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EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 327 - DUBUQUE IA USA

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From The Desk of the President



It has been a year in our EAA hanger, and this rainy fall day is a time for reflection. There are so many good memories about our gathering in the company of pilots and friends in the Hanger 88 space.

I hope to continue being a part of building for our organizational future so others can enjoy the space and aviation sup-

port they will find there.

Elections will take place this coming Tuesday so see the article in this newsletter about that. I encourage all to come vote and consider throwing your hat in the ring to participate in some way in organizing the good times we have and the service we provide.

Our holiday dinner will be on December 12, Sunday at 2pm until perhaps 5. Please reserve the date in your calendars and look in the accompanying article to pay by credit card and to make a reservation when the sign-up genius email comes from my wife, Mariann Weber. Those who are buffalo'd by the technology call me or Kevin to make arrangements.

I'm looking forward to celebrating the end of year and transitioning to the next one, with I hope good attendance at this social event with family & friends. Please sign up. We have arranged for the best meal we could find at a reasonable price. The venue, food and companionship will be great and I'm looking forward to seeing you all.

I had the opportunity this week on Tuesday to visit the RV-12 youth build project sponsored by Quad Cities Chapter 75 in Davenport located in the school district bus garage. It was great to see a generous space with three work-tables and several students and an EAA mentor at each working on a section of the build manual. They have about 25 adult mentors and 12 students at a time but about 100 who are interested!

Fun to know that in some ways our Chapter project inspired such a large and storied Chapter to get interested and start a youth build program of their own. They plan

to sell the plane to start another build when it is finished. The school system is paying for their build and providing space and some school faculty volunteers.

Our Chapter Ray Scholar, Bridger Hawkinson, completed his private pilot checkride this week on his 17th birthday! Congratulations, Bridger! See the accompanying photo and article. We have several young people in the pipeline for training, the most recent award is to Alana Duggan who will start training soon. Joe Chapman and Bridger have set quite an example for others to follow. It is our privilege to support and encourage them.

Several members have joined together in fly outs to Reedsburg, Lonerock, Janesville, Mason City, and Independence for meals and camaraderie this month. Be sure to keep current and proficient, and keep a safety culture first in mind. Some of our young new members are interested in starting a VMC club for VFR pilots, so watch out for that announcement. If anyone can remember to take photos, we'll place them on our Facebook page and in the newsletter.

Fair skies and tailwinds,

- Chuck Weber, President, EAA Chapter 327



Chapter 327 Holiday party!!!

OK, get out your lovely, ugly Christmas season sweaters—Kevin Bohach will conduct a contest with prize for his favorite one!



Our traditional holiday party where we meet for a restaurant meal and honor past chapter officers and greet new officers for the following year will be on **December 12 at 2-5pm.**

The location will be a new restaurant, **All on Board**, at the airport terminal building. Angela & Carolyn are the new managers, and they bring 30 years of experience to bear. They are two of the premier caterers in the area and have been operating under the name Life's a Feast. They like to use local farmers to source their food.

Starting this week, they have opened at the airport from 5am to 2pm to serve breakfast and lunch. We hope to enjoy their passion for food well-prepared and wish them well in their vision to serve the airport terminal, the local community, and commercial/corporate pilots and passengers. Please patronize them if you have a chance.



After consulting with several members on menu choices, we'll be served (no buffet) Caesar salad with whole leaf Romaine lettuce and handcrafted Caesar dressing with homemade croissant croutons and grated Parmesan cheese.

The main will be Chicken Cacciatore (hunter's style) with pan-seared chicken thighs from Sullivan's Farm, braised with locally grown garlic,

bell peppers, onions and root vegetables. This will be served with a rustic tomato sauce and herbs on a bed of mashed potatoes. Dinner rolls are from the Millwork Bakery with whipped herb butter.

Dessert is a hearty tart Berry Cobbler a la mode.

A vegetarian option is available to those who wish it. Please indicate this on your rsvp.

Payment will be in advance and is \$25 for this fabulous dinner, with taxes and tip **\$32** per person. This is the url link to pay by credit card: www.PayPal.me/EAAChapter327Dubuque

We won't consider the rsvp complete until payment is made in advance, as food orders have to go in early and our caterers have to be paid. Payment must be made by Wednesday 8 December. My wife Mariann

(thank you, dear) will send out a mailing from Sign Up Genius.com asking you to rsvp. Please do this in addition to paying; we'll have a handy list to work from and you'll get a reminder a few days ahead. Watch for that in addition to paying via credit card. If anyone is having trouble, please call or text me at 563-663-3646 and I'll help you. Kevin Bohach is also available at 563-579-3325.



There will be a cash bar for soft drinks, beer and cocktails. If you prefer wine with your meal, please bring a bottle of your favorite to drink and share.

Also, we will check with the Dubuque County Health Department on Covid viral guidelines to hopefully make everyone comfortable. Masks are required by TSA in the airport terminal. I will speak with the caterers about appropriate distancing. Once we are seated and eating and drinking masks will be at individual discretion. It is quite a large and open space with good air circulation.

Bridger completes Ray Scholar checkride!!!

By Chuck Weber

On his 17th birthday, the first time he was qualified for an FAA Private Pilot rating, EAA Chapter 327 student member Bridger Hawkinson took and passed his checkride from FAA examiner pilot Jan Walton. She awarded Bridger his temporary certificate to use until the permanent plastic one arrives in the mail.

Bridger trained at C17, Marion County Airport near Cedar Rapids with P&N Flight. Bridger's instructor pilot told me he is the best student he has instructed. Quite a compliment. Bridger was one of the earlier student members in the Chapter RV-12 build. He stuck with it for the whole two years seeing it through to completion. He was able to fly it prior to painting and did very well.

Bridger also helped with the Youth Build and Fly program to build a radio controlled model airplane. He has been active in the chapter and present at nearly every volunteer opportunity. Bridger and his Dad Andy camped with us in Chapter Camping at Oshkosh this summer.

His Eagle project is planned to provide signage and a more finished look to the EAA Observation Area overlooking the airport. I have seen him frequently on the simulator, and Bridger has been happy to help at the Young Eagles events and other times as well. He is an asset to the Chapter and airport community.

Be sure to congratulate him and wish him well as he continues in his aviation career.



Chapter Elections in November

This being an odd year (in more ways than one), the positions of President and Treasurer are up for election, according to our By Laws. In even years, Vice-President and Secretary come up for election. Terms are for two years.

Merle Neises has been Treasurer for at least two terms, and asked for someone else to run. Brett Pearce has agreed to be nominated for that position. He has experience running Quick Books On-Line for his business, and will help us transition to a more modern book keeping method.

We plan to attend the EAA Chapter Leaders Training session in the spring. Chuck is willing to run for another term as President. If others are interested in running for office, please get back to Chuck as soon as possible so we can prepare for the election next week on Tuesday.

In addition to Officers, there is a need for additional positions.

We already have:

- Newsletter editor Bob Woodward
- Website webmaster Nancy DuPlessis
- Facebook editor Bridger Hawkinson

We could use:

- Hanger Manager whose job would be to coordinate security, improvements, cleanup, supplies, etc. There would be helpers available.
- Young Eagles Coordinator who would plan for a few events each year. We have a number of pilots registered with EAA who have Youth Protection training, but could use more. Recruiting new YE would be a part of this very satisfying position. There are helpers for this spot as well.
- Social Director to plan and organize some events. Kevin Bohach has offered to do this. He organized the Poker Run that paid for our plane wash station, and helped with the Fall Social and our end of year Christmas party.
- Youth Engagement/Ray Scholar Coordinator. Identifying and managing applications for and training of our pilot and EAA Academy slots.

If someone thinks they might be interested in growing our Chapter to make it an even better organization, Chuck really encourages them to attend a Chapter Leadership Academy. The next ones are January 14-16 and April 22-24 in Oshkosh. Merle and Chuck went a few years ago and the training really energized them to develop new programs and activities.

I think you'd find it a lot of fun to mix with other Chapter leaders and pilots from all over the country. We got special tours of the EAA Museum, great food, a tour of the Sonex factory and terrific fellowship. Let Chuck know of interest and we'll work on transportation. No cost for housing as he recalls.

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, November 16, 2021 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88

6:30 PM - Dinner and 7:00 meeting

Program:

- Dan Helsper from Monticello.
- Dan made a wooden propellor for his Pietenpol by hand.



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 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)
11/17/21	12 p.m. CST	Young Eagles Digital Signature App	David Leiting and Charlie Becker
11/17/21	7 p.m. CST	Bravo Buster: Adventures In and Around the National Airspace System Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Laura Herrmann
11/23/21	7 p.m. CST	Special SOLIDWORKS Offer For EAA Members Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Brian Hillner and John Martorano III
12/1/21	7 p.m. CST	Prop Overhauls Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
12/2/21	7 p.m. CST	EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship – 2022 Update	Chris Gauger
12/7/21	7 p.m. CDT	Homebuilt Biplane Roundup Homebuilders Webinar Series	Budd Davisson
12/8/21	7 p.m. CST	The Truth About Stalls Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Tom Turner
12/14/21	7 p.m. CST	The History of EAA's B-25 Museum Webinar Series	Chris Henry and Ben Page

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.							



EAA Chapter 327



Membership Application

Please print:

First Name _____ Last _____ Spouse _____

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

Visit our webpage www.327.eaachapter.org

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