



# 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



Thankfully, I still don't know anyone who has been sick with the Corona virus. I'm looking forward to resuming a more normal life and getting together as a Chapter again. There are pluses to

having more family time and Mariann and I are spending more time with our boys. My most recent adventure was with EAA Treasurer Merle Neises.

With the virus worries keeping many of our adult volunteers cautious about meeting to build, and our government and media leaders discouraging social gatherings, our RV-12 build has ground to a halt the last few months. Van's has back ordered the ring-mount that attaches the engine to the engine mount, and we can't remove the engine from the crate without a safe place to mount it to.

Van's thought they would be sending it out about mid June, and Lockwood aviation was offering a Rotax school for operating and maintaining and installing the Rotax engine. Seemed like a reasonable thing to learn about so Merle and I flew to Sebring, FL to attend engine school the first week of June.

Had a good trip down and got diverted around some thunderstorm areas in North Florida so stopped to have lunch, replenish fuel, let the storm pass over, and then complete the journey.

The school was a good mix of classroom and hands on activities of changing the oil and "burping" and "purging" the engine, some things special to the Rotax engine. Merle and I learned new things, met some new friends and enjoyed each other's company, so had a successful trip.

Side adventures were an airboat trip and watching the cars train on the Sebring Race Track just outside our motel on turn 7 of the track.



The RV-10 operated like a well tuned machine and hummed right along, nearly making the trip in both directions non-stop. It got too close for my comfort so stopped to refuel and stretch our legs a bit an hour from our destination both going and coming home. Better safe than sorry.

These planes are wonderful time machines. We really enjoyed not worrying about all the germs circulating on a commercial airliner.

## First Post-Covid EAA 327 meeting Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 pm

By President Chuck Weber

Our airport manager, Todd Dalsing, would like to meet with us and be the program for our June 16, 2020 meeting in hanger 88. This is the hanger in the far corner off the parking lot where the Airport Control Tower is. It is left of the Crescent Electric hanger, where EAA 327 member Dan Kruse kept his T-6 airplane, for those of you who remember. There is a back door off a sidewalk from the corner of the parking lot.

Let's meet at 6pm for a social hour and serve sloppy joe's with appropriate public health precautions including a server in plastic gloves and mask, and individual packages of chips and soda or adult beverage. The meeting will start at 7pm. There will be long tables set up with plenty of room for social distancing. If you have a mask and are more comfortable wearing please bring it. Speaking and eating will happen mask free, but I'd like to balance good attendance with reducing the risk for all concerned.

Todd and the EAA have been giving lots of thought to the possibility of an EAA Chapter hanger. This meeting will allow everyone to see

the hanger and allow a free exchange of ideas and concerns. This is an important meeting that may determine the future nature of our Chapter. Please do your best to attend.

The hanger is heated and could help us in our efforts to promote recreational aviation in the Dubuque area. It is essential that we keep current members and recruit new ones to continue the mission of EAA. This hanger could provide a center for build, educational & recreational activities, including youth build and radio control programs. It could provide a place to host social activities for our Chapter and even fly-in functions.

If the Chapter leadership and members agree to have a Chapter hanger, we'll be looking for a conference table, refrigerator, microwave, coffee-service and popcorn machine. I would like a recording video security system. Aviation magazines, Trade-a-Plane and flying videos along with a possible flight simulator sounds like a pretty good start on a welcoming EAA Chapter 327 clubhouse. Please share the vision and help to make this a reality.



Merle shows Hanger 88 from the road side.



Merle shows Hanger 88 from the ramp side.

### June 16th, 2020 Chapter Meeting

Hanger 88 - (Masks, Gloves, etc.)

6:00pm Social (Sloppy Joes, chips, soda/adult bev.)

7:00pm meeting and presentation (Todd Dalsing)

# Ray Scholar Student Pilot Training

By Joe Chapman



I have always been fascinated with flight and as long as I can remember I've wanted to be a pilot.

With that dream at the forefront of my mind, I've spent much of my free time learning everything I could about flight - from

how to fly the plane itself to how weather impacts flying. Receiving the Ray Aviation Scholarship meant I could start to make my dream come true and I couldn't wait to begin.

However, I have to admit that after my first flight lesson with Mike Nickeson, I felt as though my brain was about to explode. Even after everything I'd read and watched about aviation, it was still a 'firehose' of information. But I was still so excited to be starting and was looking forward to my second lesson.

I've had four lessons now and the experience has only gotten more fun each time as I get used to actually flying a plane. It's beginning to feel more like how I feel in class when I start to really

understand a concept, and it "clicks" in my brain.

This has been a relief and confidence booster after feeling totally overwhelmed by the amount of information Mike went through during my first flight. Although I spend most of my time flying and focusing on whatever Mike might have me be doing, there are many times that I can look out the window and instantly remember why I love aviation and just how amazing and beautiful life is from the air.

Flying gives us a perspective that not many get to experience. Not only seeing amazing scenery and sights, but also noticing the little things, like our schools, workplaces, or homes. The first time I saw my high school, Wahlert, from a few thousand feet it totally changed my perspective - it was amazing to see something as familiar as my school from the air.

This sense of amazement and awe is something that I continue to experience each time that I fly, and I want to thank the Chapter for all of your support in helping me to take flight and start my life in the air.

## 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 (bob.woodward312@gmail.com to add your name to the list.

## More Aviation YouTube Videos to watch while we all hunker down!

By Bob Woodward

Things are starting to loosen up a little on the COVID-19 side and more of us are getting up in the air every week. That said, many of us are maybe not flying as much as we normally would, and are still at home a fair amount.

To satisfy that “flying bug” a little vicariously, here are some more good YouTube channels to check out online...



**Bold Method** (<https://www.youtube.com/user/BoldmethodVideo>) Some great learning (and refresher) material here. Want to keep sharp on your partial-flap and no-flap landings? There’s a video for that. Getting an IFR clearance at a non-towered airport? Done. Those and lot’s more for free on the channel. Want to purchase more learning material? They’ve got that, too, on their web site.



**Pilot Bambi** (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChzLOmjciKZtfovZNDQ6kA>) This young lady is from the Netherlands but speaks

perfect English, has figured out how to build hours, even during a pandemic, and has some really cool trips (all documented by video) in South Africa, Europe and the Caribbean!

All this and she also has the most amazing attitude and refreshing take on flying—all at the tender old age of 22!



**Flight Chops** (<https://www.youtube.com/user/FlightChops>) This guy has been flying for many years but just completed his IFR training. He travels quite a bit and hits some very cool locations and also has the opportunity to fly in a great variety of planes—from Super Cubs, to float planes to other tail-draggers. While doing all of this, he’s also building a Vans RV-14 at the same time and shares other’s builder stories.



**Premier 1 Driver** (<https://www.youtube.com/user/gregmink/featured>) Want to go a little faster? How about riding along with Greg in this Beechcraft Premier private jet. Lots of cool trips and interesting destinations. I hope you enjoy this and all the channels as we enjoy the great world of aviation!



# Name that plane!



Can you name this plane?

If you know the answer, submit your guess to [bob.woodward312@gmail.com](mailto:bob.woodward312@gmail.com) by Tuesday, June 16th at 3:00 pm.

A winner from all correct submissions will be randomly selected to get a \$25 gift certificate to HyVee, donated by club secretary Bob Woodward!

Send your guess in right now. The winner will be announced at the June 16th 7:00 pm meeting!

## 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

## Upcoming EAA Webinars

Go to [www.eaa.org/webinars](http://www.eaa.org/webinars) to view the schedule and to register.

- Predictive Maintenance June 3 at 7 p.m. CDT  
Presenter: Mike Busch
- Pass Your Checkride June 10 at 7 p.m. CDT  
Presenter: Larry Bothe
- Two Guys, One Airplane, and the 2018 World Advanced Aerobatic Championship June 16 at 7 p.m. CDT  
Presenters: Mike Lents and Aaron McCartan
- The Doolittle Raid Story June 17 at 7 p.m. CDT  
Presenter: Chris Henry
- Your Airworthiness Inspection — Be Ready June 24 at 7 p.m. CDT  
Presenter: Joe Norris

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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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## 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

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