successful Despite Setback

Richard Shepherd sent a text at 4:am Saturday the 22nd that the winds were gusting to 26kts. and forecast to get worse and maybe we should start calling people to postpone the rally. I called Matt Evers and he agreed. It turned out to be a good call as it was not a good day to give young eagle rides. Matt, Carl and I had the unenviable job of standing by the gate with the notice of the postponement to tell disappointed kids that it was just too windy to fly and they could come back tomorrow. It would have been a good turnout. Sunday we expected a light turnout of about 35 but we were surprised to see that most of them came back. We gave 107 young eagle rides. Many thanks to the pilots and ground crews that made this rally a success.



1st Solo. What a way to ruin a good shirt!

Robert Federhofer Receives Airworthiness Certificate For his RV9A

It's official Robert's plane has been inspected, signed off and he has received an airworthiness certificate.

Tom Berge a flight instructor from Minneapolis gave Robert transition training in his RV&7A. Tom is very knowledgeable about RV aircraft and offered Robert suggestions for some minor modifications. After the modifications Robert said he will be ready for the maiden flight.



Robert with his new certificate



Picnic at the Waterloo Airport



Flexing Helicopter Blades

Tim Newton, helicopter pilot at Livingston Aviation, explained that picture results like this can happen when photographing helicopters with a digital camera. This Photo was taken with a cell phone camera at the Oelwein Airport.

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