



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



It has been a busy month in the life of EAA Chapter 327! The short version is we hosted a Young Eagles event, beloved long-time member Lyle Hefel passed away, and our program for this month are the weather forecasters from LaCrosse and

Quad Cities. More details follow.

Sunday morning, June 4, was a beautiful day. I am so proud of our Chapter! Due to YE Coordinator Rich Theobald, we had 12 pilots, 10 airplanes and over 20 ground volunteers. Things went smoothly. We had 120 Young Eagles registered and flew 82 young people ages 8-17 on flights, including 31 girls and 50 boys. A reporter for KCRG flew on an Eagle Flight and did two segments including EAA, CAP and our ground volunteers. John Dutcher flew from Waterloo to participate and offer insight into how they do their YE event. 85% of the participants were first timers. It was a safe and fun event, and no one went home hungry thanks to left-over graduation food.

Lyle Hefel, builder of seven Van's RV airplanes, and host to several other builds in his workshop, passed away on Thursday, June 8, at 86 years old. Bridger wrote a nice article for our EAA Chapter 327 Face Book page about Lyle. The obituary is posted on Leonard's Funeral Home website. Visitation is from 10-11am, and funeral services are scheduled on Tuesday, June 20, 11am at Holy Ghost Church, 2921 Central Avenue in Dubuque. For our newer members, Lyle worked as a machinist for John Deere in the experimental division. He was known as a perfectionist in all that he did,

setting a very high standard for himself in auto racing, shooting competition and aircraft construction. He won three national awards from EAA, one a Gold Lindy, the highest award in any given year a builder can achieve. Those of us that knew him will miss him very much.

Rich Theobald has been working in the last month on extending internet access to the T-hanger tenants. For an \$80 fee, hardware for internet access is being installed in hangers so we can file flight plans, download databases and get technical manuals in our hangers. At this point there is no monthly fee as I have for my cellphone switch, so break-even is three months and then cheaper to have an internet switch and data in my hanger. See Rich if interested.

Our meeting this month will be the same day as Lyle's funeral, June 20, at 6:30pm in EAA Hanger 88. We are hosting Joseph Ricciotti of LaCrosse, WI and Justin Schultz of the Quad Cities weather forecasting stations. They look forward to giving a PowerPoint and having a back-and-forth discussion about forecasting the weather and what products we are using for our flight planning. No EAA Chapter meeting in July as so many members are at EAA AirVenture.

Fair skies and Tailwinds,

- Chuck Weber,
EAA Chapter 327 President



Young Eagles Day, June 3, 2023



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Longtime EAA member Lyle Hefel Passes

It is with heavy hearts that we share the news of the passing of a former and longtime EAA Chapter 75 of Quad Cities IA/IL, longtime EAA Chapter 327 and national EAA member, and master Van's RV builder Lyle Hefel, 86, of Dubuque, Iowa. He passed away on June 8, 2023, at Stonehill Care Center in Dubuque, Iowa. You can read his full obituary [here](#).

For those that haven't seen Lyle's work up close, you are really missing something special. His Van's RV airplanes that he built from the RV-4, RV-6, RV-7 and multiple RV-8s were works of art. He even did the painting himself. May his spirit soar high in the heavens, forever remembered as a beacon of inspiration, and a true embodiment of The Spirit of Aviation.

Some of Lyle's airplanes won awards at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in the homebuilt/kitbuilt category -- 1996 (RV-4 N762LH), 1999 (RV-8 N458LH), 2001 (RV-8 N235LH), 2004 (N757LH), 2008 (RV-8 N98LH), and 2012 (RV-7 N747LH).

In 2015, the Telegraph Herald wrote an [article](#) that featured Lyle and his passion for building airplanes.



Lyle Hefel receives the prestigious Goldy Lindy - Grand Champion Award in the homebuilt/kitbuilt category at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2001. *Image Courtesy*



Lyle Hefel accepts the prestigious Goldy Lindy - Grand Champion Award in the homebuilt/kitbuilt category at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2001 from EAA Founder Paul Poberezny. *Image Courtesy Of EAA Chapter 75.*



David Wilson and Lyle Hefel both won awards at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2001. David won the award for his homebuilt Van's RV-8 (N297DW) and Lyle for his homebuilt Van's RV-8 (N235LH). David was also a member of EAA Chapter 75. *Image Courtesy of EAA Chapter 75.*



Gregory Klema, Sue Klema and Lyle Hefel enjoying the sights and surroundings at Wendt's on the Lake in Van Dyne, WI. *Image Courtesy of EAA Chapter 75.*

Visitation

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Time: 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

Location: Holy Spirit Parish, Holy Ghost Church
2921 Central Ave.
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Funeral Service

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Time: After the Visitation

Location: Holy Spirit Parish, Holy Ghost Church
2921 Central Ave.
Dubuque, Iowa 52001

Final Resting Place

Date: Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Time: After the Funeral Service

Location: Mount Calvary Cemetery
1111 Davis St,
Dubuque, IA 52001



Clinton Muni Airport Burger Burn & Screaming Chicken Drop June 16th 5pm



Think you have what it takes to hit a target with a screaming rubber chicken? Come find out on June 16th at 5pm. Entry is free, and chickens will be provided. Pilots and bombardiers will have 3 chances to hit the target.

1st & last place trophies will be awarded.

Burgers, chips, cookie and a drink will be available for purchase - \$8 suggested donation.





EAA Chapter 33 Fly-In Breakfast Marion, IA Sunday June, 25th, 7 AM - 11:30 AM

WHAT:

Join EAA Chapter 33, as they host the annual fly-in/drive-in breakfast at the Marion, Iowa, airport (C17).

A pancake breakfast will be served from 7 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., with aircraft and classic cars on display as well as other vendors.

Breakfast is \$9, \$5 for ages 5-12 and free for 4 and under. All proceeds benefit EAA Chapter 33, an aviation non-profit that serves Cedar Rapids, Iowa City, and surrounding communities through flight training scholarships and Young Eagles.

WHERE:

Marion Iowa Airport
1690 Marion Airport Road
Marion, IA 52302

CONTACT US:

Justin Cook, Event Coordinator
(319) 551-0888 or Vice-President@EAA33.org

[Click here](#) for more information.

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, June 20, 2023 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ

6:30PM Dinner and 7:00 Meeting

Program: Joseph Ricciotti of LaCrosse, WI and Justin Schultz of the Quad Cities weather forecasting stations.

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)
6/14/23	7 p.m. CDT	Tips for Flying Into EAA AirVenture 2023 Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Fred Stadler
6/20/23	7 p.m. CDT	How to Celebrate International Aerobatics Day Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Gordon Penner
6/21/23	7 p.m. CDT	EAA AirVenture 2023 Features and Attractions	Rick Larsen
6/22/23	7 p.m. CDT	International Aerobatics Day: What's It All About? Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Patty Wagstaff
6/28/23	7 p.m. CDT	Ultralight/Homebuilt Rotorcraft Arrival Procedures - AirVenture 2023 Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Mark Spang
7/5/23	7 p.m. CDT	FAA- Here to Help Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
7/11/23	7 p.m. CDT	916iS - The New Rotax Engine Homebuilders Webinar Series	Nino Tavio
7/12/23	7 p.m. CDT	How to Ground an Airplane Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Prof. H. Paul Shuch

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