



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've noticed an uptick in visitors to the EAA observation area overlooking the airport and terminal building. After touching up the shelter paint last month, this month we sanded, restained the picnic table-tops. Then Bob Moyer and I applied spar var-

nish to the table-tops to help protect the stain from ultraviolet and weather damage. We'll see how long it lasts, but we will likely need to sand and reapply a new coat of varnish each year. Things take a beating in the sun and weather up there.

My adventures involving the FAA ended well this month with passing a 709 re-examination of my instrument flying skills. Mike Nickeson worked with me for twenty hours of instruction and I spent about the same amount of time reviewing and memorizing book-work. It was much more challenging than the initial DPE ride for my initial instrument check ride.

Ask me about the MARVELOUS VFR C 500 mnemonic sometime and see if I still remember. Spaced repetition is the answer, that and about a thousand times looking at index cards. A good word from Todd Dalsing as he walked by the exam room didn't hurt, either. My full instrument privileges are intact. Thanks to Mike, Cathy and Emmanuel for their assistance. I expect to become less adventurous in instrument flying. Also thanks to everyone for the encouragement.

Progress on acquiring an EAA hanger continues with Cheryl and Todd working with EAA on insurance issues. Cottingham & Butler have moved into their beautiful new hanger and Crescent Electric have moved into the old Cot-

tingham hanger. When the UD helicopters move into the old Crescent hanger we can start organizing Hanger 88 for our purposes. Hopefully we will be in by October 1st. There are three potential build projects lined up to occupy the space. We have some furniture and have leads on more.

The Chapter Board is scheduled to meet with airport management soon to work out security details and procedures for hanger use. Stay tuned! We hope to create a comfortable place to encourage and promote interest in recreational and experimental aviation, and to get our RV-12 project moving again. It will be great to have a heated space to work and gather in over the winter. Any members interested in being on a hanger management board, please step forward.

I'm a little blue over seeing our annual Chapter Pancake Breakfast on my personal calendar and knowing it won't happen this year due to Covid concerns. I've always enjoyed the fellowship and fundraising for the chapter. On the bright side, two of our youth members have passed their FAA knowledge tests. Congratulations to Bridger Hawkinson and Joe Chapman on this accomplishment! Joe has soloed and done a cross country to Moline recently, and Bridger continues his training at Marion airport, waiting for his 16th birthday on November 9th to solo. Hooah!

Chapter member Don Krause has invited us to his hanger in Manchester for a fly-in, drive-in social. The original date of Saturday 9/12 at noon has rain forecast, so he has moved the invitation to the following Saturday, 9/19. I'll email directions and the new invitation out. Thanks, Don! Please respond to the email so he knows how much food to prepare.

Our next chapter meeting is this Tuesday 15 September in the Airport Terminal Conference room 6pm light dinner & 7pm meeting.

Ray Scholar Update: First Solo X-C

By Joe Chapman



Solo flight to a young student pilot is as exciting and amazing as it can get. Having the opportunity to go out to the airport, strap into an airplane and go flying by myself at the age of 16 is something that is almost still crazy to me, and it's very special being able to say that when some of my friends don't even drive.

Now that I can fly by myself, the next step was to prepare to take local solo flying to the next level - the first solo cross country flight. Mike and I had already done three cross country flights, one to Cedar Rapids and two to Moline. It was after the flight to Moline that Mike told me I would be doing my solo cross country on Saturday morning. He asked me where I wanted to go and I decided on Moline, since I felt more prepared and familiar with it having just gone there. I used some time in my study hall the Friday before the flight to review the sectional and write down the frequencies and how far away to contact approach.

I know I got some curious looks from my classmates as I was looking at the map and writing things on a kneeboard, but it was a great time to get some preflight planning done. I have to say, having everything I knew I needed to right there, made the flight extremely easy.

On the following Saturday morning I got up at 6 a.m., just as I do for school, but of course in a much better mood than usual. I had some breakfast and was off to the airport. Since I'm a pretty typical teenager and enjoy my sleep, I rarely get the chance to see the sun as I saw it that morning. As I pulled out the Cherokee, I took in the gorgeous blue of the sky and the ear-

ly morning sun, enjoying the quietness that is the Dubuque airport at odd hours.

Soon enough, after topping off the tanks of the Cherokee, I climbed into my seat and got ready to go. After takeoff I saw one of the most amazing sunrises I've ever seen. I tried to take it all in as I climbed up to 5,500 ft and set off on my way to Moline. The way down was spectacular, not only had I witnessed the sunrise the way few people get to, but to fly what felt to be so high, and to notice the patterns of farms and small towns a way that few have was nothing short of beautiful.

The more I fly the more I realize how special the views and perspective from the pilot's seat are, and there's something really special about being up in an airplane alone, as if we are flying under our own wings, above it all.

But don't worry that I had lost my head in the clouds. I was still sure to stay one step ahead of the aircraft, having every frequency dialed, ATIS information received and a clear idea of what approach wanted me to do in my head. Soon enough I was on final for Runway 27 at Moline, after straightening out the plane onto the runway I touched down on what felt to be a pretty nice landing, and bringing her to a complete stop, I configured the Cherokee for takeoff and was off on my way back to Dubuque. Flying this time at an altitude of 6,500 ft, and continued on my way, encountering much more headwind than I had on the way down. (I assume due to the higher altitude.)

When I finally got back to Dubuque, I encountered much more gusty conditions than I ever had solo, making for quite a bumpy, but nevertheless fun approach. Although my landing left much to be desired, which I'm going to blame it on the wind, I was back in Dubuque with my first solo cross country complete. It was one of the most fun and amazing flights I've had so far. I can't wait to do it again.

**Tuesday, September 15, 2020 Chapter Meeting
Airport Terminal Conference Room**

7:00 PM - Pizza and meeting - Masks Required

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](#)

Name that plane!
(Answer later in this newsletter)



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

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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Upcoming EAA Webinars

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Date	Time	Title	Presenter(s)
9/15/20	7 p.m. CDT	Unusual Attitude Training Versus Upset Prevention and Recovery Training: What's the Difference and Why Does it Matter? Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Randy Brooks and Norm Dequier
9/22/20	7 p.m. CDT	So You Think You Can Make a 180 Back on Takeoff? An In-Depth Look at Engine Failure Options Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Charlie Precourt, Chris Glaeser, Rick Marshall, and Terry Lutz
9/23/20	7 p.m. CDT	Founder's Innovation Prize Grand Championship Preview	Terry Lutz
9/24/20	12 p.m. CDT	EAA Young Eagles Workshops: Day Camp Program for Chapters	John Egan and Megan Hart
10/6/20	7 p.m. CDT	\$500 HUD HOMEBUILDERS WEBINAR SERIES	John Muzzoli
10/7/20	7 p.m. CDT	The Looming Mechanic Shortage Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Mike Busch

Name That Plane Answer:
Glasair GlaStar

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
Alaine Olthafer	608/988-6864	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	PVB	Owners, Club, FBO

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Single membership: \$15.00

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Payable To: FAA Chapter 327

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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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