



Above it All

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



Wow! Spring sprung with green grass and flowering trees in blossom, and there are five inches of potential snow forecast for tomorrow. That's an Iowa April for you. Gotta love it. I put my snowplow away so hoping it will melt quickly. There is lots of news to share this month.

First off, we were awarded Gold Chapter status for 2022 by national EAA. That requires 9 of 10 criteria being fulfilled (we did 10 of 10), so thanks for everyone's enthusiasm and help in making all these things happen. We'll be joining the most active chapters in the nation being recognized by national EAA again this year.

Chapter Member Bryan Gutraj received the 2023 AOPA award for Best Flight Instructor on a national level. This was announced just last week in Oshkosh. He is Treasurer Brett Pearce's CFII. What a nice reflection on Bryan's efforts at UD and in the aviation community. Congratulations! More articles will be coming in the AOPA press in the weeks and months to come so look for those. Here is a link to an AOPA article about Bryan's award: <https://www.aopa.org/news-and-media/all-news/2023/april/13/best-flight-school-instructor-revealed>

Results are back on the EAA National Chapter survey we took at the end of 2022. Sixty three Chapter members participated, and 89% would recommend our Chapter to a colleague. Here is a link to the survey. I hope you'll review it. Especially question 17's answers are interesting where members recommend one thing to improve the Chapter. I hope more members will pick just one thing they are interested in and agree to lead that project. It is good for the Chapter to have a more distributed leadership model. Here is the clickable link to the survey: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1ZzS4aQY_zPE_WDwSKQDAWvM2OO4b8BIJ/edit#gid=1947443020

Greg Stopyra is Secretary to Chapter 75 in Moline and shared a Google calendar with me he has been working on for his chapter. I plugged in our Chapter events and what Airport Manager Todd Dalsing suggested we help with. You can link to it here: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/14yp52tmz10uxuslf71cAScj2n3C3BKHreHkHxW1SyZmw/edit> If you have additional or different ideas, please mention to a Chapter Officer. It will be especially appreciated if you offer to take the idea and run with it, with

the support of your friends and other members in the Chapter. Print it for your personal reference.

We had a treat in Hanger 88 last Thursday. A friend of member Bill Fitch is a fellow Ham radio operator and works with a group of kids from the Marshall Islands who are members of the Church of the Latter Day Saints. Bill invited Colin Wheatley and the boys with two adult Marshallese leaders to come to our hanger and see airplane projects and talk about careers in aviation. There were about 10 boys from 8 to 16 years old with lots of energy. They ran around poking each other, laughing, singing and dancing while we showed them our personal planes and took them to the EAA Observation Area to use the binoculars. It was a beautiful night and I think everyone had a great time. I had the pleasure of engaging one of the leaders in their story of coming to Dubuque for a better education and job as a high school student, and now has two kids who have finished University educations. Not easy to leave home, language, culture and everything you know. He is really pleased at the opportunities his grown children have. This reminded me not to take what we have for granted.

Our Ray Scholar student Andrew Barbee is setting a record on number of Private Pilot check rides scheduled. I think he is up to number 8 now. Weather has been the main issue, but one of them was cancelled when his driver license was discovered to be expired. We are hoping he'll be celebrating achieving his Pilot's license really soon. The second Ray Scholar student Austin Haubenstricker, hopes to resume his pilot training in the CAP 172 this spring. I believe his CFI Destiny Carpenter has been checked out in the CAP plane. Austin has been meeting with her to do ground school over the winter.

Our April meeting will start at 6:30 next week the usual third Tuesday in EAA Hanger 88. Expect a light supper, pizza this time, with Don Hedeman bringing it out. We'll be talking about calendar and survey results, so bring your ideas and suggestions for the coming year. I'll have video media for your edification and entertainment should the discussion end before our hour of meeting is over.

Blue skies and tailwinds,
Chuck Weber, EAA Chapter 327 President



Chapter Camping for Airventure - Sign up now!!!!

- Bob Woodward (bob.woodward312@gmail.com. 563/543-2194)

EAA Airventure at Oshkosh is just 100 days away! For the last couple of years we've been reserving 6 camping spots (the maximum possible) in the Chapter Camping area. We plan to do that again this year and I will be taking reservations starting this Tuesday, April 18. I plan to enter the reservations around Friday, May 5th.

For each camping location I need to get the person who is reserving the spot (they MUST be a current EAA national member with EAA number) and we have to pay in full in advance.



Rather than paying by the day, a campsite is staked out until the convention ends. Chapters are able to purchase in advance two to six campsites at a flat rate in order to establish a chapter base of operations. Since the campsites will be staked out in advance, each chapter can direct its members to camp in the vicinity of this area.

1. Chapters can secure two to six campsites. This years cost will be \$306.00 per campsite. (Note: This is for camping only. You must purchase a separate admission for each day attended or the week.
2. No need to travel to Oshkosh early to stake out your chapter group camping area. Due to the campground already being open for weeks, with many sites already filled in highly desired areas, chapter campsites will be staked out as close as possible to the desired locations listed by the chapter.
3. At least one camping person per individual camping site must be a current chapter member and a current EAA member through the end of AirVenture Oshkosh. A list of EAA members (one per campsite) to attend with the chapter (who must be current through the end of AirVenture Oshkosh) will be provided in writing to the camper registration staff with the chapter camping request form.
4. When you submit your reservation through me, I need to know if you will be in a camper (up to 30' long) or a tent.
5. Chapter camping is only available in Camp Scholler, aircraft camping is excluded.
6. No refunds due to early departure are allowed for these campsites.

The past couple of years we've had a number of people who've asked to get a spot at the "last minute" (a few weeks before the event) when we were already full. This year I'd like to get reservations sooner to get a good spot. I will need payment in full for each spot reserved. If you are interested in joining us in the Chapter Camping area July 24-30, please don't delay!!!

54th Anniversary of EAA Chapter 327 was on April 7, 2003



54 years before April 7, 2023 was April 7 of 1969. That was the founding of the Dubuque Chapter of EAA. The National organization was founded in 1953 by Paul Poberezny who was President until 1989, and was then Chairman of the Board until 2009.

The sole surviving active member of our Chapter who was there at the founding is Stacey Murdock (left), who lives near Atlanta in the winter to be near his grandchildren, and comes back to Dubuque in the summer. Member Joe Weber tells me his brother was also a part of the first Chapter in Dubuque, but he is no longer involved with aviation.



Thanks to Stacey for getting us started when I was 9 years old, and some of us weren't even born. It is still fun to be around EAA and celebrate the joy of flying!
- Chuck Weber

WANTED

Young Eagles Pilots

The EAA is celebrating the 30th anniversary of its Young Eagles program; as part of this celebration, they are giving local EAA Chapters double credits through July for conducting YE events. We are planning to sponsor an event this spring and would like to establish a pool of pilots who would like to fly the Young Eagles. If you are interested in diving into our pool you need to complete the following steps:

- 1.) Go to <https://youtu.be/5kAjq-d3nnA> and review the EAA's video describing how to sign up as a pilot.
- 2.) Go to and log into your account at www.EAA.org then navigate to My Account>Go To Training>Youth Protection Training. After you have completed the Youth Protection Training proceed onto complete the Background Check by going to <https://www.eaa.org/ea/youth/youth-protection-policy-and-program> for a description of the steps to complete EAA's Youth Protection & Background Check program.
- 3.) If you would like to fly some individual YE flights, visit <https://youtu.be/Lrk10ksz-nM> to learn how to sign up for these flights so that the Chapter receives its credits and the Young Eagles get their full benefits from the EAA. If you are interested in the individual flights and would like some names contact me at rjtheobald@yahoo.com.

Signup Requirements

Before Flight Requirements

EAA Volunteer Pilots

- Current EAA member
- Youth protection and background check
- Legal to carry passengers
 - Currency requirements
 - Flight review
 - Medical/Basic Med (if applicable)
- Airworthy aircraft
- Passenger liability insurance
 - Pilot must carry a minimum of \$100,000 per passenger liability insurance
- Supplemental EAA insurance (\$1M)

Before the Flight

- Complete registration form and waiver
 - Signature from parent/legal guardian and pilot
- Leave the waiver on the ground
- **No hot loading (boarding with the engine(s) running)**
 - **Helicopters included**
- Provide passenger briefing (suggested)
 - How to board the aircraft
 - How the seatbelts work
 - How the doors/canopy work

Congressman Visits Dubuque Airport to Encourage Kids



Recently elected from Western Wisconsin, to the US House of Representatives, Congressman Derrick van Orden visited the Airport on Wednesday, April 5. Jon Haubenstricker, an EAA Chapter 327 member, met Representative van Orden in Washington, D.C and invited him to visit with the Civil Air Patrol cadets, who are also member of Chapter 327.



We had a ride in the CAP Cessna 172, but winds gusting over 35 knots and a low ceiling conspired against us. One of the cadets, Jack Newhouse, is interested in a US Military Academy application, and a career in aviation. Rep van Orden is a retired Navy Seal, and very supportive of the military and country he served.

With the orientation flight scrubbed, he and his staff went to the Jet Center Conference room and told his personal story, then went around the room speaking to each Cadet and most of the adults, encouraging them to “Do” and not just “Dream”. It was very inspirational and time well spent.



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, April 18, 2023 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ

6:30PM Dinner (courtesy of Don Hedeman) and 7:00 meeting

Program: Discuss calendar and survey results, your ideas and suggestions for the coming year, chapter video.

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, 2nd Thurs of month
 Location: Dubuque Airport Terminal Conference Room

For more information contact: charlesbweber@me.com

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Upcoming EAA Webinars

Go to www.eaa.org/webinars to view the schedule and to register.

Date	Time	Title	Presenter(s)
4/18/23	7 p.m. CDT	Planning for International Young Eagles Day Young Eagles Webinars Series	David Leiting
4/19/23	7 p.m. CDT	VNAV and Visual Approaches: Helpful or Hidden Dangers? Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Gary Reeves
1/26/23	7 p.m. CDT	All About Flying to the Bahamas, Caribbean, and Cuba Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Jim Parker
5/3/23	7 p.m. CDT	Booted Out of Annual! Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
5/9/23	7 p.m. CDT	The P-6 Hawk Museum Webinar Series	Chris Henry
5/10/23	7 p.m. CDT	A Look At Clouds Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
5/15/23	12 p.m. CDT	Stop Dreaming and Start Flying – Flight Training First Steps Learn to Fly Week Webinar Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	EAA Staff



A group of kids from the Marshall Islands visited our hanger and see airplane projects and talk about careers in aviation, then visited the EAA Observation Area to use the binoculars.

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.



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MEMBER SIGN UP FORM

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: _____

(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: _____ PASSPORT TYPE PHOTO _____

EAGLE FLIGHT: PILOT: VOLUNTEER:

We'd be glad to have you as a member of our local chapter, our annual dues are: \$15.00 and can be paid in person by check or cash or mailed to us at: Brett Pearce, Treasurer, EAA Chapter 327, 16859 Thunder Hills Dr. Peosta, IA 52068(no cash via mail please)

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE: 3RD TUESDAY EACH MONTH 6:30 PM LOCATED AT EAA HANGER 88, 11052 AIRPORT RD, DUBUQUE, IA



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MEMBER SIGN UP FORM COMMENTS:

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OUR NATIONAL EAA ORGANIZATION EXPECTS LOCAL CHAPTER MEMBERS TO JOIN THE UMBRELLA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION. THE FEE IS \$40 AND AN APPLICATION CAN BE MADE AT WWW.EAA.ORG. THEY ALSO OFFER A 6-MONTH FREE TRIAL MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE THAT. MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES A MAGAZINE AND SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNTS TO THE EAA AIRVENTURE AIRSHOW AT OSHKOSH EACH SUMMER. IF NEW MEMBERS WANT TO "TRY OUT" CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FOR A FEW MONTHS BEFORE DECIDING IF IT IS FOR THEM, JUST LEAVE THE EAA NATIONAL NUMBER FIELD BLANK. ONCE YOU'VE BEEN A MEMBER SEVERAL MONTHS AND DECIDED TO STAY, PLEASE JOIN NATIONAL, AS THEY PROVIDE OUR INSURANCE AND PROGRAM MATERIALS.

AN INFORMAL PHOTO OF HEAD AND SHOULDERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR OUR CHAPTER ROSTER TO HELP NEW MEMBERS LEARN NAMES OF ESTABLISHED MEMBERS AND TO BECOME KNOWN TO THE REST OF THE CHAPTER. .JPG FORMAT WORKS IF YOU CAN SEND IT YOU HAVE THE PHOTO OF YOUR CHOICE. OTHERWISE, WE WILL TRY TO SNAP A PICTURE ON OUR TELEPHONE AND USE THAT. THE ROSTER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR MEMBERS AND IS FOUND AT WWW.EAACHAPTERS.ORG. USER NAME IS THE NAME YOU SIGNED UP WITH PLUS EAACHAPTER327, AS IN CHUCKWEBEREAACHAPTER327. THE INITIAL PASSWORD IS MUSTANG, AND YOU WILL ASKED TO CHANGE IT ONCE LOGGED IN. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EDIT YOUR OWN LISTING. IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE ASK ME AT A MEETING OR GIVE A CALL/TEXT AT 563-663-3646

IF YOU ARE A PILOT AND HAVE AN INTEREST IN GIVING YOUNG EAGLE RIDES TO YOUNG PEOPLE PLEASE LET US KNOW, AND WE'LL GET YOU STARTED

YOU CAN PRINT THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM AND FILL OUT LEGIBLY, OR TYPE IN RESPONSES IF DESIRED. PLEASE SCAN AND SEND OR TAKE AN IN FOCUS PHOTO AND TEXT TO ME AT 563-663-3646. THEN INCLUDE FORM AND MEMBERSHIP FEE AND MAIL TO TREASURER BRETT PEARCE AS INDICATED ON FRONT OF PAGE.

THANKS SO MUCH. LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND HELPING FUFILL YOUR AVIATION GOALS.
CHUCK WEBER, EAA CHAPTER 327 PRESIDENT