



# Above it All

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## From The Desk of the President

Do you remember the first time you were introduced to aviation and that spark was lit? Mine was only about 7 years ago when my husband Doug was taking private pilot lessons in Platteville.



His flight instructor made a mindful suggestion that changed my life. She suggested that flying is more fun when you can share it with someone. Since I was planning on never flying with my husband, a newbie pilot—she offered to take me up on a discovery flight. Well, the spark was lit in a 1968 Piper Warrior with very worn, sunken down seats. I had to sit on two stacks of phone books to act as my “seat”.



But you know what, I love that plane. It inspired me and I looked forward to climbing up on my phone book seat for the thrill of lift at take-off. I did end up taking 12hrs

of instruction to feel comfortable as the passenger. Since that day aviation has been a part of my everyday thoughts and activities. I owe a lot to that wonderful flight instructor who introduced this whole new world to me.

I continued to enjoy flying with Doug as he kept up getting his private pilot and instrument ratings. And now, I have my very own Pilot to take me wherever I want to go! Some of my memorable flights were to the Quad Cities for our Granddaughter’s soccer game, \$100 Hamburger lunch date, Flying into Des Moines and then a short drive to Winterset to visit the Iowa Quilt Museum and shops, and most recently I was initiated into the world of a homebuilt aircraft in true EAA fashion, flying in the back seat of Chuck Weber’s Experimental RV10 plane to Oshkosh.

My only regret is not having been introduced to this a long time ago.

As your new Chapter President, I am passionate about introducing aviation to as many people as possible, young, and old. Whether you are interested in becoming a pilot or not. We all have something in common – and that’s our passion for flight. For our chapter events and activities I hope to encourage the following:

Join us and become more active with our club!

Our chapter is amazing, and you will enjoy the fellowship at our monthly gatherings held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday @ 6:30 every month.

To introduce young people and adults to 1<sup>st</sup> flights thru our Young Eagles and other Flight Discovery events.

To build on the hard work of our past chapter presidents like Chuck Weber, who dedicated 4yrs of service to our chapter. He accomplished so much. None of this would have been possible without the help and support of many of you volunteers providing hours of service, physical labor, networking and even your wallets. Thank you all!!

I’m looking forward to a wonderful 2024 and hope you’ll come along for the ride. Please contact me if you have any thoughts on ways you can help to make our club better and stronger.

Nancy Du Plessis  
EAA 327 Dubuque Chapter President 2024

# A Joyous Holiday Party!





## Ray Scholar Report by Jack Newhouse



Happy New Year! I joined the EAA because pilots are awesome. I wanted to meet other people just like me, who know planes and I love a good flight story. As many of you have heard, I am Chapter 327's most recent Ray Aviation Scholar and I'm well on my way to learning how to fly.

I don't know, maybe I'm weird, but do you catch yourself looking up every time an airplane flies overhead? At home, when doing fieldwork, or moving cattle, I always have to stop and watch small GA aircraft descend towards my local airport, KPDC. Other times, listening to the larger jets rumble higher overhead, I always open my flight tracker to figure out what the aircraft is. Little things like this have ensured that flying has always been a part of my life, even if I'm not in an airplane.

I live on a small beef cow/calf operation that is placed in between the extended finals of our airport's runways 32 and 29. This has guaranteed at least a couple of Cessnas or other aircraft like the local manufacturer's corporate jets buzzing close to my house as they take off and land throughout the day. It wasn't until recently that I started trying to get behind the controls of an aircraft. Around two years ago, I was recommended to the Civil Air Patrol as a means of achieving this goal. Shortly thereafter, I was told about the EAA, where I have found several opportunities in both organizations to get closer to my goals.

During an EAA Young Eagles flight, I was able to hold the controls for a short period of time. It was then that the pilot told me I should start looking into flight schools and other means of learning how to fly. Since this past summer, I have been flying with Morey Airplane Company at least weekly. In the meantime, I have passed my FAA Private Pilot's Written test and gotten a first class medical.

One of the most exciting moments of my life was when I finally turned sixteen and my CFI and I flew up to the Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells Airport. We flew a couple patterns, and while taxiing, my CFI told me to stop and then he hopped out and told me to go up on my own. I continued, with my right seat finally empty running back over everything that I knew. As the old 152's engine stubbornly throttled up, I climbed into the sky on my own. Since then, I have also achieved my cross-country solo and I'm making regular flights by myself around Southern Wisconsin, Eastern Iowa, and Northern Illinois.

Looking forward, I hope to be able to share my love of aviation with others through getting my CFI, CFII, and MEI ratings. Last month, I went down to Daytona Beach, Florida to tour Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. I can really see myself going there and coming back to the Midwest to teach and continue this path of aviation that Chapter 327 has helped me begin.

One of my favorite things about an organization like the EAA is the ability to sit down and speak with people that are more knowledgeable than me. I find it so beneficial to listen to pilot's stories and learn from their experiences. I am just starting out and I hope to make aviation a big part of the rest of my life. If you see me at a chapter meeting and have a spare moment, I would love to listen. In addition, if you ever need any help, I don't mind rolling my sleeves up and getting my hands dirty.

So, as they say in the movie, lets kick the tires and light the fires,

Jackson

## 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, January 16, 2024 Chapter Meeting

**Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88 — KDBQ**

**6:30PM Dinner and 7:00 Meeting**

**Program:** A fun panel discussion with three professional pilots (Mike Nickeson, Keven McFarlane and Kevin Purcell).  
**Dinner by Linda Weber– Thanks, Linda!**

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).

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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

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**[Time & Materials Maintenance | Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT Credit](#)**

Wednesday, January 3, 7 p.m. CST with Mike Busch

In this webinar, GA maintenance advocate Mike Busch A&P/IA discusses this issue, and suggests some better ways to deal with aircraft maintenance pricing.

**[The Van's RV | Museum Webinars Series](#)**

Tuesday, January 9, 7 p.m. CST with Chris Henry & Dick VanGrunsven

The Van's RV series is one of the designs that changed the landscape of homebuilt aircraft. Tonight we will talk about the examples in the EAA Aviation Museum collection, as well as the history of the type.

**[Chilly Checklist: Tips to Preheat Aircraft Engines | Qualifies for FAA WINGS Credit](#)**

Wednesday, January 10, 7 p.m. CST with Prof. H. Paul Shuch

This FAA Safety Team WINGS and AMT Award webinar is being presented in the dark and chill of Northern Hemisphere winter, when aircraft engines are especially difficult to start. Prof. H. Paul Shuch discusses why, wherefore, and how to preheat your engine, review products on the market that will help you to do so, and even learn how to build your own budget preheater. Don't let low temperature starts ground or damage your aircraft!

**[Young Eagles Coordinator Onboarding](#)**

Wednesday, January 31, 7 p.m. CST with David Leiting

Learn the ins and outs of the Young Eagles coordinator position during this live webinar with Q&A. EAA Eagles Program Manager David Leiting will cover a wide range of topics including rally planning, online registration, and basic coordinator duties.

**[Six Big Mistakes of Aircraft Maintenance | Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT Credit](#)**

Wednesday, February 7, 7 p.m. CST with Mike Busch

In this webinar, GA maintenance expert and owner advocate Mike Busch A&P/IA discusses the six most common blunders he sees aircraft owners make in dealing with their shops and mechanics. These range from allowing mechanics to decide what maintenance needs to be done (which is the owner's job) to failing to obtain written cost estimates to allowing problems to be "shotgunned" instead of diagnosed systematically. These errors often result in the owner losing control of the maintenance process and winding up profoundly unhappy with the outcome. Mike discusses how owners can avoid these costly errors and truly become "owners in command" of their maintenance.

**[F-86 Sabre | Museum Webinars Series](#)**

Tuesday, February 13, 7 p.m. CST with Chris Henry

The F-86 Sabre was the backbone of the U.S. fighter force in the sky over Korea. Join us as we talk about the two examples in the EAA Aviation Museum collection.

**[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.

## 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

