



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

Dear members,



WOW! What a thrill to have nearly 40 members in attendance at our monthly January gathering! We introduced a couple of new members and had a guest sign up that night.

Our club theme for the year is – Flying is better if you share it. And that is also the theme National EAA is promoting and encouraging us to do. To share your love of flight with someone else. A great member profile story from another chapter is included in this newsletter. I think you will enjoy it.



So, in keeping with that theme – what if we could get **50 in February** – that’s 50 members +friends to join us on Tuesday February 20th @ 6:30 – 8pm for our light buffet, program and fellowship?!?!?

So please invite your spouse, a friend, neighbor, another inactive member and come and join us. It will be the best way you can spend a wintery week-

night

Something new we are starting: You will find our lovely Joan Knockle greeting you as you enter the hangar. Please sign in and wear your name tag, or get a sticky one to wear.

Our member Clayton Greaves went up to the EAA Museum and brought back a lot of great photos. You’ll see them projected on the screen as you enter. Enjoy the eye candy!

For our program this month we will be reviewing the membership survey so many of you responded to – THANK YOU!! Bob Woodward will review the results as well and have some discussion on the direction we as a board will taking as a direct result of your survey response.

DUES DUES DUES are Due. If you haven’t renewed yet, please do. We hope you find value in the \$20 membership dues. We appreciate your continued support and we hope to see you at the events.

If you have any questions, please send me an email: nduplessis@ea327.org

Thank you and we will see you soon –
- Nancy

“The engine is the heart of an airplane, but the pilot is its soul.” – Walter Raleigh



A Fun and Informative time at the EAA Chapter Leadership Training



I have to admit I was not entirely looking forward to the leadership training the weekend of January 26th—28th. It's not that I don't like general aviation or EAA or our chapter. I love them all. It was more that I've been in leadership positions (both paid and volunteer) all my adult life and was thinking: "Really, how much more could I learn after all these years?!?!?"

Add to that my daughter was competing in her first Cross-Fit competition in Des Moines on the same weekend and I was having a few "bad dad" pangs in my stomach. (Sure, my wife Beth was there to cheer her on, but still...)

So it was with a little bit of skepticism and lot of curiosity that I checked in on Friday night. Making friends fast (I immediately met two guys who, just hours before, had been

at EAA 327 Hangar 88 to see our two flight simulators (guests of our own Mark Woodhouse). Small world!!!

Long story short, it was a fun, informative, and energizing weekend. I learned a lot about the keys to local chapter success—many of which we are already doing but some we can do better and more often. What are those "6 Keys to Chapter Success" you might ask? Glad to share.

1. **Strong Leadership**. (We have been blessed with great leadership and are now developing more leaders, in all forms, for our chapter).
2. **Quality Monthly Gatherings**. (We have called them "meetings" in the past but get used to the new terminology as we look to plan more fund programs in the coming months).
3. **Do Something!!!** Yes, sound simple but it's really important. What is "something?" Lots of things we already do, or have done. (A build, a RC build, Young Eagle flights, Pancake Breakfasts, etc.) Sound familiar?
4. **Have a Growth Mindset**. What does that mean? In this case it means always looking to grow the chapter. Recruit and retain members. Be a welcoming chapter (think "go out of your way to say 'hi' to visitors and new members). Remember, if we're not growing we're shrinking!
5. Do a good job with **marketing and communication**. Have good signage, up-to-date website, social media, etc. People can't find us and attend our events if they don't know about us!
6. **Understand chapter members' interests and goals**. We're a diverse group, with various levels of experience, specific interests and reasons for joining the chapter. So we need to have "something for everybody" (and, hopefully, many things for most people)! Therefore the need for the chapter survey!

In addition to a LOT more detail on each of these topics, I also met some great new friends (including some from the Quad Cities and Geneseo) and others from chapters around the upper Midwest and beyond. I plan to stay in touch. (That's Kent Johnson from Geneseo).

Lastly, one particular couple really stuck out to me. They were a husband and wife who have no other connection to EAA (chapter 75 in Quad Cities) other than their daughter was involved in the "teen build" airplane construction project. Not pilots. Not officers. No necessarily prospective officers. Not builders (themselves). They just wanted to learn more about EAA so they can support their daughter's interest in GA. Now, how cool is THAT?!?!?!?



See you at the monthly gathering (and other places as well).

- Bob Woodward, EAA 327 Secretary

Ray Scholar Report by Jack Newhouse



Stop me if you have heard this before. I am beginning to understand that pilots are not snobs, they just have a better perspective because they are always looking down on people. Maybe that's why when life gives us a flat tire, we can roll with it. Jokes like that might get me into trouble, and maybe that's why they never quite seem to land.

On a similar note though, I recently took a solo cross country from Middleton's Morey Airport. It was a beautiful clear day. This is when it was so absolutely freezing cold. My preflight went great. I had a perfectly calm take off.

Remember, this is like fifteen degrees below zero outside. The air was so thin and the drag was almost nothing. My pitch up was like a rocket and the instruments could not keep up with me. These are not sentences that usually describe a Cessna 172. I think my transponder gave up on keeping up with my altitude. Maybe that is a little exaggerated, but I was climbing really fast.

Anyway, I followed the Wisconsin River west and it was a real fun flight. In case you have never seen this area, the entire watershed from what used to be Glacial Lake Wisconsin to the Mississippi River used to flow in the opposite direction until a glacial dam burst and thousands of years of rain and snow melt drained an entire county wide lake in the blink of an eye. The results are the ridges and valleys, the Wisconsin Dells, and even the direction of the Mississippi River flowing from Minnesota south to the Gulf of Mexico instead of winding up in Lake Michigan. It is a really pretty area that everyone should see from an airplane.

At Wyalusing, I went north to touch and go at Prairie du Chien, then I flew over my house, and on to Platteville. Everything was completely textbook conditions. Returning to Middleton is where things changed. Just before touchdown, a strong crosswind buffeted the plane as I landed. I was in the middle of patting myself on the back when a metallic *thwack* made a noise hitting the bottom of the plane. A half a heartbeat later, a rifle shot went off to my right. I had a flat tire. A takeoff and two landings and the tire held, but right where the airport owner and my cfi were in earshot, this happens. They both said that tires sometimes pop and it was not a big deal. It could have been worse.

Nevertheless, the next week's lesson we spent a whole day flying patterns, paying close attention to my landings. I was a little offended at first because I thought I had mastered this, but to be honest, it did great things for my confidence.

So, to square the circle, I guess I learned that even though I did my preflight work just as I was taught, unexpected things can still happen. There may be a bigger lesson there, but it goes along with what I heard from all of you at the last meeting, that each flight teaches you something new. So, in a roundabout way, this experience won't deflate my ability to continue to learn how to become a better pilot.

Happily, I am continuing to rack up my hours one at a time. I flipped a new page in the logbook and I will claim forty hours before the month is over. I am sure I am not the only one who wishes for warmer weather and less snow drifts in front of the hangar doors. I think even though winter has a long way to go, there are better days over the horizon.

Thanks for all of your support, talk to you soon,

- Jackson

A Challenge for Chapters

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By **Kymerly Logan**

This article originally appeared in EAA Chapter 377's January 2024 newsletter, FLY PAPER, by chapter member Kymerly Logan.



We all have that one person who introduces us to aviation. Sometimes, it's more than one person. For me, I was blessed to be born into aviation. My dad is a pilot, my grandfather, and someone else in the family line was a pilot/mechanic.

I guess this is what started my maintenance path. I was 4 when Grandpa and Grandma got this toy car for my sister, Stephanie (2), and I. When it came time for us to switch, I would reach under the dash, unplug the connector for the speed switch, and flip it, then plug it back in. I did that so Stephanie couldn't go fast and I could. Eventually, Grandpa caught on to what I was doing and how I did it. He told me I had a knack for knowing how things worked and would know how to fix it.

When I tell people I am an airport manager and aircraft mechanic, some people tell me they want to get into aviation or know someone who does. Some tell me they want to know more about it and want to get into the field. The first week of the new year, I spoke with a young lady who wants to be a mechanic!

I encourage and challenge everyone for this new year to help nurture someone's desire to get into aviation. It doesn't have to be a career! Just someone who wants to be part of our community and loves airplanes. Every month our chapter hosts wonderful get-togethers just to talk about aviation. Our chapter is blessed to have so many people who do a little bit of everything in aviation. We have builders, pilots, instructors, mechanics, an aircraft museum curator, and airport managers. That pretty much covers the spectrum of aviation! Sorry, I forgot about engineers...but I'm not partial to them sometimes! Haha, what mechanic is?



Talk to your local school counselor, talk to your local airport manager (trust me, we get calls about who teaches!), talk to your community! School counselors always know who may be interested, but some-

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times they do not know that there are local opportunities! When someone calls or comes by to ask about lessons or anything aviation, I always share our website and newsletter. I encourage them to just come to a fly-in! I also encourage them to reach out to me if they have any questions, and if I cannot answer them, I know someone who can, or I find someone who can!



I have spent most of my life in EAA Chapter 377, and most of the members have watched my sisters, my brother, my cousins, and I grow up every year by attending my grandparents' Funny Farm Fly-In. When I moved, and Mary (our newsletter editor) can attest to this, finding another group of aviation enthusiasts like our chapter was extremely difficult. The other groups I checked out were more of just once a year or a couple of times in the summer meet-up kind of groups. Nothing like our group that meets up every month, where everyone is friendly, shares the passion of aviation, and the type of group that comes together when it's needed most. Our chapter is like an extended family to

me and others. I encourage and challenge you all to help the continued growth of EAA chapters and bring in the next generation. This isn't just to increase our numbers, but to share the true love and compassion of aviation with the next generation.

With the recent loss of my grandpa, Jack Jenkinson, EAA 576629, someone who I looked up to my whole life, I am grateful and proud to have and be part of a chapter like this. The outpouring of care and condolences from our chapter speaks monumentally of my grandpa. He was a true advocate for aviation. He not only spoke it, though he was a man who was to the point and of few words, but he was a man of action and deeds. He introduced his family to this chapter because of his passion for aviation. With that, he brought another three generations into the fold! If one man who was passionate about aviation could introduce three generations to aviation, why can't one person introduce just one more person to aviation?



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Any support for the industry by someone who is not a pilot, mechanic, or manager helps support local airports to keep them up and running and in good condition. We need advocates for our industry. Take one look at the airports that are closing around California and the rest of the U.S. There are not enough advocates to outweigh the general public, who are not well-informed or care about aviation. When money is tight and cuts need to be made, airports look expensive on paper. All most people know about is commercial aviation, but they don't know that every commercial pilot starts at a small airport in a small aircraft.

EAA Supports MOSAIC Proposal to Increase Opportunities for Pilots, New Recreational Aircraft

EAA today urged the FAA to move forward with its rule proposal titled MOSAIC (Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification). EAA notes that the new rule will significantly benefit general aviation – expanding the capability, size, and scope of aircraft that can be built utilizing industry consensus standards and aircraft that can be flown while exercising Sport Pilot privileges.

Other major aviation organizations, including AOPA, NBAA, and NATA, are co-signers with EAA on its [comments to the FAA's NPRM \(Notice of Proposed Rulemaking\)](#). In submitting its comments, EAA emphasized that MOSAIC builds on 20 years of safety and success since the introduction of the sport pilot and light-sport aircraft regulations in 2004.

“For a decade, EAA has offered ideas to the FAA on safely expanding the potential of sport pilot and light-sport aircraft, and those innovations are the genesis of the MOSAIC concept,” said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board. “With MOSAIC, EAA’s initial ideas have been encompassed in an initiative that will maintain elevated levels of safety while expanding access to training aircraft and foster innovation, as well as bringing economic growth and workforce development into the aviation community. EAA has also brought forward suggestions for minor modifications that would make MOSAIC in its final version even more effective.” Among the areas where EAA recommended enhancements to the proposal:

- Slightly increasing stall speed
- Allowing sport pilots to fly with up to three passengers
- Providing alternate means to verify night vision minimums for sport pilots to earn a night-flying endorsement
- Maintaining existing requirements and structure for light-sport aircraft repair certificates

“All of EAA’s recommendations consider safety as the priority, while envisioning pathways to take full advantage of opportunities that MOSAIC can provide for increased growth and vitality of recreational aviation,” Pelton said.

The FAA will now review the thousands of comments it has received during the just-concluded public comment period. The agency is expected to issue a final rule sometime in 2024 or early 2025.

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, February 20, 2024 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ

6:30PM Dinner and 7:00 Meeting

Program: Bob Woodward presents results from the Chapter 327 Survey and discussion about using the results to plan for 2024 and beyond.

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, 3rd Thurs of month
Location: Dubuque Airport Hangar 88

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[Mental Health and FAA Medical Certification](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit**

Thursday, February 15, 7 p.m. CST with Tom Charpentier

There has been a lot of discussion in the past year of the FAA's approach to certification in mental health cases, and how this approach causes many pilots to be reluctant in seeking treatment. In this webinar, EAA Government Relations Director Tom Charpentier will discuss the current state of FAA policy, recent improvements to the handling of some cases, and EAA's advocacy goals moving forward.

[Maintaining Insurability](#)

Wednesday, February 28, 7 p.m. CST with Tom Turner

Tom Turner from the American Bonanza Society Air Safety Foundation discusses the insurance challenges for pilots with low experience in type, pilots who want to maintain high levels of insurance protection, those flying harder-to-insure aircraft, and older pilots, and a strategy for making themselves better risks for otherwise hesitant insurance underwriters. We'll cover:

- Why aircraft insurance has become costlier and hard to get in recent years
- The difference between insurance brokers, agents, and underwriters, and questions to ask each
- A strategy for getting underwriters to see you as a better risk than the average airplane owner

[Hosting a Flying Start Event 101](#)

Tuesday, March 5, 7 p.m. CST

May 18 is International Learn to Fly Day, and your chapter is invited to participate by hosting a Flying Start event! Join this live webinar, and we review how to plan the perfect Flying Start event. Topics covered will include event planning, event best practices, and what resources EAA provides to simplify the hosting process for chapters.

[Unleaded AVGAS -- Cure or Curse?](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT Credit**

Wednesday, March 6, 7 p.m. CST with Mike Busch

In this webinar, Mike Busch explores what we know about valve recession and lead, and discusses how much of an issue this is likely to be.

[Swallow and Travel Air](#) | **Museum Webinar Series**

Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m. CST with Chris Henry

One of the special things about Pioneer Airport is the opportunity to have flights right at the EAA Aviation Museum. We will talk about the

[Jumpers Away! Seeing and Avoiding Skydivers](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit**

Wednesday, March 13, 7 p.m. CST

Skydivers may not be ADS-B equipped, but they share the same airspace as we pilots do. In order to see and avoid those who don't mind jumping out of a perfectly sound airplane, we need to know how, where, and when skydivers operate. This FAA Safety Team WINGS award webinar will help you to anticipate their actions, altitudes, and location when you hear the magic words "Jumpers Away!" on the common traffic advisory frequency.

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.

EAA Chapter 327 New Member Application Form



FORM REV. 1/3/2024

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

