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

Dear Chapter Members;



This month is our last Chapter Gathering of the year. We will be announcing the details of our Chapter Christmas party details soon. But save the date of Monday December 16th. We have rented out the Asbury Eagles club and hired a caterer for a wonderful evening together.

Information on reservations and cost of dinner will be emailed to you, next week – or contact Andy Hawkinson or Nancy Du Plessis with any questions.

We also want to congratulate our Ray Scholar Jack Newhouse on a successful check ride and earning his Pilots license. We are so proud of you Jack!

Chapter Elections will also be held tonight. I want to thank Bob Woodward for serving as Chapter Secretary, and Rich Theobald who was serving as Chapter Vice President. We all appreciate your service to the club!

Our election committee has sought out two names for your vote tonight.

We present for your vote:

- Vice President: Mike Nickeson
- Secretary: Rich Theobald

Two of our chapter members will serve as Board Members of Large for a term of 6 mos. (January thru June 2025).

They are:

- Elaine Fitch
- Doug Bartlett

All current members 18 yrs old/+ are qualified to vote and show support for our new board members.

I look forward to seeing you November 19th at our Chapter Gather Night.

- Nancy

Nancy Du Plessis
President DBQ EAA Chapter 327

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P.S. A BIG congratulations to our Ray Scholar, Jack Newhouse, who successfully completed his checkride and is now a certified Private Pilot!

P.P.S As usual, there will be no December chapter gathering. We will have our holiday party instead. Next chapter gathering will be Tuesday, January 21st at Hangar 88.



RC Build Program

By Clayton Greaves

My flight instructor had a great way with words. Being Norwegian, he felt it his duty to get his point across seemingly with as few words as possible.

I tend to elaborate to excess while he distills his idea to the essentials. I admire that. For example, he likes this saying:

“Aviation is a disease readily communicated through casual contact”.

In sum that's how I feel about my involvement with Young Eagles and now with Civil Air Patrol cadets. He would be pleased with our progress.



These past two Saturdays right after club coffee, I worked with a group of 12 teens tackling the finer points of model aircraft kit assembly.

While the teacher to student ratio has not been ideal, I've chosen to adjust my expectations to match the skills of my new friends and my limited coverage. I generally tend to bite off more than I can chew so by trimming back my expectations, I am being rewarded as well.

Our program objective is simple. We will meet for a couple hours weekly through the end of the year and see who gets hooked on model aviation. The only solid goal at this time is completing construction of a beautiful model. Look for an update in spring.

So far, this group have only needed some hands-on instruction and coaching before they took up the ball and ran with it; to my utter satisfaction.

Aviation modelers like home builders these days have lots of options to choose including completely prefabricated structures. What fun is that on a winter day? Of course, going this route bypasses the draw that keeps my interest 40+ years later. I love the build process and hope to instill that in my new friends. So many life skills can be learned through this avocation and of course, the list of aviation legends who began their path to greatness through modeling is a very long one indeed.



Suffice to say that by session two 0 participation has been great and invested parents willing to pick up the slack.

I'm reminded that as a club we have a great opportunity whether by way of Young Eagle flights or programs such as this, to send the participants away with new skills and insights they will leverage for the balance of their lives.

More RC Build Photos



Save the date!

(And reserve your spot today!!!)

EAA Chapter 327

HOLIDAY DINNER

ASBURY EAGLES CLUB
5900 Saratoga Rd #10
Asbury, IA

Monday, December 16, 2024
6:00pm

Catered by Mathieson's Catering of DeWitt, IA
RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT DUE NO LATER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

- 01 **MAIN ENTREES**
 - Roast Beef & Gravy
 - Chicken Marsala
- 02 **SIDES & SALADS**
 - Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
 - Corn
 - Green Bean Casserole
 - Tossed Lettuce Salad & Dressing
 - Orange Fluff Salad
- 03 **DESSERT**
 - Cheesecake
 - Pumpkin Bars
- 04 **Make Reservations & Payment**
 - Questions - Email Andy H @ andrewhawki@yahoo.com
 - Text 563-590-5678
 - Payment by credit/debit card using Stripe and due at time of reservation
 - Per person price = \$26 (Tax and Gratuity included)
 - Pay here: <https://tinyurl.com/ea327>



Ray Scholar Update

By Jack Newhouse

Hello, Chapter 327,

Well, I did it. I am a licensed Private Pilot!!!



The route to get here was completely different than I expected, and I almost gave up after a bungled first check ride but, I did it. At first, I wanted to hide and pretend that the oral exam was unfair, but on hindsight, I think this was one of the best parts of this whole experience.

As your Ray Scholar, your support and encouragement brought me through the last phase of this when truthfully, it could have been easier to quit. I started thinking about new plans of joining the circus or maybe becoming a carnie. But all joking aside, Dr Weber, thank you for the advice and encouragement. It meant the world to me.

As I have said before, my plan was always to solo on my 16th birthday and check ride on my 17th. All was going to schedule until I arrived to meet with the DPE with an incomplete logbook. I was told immediately to get my CFI on the phone. This was not part of my Hollywood ending. He had forgotten not one but three items in my log. It went downhill from there.

Subsequently, the owner of the company took me on as a student and I have been flying a minimum

of twice a week and taking about an hour a week of ground instruction with him for the last 9 weeks. This has been in addition to 12 college credits at SWTC and my job. My time has been pretty full. However, it has made me much more confident and painfully aware of how shallow my experience was before.

To start with, I took a free ground school two years ago, which earned me the certificate to take and pass the FAA written, but it was a very limited curriculum compared to the depth of the FAA knowledge base. If I had to do this over, I might have taken a course closer to the actual check ride to better prepare.

I also listened to bad advice from CFIs and other students that said the oral would focus only on my errors in the written. That is totally false. The entire knowledge base and current aviation events are within the range of oral exam discussion. When he sensed weakness, he bore into me to prove my limited ability to properly explain.

Sadly, I had assumed CFIs provided ground time, but none of my five spent any time on the ground. We just flew for as many hours as we could. I had three do nothing but fly until they moved on to their next jobs and passed me off without any concern about my preparation. This is not an excuse, but even-

Ray Scholar Update (continued)...

ry student needs to be aware they are responsible for their own learning. The CFI usually is just trying to accumulate hours for their personal advancement.

Additionally, the flight route I was to prepare for the oral was not to the DPEs liking. Dane County is full of turbines and communication towers. Every CFI led lesson I had ever taken flew nearby, but safely around 3 communication towers. The DPI was extremely upset that my path took me within 3 miles of them. He was outraged that measures were not taken for students to avoid them altogether.

Finally, he gave me a sectional without the legend and began drilling me on items on it. My confidence at this point was as flimsy as could be. This check ride went down for me, and I could choose to let it beat me or pick myself up and work towards the next one. I chose the latter and can honestly say, I am a better pilot and a stronger person because of this experience.

Furthermore, from the comments of the eavesdroppers outside the door of my first oral exam, I have been told this is one of the roughest they had ever heard. If I may offer any suggestion here, it is that less is more in your responses to the DPE. Once he found out that I intended to go on to a Part 141 school for my instrument and commercial, he took on a whole level of detail that shocked those in the hallway. The lesson here is, you better know your stuff or be prepared to be embarrassed.

Thus, it is with real appreciation to all of you that I thank you for supporting me with the scholarship for this journey. However, beyond the money, your kindness, friendship, and support have made this one of the best experiences of my life. You have made me very aware of how important the help of others is to succeeding in our dreams. Thank you, Chapter 327, Thank you Ray Foundation and thank you EAA.

So, what's next, you say? I am graduating from high school next month; I am wrapping up just about 30 college credits and Embrey Riddle Aeronautical University has accepted me. This summer I am moving to Daytona Beach to begin the Aviation Engineering program starting with my instrument rating. I now know that the only certainty is that my best laid plans will most likely have to be tweaked and I have this experience to thank for realizing that failure can be the best training.

Before I go, this all started with me saying some macho, "let's kick the tires and light the fires." I am ending this with a deep admiration for the EAA's comradery and our mutual amazement of Bernoulli's principle. Because when you pull the yoke, the houses get smaller, and when you push it, they get bigger! Oh, and did I mention that I am a pilot?

Thank you,

- Jackson



Life as an Aerial Sprayer: Our November 19 Program



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 |
| Taras Slyvka | 563/235-6108 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes | DBQ | Owners, Club Plane |

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

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, November 19th, 2024 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ

6:30PM Dinner and 7:00 Meeting

Program: The Life of an Aerial Sprayer (our presenter is Tim and it was arranged by Mike Nickeson)

Food provided by Elaine and Bill Fitch. (Thank you!)

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 Hangar 88

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EAA Chapter 327 Member Application Form



FORM REV. 6/26/2024

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 Badge #: _____

(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

Membership Type

Please checkmark a membership type.

Individual \$20 per year (\$10 after July 1)

Family \$30 per year (\$15 after July 1)
 ***PLEASE INDICATE FAMILY MEMBERS ON BACK SIDE

Student FREE (18 and under)

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. Also Debit/Credit cards are accepted via the QR Code below.

***PLEASE NOTE: All dues, fees, rents, or other charges are to be separate checks. Do not combine amounts into one check! Thank you!

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

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

