



# 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



I just checked and it has been a month since I've flown. There were some times when it was possible, but it just seemed too cold and miserable for these older bones. Plus, it takes at least two people to push, pull and tease the plane out of its hanger onto the snow and ice-covered ramp.

The wind has been a bear. I shoveled out the front of the hanger three times over a few days with no new snow. I saw boot prints going through the snow into the hanger. Just so everyone knows, there is a shovel inside both hanger doors, and I would like whoever comes through the door to get the snow off the sidewalk. It isn't that much area. There is ice & snow melt inside both doors also when needed. I looked for something that doesn't corrode aluminum or kill grass and that is magnesium chloride.

There was no meeting in December due to the busy nature of the holidays and our Holiday party where we had more than 60 attending. I have forgotten the exact count at this point. I surely enjoyed seeing everyone enjoying themselves in the company of other aviators. We had some new members attending and I think everyone made new friends.

If you recall how much I was limping around on a sore left upper leg, there is some news. My physical therapy wasn't working and an MRI showed a rare thing called AVN, or avascular necrosis that affected my hip bone. For some reason, blood vessels dry up and the bone dies. Orthopedics says I need a hip replacement, so I may have to miss a meeting or come with a walker, depending. They say this is the easiest of the joint replacements to tolerate, so wish me well, please. I hope to be healed in time for flying weather.

We honored our past Treasurer, Merle Neises who has held the position for I recall six years. Brett Pearce has agreed to take on those duties and is working on transitioning to QuickBooks on line. I expect invoices to go out by email for those who haven't yet paid 2022 dues, so please watch for that. The fee remains the same

at \$15. Other pins & recognition certificates were given to the Secretary and Newsletter Editor Bob Woodward, to Vice-President Don Hedeman, past Vice-President Steve Bradley, and to Todd Dalsing and Doug Brotherton for help in obtaining an EAA hanger. Nancy DuPlessis has done good work on the Chapter website, and Bridger Hawkinson on the FaceBook page. I appreciate Joan Knockel's help with the last Young Eagle event and Kevin Bohach for organizing several social events. I hope I haven't left anyone out, but so many people are helpful in ways large and small. Thank you to all of you.

I must say the Saturday morning coffee has been a real success in attracting up to a dozen pilots and some dogs who come to enjoy the company and doughnuts or whatever someone brings. It is a real pleasure to see so many involved in conversation about aviation. Generally people come about 9 and head off around 11, and in fair weather we have a few fly-ins.

Tim Brietfelder passed his FAA written exam and has 15 hours so I'm hoping winter weather will allow him to solo soon. Marty McNamer passed his instrument written and is close to the checkride. Doug Dolter passed his instrument checkride & is looking for an airplane. Slavic Nakonechnyy passed his pilot's checkride recently. There is lots of activity in the hanger! Taras is flying often and the sim is getting lots of activity. Joe Chapman and Bridger Hawkinson completed pilot's licenses in past year and we hope to have a few more completions this year!

I'm excited about our program this month. Look for a separate article and photos. Joe Weber's wife is preparing the food for social gathering so looking forward to that too.

Please come join us when you can. I know I didn't make much time for this when I had small children and was busy making a living, but those of us who are able to come are surely enjoying it. Everyone is welcome, and if we can help you achieve your goals in aviation-related interests, please let me know.

Fair skies and tailwinds.

- Chuck Weber

# January Meeting Program



I am happy to announce a special program for the January Chapter meeting on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Socializing and a light dinner provided by Linda Weber will start at 6:30pm and meeting will kick off at 7pm in the EAA Hanger.

Ms. Hannah Shickles is the archivist and event coordinator for the Kelch Museum at the Broadhead Airport (C37) in Broadhead, WI. The Kelch museum features a collection of 17 aircraft from the “Golden Age” of aviation, the 1920’s and 30’s. Among the collection are a Stearman, Travel Air, Curtiss-Wright, Monocoupe and Waco. Beautifully restored, each one has a story to tell.

Come and learn about these beautiful historic planes and the craftsmen who restored them. Maybe our chapter would plan a trip to see them, it is only a 90 minute drive or short flight. Hannah is a college student who started at the museum as a high-school volunteer. Her enthusiasm led to a job while she attends college and is working on her pilot license in a vintage 1945 Aeronca Champion 7AC.

Come and hear her story and share her enthusiasm for promoting this aviation history gem!

## *Chapter 327 Holiday party!!!*



Controller: Mission 123, do you have problems?”

Pilot: “I think I have lost my compass.”

Controller: “Judging by the way you are flying, you’ve lost the whole instrument panel.

Pilot: “Tower, student pilot, I am out of fuel.”

Tower: “Roger that. Reduce airspeed to best glide. Do you have the airfield in sight?”

Pilot: “Uh, Tower. I am on the north ramp. I just want to know where the fuel truck is.”



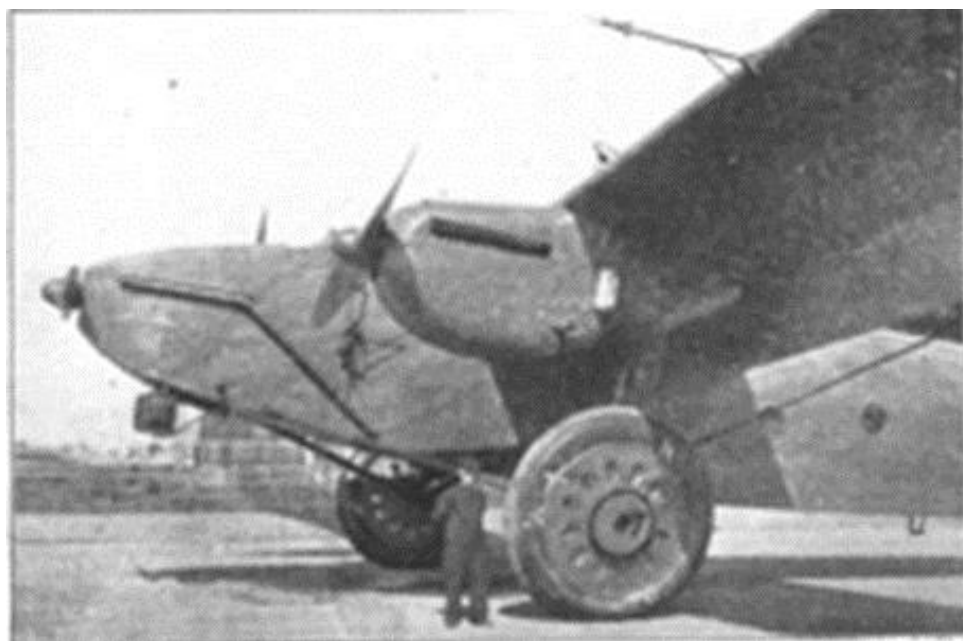
## Giant Flying Boats!



Courtesy of VP Don Hedeman's insatiable curiosity about all things aviation, here is a link to a YouTube video that is nearly an hour long about these huge boats. A pretty interesting piece of history: <https://youtu.be/Y22F9O3A0EM>.

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## The Inflexible



In keeping with the theme of our program for January on "The Golden Age" here is another in the series from Don's "diorama" mind, this is the story of a rare 1920's build, about ten minutes long. Click here: <https://youtu.be/I9Qz6c38sGk>

## 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, January 18, 2022 Chapter Meeting

### Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88

6:30 PM - Dinner and 7:00 meeting

**Program:** Ms. Hannah Shickles is the archivist and event coordinator for the Kelch Museum at the Broadhead Airport



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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](mailto: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

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## Upcoming EAA Webinars

Go to [www.eaa.org/webinars](http://www.eaa.org/webinars) to view the schedule and to register.

| Date    | Time       | Title  | Presenter(s)                 |
|---------|------------|--|------------------------------|
| 1/18/22 | 7 p.m. CST | <a href="#">Young Eagles Coordinator Orientation</a>   | David Leiting                |
| 1/20/22 | 7 p.m. CST | <a href="#">Become a Better Chapter Leader – Presidents/Vice Presidents 2022</a>   | Charlie Becker               |
| 2/2/22  | 7 p.m. CST | <a href="#">Cylinder Rescue</a><br><b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.</b>  | Mike Busch                   |
| 2/8/22  | 7 p.m. CST | <a href="#">Mustang: The History of EAA's P-51s</a><br><b>Museum Webinar Series</b>  | Chris Henry and Ben Page     |
| 2/9/22  | 7 p.m. CST | <a href="#">ATC and You: Getting the Most Out of Flying in Controlled Airspace</a><br><b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b> | Bob Obma and Brad Wilco      |
| 2/15/22 | 7 p.m. CST | <a href="#">Become a Better Chapter Leader – Secretary/Treasurer 2022</a>  | John Egan and Charlie Becker |
| 3/2/22  | 7 p.m. CST | <a href="#">Teardown Needed?</a><br><b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.</b>   | Mike Busch                   |
| 3/3/22  | 1 p.m. CST | <a href="#">EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship Coordinator Training</a>  | Christopher Gauger           |

## 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 |
| Tim   |              | 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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## Membership Application

Please print:

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Landline (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

National member ID. \_\_\_\_\_

Single membership: \$15.00

Family membership: \$22.50

Payable To: FAA Chapter 327

Return to: **Merle Neises**  
**6829 N. High Ridge Rd.**  
**Galena IL 61036**



Meetings the third Tuesday of the month, 7PM, Conference Rm next to restaurant, DBQ Airport Terminal

Meeting times & places may vary in the summer time contact a chapter officer for exact times and place

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