



# 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



Words flowing from a COVID survivor! Yes, my boys picked up the virus before Christmas at school, and within a few days they could neither smell nor taste, had fever, sore throat, sore muscles and slept a lot. I fell a few days later with similar signs, and

interestingly (thankfully), my wife Mariann tested negative and never got it. It was over in a week to ten days. As a health care provider, I received my first vaccine dose this week, causing a sore arm. I am well protected and no longer a potential source of infection. Hopefully, this disease will be over by summer, and everyone can feel comfortable returning to normal activities.

What news on the EAA Chapter front? We are getting settled into Hanger 88, our Chapter home. Saturday morning coffee has been going well with generally six to ten members in attendance, and enough distance is available to feel comfortable.

High-speed wireless internet was installed this week. That will enable downloading video programming for meetings, entertainment and education. We have a donated monitor that will display ADS-B traffic, both in the air and on the ground.

RV-12 build project is 90% done with only 90% left to go. We have completed most of the build steps and now need to assemble wings, tail, rig the controls, set up the EFIS & engine management software, put oil and coolant in & start the engine, and go through the production procedures manual, just as they do at the factory. We hope to have it flying

by summer. I have started to work on ideas for a flying club to operate it in. Thank you to the many students and adult mentors who have participated.

It is getting time to plan for summer Chapter activities. Possibilities include Young Eagle flights, a chapter simulator, fly-ins (with lunch) and fly-outs, Poker run, potluck, movie night, etc. All that is needed is a champion to take on one project to organize it. Please let me, or a Board member, know of your interest and we'll support it. We are here to promote aviation in Dubuque. Let's make it happen.

We are talking with a potential Ray Scholar for 2021, and there will be more news to follow in the next month. Joe Chaptman, our 2020 Scholar, has completed his required flight hours, and I am told is becoming a skilled pilot. He is preparing for the oral knowledge part of his private pilot check ride. He needs to be finished by May, so the pressure is on! Please stop to talk with him and encourage him in this phase of his training.

Joe tells me he is the new Cadet Commander of his Civil Air Patrol, and he is applying for the Air Force Academy, so he has lots of irons in the fire, and demands on his time. Good luck, Joe! Congratulations on all you have accomplished so far!

There are EAA Homebuilding webinars being offered toward the end of January on the many skills involved in putting together an airplane. They offer instruction & insight into the skills involved in building an airplane. If this interests you, click on:

<http://EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek> to look at the schedule and sign up.

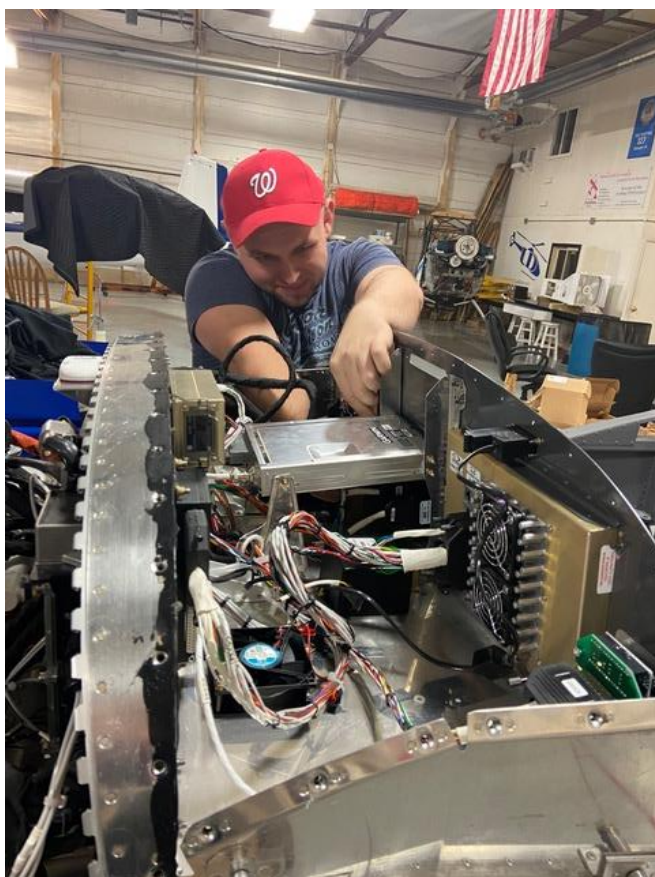
Hope to see you at the Chapter meeting on January 19th Chapter meeting.

- Chuck

## Photos from the Saturday Coffee Club



## Photos from the RV-12 Build





# Ray Scholar Update:

By Joe Chapman



Learning to fly is one of the most fun and yet challenging things that I have done, and I think that same can be said for many pilots, young and old. The challenge is one of the things that I enjoy most about it. Sometimes it feels like there is so much going on and it becomes dynamic and fast paced, but handling and being successful in these situations is

one of the greatest feelings ever.

These are feelings I have begun to encounter more and more as I get closer to reaching my goal of being a pilot. For me, I think that the challenge lies mostly in being able to manage the many aspects of my life while entering the home stretch of the checkride.

I have found recently that in order to pass the checkride sooner rather than later I will have to rearrange my schedule to make it a top priority, which I am happily doing as I would much rather spend my time studying for flying rather than standardized testing. I know some might be open to debate which is more important, but for me right now - checkride prep is coming first.

My actual flying is going well and Mike has told me that I am very close to being checkride ready. I often

go up solo to work on maneuvers, the experience of flying solo so much makes me want to have the full license that much more. My friends and I have already started talking about trips we could take (which may be a little premature) and I look forward to being able to take my classmates flying, at least the ones whose parents will trust me. Needless to say, I am very eager to finally have that license.

The knowledge portion will be the true test of my stuff, and any advice about studying for it would be greatly appreciated. I am studying using Sporty's Pilot shop video training, which has very good checkride prep that is helpful and has videos for each of the topics. I've also been using YouTube and finding a various videos that are helpful as I learn about regulations and procedures. Some even offer helpful tips and tricks for flying, which are fun to find too.

Winter flying is something that is also very new to me. It is kinda crazy seeing the snow banks around the T-hangers being taller than the plane, and it was certainly new for me to hear just the other day "compacted snow, braking action medium to poor." Things like that certainly make me pay more attention as I'm taxiing.

One of the greatest challenges with winter flying is the weather, which is something that we are all familiar with and that we unfortunately cannot do a lot about, but I look forward to using the extra time to hit the books hard and pass this checkride.

If any of you have any advice I am certainly open to hear it, as I will take all the help I can get and a look forward to flying into 2021 with you all!

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## *Note from the Treasurer:* *"The days are long but the years are short"*

The past year has brought us some new normals. We didn't have a Christmas party but we still have to renew our membership to our club. As you know the club had several new events scheduled to impact community awareness to general aviation as well as bolster are capability to exist as a group. Nevertheless, the year has wrapped up and we need to renew our commitment to EAA chapter 327.

Dues have not changed. There is not a penalty, but please get your dues in ASAP.

\$15.00 single      \$22.50 family

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# More Good YouTube Aviation Channels

By Bob Woodward

Well, here we are again. The winter weather upon us. Cold, MVFR (at best), IFR and low IFR. What to do?

How about some more YouTube channels to get our vicarious “flying fix” without actually getting up in the air? It won’t keep you current or proficient but at least they will keep you entertained!



Matt Guthmiller. ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC\\_YMUUbonlfzhah0HW4xGGg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_YMUUbonlfzhah0HW4xGGg)) Aviator. Adventurer. Entrepreneur. Youngest person to solo circumnavigate by aircraft at age 19. MIT. Pushing others to reach for the stars. This incredible young man now gives motivational speeches and travels around the country in his own Beech A36.



SoCal Flying Monkey ([https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7oNZs4C\\_9GcJpZo7cBlc9Q](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC7oNZs4C_9GcJpZo7cBlc9Q)) This dude bought a Cherokee Sox for less than \$30K and then completely re-outfitted it. Now he flies on adventures with his wife and kids in the Southwest.



Good Plane Living (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCChC2CNrNKCw5VMwhNI-8bLw>) How about a young couple who live in Minnesota? He built his own Vans RV-10 and now they travel the upper Midwest. Their website blog also includes a trip to Iowa City to attend a friend’s wedding (also pilots).



AV Web ( <https://www.youtube.com/user/AVweb/featured> ) Aviation news and product reviews for pilots from <http://www.avweb.com> a fully independent online aviation news service serving more than 130,000 e-newsletter subscribers and attracting millions of hits, each month.

Check out these great flying channels and you’ll undoubtedly run across some other great ones from YouTube’s recommendations.

In addition, next month I’ll share some more channels that you may like. If you have an interest in planes, pilots, aviation, want to brush up on some of your knowledge or skills, these are some fun ways to do it.

And some are just interesting places to go through general aviation - so you can live a little bit vicariously through some of these fellow aviators. Enjoy!

- Bob

## 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](#)



**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](mailto:charlesbweber@me.com)

### **Tuesday, January 19, 2021 Chapter Meeting**

**Location: Airport Terminal Conference Room**

**6:30 PM - Dinner and 7:00 meeting**

**Program: EAA Chapter video and possibly other—TBA. Masks Required.**

**It's board and officer election time. Please contact Chuck Weber if you are interested and able to be an officer for the next year! We will be voting at the January 19th!**

Chapter Website: [www.327.eaachapter.org](http://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](mailto:Bob.woodward312@gmail.com).

### **EAA CHAPTER 327 OFFICERS**

(Effective January 2020)

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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)
1/12/21	7 p.m. CST	<a href="#">Huey: Saving an Icon from the Vietnam War</a> <b>MUSEUM WEBINAR SERIES</b>	Chris Henry
1/13/21	7 p.m. CST	<a href="#">Surviving Carbon Monoxide</a> <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.</b>	Prof. H. Paul Shuch
1/19/21	7 p.m. CST	<a href="#">The International Aerobatic Club Turns 50 Years Old and It's a Golden Birthday!</a>	Lorrie Penner, Mike Heuer, Debby Rihn Harvey, and Rob Holland
2/2/21	7 p.m. CST	<a href="#">Avionics Options for your Homebuilt Aircraft with Dynon</a> <b>HOMEBUILDERS WEBINAR SERIES</b>	Michael Schofield
2/3/21	7 p.m. CST	<a href="#">How Mags Work</a> <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.</b>	Mike Busch
2/9/21	7 p.m. CST	<a href="#">Corsair: The Story of the EAA Aviation Museum's F4U Corsair</a> <b>MUSEUM WEBINAR SERIES</b>	Chris Henry
2/10/21	7 p.m. CST	<a href="#">ATC and You: How to Make the Most of Flying VFR</a> <b>Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.</b>	Richard Kennington and Bob Obama

### **“Name That Plane” Answer:**

## 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
e-mail - Bob Woodward ( <a href="mailto:bob.woodward312@gmail.com">bob.woodward312@gmail.com</a> ) to add your name to the list.							





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## Membership Application

Please print:

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Single membership: \$15.00

Family membership: \$22.50

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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