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EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION CHAPTER 327 - DUBUQUE IA USA

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From The Desk of the President



Here it is August!

We had no meeting last month due to Oshkosh and Air Venture. Bob Woodward organized Chapter Camping again this year. We had six camping spots reserved and four campers and two tents were in the space. It was hot! A special treat was recent member Paris White, who brought his guitar and enter-

tained us with his play and singing.

EAA reported 675,000 people attended Oshkosh. I have been told this is a new record. As usual, everyone picks up and is generally friendly and kind, continuing the Oshkosh and EAA founder Paul Poberezny's vision and example. I was invited to his home this year and got started reading his biography. Amazing what one man and his wife, with their idea of an aviation organization, accomplished! My informal count is about twenty of our members attended.

We have a special treat this month with the editor of the Quad Cities Chapter 75 newsletter, Adam Santic, attending and writing an article and taking photos of the Dubuque Airshow over the 4th of July weekend. Adam was the inspiration for and the template for our newsletter, providing some of the content each month. We appreciate his and all the contributors to our newsletter. If you have any ideas for an article, please talk with me and/or feel free to submit one.

August is the month on our Chapter calendar to form a **Nominating Committee** to select new Officers or re-elect serving ones. In odd years, we elect President and Treasurer positions, who serve for two years. I have served two terms as President for a total of four years. Brett Pearce is Treasurer and was elected two years ago. He transitioned us from Merle Neises' paper accounts (Merle served multiple terms) to Quick Books. The Nominating Committee forms a slate of candidates, and a majority of members at the November meeting elects the officers who serve for two years. Please let us know if you have an interest in serving. It is very rewarding and members do help.

Rich Theobald has been installing an internet wi-fi ex-

tender from our EAA hanger to EAA member T-hangers the last month. \$80 covers the equipment and there is no monthly fee. I have been paying \$30/mo for a cellphone data card to get wifi, so this is a super deal. With it you can file flight plans, get weather data in your hanger, download YouTube videos and tech manuals for aircraft maintenance and other uses. Let Rich know if you are interested. Pay him, Treasurer Brett, or place a check in the drop box inside Hanger 88 parking lot door with a memo, and you'll be on the list for install.

Get out to fly! Several members and friends have been saying they aren't getting out much. Flying is much safer and easier when there is "muscle memory" and we don't need to think about what comes next. Get together with some pilot friends and go somewhere. There are on airport lunch places at Lonerock, Janesville, or Rochelle and many places with courtesy car access. It is fun and keeps our skills up. The good flying weather of summer will too soon be over.

Save the date for a rerun of our Chapter Pancake Breakfast being resurrected from pre-Covid days on the first Sunday after Labor Day, September 10. We'll need volunteers so look for the article on that and say "Yes" when asked to volunteer. It is a great community and family event.

Our program for this month's meeting will be a talk from this summer's Oshkosh Air Academy youth attendees Ethan Bonert & Oliver Maring. Also, Senior Member Jon Haubenstricker and additional cadets will speak on the Dubuque Civil Air Patrol squadron and what they have been up to. Come at 6:20 for a light dinner and socializing before the meeting at 7pm on Tuesday August 15. If you want to mark your calendar ahead, it is the third Tuesday of the month, except Aug & Dec.

Fair skies and tailwinds,

- Chuck Weber,
EAA Chapter 327 President



EAA 327 Pancake Breakfast

Sign up to help for this signature event—Sept. 10th!

It's time to get our EAA Chapter 327 Pancake Breakfast going again! This is a big fundraiser for our group and enables us to continue with safety and educational programs for our members and awarding scholarships for those new to aviation. Our breakfast is scheduled to return this fall on **Sunday, September 10, 2023**.

In the past we have served over 1,000 breakfasts at this event. This cannot happen unless we rally our members to fill many volunteer positions. **Please take a look at the volunteer request form at the link below and get signed up.** We all need to help where we can to make this event happen.

Use this link to sign up: <https://forms.gle/yRTnbM39Hfx9DiwLA>

Join us for EAA Chapter 327's Fly-in/Drive-in Pancake Breakfast on September 10, 2023, from 8 am to noon! All are welcome to indulge in delicious pancakes, sausage, applesauce, milk, orange juice, and coffee.

- Admission: \$10
- Ages 5-12: \$5
- Under 5 eat FREE
- PIC (Pilot in Command) eats FREE with ticket

If you're driving, simply take Airport Road and follow the directions until a friendly parking attendant guides you to the designated parking area.

For those flying in, please adhere to all ATC instructions until you're handed off to a Ground Marshall. After shutdown, one PIC ticket will be given to the aircraft, and we kindly request the pilot to complete the info on the back before entering the line for the pancake breakfast.

Don't miss the chance to view the impressive aircraft on display while enjoying a fantastic breakfast.

See you there!

Ron Vaughn

Bob Woodward

Bridger Hawkinson

Chuck Weber

Brett Pearce

37th Annual Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular

Article & Images By - Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief

On July 2nd, a day before for the Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular, the Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ/KDBQ) had an aircraft viewing and open house event. This annual event is where you can interact with the air show performers, local airport businesses, and EAA Chapter 327. There were twelve aircraft on display, including a 1956 North American T-26B Trojan (N5443U), 2021 Van's RV-12iS (N744AN), 2012 Cessna 182T Skylane (N230CP), Fairchild Republic A10C Thunderbolt II (80-0181), Boeing CH-47F Chinook (12-08874) and seven members of the Full Throttle Formation Team.

On Monday July 3rd, I attended the 37th annual Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular event at A.Y. McDonald Park in Dubuque, Iowa, over Lock and Dam Number 11 located over the Mississippi River. The two-hour airshow went from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM, with forty-three minutes of fireworks blasting the nighttime sky.

The weather was a fantastic setting for an air show as there was lots of sun, blue skies, and no clouds in sight and I had a blast attending this air show.

The air show kicked off with a beautiful rendition of the National Anthem. Then the first act of the evening took place with the United States Army Golden Knights Black Parachute Team. Each member of this team jumped out of a de Havilland Dash 8-300 (GKA610). One of the members is a local native, Sgt. 1st Class Marcus Denniston from Cedar Rapids, IA.

Their show consisted of multiple jumpers exiting the aircraft while forming a geometric shape with smoke canisters deployed for additional crowd effect. They



also did jumps with the POW/MIA, state of Iowa, and the United State of America flags. Each maneuver, that the Golden Knights performed was executed

for the enjoyment and safety of the audience. With the small and tricky landing zone on the ground in

Dubuque, Iowa, the parachutists made it look effortless. They also performed a nighttime jump later on in the show.

The third act was put on by the Air Force Heritage Flight Foundation which featured three unique aircraft, featuring 2011 Bettendorf High School graduate and Davenport, Iowa native Capt. Sam "RaZZ" Larson of the United States Air Force F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team, Bruce "Doc" Winters in the 1944 North American F-51D *Mustang Happy Jack's Go Buggy*, and Capt. Lindsay "MAD" Johnson of the United States Air Force A-10C Demonstration Team. RaZZ performed double duty this day as he also per-



formed his full aerobatic routine at the Battle Creek Field of Flight Air Show & Balloon Festival in Battle Creek, Michigan, just like Maj. Kristin "BEO" Wolfe & the United States Air Force F-35A Lightning II Demonstration Team did last year. The announcers commented that he went straight from Battle Creek to Dubuque without landing. He wowed the crowd in the Lockheed F-22A Raptor that he was flying. Each aircraft did a series of flybys on their own before departing for the next act.

The fourth act was put on by Capt. Lindsay "MAD" Johnson of the United States Air Force A-10C Demonstration Team in a Fairchild Republic A-10C Thunderbolt II (aka "Warthog" or "Hog" or "Hawg") which offers excellent maneuverability at low airspeeds and altitude while maintaining a highly accu-



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rate weapons-delivery platform. The lethality and spectacle of the A-10's GAU-8 Avenger 30mm, seven-barrel Gatling-type cannon with each of the seven barrels capable of firing 557 rounds per minute which makes this a deadly asset for our military personnel. It was awesome seeing her pull at 7.33 Gs and simulating gun runs during her demonstration. Even cooler is that one of the members of its team, Maj. Travis "Trailer" Jackson is a Bettendorf, Iowa native.

The fifth act was by the returning Full Throttle Formation Team. This team is the largest precision formation team in North America currently flying today with twelve Van's RV aircraft in the sky at once.

The team flies as three flights of four planes, and all



three flights coordinate simultaneously to create their formations. Their first pass is just a basic left-to-right pass in front of show center. Another pass is their Falconry Pass where three Charlie Flights are split in half with Charlie 1 & 2 on the left with Charlie 3 & 4 on the right. Now, the Alpha, Bravo, and Charlie flight leads are busy positioning themselves for the arrow pass. One of my favorite passes that they do is the Stingray Pass where the twelve aircraft in the sky position themselves to look like a giant stingray. For their finale, they separate and fly in a circle.



The members that flew in this air show were:

- Greg "Greese" Reese - 2000 Van's RV-8 (N628GR)
- Dave "Torque" Romuald - 2002 Van's RV-8 (N655CL)
- Ed "McFly" Martin - 2002 Van's RV-6 (N101EM)
- John "Geist" Poulter - 2004 Van's RV-8 (N110JP)
- Doug "Hollywood" Hallberg - 2008 Van's RV-7A (N747HF)
- Bob "Waldo" Walden - 2012 Van's RV-7A (N65RW)
- AJ "Fumes" Pope - 2016 Van's RV-8 (N990BV)

This was my second time seeing this team in person and one of the reasons why I wanted to attend this event. It was interesting to see how they interacted to create their formations. The Van's series of RV Aircraft remains one the best affordable aircraft on the market today and after 50 years of business this company is still going strong in the homebuilding community. If you have not seen this formation aerobatic team in person that does roughly a ten-to-fourteen-minute routine, I highly suggest that you do.

The sixth act was a returning act at the Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular as Team Leader Chip Lamb represented the Trojan Phylers. He made his Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular de-



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but last year This highly experienced veteran from Texas has been delighting spectators for over two decades. He brought the speed, smoke, thunder, and excitement with precision aerobatics in his 1956 North American T-28B Trojan. His Warbird served nearly 30 years in the military before falling into civilian hands. His sports a Wright Cyclone R1820-86B nine-cylinder radial-engine with 1,425 horsepower and a three-bladed propeller. I was really amazed at what he and his Trojan could do

Overall, this marked my 5th time going to this air show as I last attended in 2022. The air show is FREE and best of all parking is \$20.00. I hope this recap will encourage you to put this on your list of air shows to come see. The 38th Annual Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular will happen on Wednesday, July 3, 2024.

37th Annual Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular Photos

Images By - Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief



Greg "Greese" Reese's 2000 Van's RV-8 (N628GR).



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Ray Scholar Report by Austin Haubenstricker

Total hours flight training time: 30



As I prepare for my upcoming check ride to complete my pilot training this summer or fall, I've had the opportunity to fly solo and immerse myself in the experience of being a pilot. The thrill of soaring through the skies and taking in the breathtaking landscape below has truly captivated me.

In a Civil Air Patrol program, I was able to solo in a glider and that has been really useful in the energy management part of flying and landing the plane. Upon obtaining my pilot's license, my aspirations extend to achieving both instrument and commercial ratings. I'm also eager to accumulate more flight hours by actively participating in the Civil Air Patrol and membership in the Key City Flyers club. These pursuits would not only grant me flying opportunities but also aid in advancing my aviation certifications. I plan to work

ahead on some instrument and commercial pilot skills this summer to take full advantage of the Ray Scholar funds.

Looking ahead, my post-high school plans revolve around a strong desire to serve. I've set my sights on attending the United States Air Force Academy with the goal of becoming a fighter pilot. Following my tenure in the Air Force, I envision transitioning to a career with airlines, where I can continue to hone my flying skills and contribute to the aviation industry. Ultimately, my aim is to build a fulfilling career that concludes with a well-deserved retirement from the world of commercial aviation. Hopefully, I'll be able to continue my interest in general recreational flying along the way.

Blue Skies and Tailwinds,
Austin Haubenstricker

EAA 327—Hangar WiFi Project

By Rich Theobald

Many of you know (or are aware) that radio signals do not penetrate enclosed metal structures known as Faraday cages...and metal T-Hangars. You may also have heard that we have embarked on a project to resolve this problem.

I'm happy to report that the project has been successfully launched so now EAA Chapter members are able to get WiFi services inside their T-Hangars.

Why would I need that you may say...the reasons for having this capability are many and varied, some examples are:

- Getting access to information and manuals while working on your plane,
- Downloading and installing electronic system updates,
- Remotely controlling battery chargers or engine heaters via your phone,
- Security cameras, WiFi thermostats, etc.

If you are interested in having this service send your one-time payment of \$85 to Brett Pearce at 16859 Thunder Hills Dr. Peosta 52068, to cover the cost of the equipment. Upon receipt of your payment he will contact me and I will get you setup.

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Helicopter Safety

By Chuck Weber

I received a call while at Oshkosh from Evan Lawler, UD's Chief helicopter pilot, about what he experienced as very unsafe behavior on the part of one of the EAA members driving a van from T-hangers to the EAA hanger. The **Bell Jet Ranger helicopter he was flying has a tail rotor that is not shielded, and the pilot can't see behind.** Evan was POC, and the van pulled around and behind the Jet Ranger while they were in a low hover, taxiing toward the self-fueler area.

Evan described safe practice and said what he would like is for us to slow down when passing the old T-hangers and looking both ways for heli traffic. If present, we need to stop, establish eye contact with the pilot, and wait for them to pass. If they are on the ground warming the engine, be sure they understand with hand signals where you are going and that they agree with a thumbs up or OK hand sign.

What we should never do is swing around behind the tail rotor where the pilot can't see us. Thanks everyone, for your cooperation!



Bell Jet Ranger 206B helicopter photo by Forest & Kim Starr, CC BY 3.0,

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Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, September 10th, 2023 8am - 12pm

Dubuque Regional Airport
EAA Chapter 327

Admission: \$10

Ages 5-12: \$5

Under 5: FREE

PIC: FREE



Join EAA Chapter 327, as we host the annual fly-in/drive-in breakfast at the Dubuque, Iowa, airport (KDBQ).

A pancake breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., with aircraft and on display

Breakfast is \$10, \$5 for ages 5-12 and free for 4 and under. All proceeds benefit EAA Chapter 327, an aviation non-profit that serves the Dubuque area and surrounding communities through flight training scholarships and Young Eagles.

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 15, 2023 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ

6:30PM Dinner and 7:00 Meeting

**Program: Oshkosh Air Academy youth attendees
 Ethan Bonert & Oliver Maring.**

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)
8/16/23	7 p.m. CDT	Vintage Aircraft Parts Substitution Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Tom Charpentier
8/23/23	7 p.m. CDT	Swift Fuels Unleaded Avgas Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Chris D'Acosta
8/30/23	7 p.m. CDT	Introduction to Siemens Solid Edge CAD Program	Doug Stainbrook
9/6/23	7 p.m. CDT	Legal Interpretations Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
9/12/23	7 p.m. CDT	The Sikorsky S-38 Museum Webinars Series	Chris Henry
9/13/23	7 p.m. CDT	Dealbreakers - Lessons Learned from Prebuy Examinations Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
9/20/23	7 p.m. CDT	IAC Aerobatic Center Highlights from AirVenture 2023	Lorrie Penner
10/4/23	7 p.m. CDT	Fortunate Catch Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Mike Busch

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.							



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MEMBER SIGN UP FORM

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: _____

(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: _____ PASSPORT TYPE PHOTO _____

EAGLE FLIGHT: PILOT: ☐ VOLUNTEER: ☐

We'd be glad to have you as a member of our local chapter, our annual dues are: \$15.00 and can be paid in person by check or cash or mailed to us at: Brett Pearce, Treasurer, EAA Chapter 327, 16859 Thunder Hills Dr. Peosta, IA 52068(no cash via mail please)

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE: 3RD TUESDAY EACH MONTH 6:30 PM LOCATED AT EAA HANGER 88, 11052 AIRPORT RD, DUBUQUE, IA



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OUR NATIONAL EAA ORGANIZATION EXPECTS LOCAL CHAPTER MEMBERS TO JOIN THE UMBRELLA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION. THE FEE IS \$40 AND AN APPLICATION CAN BE MADE AT WWW.EAA.ORG. THEY ALSO OFFER A 6-MONTH FREE TRIAL MEMBERSHIP. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE THAT. MEMBERSHIP INCLUDES A MAGAZINE AND SUBSTANTIAL DISCOUNTS TO THE EAA AIRVENTURE AIRSHOW AT OSHKOSH EACH SUMMER. IF NEW MEMBERS WANT TO "TRY OUT" CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP FOR A FEW MONTHS BEFORE DECIDING IF IT IS FOR THEM, JUST LEAVE THE EAA NATIONAL NUMBER FIELD BLANK. ONCE YOU'VE BEEN A MEMBER SEVERAL MONTHS AND DECIDED TO STAY, PLEASE JOIN NATIONAL, AS THEY PROVIDE OUR INSURANCE AND PROGRAM MATERIALS.

AN INFORMAL PHOTO OF HEAD AND SHOULDERS WOULD BE APPRECIATED FOR OUR CHAPTER ROSTER TO HELP NEW MEMBERS LEARN NAMES OF ESTABLISHED MEMBERS AND TO BECOME KNOWN TO THE REST OF THE CHAPTER. .JPG FORMAT WORKS IF YOU CAN SEND IT YOU HAVE THE PHOTO OF YOUR CHOICE. OTHERWISE, WE WILL TRY TO SNAP A PICTURE ON OUR TELEPHONE AND USE THAT. THE ROSTER IS AVAILABLE ONLINE FOR MEMBERS AND IS FOUND AT WWW.EAACHAPTERS.ORG. USER NAME IS THE NAME YOU SIGNED UP WITH PLUS EAACHAPTER327, AS IN CHUCKWEBEREAACHAPTER327. THE INITIAL PASSWORD IS MUSTANG, AND YOU WILL ASKED TO CHANGE IT ONCE LOGGED IN. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EDIT YOUR OWN LISTING. IF YOU HAVE TROUBLE ASK ME AT A MEETING OR GIVE A CALL/TEXT AT 563-663-3646

IF YOU ARE A PILOT AND HAVE AN INTEREST IN GIVING YOUNG EAGLE RIDES TO YOUNG PEOPLE PLEASE LET US KNOW, AND WE'LL GET YOU STARTED

YOU CAN PRINT THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS FORM AND FILL OUT LEGIBLY, OR TYPE IN RESPONSES IF DESIRED. PLEASE SCAN AND SEND OR TAKE AN IN FOCUS PHOTO AND TEXT TO ME AT 563-663-3646. THEN INCLUDE FORM AND MEMBERSHIP FEE AND MAIL TO TREASURER BRETT PEARCE AS INDICATED ON FRONT OF PAGE.

THANKS SO MUCH. LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING AND HELPING FUFILL YOUR AVIATION GOALS.
CHUCK WEBER, EAA CHAPTER 327 PRESIDENT