



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



We've sure had a blustery, rain-filled April. Despite that, there have been several fly outs that come to mind, including two to Lonerock and one to Monticello.

One of the Lonerock fly-outs, organized by Joe Weber, drew 8 pilots from Dubuque and 13 total, including John Bender's Eastern Iowa pilots group, sometimes

known as the ROMEO's (Retired Old Men Eat Out). Some photos will be posted elsewhere in the newsletter. Good fellowship! Member Mark Wallace has started to send a note about fly outs, so get another member & go!

Last Saturday a subgroup from the coffee crowd gathered to assemble a multi-colored led-lighted Chicago sectional of Doug DuPlessis's design for display in the EAA hanger. It draws continuous data from the ADS-B internet stream to power lights showing four screens to include sky conditions, precipitation, cloud cover and winds. There are seven colors of lights to display various conditions. Now the challenge is to make it understandable to the rest of us.

Thanks to Doug and Kevin Bohatch for coordinating and being the first there and last to leave. Jeff Spahn also assembled a Chicago sectional for his personal use. Take a look inside the parking lot entrance door. Pretty to look at.

Chapter members Taras Slyvka and Slavic Nakonechnyi are from Ukraine. Slavic was in Poland working to get his mother and sister to safety last month. Taras has been in the news coordinating used bullet-proof vests and other supplies to be sent to Ukraine. Look for his article in this newsletter encouraging us all to do what we can to help.

EAA National is sponsoring a Chapter Leaders training conference next weekend 22-24 April in a lodge on AirVenture grounds at Oshkosh. Attending several years ago gave us ideas for re-energizing the Chapter. Ron Vaughn and I will be going and are looking for another interested chapter member to attend. We plan to fly

Friday afternoon and return Sunday early afternoon. It is a free, great, fun time. Please call me if interested @ 563-663-3646.

Chapter Camping at Oshkosh AirVenture is oversubscribed. Six campsites are reserved. We're putting together a waitlist for those who want to attend the last part of the week to take the spots of those who have had enough and head home mid-week. Please contact Secretary Bob Woodward and let him know of your interest. I signed our Chapter up for a lottery to see if we might be selected to serve a pancake breakfast in the EAA Chapter Pavillion on Monday or Tuesday. It earns about \$2,000 for the chapter, requires 15 volunteers, and lottery winners will be announced mid May.

The EAA airport overlook pavilion paint is starting to weather and flake a bit. When we have a good painting day please say "yes" to an invitation to re-paint. Bridger's Eagle Project will be installed this spring and we want it to look nice for public use this summer.

How about a family film night in the EAA Hanger 88? We plan to project a wonderful German 4.5 star thriller film rated PG-13 about escaping from East to West Germany in a hot air balloon. True story. My heart pounded through much of the film.

In saving the best news for last, I received a letter from EAA this week announcing Chapter 327 has been selected for "Gold" chapter status for the past two years. Despite the challenges posed by Covid, we, as a Chapter, were able to put lots of activities in place to place us in the top group of Chapters in the country.

Thank you to everyone for helping to make it possible.

- Chuck Weber



Recent Flyout Photos



Lonerock



Rochelle



Monticello

Hanger Security

Several members have mentioned they have arrived at Hanger 88 and discovered the combination code in the lockbox has been left at the number to open the box. **Please take a moment when you open the lockbox to unlock the door that you replace the key and spin the numbers to scramble the combination required to unlock it.** There is quite a lot of value in the hanger, ranging from three airplanes to tools to simulator to food and beer in the refrigerator. I hope not to have to go to additional expense and inconvenience for the actions of one or two members.

My headset that was in the RV-12 has gone missing. It is a Lightspeed Sierra with my name on the head band. Several pilots have asked to borrow them when needed for an extra passenger, and I expect that is the case. I may even have moved them, but at any rate they are missing. Please return if you borrowed them.

Also, **take the time to be sure the key in the lock -box is secured with the combination changed after opening it.**

Thanks for your attention...

- Chuck Weber

EAA 327 reaches Gold Level status!



Dear Chapter President,

Congratulations to your chapter in successfully reaching the GOLD level status recognition level for the combined 2020 and 2021 years. EAA is happy to present you with a chapter recognition banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at [EAA.org/FindAChapter](https://www.eaa.org/FindAChapter) with a specially designed emblem. You are encouraged to use your emblem on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials; your chapter emblem is attached in this email.

To review your chapters overall scoring, please see the attached spreadsheet document, and simply find your chapter.

This program was developed and measured in partnership with EAA's Chapter Advisory Council, and is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. Due to 2020 and 2021 being, challenging years for chapters to maintain a high level of engagement, these years have been combined into a single recognition period. This was done to help chapters have a longer period of time to engage in the 10 criteria. An additional 11th criteria point was included this year to help offset the unique challenges associated with limited social engagement, and to observe unique chapter approved activities. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 11), silver (8 out of 11), and gold (at least 9 out of 11).

1. Attends a chapter leadership training session
2. Growing or steady membership
3. Offers IMC or VMC Club programs
4. Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs
5. Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor
6. Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey
7. Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, Ray Aviation Scholarship program, or sends a youth to EAA's Air Academy
8. Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email
9. Hosts at least two public events each year
10. Owns/leases a facility
11. Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship, a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.

To learn more about this program, how scores are calculated, and how to improve your chapter's recognition score, please visit [EAA.org/ChapterRecognition](https://www.eaa.org/ChapterRecognition). If you have additional questions, please call us at 920-426-5912 or send an email to chapters@eaa.org.

Tailwinds,

- John Egan, Sr. Manager, EAA Chapters

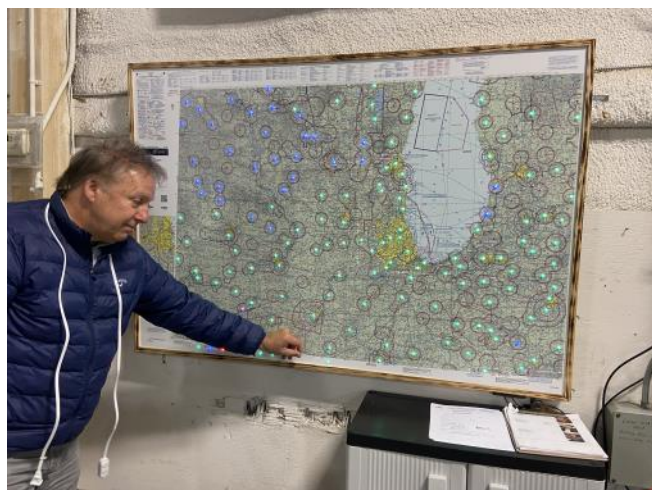
EAA 327—LED Chicago Sectional Project

The LED sectional build is mostly completed, with the LED's inserted, programmed, powered and the sectional mounted on the southeast wall of Hangar 88. It started Saturday, April 9th and continued through Saturday April 16th.

The lights rotate through 4 modes: ceilings, precipitation, cloud coverage and wind. A small LED at the bottom center identifies the current mode as it rotates. A more detailed legend is potentially in the works.

Kevin Bohach coordinated the build for EAA327, with help from many people—especially programming by Doug du Plessis. Jeff Spahn build one for himself at the same time, also with help from others.

Check them out at the next meeting or whenever you are next in the EAA hangar.



- Laney's Lane: The Ray Scholar Report



This month in Laney's Lane,

I am just starting to get the hang of reading the sectional charts along with consistently reviewing the material from the previous chapters. Still from chapter two, I'm having a hard time wrapping my head around the deviation in the compass when turning on a Northern Hemisphere. It's a little confusing that the magnetic compass will normally indicate a turn toward the south when the aircraft is decelerated while on a west heading.

Right now I'm just trying to memorize this answer, but hope to get a full understanding once I'm in the air. Other than that, most of the material is going over well.

This week I have also made a decision to attend Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri. I'm hoping that eventually I will be able to fly to and from school next year.

—Alana Duggan, Chapter 327 Ray Scholar-in-training

Family film night at EAA Hanger 88, Friday, April 29, 6:30pm

As the weather improves, we'd like to have a social night at the movies. We'll project the film on our big screen and Secretary Bob Woodward will provide a sound system. The film is so good I'd like to see it again and it is guaranteed to get your hearts racing. It is about an attempt to escape from East Germany in a homemade balloon. You can imagine the tension.

There will be English subtitles for the hearing impaired and for those who don't speak German. We'll be serving popcorn and ice cream. Bring the beverage of your choice to drink and possibly share. Love to have spouses, children, neighbors and friends come so they can see where we hang out. The film is rated PG-13, and Rotten Tomatoes gives it a 5-star rating!

Here is a review from an audience member: "A masterly crafted political thriller set in 1979's communist East Germany, director Michael Herbig's suspenseful drama follows the desperate actions and courageous escape of two families, running from the pressures and horrors of Cold War, as they attempt to sail over the border in a homemade hot-air balloon.

Winner of the Audience Choice Award at Heartland International Film Festival, the film centers on the strong bond and dedication of a father and mother, and their two sons. It also deeply observes the reactions over the children, creating a parallel story: the oldest one is living his first romance with the daughter of an official, while the youngest demonstrates conflicts with innocence and the acceptance of a divided nation.

As they fail on their first risky attempt, they are forced to re-arrange their plans for a new balloon, while The Stasi speeds up an investigation, rapidly tracking them.

Based on an adventurous true story, vividly performed by a convincing cast, especially Friedrich Mücke, as Peter Strelzyk the leader of the Balloon Operation, it's a triumphant family drama."

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 19, 2022 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88

6:30 PM - Dinner and 7:00 meeting

Program: Several aviation videos for fun & education!



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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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)
4/14/22	7 p.m. CDT	Young Eagles Build and Fly – EAA's Youth RC Build Initiative	Serena Kamps
4/20/22	7 p.m. CDT	Controllability as Affected by Weight and Balance Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Gordon Penner
4/21/22	7 p.m. CDT	Planning for International Young Eagles Day	David Leiting
4/27/22	7 p.m. CDT	Bad News Is Good News: Avoiding Most Accident Scenarios Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Tom Turner
5/3/22	7 p.m. CDT	MGL Avionics Homebuilders Webinar Series	Adam O'Connor
5/4/22	7 p.m. CDT	Tulip Fever (Pre-buys) Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
5/10/22	7 p.m. CDT	Baby Ace: The Airplane That Brought Homebuilding to the Headlines Museum Webinar Series	Chris Henry and Ben Page
5/11/22	7 p.m. CDT	Out After Dark — A Pilot's Guide to Flight at Night Qualifies for FAA WINGS 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