



# 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



Please pay your dues for 2021!! Covid-19 grace period is about to come to a close. Also, send in a photo for our chapter roster or have a cell phone photo taken at the hanger.

We have had our share of showers this April! Several days it has been nice enough to raise the EAA hanger doors

and let some sunlight & fresh air in. Please come and share Saturday morning coffee with us in Hanger 88. Good-times are being had by all from about 9 to 11am. All members, guests and prospective members are welcome. There are plenty of sweet doughnuts, rolls and cake in the freezer. Just take out what you like and place in microwave for a warm, delicious treat. Hot coffee makes a perfect compliment to those with the habit. Water & soft drinks available also. Check out the simulator.

Good news!!!! Joe Chapman completed his check ride for the Private Pilot certificate the first Monday of this month. Thanks to instructors Mike Nickeson and Erin Cram for helping him get to this point. He came in under the \$10,000 Ray Scholar fund and has enjoyed the flying parts immensely. Mike says his time in training was about typical for the usual UD student pilot. Come to the March meeting and help him celebrate this milestone in his aviation career. Bridger Hawkinson has started on his Ray Scholar journey with instruction at the Marion Airport. He has soloed and is planning on taking his written exam later this month. Hats off to both of these exceptional young people.

Bridger, Ed Bradford and I put up a 12'x7' video projection screen in the EAA hanger. When we get a projector and sound system working we'll be able to host meetings in the hanger. We also mounted some classic AeroShell Oshkosh posters on foam board for a Midwest aviation display in the hanger. The RV-12 is project is nearing completion with a successful first start of the Rotax engine. We are waiting on some rivets and decals for final completion before calling the FAA inspector to come and

look the project over and call it an airplane.

You should have received notice of a fun Poker Run scheduled May 1, with rain date of May 8. Kevin Bohach has been organizing this as activity. Please click the link to use the Pay Pal account to register and pay the registration fee. We'll need help with hosting and cooking lunch, washing planes, and having a good time. Please come and join in the fun, either flying or on ground crew, or both!

On May 15, Joe Sener is organizing a Flying Start program 9-12 for those interested in becoming pilots. Instructors Elaine Olthafer & Mike Nickeson plan to be there and Joe will go over costs, hours and what to expect. We'll need some pilots & planes to give rides at noon after the training. Please sign up anyone who wants to be a pilot.

I was looking up at the mast outside the parking lot entrance on the roof of the EAA hanger and marveling at all the equipment up there, and thought others may be interested in what is there. Doug DuPlessis placed an ADS-B antenna that gives us access to ground traffic and remote ADS-B data. He also placed a cell phone repeater/amplifier to help make connections inside our metal building more reliable. Then there is the Bernard Telephone dish for internet to complete the triad. A lot of use for one post! Thanks to Bob Moyer for his help in getting antennas up there and the cables run.

We met with Harry Styer, Jerry Anderson and others from the Tri-State Modelers. They are ready to meet with young people 8<sup>th</sup> grade up to high school level to build a radio controlled model airplane and learn to fly them. Two teams of four each are planned to work under the guidance of an experienced adult mentor. Build nights are planned for Monday 4-6 and Wednesday 6-8 subject to change for each group on a separate night once a week with flying on Saturday mornings. Please help us recruit interested kids to participate.

The April EAA meeting will be on the third Tuesday, April 20 planning in the EAA Hanger. Don Hedeman will be bringing a light dinner before 6:30 and meeting kicks off at 7pm. Program will be Jason Edwards, Boscobel Airport A&P who will talk about and demonstrate dynamic prop balancing.

Fair skies, and tailwinds (both directions),  
- Chuck Weber

# Photos from Hangar 88





## EAA 327 Chapter Roster Available to Members

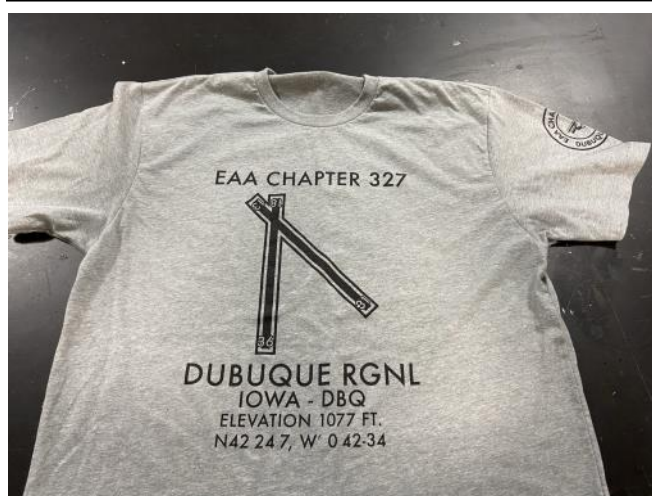
By Chuck Weber

A year ago, EAA began encouraging chapters to use their member roster program. I've been working with our Treasurer, Merle, to transition our member list to the new roster. There is provision for photos so we can get to know each other more quickly. I have been asking members to send in a picture of head and shoulders to publish in the roster.

For most of the members that come regularly, I took a cell phone photo to publish if I didn't receive one by email. There is a feature of the program that allows members to access in a "read-only" mode the photos of members associated with names. I'll demonstrate this at a meeting. It does require a change in your member setting to allow it.

For privacy reasons, I am not publishing the way to do this, or the password protection. For anyone interested, please email me at [charlesbweber@me.com](mailto:charlesbweber@me.com) and let me know of your interest. I'll adjust the settings and let you know how to access. I have found it helps me to learn the names of new members and refresh my memory of older ones. I hope you'll find it useful as well. There is nothing as musical to most of us as the sound of our names.

I know many of us know each other as familiar faces; let's make an effort to know the names of other members and make everyone feel more welcome.



*Check with Merle Nieves if you want one of these!*

## March 21, 2021 EAA 327 Agenda & Minutes

6pm social time, gathering, food & soft drinks, 7pm meeting kick-off

### 1. Call to Order

Attending were 25 members & guests, a record since Covid struck us.

### 2. Newsletter and minutes posted on website

3. Treasurer report Merle Neises in Saipan for the month. Only activity is hanger rent income and check to Key City for Ray Scholar

### 4. Old Business

RV-12is build hit software bug wall with install of Dynon v16 incompatible with Vans EMS module. Dynon going through code line by line and indicates they are close to a solution.

Flying Start program scheduled May 15. Joe Sener has PR material, press release from EAA. Karin Spisak and Cheryl Sheldon helping with promoting on airport website and publicity newspapers and radio.

Nancy DuPlessis has uploaded newsletter to EAA Chapter 327 website.

### 5. New Business

Ray Scholar Joe Chapman hung model airplanes from rafters of EAA hanger. His checkride is in next few weeks. Spring break spent studying. Wish him well!

Several cow-themed Oshkosh posters from AeroShell provided by Bill Fitch have been dry-mounted. Ed Bradford will be hanging in EAA hanger.

Volunteer welcome to prepare a light meal before our meeting. Subs, soup, pizza, etc fine. The cost is about \$5 so please be generous with your donations. Thank you to Mariann Weber for meal prep. Don(& Francis) Hedeman volunteered for April meal.

Photos needed for the Chapter roster. Email your own to Chuck Weber @ [charlesbweber@me.com](mailto:charlesbweber@me.com) or we can take one on iPhone.

Program: Joe Bolton, new EAA member, A&P, on engine reliability

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Dear Chapter or former Chapter members,

I'm putting together a photo roster for the chapter members. We have several new members that I don't know the names of yet, and would like to have a close up head and shoulders type photo of everyone. Please return by email. The iPhone candid shots taken at the hanger aren't always the most complimentary. I'm giving you a chance to put your best face forward. As we emerge from Covid, we are planning several activities for the year we hope to enjoy together.

Some of you haven't paid dues for 2021, maybe due to Covid restrictions. If you wish to discontinue, you'll be missed, but send me a note and I'll remove you from the roster.

Many thanks,  
Chuck Weber, EAA 327 President

# Ray Scholar Joe Chapman gets his PPL!



The Check Ride, the final test, the only thing that stands between a student pilot and a goal that many have worked for quite a long period of time. Everyone in aviation knows all that goes into passing a check-ride. The long hours spent studying knowledge that might seem meaningless to what fly-

ing is all about. But only quite a considerable amount of time can be spent in a hot or cold depending on the season airplane and it often at the stressful environment. All this goes into preparing for this final test, and all this preparation was certainly on my mind as I started my journey down to Ottumwa on the morning of April 5th. The Oral Check Ride occurred exactly a week before on March 29th, but due to high winds, I wasn't able to complete the flying portion on the same day. However, considering all the other things my high school schedule demands, I really wanted to at least complete the oral, which is considered to be the most academic and stressful part of the test.

I am fortunate in that Richard Wiling, my DPE, was willing to do the Oral despite no chance of flying that day, something that DPE often doesn't do. I ended up driving down with Doug Dolter, who was also working on his PPL, to the tiny town of Sigourney, Iowa, to complete my Oral in a coffee shop - of all places. It will probably end up being one of the most laid-back orals of my career. Maybe thanks to the laid-back atmosphere or maybe thanks to Erin's grilling me on the topics for the past month, (certainly the ladder) I was able to pass the Oral check ride with flying colors and striking Richard as a "very well prepared student." I felt very confident, happy, and ready for the next steps.

About a week later it was time for the flying portion of the check ride. I felt a little more uneasy, as there is no real way to prepare for the flying outside of, well, flying. However, I was completely confident in my ability to "Just fly the airplane"

which is something that I said to myself multiple times to keep my confidence up, "I just have to fly the Airplane."

When I did make it down to Ottumwa, having dodged thunderstorms on the way in thanks to more help from Erin, all that was left was to just fly the plane. Which is exactly what I did. In full honesty, I'd say it was probably some of my worst flying, but I was sure to stay one step ahead of the airplane at all times. It was quite a surreal experience going through the before takeoff checklist thinking about how after months of flying studying and working toward this moment here I was in the middle of it. It was honestly unreal. Before I really knew it, I was just going through the motions, doing things the way I had been taught and then the cross country part was done and he gave me my emergencies.

He gave me an inflight Electrical fire, to which I responded with all the correct checklist items and worked at losing altitude, which he was sure to tell me I wasn't doing fast enough and then preceded to show me just how fast the Cherokee could REALLY descend. Let me tell you, I never knew that airplane could do the things it did there. That passed quickly too and then I was completing my maneuvers and landings and the check ride was over. I was taxiing back. I had told myself it wasn't over till it was over, and was paying close attention to everything on the taxi back, but when he told me he appreciated how prepared I was, and complemented the skills and teaching of my instructors, I knew I had passed. Just in case I hadn't realized, Richard was sure to make sure I knew by saying "Congrats, Mr. Chapman, you're the newest Private Pilot."

About two weeks have passed since and I can honestly say that it still gives me so much joy to be able to wake up and know that I'm a pilot, something I've been dreaming of since I was 6 and the goal I've dedicated my whole life to. Of course, it doesn't end here, as we all know there are still more ratings and check rides to pass, but it is an extraordinary step that I wouldn't have been able to do without the Chapter and the support of all of you. THANK YOU so much for giving me this wonderful Ray Scholarship opportunity! I'm looking forward to flying with you guys in the future!

## 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.

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[Iowa DOT Office of Aviation Calendar](#)  
[Wisconsin Fly-Ins and Airshow Event Calendar](#)  
[Fly-Ins.com Calendar Website](#)  
[Fun Places to Fly Website](#)  
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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](mailto:charlesbweber@me.com)

## Tuesday, April 20, 2021 Chapter Meeting

**Location: EAA Chapter Hangar 88**

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

**Program: Joe Bolton (A&P) —Aircraft Engine Maintenance & oil analysis. Masks Required.**

Chapter Website: [www.327.eaachapter.org](http://www.327.eaachapter.org)  
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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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## 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)
4/20/21	7 p.m. CDT	<a href="#">Aerobatic Aircraft Modifications</a>	Tony Horvath
4/27/21	7 p.m. CDT	<a href="#">Flying Clubs – Getting Started</a>	David Leiting
4/28/21	7 p.m. CDT	<a href="#">Flying Safe with BasicMed</a> Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Dr. Brent Blue and Tom Charpentier
5/4/21	7 p.m. CDT	<a href="#">Jabiru Aircraft Kits</a> <b>HOMEBUILDERS WEBINAR SERIES</b>	Scott Severen
5/5/21	7 p.m. CDT	<a href="#">Annual Deadlock</a> Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.	Mike Busch
5/11/21	7 p.m. CDT	<a href="#">The History of Air Racing</a> <b>MUSEUM WEBINAR SERIES</b>	Connor Madison
5/12/21	7 p.m. CDT	<a href="#">IFR in an LSA: Is it Safe? Is it Legal?</a> Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.	Prof. H. Paul Shuch

### “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
Erin Cram	563/513-9566	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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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