

EAA Chapter 227 Tower Talk

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Upcoming Chapter Events

January 5th 8:30am Saturday

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

January 15th Tuesday

5:45pm to 7:45pm Chapter monthly meeting at Livingston Aviation Board Room. Program to be announced.

February 2nd 8:30am Saturday

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February 19th Chapter monthly meeting. Location and program to be announced

March 2nd 8:30am Saturday

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Due to a change in business hours Livingston Aviation will be closing their doors at 8:00pm. The only times available for chapter meetings in the board room are between 5:45pm and 7:45pm.

First Flight N790RF

October 27, 2012 at 11:30 am Robert Federhofer called me from cloud nine to say he had just flown his RV-9A for the first time. He said it was one of the finest flying aircraft he has ever flown and has gentle flight characteristics. He later reported that test flights with integrated auto pilot demonstrated it will fly route phase to terminal and approach down to runway hands off. It will climb @ 1500 fpm @ 100 knots and cruise @ 170mph @ 4000ft. Weather permitting he plans to take to a paint shop the first week in January.

Mike Lewis donates special tools to the chapter.

The following is a list of tools donated
Bendix magneto gear locking pin (for timing Bendix mags)

Lycoming valve spring compressor

Lycoming cylinder base wrenches for narrow deck engines

Lycoming cylinder base wrenches for wide deck engines

Engine cylinder leakage tester

Brake lining riveter

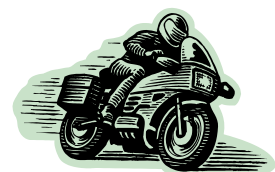
Engine valve guide cleaner

Piston ring compressor.

Thank you Mike for your valuable contribution. I am sure there are members who will be able to use them.

What's happening in Texas?

I called John and Linda Peacock two weeks ago and asked to borrow their snow shovel. After the laughter the response was; "Sure, it'll be in the mail." The temperature had reached a record of 88 degrees but at the time I had called it was in the 70s. An impromptu karaoke party netted nine unexpected guests and a good time. They were planning a trip to South Padre Island the next day to go hunting sea shells. John has been riding his motorcycle.



Christmas Party at the Ramada Inn 2012

A memorable dining experience, Richard Shephard shared a story about night flying, a trivia contest, member awards and a Chinese gift exchange.

The evening started with a fine dinner complete with excellent food and service, a dining room well laid out with a projector showing pictures, round tables with white table cloths and decorative center pieces along with friendly waiters serving beverages in a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Vice President Richard Shephard then told of renting a plane on December 4th from Livingston Aviation to make a flight to Prairie DuChien at night. The sky was crystal clear and he described how he was enjoying his newly earned privilege to fly and how amazing it was to sail through the darkness with sparkling stars above and lights from cities and towns below. On his return trip he happened to see a falling star and that is something he said he will never forget.

Kim Hummel won the trivia contest by getting the most correct answers defeating former chapter trivia champions. Competition would have been fierce but Richard decided to change the trivia category from Aviation to Christmas and Christmas songs. Example: "In the meadow we can build a" ??? Jim's wrong answer; RUNWAY. Another example: "On the Twelfth day of Christmas my true love gave to me"??? Marty's wrong answer; GPS. Sometimes life isn't fair but it can be a lot of fun anyway.

Annual awards were handed out to members for their contribution to the function of our chapter. They received a certificate of appreciation and an award pin.

For the main event the room underwent a complete metamorphosis as chairs were arranged in a circle for the opening of the gifts. Under the direction of Rex Pershing the gifts were opened one by one each taking a turn and with Rex ready with his trusty pocket knife. There is always something exciting about opening a package revealing the mysterious gift inside. Some were tightly wrapped with bows, some were loose in a decorative bag and a couple of notable ones were wrapped in old navigation charts. The Chinese gift exchange really gets exciting again when names are drawn from a hat and everyone is given the option to either keep their gift or exchange with someone else. Some gifts changed hands several times while others just found a good home. Sadly the party soon was over and the feeling sets in that one gets after a good flight and it's time to put the plane away. "Wow, that was fun, I can hardly wait for next year."

The EAA Chapter 227 Annual Christmas Party is a tradition that has kept our members together for decades and I hope to see everyone next year at the Annual Christmas Party 2013.



Richard did a fantastic job decorating.



Getting ready to open gifts

John Bender offered these interesting aerial pictures to put in the newsletter. The pictures were taken while flying to Boscobel Wisconsin and show a beautiful array of fall colors.

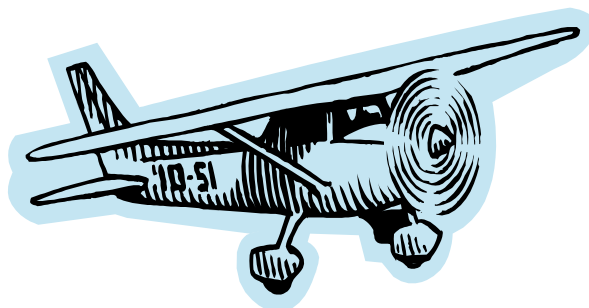


Local Airplanes For Sale

2005 RV9A \$52,000 160hp 2.5 subaru with gen3 gearbox MT-7 constant speed prop 390hr TT A&E dynon D10A EIS, garman 250XL with GPS, garman GTX 320A transponder, flightcom 403 intercom, digitrak auto pilot, heater craft cabin heat, removable stick on right side. Clarence Smith Owner - located Washburn, IA USA • Telephone: 319-404-1857

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