



Above it All

June 2024

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

Dear members,



I want to start by apologizing for the horrible weather that required us to cancel our club night the past 2 months!! Such a disappointment. Know that we will never cancel for normal rain, snow or cold. Come to those meetings as you feel you can. But tornado type of storms is another matter. We will not meet on those type of severe weather nights. We will try to do our best to get the message out to everyone. But if you hear of tornado warnings in the airport area, know we will not be meeting.

Ok, so on to happier topics!

Our cello concert was an amazing success and specular event! Sam Day and his electric cello was INSANE. We enjoyed 2 hrs of classic rock, some oldies and good times. Thank you to Chuck Weber for arranging this and sponsoring the event. See some of the photo highlights in this newsletter.

Welcome NEW May members!!

- Addy Scardino & Family
- Tom Shedek
- Tom Stine

Our new, one- touch keyless FOB's are available at our June 18th Chapter Gathering!! Members, stay after our Chapter Gathering to receive your 'key' to the hangar.

Upcoming Events:

- June 13th Thurs @ 7pm IMC Club Hangar 88
- June 17th Mon @ 3pm in Platteville Airport – Wright Brothers Award to our member Dean Wolleston
- June 18th Tues @ 6:30-8pm Chapter Gathering
- June 22nd Sat @ 8am- 12noon Chapter Fly-In to Orchard Landing! Coffee, Donuts, etc.
- July 11th Thurs @ 7pm IMC Club Hangar 88
- July 22nd Monday – Sunday Air Adventure in Oshkosh!
- July 26-28th Fri-Sat CAF at Dubuque Regional Airport <https://www.airpowersquadron.org>

NO CHAPTER GATHERING MEETING IN JULY.

Osh Kosh Chapter Camping

WE FILLED OUR 6 CAMPSITES!! We can't wait to see your photo's and hear your stories in our next newsletter in August.

I'm looking forward to seeing you June 18th @ 6:30. Hope to you see you all there!

Nancy Du Plessis
President DBQ EAA Chapter 327

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Flyout to Rochelle (KRPJ) May 5th

By Bob Woodward

A group of Dubuque area planes headed down to Rochelle for breakfast and some sky-diver watching (“breakfast and a show!”) on Sunday May 5th.

About a half dozen aviators headed down to get some vittles at the Flight Deck Bar and Grill. Good conversation and a great day to fly! Dusty Bodine (who brought his daughter Greta) and I split the flight in the Key City Fliers Piper Dakota.



Other pilots/planes in attendance included:

Chuck Weber (RV-10) with Jon and Jackie Haubenstricker, Betty Lou Merkle in her own Dakota, Joe Weber in his dapper Taylorcraft, Brett and Cindy Pearce in his sparkling Cessna 400, Bill and Elaine Fitch in their trusty 172, and Bob Wagner’s Piper Arrow with Rich Theobald riding right seat!



Fly-out/in to Merkle (3IS4) on June 22nd

I hope you'll join us for coffee, apple cider doughnuts and live music at the Merkle grass strip on Saturday, June 22nd. EAA 327 members Nate and Karen Greiner will be our hosts at their Orchard Landing 2,900 foot runway.

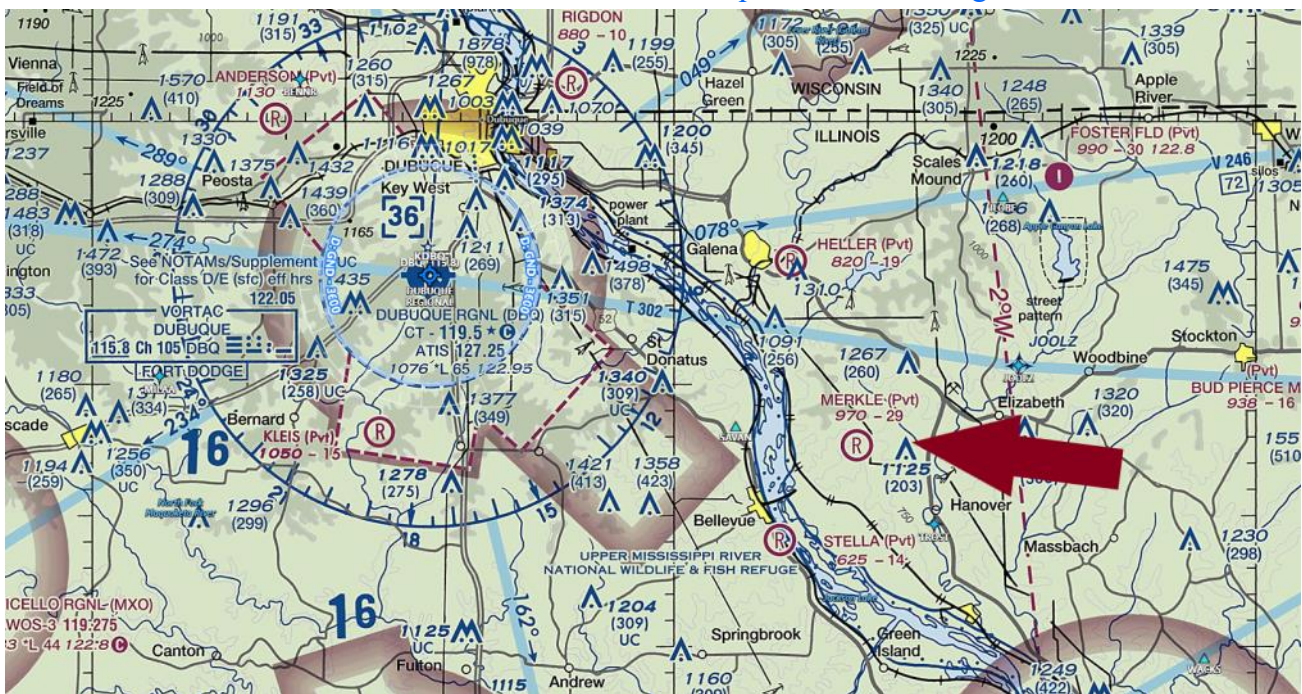
The coffee will be flowing and doughnuts will be served from 8am to Noon. Nate and Karen tell us that a pilot friend will be there with some live music as attendees enjoy the grass strip, visiting planes, fresh java and some tasty eats.



OK, so 3IS4 is only 18 nautical miles SE of Dubuque so for those in Dubuque it'll be a short flight! (You might want to add some site seeing plans or additional stops along the way.)

If you have some friends at other air fields, please invite them to join us!

Check out there web site for more info: <https://orchardlandingfarm.com/>



Ray Scholar Report by Jack Newhouse



Hello Chapter, 327.

This past month was full of rain and clouds. The weather had me wishing that I was training for my Instrument instead of a Private Pilot's. It was incredibly hard to find a good block of time that was not filled with water, either rain or clouds, that would prevent me from flying. However, water played a role that I did not expect later in the month.

After completing a regular solo flight, I landed and headed inside to pay for the aircraft. The line was a little long, so I decided to talk with a Bonanza pilot. He relayed to me how much fun the V tail of his aircraft was, and the minor downsides that it posed. He told me about all his adventures, flying around Wisconsin visiting all the events that he could.

Our conversation continued as the line moved forward, and we were eventually forced to stop talking as we individually paid our respective expenses. As my turn came, he left to go preflight his aircraft to head off to whatever new airport he was destined to arrive at. I inserted my card and started up a little chit chat with my favorite front desk worker.

Just as I was signing my receipt, the Bonanza pilot came back through the ramp door and exclaimed to me, "want to see something cool?" He then held up his sump cup for me to look at. I could distinctly see two different liquids sitting in there. One was Avgas, while the other was a clear liquid. He then informed me that the clear liquid was water which he had just taken from all his tanks. To make matters worse, he had just been refueled from the self-serve station, and there was no water in his tank before that.

After he had told the FBO worker, we all reached the same conclusion that the underground self-serve tank had been contaminated with water, and apparently a lot of it. I'm sure everyone is familiar with it, but I just had to take a physics class that talked about condensation and immiscible fluids. A fifty-cent word that explains oil and vinegar salad dressing. Our best guess was that there had been a gap in Avgas deliveries, and the open area in the tank had allowed condensation to seep in or worse the tank had a hole, and Middleton's high-water table destroyed thousands of dollars' worth of product. On the other hand, with all the rain that had been going on, someone may have left the tank cap open, or opened it for a little bit while doing an inspection. The one lesson that I was told to take away from this, was to always check your tanks after refueling, no matter if it is a tiny unknown grass strip, or a major commercial airport.

Thanks again to everyone at EAA Chapter 327 for supporting me through this journey. I'll be missing the next meeting for a reason that will give me a lot to talk about when I return. I am scheduled to attend an Aircraft Manufacturing Academy in Wichita, Kansas on the eighteenth. The Civil Air Patrol is sending me on a two-week internship to Textron and I will be able to walk their assemble floor for Cessna and Beechcraft. This is an exciting experience that I have been greatly anticipating for quite some time. I can't wait to come back and tell you all about it.

I am hoping to go up twice a week before I go now that school is over. My best to everyone for a safe and happy 4th of July.

- Jackson

EAA 327 Chapter Calendar June – August 2024

- ♦ June 13th Thurs @ 7pm IMC Club Hangar 88
- ♦ June 17th Mon @ 3pm in Platteville Airport – Wright Brothers Award, Dean Wolliston
- ♦ June 18th Tues @ 6:30-8pm Chapter Gathering
- ♦ June 22nd Sat. @ 8:00am to 12:00am Fly-in at Merkle (Private Grass 2,900') with apple doughnuts, coffee and live music!

- ♦ July 11th Thurs @ 7pm IMC Club Hangar 88
- ♦ July 22nd Monday – Sunday Air Adventure in Oshkosh!
- ♦ July 26-28th Fri-Sat CAF at Dubuque Regional Airport (EAA 327 assisting)
- ♦ **NO CHAPTER MEETING IN JULY.**

- ♦ August 8th Thurs @ 7pm IMC Club Hangar 88
- ♦ August 20th Tues @ 6:30-8pm Chapter Gathering Hangar 88—Family Night Member appreciate night with a local area Live Band!

Also:

**Every Saturday @ 9am Chapter coffee social*

**Every 2nd Thursday @7pm IMC Club Hangar 88*

**Available 24/7 Flight Simulator for your training use. Available Upstairs. For more information to get a 'check ride' on how to use call/text Kevin Bohach #563-579-3325 or Bridger Hawkinson # 563-581-3389 or Doug Duplessis 815-541-9286.*



Sam Day entertained at Hangar 88 June 2nd

By Chuck Weber

Sam Day Electric Cello Concert was held Sunday June 2nd at Hangar 8. He played (2) hours of rafter rattling classic rock music. Incredible performance. If you were there, you know what I mean.

He earned a Standing 'O when he slayed the song by A/C D/C Thunderstruck.

Thank you everyone who came and enjoyed a fantastic concert.

Here is his contact info <https://www.facebook.com/p/Sam-Day-Music-100042666101663/>

(563) 513-7492 sdaymusic1@gmail.com



(more) Ray Scholar news



Hello, everyone. My name is Andrew Barbee, and I was an EAA Ray Scholar for 2022-2023, primarily my senior year of high school. I worked on my Private Pilot's License through the Key City Fliers, with Sarah Day and Logan Loitz as my CFI's. It wasn't long before I realized how awesome the aviation community is! I passed my Private Pilot Check ride in May of 2023 and in August of 2023, I moved to college at Iowa Lakes, in Estherville Iowa. So, this is my first time attending an EAA meeting in 10 months!

Ever since I was a toddler, I knew I wanted to be a pilot. In my junior year of high school, I started looking at colleges for aviation, my first visit was to The University of Dubuque. While I loved U. D's campus and I knew it was a great school, it was out of my price range. When I started my senior year of high school I started looking into cheaper options for aviation colleges, and the first option that appealed to me was an ATP 7-month program.

After more research, I found that ATP schools don't have the best reputation. My family and I then visited two community college aviation schools, in the spring of 2023. I first visited Indian Hills Community College, In Ottumwa and Iowa Lakes Community College, In Estherville. Ultimately, I picked Iowa Lakes Community College, in May of 2023.

So far, I have had a positive experience with Iowa Lakes. I started my Instrument rating training in August and recently just passed my check ride in May. While this rating did take longer than expected, a lot of it was due to weather, which is out of the school's control. Iowa Lakes fleet is comprised of around 12 Cessna 172M models, 3 of these are TAA aircraft (have glass panels), and the rest are steam gauges.

The TAA aircraft are only available to instrument students and commercial students. One thing that I was not used to when starting my instrument rating was the stage checks. Stage checks are a required part of 141 school training and Iowa Lakes has three stage checks for each rating. These are essentially check rides for each part of training, except the checks are only internal with the school, and they are not reported to the FAA. The stage checks can also be done by any instructor who is trained to perform stage checks.

One of the nicest things about Iowa Lakes is that there is an in-house DPE, who is also the school's assistant chief flight instructor. And if you have him as your stage check instructor, you have a good idea of what to expect of the FAA check ride. While nobody can control the weather, I've consistently been on the flight schedule 3 times a week, if not more. Since I recently switched flight instructors, I have been on the schedule to fly around 4-5 days a week, on average.

I would overall say I've had a very positive experience with Iowa Lakes Community College. Estherville is a very boring, but pleasant town with very friendly people. Estherville is the only airport for the college right now, but expansion to Spencer Airport in the fall will begin. The Chief and assistant chief flight instructors, Tim and Dwayne are very helpful and know almost every student's name, (you're more than a number here!). While Iowa Lakes doesn't have Garmin G1000s in every airplane, you will save yourself some money by choosing this option.

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BOARDING PASS

FLY/DRIVE-IN BREAKFAST



DATE

July 13th,
8am-12pm

DESTINATION

Brookings Municipal
Airport
509 W Second St. S
Brookings, SD 57006

DISCOVERY FLIGHTS*

\$25 for 15
minute
discovery
flights

*weather permitting

COST

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17/35

*if winds are less than 5 kts use rwy 30

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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, June 18, 2024 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ

6:30PM Dinner and 7:00 Meeting

Program: The Accidental Pilot: Steve Hardie shares his amazing story of flying for the US Airforce during Vietnam.
 We'll have a short airport update from Todd Dalsing.
 Dinner will be Pizza!

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 New Member Application Form



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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

