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WHEN:	WHERE:	PROGRAM:
<b>JANUARY THURSDAY</b> <b>MEETING the 10th</b> <b>7:00 PM</b>	<b>KMIW</b> <b>AIRPORT</b> <b>TERMINAL</b>	<b>CIVIL</b> <b>AIR</b> <b>PATROL</b>

## WHAT'S FLYIN' THIS WAY !!!

First of all, you will notice our meeting is at the Marshalltown Airport Terminal. We learned that beginning January 1st, the Fisher Center now charges \$40 for any time beyond 8pm. That doesn't give us much time and is beyond our financial means, so we will talk more about this at the meeting. Steve Valbrecht has graciously allowed us to use the large room in the FBO, so we will be warm. At the moment, the weather looks good for the 10th as well. Adam Williams will be leading the program and bring us up to speed on what CAP is, and is doing, in our area. We can still meet at Taco Johns before the meeting, but we would have to giddy-up a little earlier to make it to the airport before 7 pm. We can talk about that a bit too, but for now we can meet at TJ's at the usual 6 pm. Hope to see you there.



## WHAT FLEW BY !!!

115 years ago on December 17th was the first flight by the Wright brothers. It was only appropriate then, to mark the occasion, that we would have a video about early aviation with emphasis on what led Orville and Wilbur to their historic event. The part about American Civil War ballooning was interesting too.

To the right is Fair Oaks, Virginia Prof. Thaddeus S. Lowe replenishing balloon INTREPID from balloon CONSTITUTION in May of 1862. Lowe became the Chief Aeronaut of the Union Army Balloon Corps and this was the first use of aviation in American military history.



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## MEMBER NEWS

### *Dont Miss This!*

#### **From Garry Brandenburg**

On January 8th, 2019, at 6:30 pm, I will be interviewed and have photos depicting my meager but important 4 years of service to the Nation via the USAF. The place is Iowa River Brewing Company, located on north 1st Street, Marshalltown. All aviation enthusiasts are welcome. I'll have a few images of the aircraft I helped load munitions for...F-101 at Oxnard AFB, CA, F-105 & F-4s at Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, and B-52s at Ellsworth AFB, South Dakota and Guam. Also at Ellsworth, I played a very small role in Minuteman Missile maintenance when the warhead sections were cycled for service before being returned to remote silo locations out in the prairie lands.

The owner of the Brewery Company is highly motivated to record veterans, and others, who have their stories to tell. He appreciates veterans service times.

All EAA 675ers and friends are welcome to attend. There is no charge to attend.

**Paul Adams** took visiting family out to look at the Double Eagle and guess what they found? The OTHER fuel tank is now leaking! Paul drained out the fuel on the last day of the year to continue his never ending battle of a leaky gas tank.

**Corey Butcher** was perusing Barnstormers on the 10th of December when he came across a redrive for his Voisin. It was listed on the 6th, so he was sure it would be gone, but low and behold, it was still available. So after a lot of texting and phone calls he received the redrive on the 28th. It came with a lightened starter, alternator, and exhaust system, as well as the engine mounts and a high dollar set of plug wires.

Some members were able to do a bit of flying during December. Dianna Butcher took this photo of **Dave McCurry** flying over the Voisin Factory late afternoon of the 16th.



**Lorin Miller** has stripped the gear off the Clipper and is in the process of sanding/priming in preparation for covering and painting them. He is also in final stages of rebuilding the vintage/original 1949 Scott 34-B tailwheel assembly.

Also via Lorin, we have learned that our long time member **Dale Benskin** has been moved out to Virginia and is in a retirement home near his son.

## IT AIN'T AN AIRPLANE STORY

It's been a very busy holiday season at the Adams house. I realized at a late date that I had not worked on a newsletter article. I've noticed when the "official" news broadcasts and TV tabloid style TV shows haven't much new news to report they turn to something rather off beat or, these days, just pick on President Trump. Looking at my options I've decided to pick an off beat subject. It does happen to involve a chapter function however; the Christmas Dinner party.

For the past few years we have driven to Des Moines to Costco to buy the dessert which has been pies and most often, pumpkin pies. On the night of the party it has always been a scramble to cut these pies and more specifically to cut them into equal sized pieces. To solve the problem for 2018 we decided to cut the pies at home and I got the task. With my homebuilding thinking cap on I "noodled" on how to accomplish this daunting task. With the plan "noodled" I commenced to cut the five pies.

Here's the plan. On the counter top, lay out twelve equally sized sections using that magical builders assist and extra set of hands tool, masking tape. Of course precision was required so a compass was used. With the masking tape down and checked for accuracy, (remember measure twice cut once), I set the first pie in the center of the masking tape layout. Then with a straight edge, a yard stick in this case which was previously cleaned, I laid the straight edge across the pie aligning it using the masking tape sections. With a sharp knife the pie was cut. Aaaaaahhhhh!! Perfection, well almost perfection, moments later 60 pieces of pie were cut.



**Only Paul Adams could relate airplane building to pie cutting, BUT WHAT A GREAT IDEA! (Pizza too??)**