



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,

Welcome April! I think we're all ready to shake off winter and get back to flying again.

There will be a lot of activities coming up between May and July – so stay tuned to our newsletter and Facebook Page with all the fantastic details.

July 22-28th AirAdventure Chapter Camping will soon be available so start scheduling. So get out your calendar now and plan to camp for the week -- AND there has been some interest in a one day trip. If you are interested in going just for the day, please let me know and we will gather a list of those interested and by you all in contact with each other to organize a carpool.

The Early Years –

The Experimental Aircraft Association's Fly-In Convention, now known as EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, has been in existence nearly as long as the association itself.

The first gathering was in September 1953 as a small part of the Milwaukee (Wis.) Air Pageant. That original EAA fly-in at Curtiss-Wright (now Timmerman) Field was attended by a handful of airplanes, mostly homebuilt and modified aircraft. Fewer than 150 people registered as visitors. The larger Milwaukee Air Pageant has faded away but the EAA gathering has become the world's premier aviation event.

EAA's fly-in grew quickly in its first few years and by the late 1950s it had outgrown the area of the Milwaukee airport it was allowed to use.

In 1959, the event moved to Rockford (Ill.) Municipal Airport, where it would stay for the next decade.



The "Rockford Years" were where the EAA Fly-In Convention established both its prominence as a homebuilders' event and its friendly feeling that is retained to this day. During these years, such diverse aviation interests as Warbirds, antiques and aerobatic performers became part of the EAA event.

We're always looking for more ways to share in our flying passion! Share any ideas you have, we're here to serve you, our members. Thank you for all you do to make

our club a success.

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"Until you spread your wings, you have no idea how far you'll fly."
– unknown





EAA Learn to Fly Week

May 13 – 18, 2024
Supported by Sporty's

Join us on May 13 - 18 for EAA Learn to Fly Week! Expert flight instructors and representatives from aviation organizations will present free and interactive webinars to help jumpstart your flight training journey.

Topics covered include how to get started in flight training, tips for saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, examiner tips for passing the check ride, and much more!

This six-day event concludes with chapter hosted Flying Start events on May 18, 2024. These events welcome, encourage, and educate aspiring pilots to a flight training pathway at their local airport. Flying Start events are capped with the FREE introductory Eagle Flight!



Register Now

Ways **YOU** can participate:

Visit our Chapter Facebook page or EAA.org for daily

Watch daily FlyingStart.org inspiring video's

Sign up to be a Pilot for our Chapter 327 Event – Contact Mike Nickeson

www.flyingstart.org

Checkout Other EAA Learn to Fly Resources

[EAA Earning Wings Series](#) – Follow along with the entire flight training process, as Brady Lane video blogs each step. You'll get a front seat view to the instructor selection process, the ups and downs of flight training, and the check ride.

[Sporty's Learn to Fly Series](#) - Sporty's has curated more than 80 Learn to Fly video tips that are great for those who are just getting started, knocking off some rust, or looking for a refresher.

Available to EAA members only.

[Choosing Your Certificate](#) – Learn about the differences between becoming a private pilot, sport pilot, or an ultralight pilot, and review a step-by-step to taking flight.

Ray Scholar Report by Jack Newhouse



It has been another exciting month of aviation. This past month I was able to do a cross country from Dubuque to Harlan, Iowa which is near Omaha. This was a long flight that allowed me to interact with multiple towers and get used to spending an extended time flying. I also flew a long solo around southwestern Wisconsin and racked up more hours.

As I have said before, I am planning to go to Embry Riddle after graduating high school. You may not know though, that I am taking twelve college credits of data analytics and technical writing this semester at Southwest Technical College, in addition to four more high school classes at Prairie du Chien High School's charter school. This is an intensive workload, but with these and the previous semester's credits I have earned, I should be able to start Embry Riddle as a second semester sophomore instead of a freshman. It is kind of weird, but I will be a college sophomore before I get my high school diploma.

This leads me to why the Ray Foundation is so inspiring to me personally. James Ray was an Eagle Scout who also graduated from high school early.

As a young man, he witnessed Pearl Harbor firsthand, standing less than four hundred yards from the USS Arizona. This inspired his own call to service. He almost immediately enlisted in the United States Army Air Corp. Showing an incredible aptitude for aviation, he soon became a pilot. He flew thirty missions over Europe in a B-17, including efforts on D-Day. This, I think you'll agree, is the biography of a hero, but there is more - a lot more.

After the war, he met his wife, Joan, and they spent some time living in Switzerland as expats. His mind continued to approach the world with curiosity and a desire to make things better. Upon returning to America, the Rays bought a beef ranch in Montana. It was at the ranch that he developed a vaccine that just about every beef herd, including my own family's, receives to maintain generational health. My only concern here was his affinity for Hereford cattle instead of Angus.

Nevertheless, ever the remarkable man, he watched the technological changes of Silicon Valley and backed a couple of little companies that became Hewlett Packard and Compaq. His efforts at this point resulted in remarkable success for him and Joan. Instead of flying off into the sunset, they used their new found status to help others who needed assistance, as long as they were willing to work for it. They became very active in anti-drug efforts geared towards people my age. They also realized that honesty, self-confidence, and self-discipline lead to a successful goal orientated life. Not only did they demonstrate this in their own lives, but they rewarded others who made an effort to better themselves.

Now, when you learn about someone who is impressive, you tend to want to use them as a role model. I believe that his opinion that it was the flight training he received that was responsible for driving him to his later success. I try, in my own life, to emulate these aspirations. My receipt of the Ray Scholarship is helping me to reach a little farther towards my own future, whatever it has in store for me. I have Mr. and Mrs. Ray, the EAA, and specifically Chapter 327 to thank for this tremendous award. I am humbled to be included in the efforts of such a great group of people.

Thus, with your encouragement and support, I again, say thank you for your help on getting me closer to my private pilot's license. It looks to be shaping up to be a great Spring with a lot of fun times to be had. I cannot wait to have the Hangar door open.

Thanks again, I am going to be in the air as much as possible this month.
See you all real soon,

- Jackson

EAA 327 Chapter Calendar April – August 2024

- ♦ April 16th Tues @ 6:30-8pm Chapter Gathering
- ♦ May 9th Thurs @7pm IMC Club Hangar 88
- ♦ May 13-18th EAA Flying Start Week
- ♦ May 18th Sat @ 9pm Chapter 327 Flying Start Event
- ♦ May 21st Tues @ 6:30-8pm Chapter Gathering

- ♦ June 2nd Sun @ 2-4pm Hangar 88 Sam Day Cello concert & BBQ. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
- ♦ June 13th Thurs @ 7pm IMC Club Hangar 88
- ♦ June 17th Mon @ 3pm in Platteville Airport – Wright Brothers Award
- ♦ June 18th Tues @ 6:30-8pm Chapter Gathering
- ♦ June 22nd Sat. @ 8:00am to 11:00am Fly-in at Merkle (Private Grass) with apple doughnuts, coffee and live music! (tentative)

- ♦ July 11th Thurs @ 7pm IMC Club Hangar 88
- ♦ July 22nd Monday – Sunday Air Adventure in Oshkosh!
- ♦ July 26-28th Fri-Sat CAF at Dubuque Regional Airport (EAA 327 assisting)
- ♦ NO CHAPTER MEETING IN JULY. Camp with us instead

- ♦ August 8th Thurs @ 7pm IMC Club Hangar 88
- ♦ August 20th Tues @ 6:30-8pm Chapter Gathering Hangar 88

Also:

****Every Saturday @ 9am Chapter coffee social***

****Every 2nd Thursday @7pm IMC Club Hangar 88***

****Available 24/7 Flight Simulator for your training use. Available Upstairs.***

For more information to get a 'check ride' on how to use call/text Kevin Bohach #563-579-3325 or Bridger Hawkinson # 563-581-3389



B-29 Reunion Added to Warbird Highlights at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024

(And to our DUBUQUE REGIONAL AIRPORT July 26th-28th!!! More details to follow)

The world's only two flying examples of the Boeing B-29 Superfortress will make a rare joint appearance this summer during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2024, supporting the "Turning the Tide" salute to 1944 that will also commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day. The 71st edition of EAA's fly-in convention is July 22-28 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh.

It is believed to be only the fourth time two B-29s have made a joint public appearance in 50 years, with the first taking place in Oshkosh in 2017. It is the first time these aircraft have appeared together since 2018.



"As AirVenture is the world's largest annual gathering of warbirds, bringing these two iconic aircraft together is another of those 'Only at Oshkosh' moments," said Rick Larsen, EAA's vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. "These airplanes are big favorites wherever they appear, but together they will make the 'Turning the Tide' commemoration even more unforgettable."

As currently scheduled, each airplane will spend time featured on EAA's Boeing Plaza. *FIFI* will be on display on July 22-24, while *Doc* will take center stage for display on July 25-28. The airplanes are also scheduled to make a formation flight at the beginning of the July 24 night air show. When not on display at Boeing Plaza, flight experiences on *Doc* July 22-25 will be based at Appleton International Airport, approximately 20 miles north.

FIFI is owned and operated by the Commemorative Air Force's [B-29/B-24 Squadron](#) of Dallas, Texas. It was acquired by the CAF in the early 1970s when a group of CAF members found it at the U.S. Navy Proving Ground at China Lake, California, where it was being used as a missile target. The airplane was rescued and restored, then flew for more than 30 years until 2006, when the chief pilot made the decision to ground it pending a complete powerplant re-fit. After an extensive four-year restoration that included installing four new custom-built hybrid engines, *FIFI* returned to the sky in 2010 and has since traveled coast to coast. More information is available on the [CAF's AirPower History Tour website](#).

Doc was built in 1944 and for many years was part of a squadron known as the Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs in upstate New York at Griffiss Air Force Base (hence, the name *Doc*). The airplane was retired in 1956 as the jet bomber age began and sat as a target for Navy training missions in China Lake, California, until 1998. A restoration group took possession of the airplane from the U.S. government and hauled it to Wichita, Kansas, in pieces in 2000. After 16 years and more than 450,000 volunteer hours, *Doc* made its first flight after restoration in July 2016, 60 years after it had been retired. Flight experience information for *Doc* at Oshkosh is available at <https://www.b29doc.com/rides/>. *Doc* is owned and operated by *Doc's Friends, Inc.*, a non-profit based in Wichita.

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, April 16, 2024 Chapter Meeting

Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ

6:30PM Dinner and 7:00 Meeting

Program: A brief update on DBQ airport construction from Airport Manager Todd Dalsing and Mike Hood - Aerial Sprayer.
Dinner by: Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Moms. Thank you!

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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[Fueling VFT - Learning from Mistakes to Prevent a Tragedy](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit**

Wednesday, April 17, 7 p.m. CDT with Keith Clark

Everyday aircraft are fueled, and what happens during this time is the key to preventing a tragedy. Keith Clark from Phillips 66 Aviation discusses proper communication of aircraft fuel orders and strategies to ensure verification. Keith reviews examples of past mistakes and how to learn from these mistakes to prevent another aircraft misfueling.

[Mr. Bearhawk's Wild Ride: A Surprise Encounter With Extreme Turbulence](#) | **Qualifies for**

Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m. CDT with Russ Erb and Karl Major

Russ Erb and Karl Major, retired USAF flight test pilots, discuss their encounter with an invisible mountain wave rotor, and their subsequent analysis of what happened. Includes a re-creation video depicting the sequence of events, and details of how the airplane was inspected for damage after the incident and thoughts on how this event could have been mitigated.

[Four Ways to Save Fuel, Time, and Money with Better Flight Planning](#) | **Qualifies for FAA**

Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m. CDT with Andy Matthews

Andy Matthews, of iFlightPlanner, discusses four simple ways you can save fuel and fly faster every time you step in the cockpit using iFlightPlanner. EAA members receive special discounts of 20% plus on iFlightPlanner. Andy will review key features and how to use iFlightPlanner to the maximum benefit.

[Borescope Initiative](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT Credit**

Wednesday, May 1, 7 p.m. CDT with Mike Busch

The borescope is one of the most important and versatile tools for inspecting GA aircraft, and is the gold standard for assessing cylinder condition in reciprocating aircraft engines. However, aircraft and engine manufacturers have provided no guidance on how to perform a proper cylinder borescope inspection, and A&P training doesn't cover it. In this webinar Mike Busch, A&P/IA, discusses what his company (Savvy Aviation) has done recently to fill this vacuum.

[Slip Slidin' Away – All About Uncoordinated Flight](#) | **Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit**

Wednesday, May 8, 7 p.m. CDT

We were all taught, from our very first lesson, to step on the ball and avoid uncoordinated flight. After all, slips and skids can lead to stalls and spins, can't they? And then, three or four lessons later, we were taught how to slip. But why on earth would anyone want to do that? Doesn't that lead to the dreaded stall/spin accident? In this FAA Safety Team WINGS award webinar, you will learn how to do forward and side slips, staying both uncoordinated and perfectly safe.

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

