



# EAA Chapter 410

Gen-Air Park, Geneseo, IL 61254

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May 2024 Newsletter - 410 BLAST!

## **EAA CH. 410 MAY MEETINGS:**

### **1) VMC Club Gathering:**

Thursday, May 2nd - 7:00pm at  
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge,  
Geneseo, IL

**PROGRAM:** Doug States will have two EAA generated scenario videos. The sessions are interactive with a great Q&A sharing opportunity. Hope you can make it!

### **2) Monthly Chapter Meeting**

Saturday, May 4th – 7:00pm at  
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge,  
Geneseo, IL

**PROGRAM:** Brady Seei is our presenter this month. Brady is a QC Air Traffic Control Center Supervisor and a gypsy controller at OshKosh AirVenture, WI and Sun N Fun, FL. He will share his experiences working both airshows and maybe offer some tips for flying in. We look forward to an interesting presentation. You won't want to miss it!

**Social Hour/Meal from 6:00-7:00**  
**(\$5 donation suggested)**

**Anyone interested in aviation is welcome to attend our meetings!**

Our members are aircraft builders, restorers, pilots and non-pilots, mechanics and people who just enjoy airplanes and aviation. The monthly chapter meeting typically consists of a brief business meeting followed by refreshments and a short program (programs vary month to month). We encourage all who have an interest in aviation to join us.

## **Welcome to our New Members:**

- Bryson Boxell
- Charlie & Stephanie Hammes
- Penny Johnson
- Arnie Kaufmann
- Brady Seei
- Bob Thomas

## **EAA 410 WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA**

- Visit our Website at: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea410>
- Visit us on **Facebook** (Search for EAA Chapter 410)

Our Facebook page is currently a private group. You can view the info, but must join in order to post on the page – just “request to join”.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS:**

### **May 2, 2024 (Thursday)**

- **EAA Ch. 410 VMC Club Mtg. (7 pm)**  
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge, Geneseo, IL.

### **May 4, 2024 (Saturday)**

- **EAA Ch. 410 monthly mtg (7 pm)**  
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge, Geneseo, IL  
**Social Hr/Meal 6:00-7:00pm**  
(\$5.00 donation suggested)

### **May 18, 2024 (Saturday)**

- **“Wingin It” Breakfast (8-10 am)**  
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge, Geneseo, IL  
(\$5 donation suggested)
- **Nathan Dunker Graduation Open House (3:00-5:00pm)**  
Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge  
(Invitation on Page 6)

### **July 22-28, 2024 (Mon.-Sun.)**

- **OshKosh AirVenture**  
Wittman Regional Airport  
OshKosh, WI



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## NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

EAA Chapter 410 had an excellent gathering on April 6th which featured a fantastic presentation by Craig Blumer on his interesting aviation career path that included trying to get on with the FAA as an air traffic controller and being met with a lot of sorry, not now responses. Not one to sit back while he continued to try though, Craig earned most every pilot license and rating under the sun, worked as a flight instructor, piloted airships (blimps) all over the country (which turned out to be a great way to get his required cross country time so as to get an airline job—you can build a lot of multi engine time flying from one coast to the other in a blimp at 35 kts.), got a position with Lufthansa Airlines, and finally got hired as an air traffic controller for the FAA. We had a couple of our student members in the audience and I'm hoping they realized Craig's determination and resilience from listening to his story. If the plan isn't working, try another route until you eventually get to the goal! Thanks Craig, great job!

Bob and Penny Johnson and Bob Swint hosted a fine 3rd Saturday Wingin' It Breakfast on April 20. Our 2023 Ray Scholar Nathan Dunker, flew in with three other young men in a Revv Aviation Piper Warrior. Ben Leischner and his young son flew in with their beautiful Citabria. Others drove in and we had a nice group of just over 30 people. I had a fun visit with numerous people Saturday morning, but especially with our two Meet our Members subjects, Brian Short and Glen Desplinter, whose articles appear elsewhere in this newsletter. I'm just really enjoying this project because I get to chat with the super interesting people that are members of Chapter 410. As I was talking with them, Brian told me that he appreciates Chapter 410 because the people are friendly and because of our enthusiasm for the local aviation community. I'm overjoyed that our group is perceived in this manner, it reflects well on all of you and I'm thankful that Brian not only noticed that attitude, but also was kind enough to mention it. Way to go Chapter 410 membership!

Our Ray Scholarship selection committee interviewed two outstanding applicants this year and we have selected Cooper Shaad as the Chapter's Ray Scholar nominee for 2024! Cooper is a Senior at the Geneseo High School, a member of the GHS Aviation Club, an EAA and EAA Chapter 410 member, and he started his flight training in March with Quad-City Aero in Moline. Cooper attended Airventure 2023, camping with Nathan and Keith Dunker, Kyle Ganson, and myself. Cooper was particularly interested in the JAARS missionary flying opportunities and he will be attending Utah Valley University in August with a dual major in Aviation Management and Professional Pilot. Cooper has been flying high in the GHS track and field arena for some time, ranked #3 in the state for pole vaulters by clearing the bar at an altitude of 16' 1" ! Imagine yourself running down the track and using a pole to fly a story and a half up into the air and you'll immediately realize that Cooper is a determined and talented individual!



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In other news, our Treasurer Galen Johnson has discovered that with our newly acquired IRS 501(3)(c) status and related financial activities derived from grants, donations, the purchase and operation of the flight training simulator, etc, the Treasurer's position will be more work than he originally signed on for. We've enjoyed a sizable growth in Chapter membership in the past two years so many of you may not be aware of where we were a few years ago when we had our last Officer Elections. Galen was part of a small group of people who had by that time held the Chapter together through lean times by serving in an Officer position for several years. Dale Burkey and I entered the officer picture as relative newcomers but Galen and the Carrs agreed to serve yet again in officer positions so that the Chapter could survive and become strong once more. I can tell you that Galen has done a tremendous job as your Treasurer. As we started to grow in membership and participate in the Ray Scholarship Program, the treasurer suddenly had a much larger workload than just a year or two earlier. Again Galen stepped up to the plate and kept immaculate records of the Scholarship funds incoming and outgoing, making sure the Chapter complied with all of the required record keeping at the appropriate times. Now he's ready to hand off those responsibilities to a new Treasurer. I want to personally thank Galen for his dedicated service. I can't tell you how nice it is to have someone in that position that you never have to worry about, you always know they are handling the position correctly. And I'd like to thank Galen on behalf of the Chapter 410 membership. Even though they didn't see your work on at least a weekly and sometimes daily basis like I did, at least they saw it monthly and appreciated your service to the Chapter. Thanks for your service Galen. Chapter 410 is doing good things to promote aviation, especially by encouraging young people, and your role in the Chapter's success has been important and appreciated.

I'm happy to report that the Board has found a very capable person who has volunteered to accept the Treasurer's position for the remainder of Galen's term (through October 2024) and if everything goes well for her, hopefully she will consider being nominated for another full term at least. Penny Johnson (Bob's bride) has recently joined EAA and EAA Chapter 410 so that she could help out as a Young Eagle Coordinator and literally while she was accepting that position, she also volunteered to be appointed by the Board to fill the interim Treasurer's position. Thank you very much Penny, for stepping up to help serve the Chapter.

We know about one new 410 member now, but there are a few others along with Penny who have joined in the last few weeks. We can also welcome Bob Thomas, Arnie Kaufmann and his spouse Diane, Brady Seei, and student member Bryson Boxell, all as recently joined

Chapter 410 members. Bob owns and flies a J-3 at Davenport airport, but it's been spotted on the grass at Gen-Airpark occasionally! Arnie and Diane have been enjoying visits to the



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Wingin' It Breakfasts and we hope to see them at even more activities. Bryson Boxell is currently a Sophomore at the Geneseo High School and participates in the GHS Aviation Club. Bryson will be an asset to the Aviation Club for a couple more years and we hope to see him at some of our Chapter activities. He currently plays baseball on the GHS Sophomore team so we've missed seeing him at the last couple gatherings due to his game schedule. Brady Seei is a Supervisor at the Quad-City Air Traffic Control tower. Brady has been a gypsy controller at Oshkosh tower for Airventure and just got back from being a gypsy controller at the Sun & Fun airshow in Lakeland, Florida. He has graciously agreed to be our program presenter at the May 4th gathering at Gen-Airpark. Social hour 6-7pm, meeting at 7, followed by Brady's program. Brady will tell us about his experiences working both airshows, perhaps along with some tips for flying in, and maybe a story or two. Should be another interesting presentation that you won't want to miss!

See you on May 4th!  
Happy Flying Safely,  
Kent



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## **VMC CLUB GATHERING #25** **Thursday – May 2, 2024 @ 7:00pm**

### **Program:**

We will view two EAA generated scenario videos. As always, these sessions are interactive and educational! Come join us at the meeting watch the videos, share your experience and participate in the discussions and Q/A session.

EAA 410 members, Gen-Air Pilots and Local Aviators are welcome to attend.

Hope to see you at the Pilot Lounge and Educational Facility,  
Thursday, May 2nd at 7:00pm.

**Doug States,**  
**VMC Coordinator**





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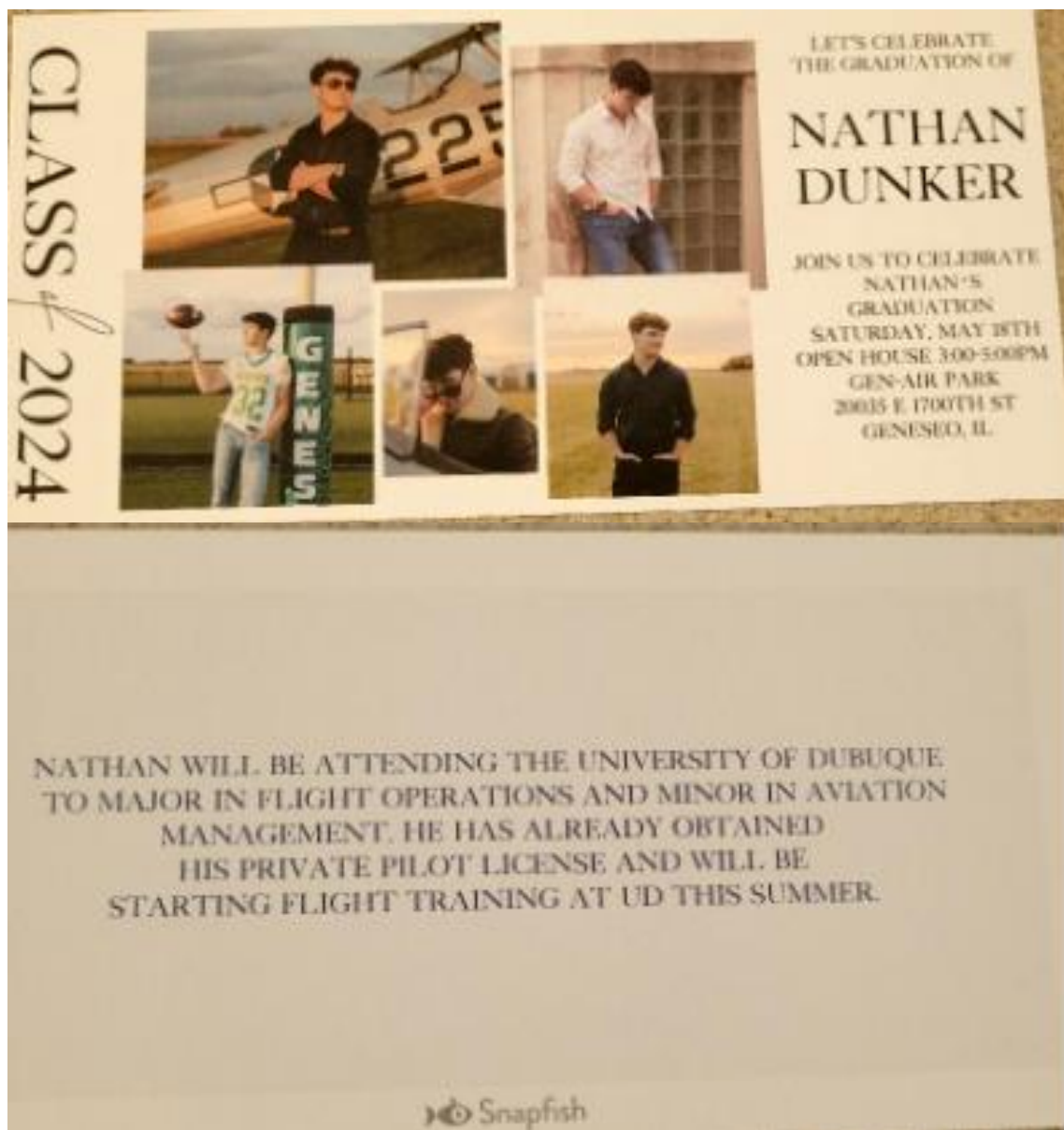
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## EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES:

- **Nathan Dunker Graduation Open House Invitation – May 18<sup>th</sup> at Gen-Airpark, Geneseo, IL from 3:00-5:00pm**





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## EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES (cont'd):

- **Meet our Members** – You may or may not know, but last month we added a new section in the newsletter called “Meet our Members.” We will interview members each month highlighting them in our 410 Newsletter. It is interesting to learn about our members and we hope you enjoy reading about them as well.

We had a little catching up to do this month: Last month Cheryl “Cher” and Bob Gipson were two of the interviewees. Cheryl “Cher” was not present when Bob was photographed, however, she was gracious enough to allow her picture to be taken at our April social hour/meeting.



Meet CHERYL “CHER” GIPSON



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### Meet our Members (cont'd)

- This month our highlighted members are [Glen Desplinter](#) and [Brian Short](#). President Kent interviewed both gentlemen while at the April "Wingin it" breakfast, and each shared some background information, personal interests and how he became involved with aviation, etc.



#### Meet GLEN DESPLINTER

Thank you Glen for sharing your story with us!

Member Glen Desplinter lives in Bettendorf, Iowa and can be frequently spotted at Chapter 410 activities at Gen-Airpark. Glen remembers being intrigued with airplanes at a very young age when he was a toddler "farm kid" near Tampico, Illinois. At that time, Glen heard stories about the time the J-3 appeared from the sky, landed at the farm and went into the ditch! Later the family moved to Osborn, Illinois which is just a few miles upstream on the Rock River from the Woods airport at Barstow. Glen recalled that when he was 9 or 10 years old, he would lay in the yard and watch trainers from Woods overhead doing their training maneuvers. He also remembers





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## **EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES (cont'd):**

### **Meet our Members (cont'd) – Glen Desplinter**

getting hooked on the adventures of flying from a book called Thunderbolt P-47 which he read at a young age shortly after WWII.

Although Glen had aviation coursing through his bloodstream from a tender young age, he didn't have a chance to start flying lessons until he was around 38-40 years old. At that time Glen started training at the Aledo airport with Bob Aukes, the owner of the FBO, and one of Bob's other CFI's. Glen bought his first airplane, a Cessna 140, while he was still a student pilot! Glen also had a friend and mentor pilot, John Spiegel who lived in the Sherrard area and owned a J-3 Cub. John and Glen flew John's J-3 to the annual Sentimental Journey gathering of Pipers in Lock Haven, Pennsylvania back in the mid-1980's. I've been wanting to make that flight for several years, but haven't gotten it done yet!

So Glen's first airplane was a Cessna 140, but he has owned some others since then. Glen owned and flew an Aeronca TC-65 Trainer, other variants of which were also known as the Aeronca Defender, but both Trainer and Defender had the rear seat raised 5 inches to make it easier for the student to see over the instructor's noggin. This earned both models the nickname of "high chair Aeronca"! Now you may have seen one of these when visiting Gen-Airpark because our own Dion Carr bought Glen's TC-65 and is restoring it as we speak.

Glen has also owned an Aeronca Tri-Champ (engine started throwing oil out in flight but Glen was able to return to the airport safely), a Stinson 108, a Piper Vagabond, and has just purchased another Aeronca Tri-Champ. He also still has the Vagabond, but it is for sale. Along with the Vagabond, the purchaser will get the original Piper logbook that came with the airplane out of the factory. This one is special because of the factory delivery pilot's signature as the first pilot to sign the logbook after the factory test pilot's first flight. It seems that whenever the owner of the Piper Aircraft Company, William T. Piper, got bored with the day to day operation of his factory, he would look for an airplane that was ready to be delivered to the customer. Yep, W.T. Piper delivered Glen's Vagabond from Lock Haven, Pennsylvania to its first owner's home airport somewhere in Texas and signed the logbook that is still with the airplane!



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## **EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES (cont'd):**

### **Meet our Members (cont'd) – Glen Desplinter**

When Glen's not flying airplanes, he may be found riding motorcycles, an activity he started at age 14 and continues today. Glen started with Harleys and now rides a BMW. Among other rides, he has taken three trips out west, riding through Colorado, New Mexico, and Arizona each time. For me, that would be a long ride in an airplane, and Glen's done it on a motorcycle! In his younger days, Glen used to hang out with a motorcycle guy named Roger Rieman. Glen would commonly go to motorcycle races to help Roger with various chores in preparation before and after the race. Now I'm familiar with the Rieman family's ownership of the Harley Davidson dealership in Kewanee, Illinois, but I had no idea that Roger Rieman won three Daytona 200 races in the 1960's. In 1964 Roger not only won the Daytona race, but had 13 more top 10 racing finishes to earn the AMA Grand Championship! And these accomplishments were with our own Glen Desplinter right by Roger's side, apparently bringing good luck and helping him out wherever he could!



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## EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES (cont'd):

### ➤ Meet our Members (cont'd)

#### Brian Short

Member Brian Short hails from Rock Island, Illinois and has been to many Chapter 410 activities, sometimes along with his wife Nancy. Brian is a bit reserved when it comes to talking about himself, but he graciously agreed to let me pry into his life a bit so that we could all get to know him better. Brian recalls his love for aviation beginning when he was a kid and often went to the Moline Airport terminal back when it was in the old building with the beautiful second story observation deck. I used to go there as well, having Sunday dinner in the nice restaurant and then climbing the grand staircase that circled around the elevator that went up the middle. One could sit on the benches and watch the airplanes taxiing to and from the ramp and taking off and landing in the distance. Brian remembers being able to actually go out on the ramp and walk around without getting arrested and hauled off to jail!

Brian told me about a High School Biology teacher who also taught an aviation fundamentals class. His story reinforced in me the importance of the local High School Aviation Club that some of our Chapter members are mentoring. Here was a teacher during Brian's high school years who influenced him and helped him learn about something he came to enjoy as a career. Aviation and aerospace education were not available in my high school back in the day and were it not for our club, would still not be available. Brian went on to work the ramp at Elliott Aviation, where he also began his flight training. He finished his advanced pilot ratings at the DuPage airport and began his aviation career flying charter.

Brian got on with the airlines in 2000 and over his career has flown as both Captain and First Officer with ratings in the CRJ, Saab 340, and Boeing 737, 757, 767, 777, and 787 aircraft. Brian has flown internationally to destinations in Europe and Asia, as well as domestic. I asked Brian to tell me a little about what he likes or dislikes about his airline career. He said it was kind of a love/hate relationship. You get to fly good equipment and see a lot of beautiful scenery but the lifestyle aspect of it has high demands, being very difficult to be on the road and away from home so often.



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## **EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES (cont'd):**

### **Meet our Members (cont'd) – Brian Short**

Brian has owned a couple of airplanes including a Piper Warrior and now an Aero Commander AC-114 which he has based at the Moline airport. He really likes the AC-114 and when asked what makes it so special to him, Brian replied that each time he flies it, it reminds him of why he got involved in aviation in the first place.

Like Glen Desplinter and Bob Gipson, Brian also enjoys motorcycling. When he was getting his motorcycle license a person could take the written test and get a permit to ride as long as you had a “sponsor” riding a separate motorcycle along with you to observe your riding ability. Brian never thought that made much sense because all the sponsor could do if you didn’t have the ability to ride, was watch you crash! Member Nick Anagnos was Brian’s sponsor rider and fortunately Brian had the ability to ride his motorcycle so Nick did not have to see any accidents.

Brian also enjoys marksmanship shooting at the rifle range, but what took me a bit by surprise was yet another avocation that he enjoys. It seems that Brian is also a talented musician who attended Northern Illinois University for a couple years on a music scholarship! Brian has sung professionally in choirs in the area and plays drums in local jazz bands. I knew he was an airline pilot and I wasn’t too surprised to learn about the motorcycling and marksmanship interests, but I probably never would have learned about his musical abilities had he not been kind enough to let me pester him during our recent “Wingin’ It” Breakfast. I don’t recall if it was later that Saturday or the following day on Sunday, but Brian was scheduled to perform on his snare drums with an area bagpipe band! Bagpipes aren’t my favorite sound, but I’d love to hear Brian’s talent with a jazz band some day! Let us know when you have a gig sometime Brian, and thanks for sharing your stories!



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## EAA CHAPTER 410 PHOTOS, PROJECTS, UPDATES (cont'd):

The following pages include pictures from our April Social Hour/Meal, foods prepared by Kent and Carol Johnson, the Monthly Meeting Program presented by Craig Blumer, as well as our "Wingin It" breakfast hosted by Bob and Penny Johnson and Bob Swint.

### ➤ **April 6<sup>th</sup> Social Hour and Chapter 410 Monthly Meeting**

We had a great turnout for the Social Hour and April's monthly meeting. Following are pictures from both.



As you can see, we have a variety of foods from entrees to desserts and a variety of snacks and sides. Everyone finds something they like in the spread. Thank you Carol and Kent Johnson.



Folks enjoying a social time of sharing food and conversation with friends.





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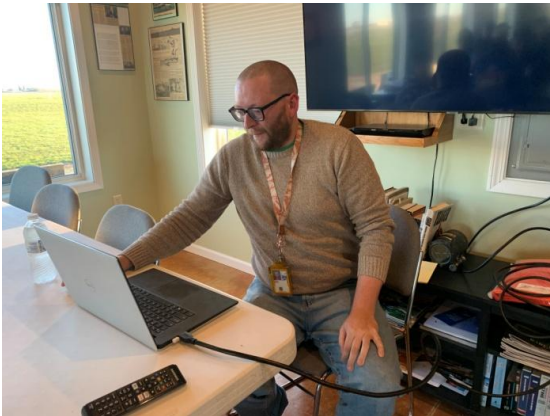
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CRAIG BLUMER was the presenter at our April monthly Chapter meeting. He shared with us his aviation career(s) and exciting experiences. He has flown blimps for MetLife and Budweiser, worked under the leadership of Jane Berg (some of you might be familiar with the Jane Berg Tailwheel Scholarship). Craig also flew for Lufthansa in Germany. He also owned a glider which (a picture is included). In closing his presentation, there was a good Q/A session from the folks attending. Thank you Craig for the very informative and entertaining presentation.



CRAIG BLUMER, our Presenter getting his presentation ready.



A very attentive audience!



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A few more pictures from Craig's program!



Craig's first glider!



BUDWEISER and METLIFE Blimps Craig flew as one of his aviation careers.





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### ➤ April 20<sup>th</sup>, “Wingin It” Breakfast

Once again our breakfast turnout was awesome! We even had a fly-in as you will see in the pictures below. These “Wingin It” breakfasts are always a hit, and with flying season coming into full swing, it’s a great excuse (if you need one) to fly to Gen-AirPark and enjoy the food and relaxing socializing with friends! Many thanks to Penny and Bob Johnson and Bob Swint for hosting. The food was great!



A couple pictures of folks enjoying the delicious eats and socializing.

Photo on the left shows members Todd Sieben and Brett Lohman.



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A couple more pics from the April 20<sup>th</sup> "Wingin It" Breakfast.



- The Piper Warrior pictured above was flown in by Nathan Dunker. These four young men (from left to right) flew in the Warrior with Nathan.
- Matthew Young (coworker w/Nathan at Revv Aviation working on Flight Instructor training);
- Nathan Dunker (Ray Scholarship 2023 recipient and recent pilot);
- Cooper Schaad (Ray Scholarship 2024 nominee);
- Lonnie Catour (who when asked if he was taking flying lessons said "You don't want me touching an airplane!")...we took that to be a "NO."



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## EAA CHAPTER 410 FLIGHT INSTRUCTORS

EAA Chapter 410 members who are flight instructors qualified and willing to help with primary flight instructions, biennial flight reviews, etc., please let Kent Johnson or Dion Carr know, OR, email your information to [Betdier@aol.com](mailto:Betdier@aol.com) to be included in this list.

Name	Phone	Email	New Students	CFII	MEI	BFR	Tail Wheel	Airports	Plane
Travis Baldwin	309-781-8896	<a href="mailto:Tmb1998@gmail.com">Tmb1998@gmail.com</a>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI, 3G8	Owner, FBO & Revv Aviation
Craig Blumer	641-799-8149	<a href="mailto:Craigblumer27@gmail.com">Craigblumer27@gmail.com</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	MLI	Owner Craig's J-3
Jim Ries	309-945-2544	<a href="mailto:jim@villagehomestores.com">jim@villagehomestores.com</a>	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	3G8,DVN, MLI	Owner, QC Area

We will also add, 410 member A&Ps qualified and willing to assist with specific member project needs. If interested in having your information published in our Chapter Newsletter, please let Kent or Dion know **OR**, email your information to [Betdier@aol.com](mailto:Betdier@aol.com). Thanks!





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**EAA CHAPTER 410 MERCHANDISE** - HAVE YOU PURCHASED ANY EAA CHAPTER 410 MERCHANDISE? If you're planning to attend OshKosh AirVenture, this is a great way to represent the Chapter. We have four great items bearing our EAA Chapter 410 Logo. These may be purchased at Chapter 410 meetings and Gen-Air events. (We do not ship any items.)

**T-Shirts (Lt. Blue only) \$20.00**



(T-Shirt with our Chapter 410 Logo)

**Pins \$3.00**



(approx. size of a quarter)

**Mugs \$15.00**



**Embroidered Iron-on Patches**

**Sizes: 4"/\$5 3"/\$4 2"/\$2**





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## **MISCELLANEOUS AND AVIATION ITEMS/PLANES FOR SALE:**

No ads at this time.

## **LOCAL HANGAR SPACE:**

- Clinton Municipal Airport Hangar options: Individual t-hangar or one of the community hangars. All have electric bi-fold doors and hard floors. T-hangars are rented through the City of Clinton and rental rates vary from \$95 - \$156/mth depending on the hangar size. For more information and to confirm availability, contact Marlana Nass, airport manager, at 563-242-3292, or email [marlananass@cityofclintoniowa.us](mailto:marlananass@cityofclintoniowa.us).
- Whiteside Regional Airport – No availability at this time. Contact Darren Heffelfinger 815-626-3750 or [dheffelfinger@whiteside.org](mailto:dheffelfinger@whiteside.org) to be added to wait list.
- Gen-Airpark Airport – No availability at this time. Contact Kent Johnson 309-912-0437 or [airport3q8@gmail.com](mailto:airport3q8@gmail.com)

## **ADVERTISING IN CH.410 NEWSLETTER**

- Anyone wanting to place an advertisement in the Newsletter, please provide information to Betty Dierwechter, [betdier@aol.com](mailto:betdier@aol.com) by the middle of the month. She will need item name/description, price, 1-2 photo(s) of item (if possible), your contact info, etc. *There is no cost to members and \$10 for non-members.*



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### EAA CHAPTER 410 Minutes - April 6, 2024

**Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by President Kent Johnson.

**Welcome Guests or New Members** - Neil Wehrspann and Shelley Boxell (grandpa and mom of GHS Aviation Club member and new EAA Ch. 410 student member, Bryson Boxell)

**Secretary's Report** - Doug States made a motion to accept March minutes. Daryl Dierwechter seconded - Motion approved.

**Treasurer's Report** - The Treasurer's report was presented. A Redbird simulator will be purchased and qualifies for educational use.

#### **Old Business**

- Ray Scholar Application - We have one to administer. We are receiving applications and a selection will be in April. The Chapter Board will approve in April/May. EAA will make final approval in May and flight training will start in June.
- Some might be aware, others not, but January Leadership Training session was attended by Kyle Ganson, Nick Anagnos and Kent Johnson. They researched simulators and also learned about submitting a form to obtain 501(c)(3) status. Treasurer Galen submitted the EZ form and the IRS approved our chapter for 501(c)(3) status.
- Carol and Kent Johnson toured EAA Chapter 729 in Columbus, IN. We saw the Redbird Simulator in action. Geneseo Foundation encouraged us to submit a grant request for the simulator. Our Board members met and approved the submission and Chapter 410 received special grant funds to purchase the Redbird Simulator for youth and adult aviation educational purposes. All this happened within a couple weeks in March.

#### **New Business**

- A tour of the Woodley Aerial Spray is scheduled for tomorrow (April 7<sup>th</sup>) at 2:00 pm.
- The "Wingin It" Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00am. Penny and Bob Johnson and Bob Swint are hosting - no shop visit scheduled. Hoping for fly-ins.
- VMC Club gathering will be Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- EAA Chapter 410 monthly meeting will be Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Membership opportunities for 2024. Need a new Treasurer. THANK YOU to Galen for his past OUTSTANDING service. The Board will be appointing a temporary replacement to fill out Galen's Term (Oct. 2024).
- Room being remodeled in a Gen-Airpark hangar to house new simulator.

**Technical Counselor Report** - None

**Progress Reports** - Waived

**Member Activities** - None presented

**Program** - Craig Blumer presented program on his aviation careers and exciting experiences!

**Meeting adjourned** at 8:15pm. Respectfully submitted, Dale Burkey, EAA Ch. 410 Secretary



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  - OshKosh Airventure: July 22-28, 2024 at Wittman Regional Airport, OshKosh, WI. Stay the whole week if you can but be sure to attend this outstanding airshow. There is something there for everyone in the family to enjoy!



## Experimental Aircraft Association

### EAA Chapter 410

#### Membership Application/Renewal Form



**EAA Chapter 410** is based in Geneseo, IL. If you are interested in almost any aspect of Aviation, we may be the spot for you! Please come and join us. We gather at Gen-Airpark the first Saturday of each month at 7pm to share aircraft building and flying experiences with an aviation related program to follow. Membership dues are payable on a calendar year cycle beginning January of each year. Whether you are joining for the first time or renewing your membership, please complete the form below and submit it with your dues payment so that we may keep our Chapter Roster current. Thank you!

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Or \_\_\_\_\_ (required)  
**Renewal** \_\_\_\_\_ **Spouse/Partner:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EAA#** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
**Payment:** Dues \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10)  
**Additional Family Members:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EAA#** \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse(if applicable) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$5) \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable)  
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#### Dues Note:

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**Phone: Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**What are you building/restoring?** \_\_\_\_\_

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