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

Dear members,

As I reflect on the past 8 months as your president, I am in awe of all the support you have shown me, our board and each other.

EAA Chapters are all about that relationship of comradery. Learning, sharing your experiences and our common passion for Aviation.

In the August edition of EAA's Sport Magazine, Key City Fliers and our Chapter327 were one of the featured groups. I've received several emails, phone calls and some text messages from our Chapters congratulating our example. Some want to know more. Be sure and login to the EAA site and check it out. Sport Aviation Magazine is now also available in your app store.

We owe a special THANK YOU to the Dubuque Regional Airport and Airport Operations for taking care of us. Because of them, we enjoy this sweet hangar that embodies everything we love about flying; the smell of fuel, tools, plane builds, watching planes on a beautiful day, cold drinks in the fridge, and friendship.

A special THANK YOU for our relationships with:

- T-Hangar members – providing pilots, planes and a ton of flying and building skills
- Key City Fliers – more pilots, planes and leadership support
- The many hands that prepare dinners every month
- Our Gathering Greeter Joan Knockel
- Chapter Board Members and Past President Chuck Weber
- Young Eagles Coordinator Rich Theobald
- ALL OF YOU Donors of Cash for purchas-

es, our AWESOME Simulator, supplies and things you fix without a second thought. You just take care of needs to you see. THANK YOU.

- Newsletter Editor Bob Woodward, article contributors, volunteers, and the list goes on.

It is truly my pleasure to work alongside with you.

To honor you, and to say THANK YOU, we are hosting our August Gathering Night as a Membership Appreciation Night!! Come. Enjoy. Celebrate with each other. Your families or guests are also welcome to come – any-time.

We will feature all the usual shenanigans, followed by entertainment from a LIVE Band, The Guest's of Honor. (Ps. I may know them and was able to get them as a favor, so please feel free to generously tip their performance!)

Be sure to read the following pages of our newsletter with an included updated calendar and more member feature articles. See you all soon!

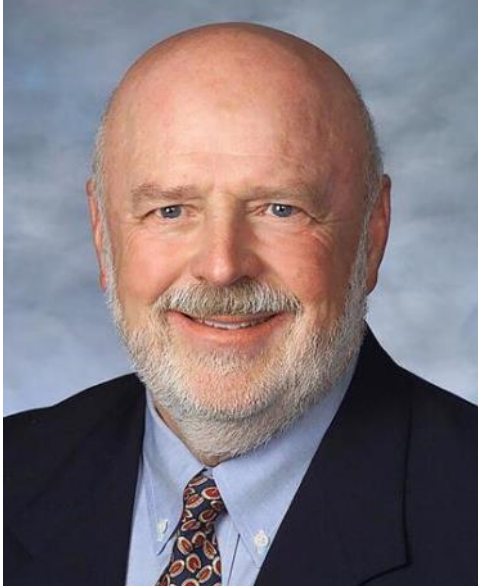
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Wally Brown, A Great American & Past President of EAA Chapter 327

By Chuck Weber



It was after about 2010, and EAA Chapter meetings had about 10 members attending. Steve Bradley had spent a term as President and Mike Hoffman also stepped up to serve a term. Wally and his wife Barbara were attending a meeting and Barbara told Wally to help out the Chapter and run for President.

Wally had been running a summer enrichment program for grade schoolers called UD for Kids with an aviation theme. Wally got his pilot's license years before and was an enthusiastic promoter of flying. He was enthusiastic about everything he did, with an infectious smile and jokes about life at every turn. He ran the UD for Kids program for years, hooking and landing our own member Tommy Flynn, who now flies corporate jets for Cottingham and Butler.

Chapter member Doug Brotherton flew Wally all over Iowa and the Midwest when he was promoting YMCA values and fund raising for them. Wally told me his father worked for Howard Hughes and that Wally was able to come along on flights with Mr. Hughes and his Dad. I expect that is where some of his enthusiasm for flying was incubated. Wally coordinated the Chapter Pancake breakfast in his year as President and drove us all a little crazy with his attention to every detail and spending six months in meetings planning the breakfast.

He would meet with his Board at local restaurants with wives and plan activities. His was the vision that sparked the growth of our Chapter from a few members to the present 150 member-roll. Wally passed away this summer.

We remember him with a smile and with gratitude for his vision in growing our Chapter. Rest in peace, Wally.

(More information from Wally's full obituary is below).

Wally was born on December 11, 1936, in Lawson, MO, the son of RL Jr. and Minnie (Hughes) Brown. He lived in many places while growing up, as his father was in the airline business, which kept the family moving. At a young age, he joined the Boy Scouts, which became a lifelong passion for him.

Wally graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in business administration and marketing and was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity. After college, he joined the Air Force and then the Air Force Reserves and moved to San Francisco. While there, he worked for a wholesale distributor and met his first wife, Julia Higley. As a couple, they returned to Dubuque in the 1960s to marry and start their family, welcoming Jeffrey, Laura, and Jonathan.

Wally is best known for his positive attitude and enthusiasm, as well as his volunteer efforts. In 2007, he was honored with the Telegraph Herald First Citizen Award for his many civic contributions. He was active with the Dubuque Community Y at the state, regional, and national levels of the YMCA for over 45 years.

He had many roles with the Northeastern Iowa Council and the Boy Scouts of America for over 40 years and was fortunate to review and honor approximately 650 Eagle Scouts. He served on the Linwood Cemetery Board of Trustees for over 45 years. He was an active member and served on many committees with Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Other organizations he worked with include Kansas State University, the National Rivers Hall of Fame, the National Mississippi River Museum & Aquarium, the University of Dubuque Aviation program, the Grand Theatre, Dubuque Arboretum, the American Diabetes Association, Finley Hospital Foundation, Project Concern, and the Terrace Hill Foundation.

EAA 327 and Key City Fliers Featured in the August 2024 Edition of Sport Aviation

Our chapter, the local flying club, and the strong relationship we have with each other, was highlighted in the most recent edition of the EAA magazine. Chapter President Nancy du Plessis and KCF president (and 327 secretary) Bob Woodward, along with chapter & club member Kevin Bohach, on pages 82, 83 and 89 of the issue.

Check out the story in your current copy! (You are a member of the EAA national, right?!?! Another good reason to be a member of the national organization!)

FLYING AFFORDABLY WITH FRIENDS
A look at five successful flying clubs

Key City Fliers
Home Base: Dubuque Regional Airport (K0B0), Dubuque, Iowa
Aircraft: Piper Cherokee 140/160, Piper Archer II, Piper Dakota
Year founded: 1960
Approximate Membership Size: 55
Buy-in: \$500
 dues: \$120/month
Hourly Rate: \$120-\$165/hour (each/vet), depending on aircraft
Website: KeyCityFliers.com

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Dubuque, IA

Alignment Is Key for Club Success
Flying clubs come in all shapes and sizes, but the successful ones all have a few key attributes in common. They have strong leadership that keeps the group aligned to its mission, they're well organized, and they keep their members engaged.

In addition, of course, they all align themselves symbiotically with EAA chapters, while remaining entirely separate and distinct legal entities. If you're looking for an affordable way to fly, with the added benefits of camaraderie and mentorship, then a flying club might be perfect for you. Go to EAA.org/FlyingClubs for tips on how you can find a club, or even start one of your own.

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Ray Scholar Report by Jack Newhouse



Hello Chapter, 327.

This past month, I was given an amazing opportunity to explore the world of aircraft manufacturing. Through the Civil Air Patrol. I was accepted into their Aircraft Manufacturing Academy, which is a two-week internship with Textron. The flight from O'Hare to Eisenhower was uneventful. Upon arrival at Textron's Wichita facility, located on the opposite side of the runway from the terminal, I was dropped on the factory floor and placed into the hands of random employees. This led to a couple of situations where they really didn't know what to do with a random 16-year-old kid on a factory line, but overall, everyone made good use of me.

The first couple of days were at Wichita, where we were shown around the factory line for all the Citation models that Cessna produces. They have multiple buildings that are all labeled in weird ways like; W7, I5, and W2, that no one ever clarified to me. Cessna had an understandably strict policy that none of the cadets could touch a tool or an aircraft, so we were left to follow a tour guide around. The entire process for making a Citation is forward. It is just a straight shot starting at one end of the building with ribbing, wiring goes in, hook up some wire, put on some skin, and finally, send it to the paint shop. There are a couple of finer details, but that just about sums up their whole process. Without painting the aircraft, Cessna is able to pump out one of each Citation model in around a week's time. On the other hand, the factory workers at Independence told me that they are, on average, shoving a fully built Skyhawk out of the factory doors each day.

One of the more interesting things that I got to see in Wichita was Cessna's new product, the Denali. We were told that marketing thought it was in Textron's best interest to compete with Pilatus, Dahmer, and Piper in the turboprop area. We were told about their new single engine turboprop, then taken to their testing hangar, where all three models were parked. Cessna has three production models, one to test the weight and balance, one to find the envelope, and a third to show off at events. The first two are equipped with parachutes at the tail, for a worst-case scenario.

Then, to wrap up our time at Wichita, we were taken to their testing building. It was filled with every sort of equipment thinkable. They had an industrial sized shake table, a room devoted to testing electromagnetic waves against instruments, flight simulators hooked up to 1:1 cabling for the aircraft, and chilled containers capable of negative temperatures. All of it was incredible to see, but my friend and I were able to sit down in a full cockpit simulator for the Denali and get to test it out. The cockpit feels like a PC-12 or TBM, however, the handling of the aircraft was incredibly stiff. The auto trim function did not work, so I had to actively fight the aircraft to maintain a positive rate.

The next day, a three-hour van ride led us to Independence, where we were allowed to go onto the line and work with employees. I was first sent to their flight center, where each new aircraft off the line is given to a test pilot. The hangar hosts all aircraft that come out of the factory, so we got to work on 172s, 182s, 206s, and 208s. The mechanics need to check over everything before giving it to the pilot, meaning their preflight takes 2-3 hours to ensure safety.



(Ray Scholar Report by Jack Newhouse, continued)...

Next, I was sent into the factory itself to learn how to do a final inspection on an aircraft before it is sent over to flight. Each inspection plate was taken off from the wing, and before I knew it my entire arm was in the wing of a 172. Additionally, I was taught how to install the flaps, elevator, and ailerons. I can explain in detail now how to make sure they deflect to the correct angles. When I was sent over to the 208s, they didn't know what to do with us. Naturally, since I'm smaller than an adult, I was sent into the cargo pod to work on screws they couldn't comfortably reach. Finally, I was let into the electronics department where I put together a wire net for the 172s and learned how to piece together a couple of standby instruments as well. I can proudly say there are two 172s in service now with my wiring behind their dashboards.

I learned an incredible amount, and I could keep going but I assume Mr. Woodward has plenty of other good things to fill this newsletter with. If you see me at a chapter meeting stop me and ask me about my NCSA. I would love to share some really great pictures with you, but my descriptions will have to do because Textron is touchy about taking photos inside their factories. Also, if you have any similar experiences, I'd love to hear them.

Lastly, my flying is going great. I have scheduled my check ride for the week after my seventeenth birthday which is now just weeks away. I am so close that I can hardly wait. Please know that it was great seeing so many of you at Oshkosh.

Thanks for all your support,
Jackson

P.S. Hey Key City Flyers, great write up in the EAA magazine. In a month we are going to have to talk!

EAA 327 Chapter Calendar August - December 2024

August 20th Tues @ 6:30-8:30pm Chapter Gathering Hangar 88
Family Night Member Appreciation Night with a local area Live Band!!

September 15th Sun 9am-noon Young Eagles Rally. See Rich Theobald with any questions. Registration IS REQUIRED. Please ask how you can help him!

September 17th Tues @ 6:30-8pm – Chapter Gathering Hangar 88
Mike and Teresa Nickeson will do a presentation on their flying trip!

October 15th @ Tues 6:30 -8pm Chapter Gathering Hangar 88
(Special Guest Speaker)

November 19th Tues @ 6:30-8pm Chapter Gathering Hangar 88 AND Chapter Elections
Member Mike McConahey. Discussion on Acrobatic Flying

December – NO CHAPTER GATHERING!! See you again in January 21st 2025
Christmas Party Stay tuned for details coming soon!

**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*

Photos from Oshkosh 2024!!!



Oshkosh Drone and Fireworks Show 2024!!!



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, August 20th, 2024 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ

6:30PM Dinner and 7:00 Meeting

Program: Family Night Member Appreciation Night with a local area Live Band!!

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



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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 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

