

EAA Chapter 227 Tower Talk

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Upcoming Area Events

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

April 17th Tuesday 7:00pm
Chapter monthly meeting at Livingston
Aviation Board Room. Program: Marvin
Hoppenworth has a dvd on Women's air
races from 1929.

May 5th Saturday 8:30am
Breakfast at the Ramada Inn Downtown
Waterloo W4th and Commercial St

May 15th Tuesday 7:00pm
Chapter Monthly Meeting at Livingston
Aviation Board Room program to be
announced

June 2nd Saturday 8:30am
Breakfast at the Ramada Inn Downtown
Waterloo W4th and Commercial St

June 19th Tuesday 7:00pm
Chapter Monthly Meeting at Livingston
Aviation Board Room program to be
announced.

Monthly Meeting Day Change

At our monthly meeting on March 16th the proposal was made and agreed on to change the day of our monthly meeting from Friday to Tuesday. This may make it easier for more members to attend.

Elizabeth Evers displayed her disinterest of the topics being discussed at our March monthly meeting by falling asleep. She didn't even make it through Warren's treasury report. She began to show signs of life later when Glen Evers began telling about his GP-4 project. There is nothing like talk of speed, power to capture a young lady's interest.

Welcome home snowbirds. It will be nice to see your smiling faces at the Saturday morning breakfast.

Dave Hummel said Nolan Campbell and Richard Shepherd are doing well with their flight training. and should soon be ready for some cross country flying.



Richard (picture) has been signed off for solo flight.

Eagle Flights. A new EAA program will start this summer that will give adults an opportunity for an airplane ride. Flying is not for everyone and most will just appreciate an airplane ride but the goal will be to find potential pilots and introduce them to flying. Sometimes an airplane ride is all it takes to get them started.

What is an Osprey GP-4 ?

It is a high performance two place side by side kit aircraft. Construction is primarily of wood and steel. At our March meeting Glen Evans announced that he has an engine and materials to start a GP-4 project. He plans to start assembling parts later this summer. Among other skills Glen has experience in the auto body repair business and this project will require a lot of filling and sanding. He said he wanted to build an airplane of wood rather than fiberglass because he felt that there would be less damage caused by ultra violet radiation; a problem he has seen from repairing Corvettes and fiberglass boats. Sure. Maybe that is one reason to build a GP-4 but from looking at the specs I can see someone who likes hot rods.



General characteristics

- **Crew:** 1 (pilot)
- **Capacity:** 1 (passenger)
- **Length:** 21 ft 6 in (6.55 m)
- **Wingspan:** 24 ft 8 in (7.52 m)
- **Empty weight:** 1248 lb (566 kg)
- **Gross weight:** 1985 lb (900 kg)
- **Powerplant:** 1 × [Lycoming IO-360](#), 200 hp (149 kW)

Performance

- **Maximum speed:** 250 mph (402 km/h)
- **Cruise speed:** 240 mph (386 km/h)
- **Range:** 1100 miles (1770 km)
- **Rate of climb:** 2,200 ft/min (11.2 m/s)

Wanted

Information, news, pictures or ideas for the newsletter. Send to Dave Dunn
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It has been said that one picture is worth one thousand words but they sure gobble up the printer ink.

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The state of Texas has an area of 268,581 sq. mi. and has a population of 25,274,681. Texas also has 790 airports and over 50 aviation chapters. Texas is also a great place to go if your home is in Iowa and you want to escape the cold winter weather. John and Linda Peacock decided to go to a local EAA Chapter 595 St. Patrick's day dinner and were surprised to find four other Waterloo Chapter 227 members there. Jim and Glenda Salyer were accompanied by the "dynamic duo" Carl and Ann Campbell. They had a great time but we'll be glad to have them back.



EAA Chapter 595 Kitfox project

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