



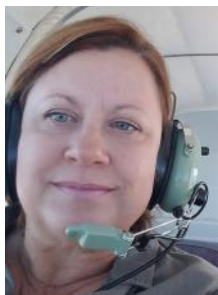
Above it All

March 2024

EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 327 - DUBUQUE IA USA
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From The Desk of the President

Dear members,



I really hate to start this message out every month with "Wow" so let me say - WOW WOW WOW!!! You all are amazing!

I wanted to envision what 50 participants in our hangar would look like and you delivered me 50!! I've included some photo's of that night. Thank you for inviting all your guests and for all our recent

new members. We keep this up and we'll be having to add a second story loft!

A Big Welcome to our New Members since January

- Byron Nesler-Perez
- Jerald Bybee
- Patrick Rambousek
- Ryan Holland
- Colin Wheatley
- Lexie Steffen
- Temwa Phiri

With so many new members, I wanted to remind us of **who we are**.

How does one describe an EAA member? That question does not have a definitive answer. EAA members represent every aspect of aviation and often have multiple interests. We fly them. We fix them. We even build them. EAA members are what we like to call the "keepers of the flame." Sure, we love airplanes. But it goes beyond that.

It's about passion, camaraderie, that ol' can-do spirit, and a grassroots way of sharing our love of aviation with others. It's the airplanes that bring us together. It's the people who keep us coming back.

We are...

A community of passionate aviation enthusiasts that promotes and supports recreational flying.

Our vision...

A vibrant and growing aviation community.

Our mission...

To grow participation in aviation by promot-

ing the "Spirit of Aviation."

We serve the community by:

- Inspiring new participants in aviation
- Inviting the public to experience flight
- Providing a compelling view of possibilities
- Nurturing interest in aviation
- Supporting clear pathways to participation
- Enriching the participation experience
- Protecting rights and the freedom to fly
- Encouraging affordable flying in a local environment
- Cultivating and providing knowledge, information, and resources
- Embracing diverse interests, camaraderie, and fun
- Supporting and promoting aviation events and activities

There's an element of excitement associated with the word "airplane" that creates the spirit of adventure. It knows no boundaries and encourages enthusiasm that's as infectious as it is appealing. It is what has captured the imagination of more than 200,000 individuals who proudly call themselves EAA members.

EAA was founded in 1953 by Paul H. Poberezny who served as the organization's president from 1953 to 1989 and then as chairman of the board until 2009. It has grown from a handful of aviation enthusiasts to an international organization representing virtually the entire spectrum of recreational aviation.

EAA National Website <https://www.eaa.org/ea/about-eea/eea-history>

We have instore a lot of events coming up so keep your eyes on your newsletter for calendared events and future emails with more details. And remember, keep bringing your guests to share in the spirit of aviation.

Thank you all so much for all you do to make our chapter 327 a success.

Nancy Du Plessis
EAA 327 Chapter President

EAA 327 Board Approved RC Build

At our February Board of Directors Meeting, we approved to purchase of the EAA RC Kit if approved the EAA National for the reduced price kit build. We were thrilled to hear back a week later that our application was approved and that a sweet RC kit plane will be ship an on it's way to our club.

We are also very appreciative that our chapter member Clayton Greaves, will be heading up this project. He comes a vast amount of experience, connections to the local AMA club and a passion for RC planes.

Our club gathering on March 19th will feature a presentation by Clayton and introduce the RC kit build. Signs up adult help, youth & CAP members will be available that night. We will need all necessary parent forms returned back by the first kit build date. The plan is utilizing Saturday's at the hangar from 10-1pm for about 4/+ weeks to get it done, then we will fly it!!



It should be an interesting, informative and fun night. We hope to see you all there Tues March 19th @ 6:30pm at the Hangar. More information about the RC Build program from the EAA website is below...

The EAA Young Eagles Build and Fly program is an intensive RC model building and flying initiative to introduce youth to aircraft construction and the fundamentals of flight.

This is a chapter modeling "program-in-a-box" designed for EAA chapters to partner with local Academy of Model Aeronautics (AMA) clubs to engage Young Eagles participants and other youth. The program can either be a follow-up to or lead to an EAA Young Eagles flight and is intended to further their passion for aviation.

The program kit includes an EAA-exclusive, SIG electric-powered eKadet LT-40 kit, all building materials, electronics, and accessories; a Horizon Hobby Vapor indoor RC model, and a copy of the RealFlight 9 RC flight simulator. The SIG electric-powered eKadet LT-40 kit is an electric motor version of the traditional SIG LT-40 Glo Plug engine powered model, only available through this program. The only things the chapter and club need to provide are the volunteers, a space to house the program, and a computer to run RealFlight 9.

Thanks to the generous support of the Burgher Fund and discounts provided by SIG Manufacturing and Horizon Hobbies, the complete project kit is available to EAA chapters for just \$500 (plus shipping & handling), which is approximately one-third the usual retail price.

This program is eligible to use Young Eagles Credits for the purchase of the kit.

All EAA chapters and squadrons are eligible to participate in the EAA Young Eagles Build and Fly program if they meet the following criteria:

- Be an EAA chapter or squadron in good standing.
- Have an area suitable for building and storing the LT-40 eKadet model.
- Ability and desire to partner with a local AMA club and solicit AMA volunteer presence for their RC expertise.
- Have all volunteers complete EAA's Youth Protection Policy training and background check.
- Solicit youth participation to previous Young Eagles, at Young Eagles rallies, local school programs, clubs, or other youth outlets.
- A commitment to foster the project through to completion.

Come on out to the hangar and check it out!

Ray Scholar Report by Jack Newhouse



The life of a sixteen year old Chapter 327 EAA Ray Scholar is never dull. On the heels of telling you all of my barnstorming tire popping antics last month, I have a new addition to this story. I think this is an interesting one.

First though, sadly, my CFI, we will change his name Dagnet style here to “Sam” because I don’t have his permission, has ditched me for a cargo job. Subsequently, I had to race to get things straightened out in order to keep my hours accruing each week. This is finally taken care of which now allows me to share with you the details of the last month with Sam, Morey Airport, and sixty plus pounds of illegal drugs.

It all starts when we still had snow piled up along the runways. One of Sam’s other students came in hot and decided to see what happens when a Cessna drives into an iced up, three foot tall snow bank. Needless to say, one of my regular rental planes is no more. The landing gear crumpled. The plane and spinning propeller lurched forward and the entire plane

went tail up and over. The poor student inside was still strapped in when the FBO staff got to him.

Morey gets most of their planes as retired Embry Riddle 172s. They rip out the glass cockpit and sell it separately from the plane with its old six pack put back in. The used Garman sells for more than the plane. Anyway, this snowbanked plane is now scrap metal. Rest assured, though, I took the poor guy’s bad luck and turned his experience into a teaching moment for myself. I am now affirmed in my suspicions that it is better to utilize the paved and maintained part of the runway. Be proud, your Ray Scholar is quick on the uptake of new info!

Believe me though, it gets worse. To add to Sam’s headache, the Department of Justice got a tip off of a drug smuggling operation at Morey Airport that involved the same fleet of Cessnas that I rent to do my lessons and solos in. An undercover operation swooped in and got two guys with a duffle bag full of fifty plus pounds of fentanyl and over a dozen pounds of meth that was flown into Middleton. Now, how’s that for Miami Vice kind of excitement? Neither the airport, the flight school, nor Sam had anything to do with it. However, Sam taught the guys how to fly that specific plane and they would only rent it for all their lessons. Maybe this explains the quick departure from instructing to cargo? Honestly though, all jokes aside, he was an awesome instructor and I will really miss flying with him. I do hope to someday help other student pilots that way he helped me.

On a less Hollywood type of vein, I have been spending more time in Dubuque’s airspace as of late, flying the Civil Air Patrol 172. This is letting me learn their system and experience the luxury of a G1000 and autopilot. Technology is a pretty cool thing. The Dubuque airport is a pretty great place too.

So, to sum this all up, here’s to another good month of flying for all of us. I enjoyed last month’s meeting. Thank you for all of your kind words and support. Please remember, the offer still stands, if you want some kid to come out to the hangar and get messy, I am your guy.

Lastly, I was told, and I think it is true, every take off is optional, but every landing is mandatory,

Thank you Chapter 327,

- Jackson

Welcome EAA 410!!! (And let's go there!!!)



We welcomed Kent Johnson, Chapter President of EAA 410 of Geneseo, IL. (and over 50 attendees!) to our February 20th meeting.

Kent and Carol attended our last gathering in February and really appreciated all of our hospitality. They have extended to us an invitation for a fly -in sometime but also – did you know they have a monthly breakfast fly in?! How cool is that?!?!?!?



Their airport in Geneseo offers every 3rd Saturday each month from 8am-10am their monthly “Wining’ It’ breakfast. If you have any questions – you can reach him at (309) 912-0437.



Local Calendar of Events

For many other Aviation Related events, visit the following websites. Click on the following links. Will only list events submitted to the editor and other most local events here.

- [EAA Aviation Calendar of Events](#)
- [AOPA Calendar of Events](#)
- [Iowa DOT Office of Aviation Calendar](#)
- [Wisconsin Fly-Ins and Airshow Event Calendar](#)
- [Fly-Ins.com Calendar Website](#)
- [Fun Places to Fly Website](#)
- [Social Flight Calendar](#)
- [Midwest Flyer Magazine Calendar](#)



Tuesday, March 19, 2024 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ

6:30PM Dinner and 7:00 Meeting

Program: Chapter video and special surprise program.
Dinner by: Linda Weber (again)!!!
(Please thank her profusely!)

Chapter Website: www.327.eaachapter.org
 Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/EAA327>

Send event information on those activities that would interest the membership. Will be delighted to include any information on aviation related activities, fly-in breakfasts, etc. e-Mail your information to Bob.Woodward312@gmail.com.

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EAA Chapter 327 IMC Club

“To promote instrument flying, proficiency, and safety”

Meets: 7pm, 3rd Thurs of month
 Location: Dubuque Airport Hangar 88

For more information contact: nancydupe@gmail.com

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[Fueling V F T - Learning from Mistakes to Prevent a Tragedy](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS**

Wednesday, March 20, 7 p.m. CST with Keith Clark

Everyday aircraft are fueled, and what happens during this time is the key to preventing a tragedy. Keith Clark from Phillips 66 Aviation discusses proper communication of aircraft fuel orders and strategies to ensure verification. Keith reviews examples of past mistakes and how to learn from these mistakes to prevent another aircraft misfueling.

[Young Eagles Rally Planning 101](#)

Tuesday, March 26, 12 p.m. CST

Gear up for EAA's International Young Eagles Day, scheduled for June 8, 2024. This webinar will cover rally planning best practices, how to utilize Young Eagles online registration/digital signature app, and other program updates!

[Lessons from a Performance Chart](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit**

Wednesday, March 27, 7 p.m. CST with Catherine Cavagnaro

We often rush through performance calculations to ensure our aircraft is up to the mission. Join Catherine Cavagnaro from ACE Aerobatics School as she explains that these charts have so much more to teach us than that. We'll consider takeoff performance and weight and balance, and learn important considerations for safe flight.

[The Van's RV](#) | **Museum Webinar Series**

Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT with Chris Henry & Dick VanGrunsven

The Van's RV series is one of the designs that changed the landscape of homebuilt aircraft. Tonight we will talk about the examples in the EAA Aviation Museum collection, as well as the history of the type.

[Ending the War on Jugs](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT Credit**

Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 7 p.m. CDT with Mike Busch

Historically, the rule A&Ps were taught about cylinders was simple: If the compression reading was less than 60/80, the cylinder had to come off for repair or replacement, period. This works well for mechanics, who are always happiest when they have clear-cut guidance to follow. But it was bad news for aircraft owners, who have to shell out several thousand dollars each time a jug gets yanked, and occasionally suffer catastrophic engine failure when the cylinder installation isn't done precisely right. In recent years, we've developed far more effective methods of assessing cylinder condition, catching problems early, and remediating them without the need for costly and risky cylinder removal. In this webinar, Mike Busch discusses these modern methods, techniques, and practices.

Chapter 327 Flight Instructors

Here is a listing of Chapter 327 members that are flight instructors and would be willing to help with primary flight instruction, your next BFR or other. *If you are a Chapter member and a flight instructor please let me know and I will include your name in the listing. Additions/Corrections are welcome!*

CFI / CFII	Phone	New Students	CFII	BFR	IFP	Airports	Plane
Mike Nickeson	563/451-6246	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DBQ	Owners, Club Plane

e-mail - Bob Woodward (bob.woodward312@gmail.com) to add your name to the list.

EAA Chapter 327 New Member Application Form



FORM REV. 1/3/2024

FIRST NAME: _____ LAST NAME: _____
NICKNAME: _____ DATE OF BIRTH: _____
STREET ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
PHONE #: _____ NATIONAL EAA NUMBER: _____
LICENSES/RATINGS/SKILLS: _____
AIRCRAFT OWNED/ PROJECT/ BUILT: _____

DO YOU HAVE AN AIRPORT ID BADGE? YES NO

(FOR REFERENCE AS OUR CHAPTER GROWS AND FOR EVENTS)

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN: VMC IMC CLUBS

YOUNG EAGLES: PILOT VOLUNTEER
YOUTH PROTECTION BACKGROUND CHECK COMPLETED? (Y/N) _____
DATE COMPLETED, IF YES: _____

EAGLE FLIGHT: PILOT VOLUNTEER

*Please email a passport like photo of yourself to
members@eaa327.org so we can update our member directory.
Thank You!*

Membership Type

Please checkmark a membership type.

Individual Membership

\$20 per year

Family Membership

\$30 per year

All checks can be dropped off at the EAA Hangar dropbox or can be mailed to EAA Treasurer Andy Hawkinson at 15931 Lore Mound Road, Dubuque, Iowa 52002.

Letter From the President

It is my great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to each and every member of EAA Chapter 327. As President, I am truly honored to lead a community of aviation enthusiasts who share a passion for the skies. Our chapter is a vibrant and dynamic family dedicated to fostering a love for aviation, promoting safety, and creating lasting connections among like-minded individuals. Whether you're an experienced pilot or someone taking their first steps into the world of aviation, EAA Chapter 327 is here to support and inspire you on your journey. Together, let us soar to new heights and celebrate the joy of flight.

Welcome aboard!

Nancy DuPlessis

President of EAA Chapter 327

