



January 2017

	WHEN:	WHERE:	PROGRAM:
<b>JANUARY MEETING</b>	<b>Thurs. the 12th 7:00 pm</b>	<b>FISHER COMMUNITY CENTER</b>	<b>CHINOOK PILOT BRUCE GAPSTUR</b>

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

Happy New Year! Looking forward to a great year of fun flying activities, but first we have to get through the cold stuff. Just can't seem to avoid it here in Iowa.

Our meeting on Thursday the 12th at the Fisher Community Center will feature Bruce Gapstur, retired Air Force and Army pilot, talking about his experiences flying a Chinook helicopter. Bruce is currently the airport manager at Belle Plaine and flies an Aeronca L3 and, ironically, a Chinook Plus 2 which is an light sport type aircraft. Bruce also flew the A-10 Thunderbolt II during his military career.

As usual, we will gather at Taco Johns right across the street from the Community Center at 6 pm for those who can make it that early.

Hope to see you there!



## WHAT FLEW BY !!!

After a few tacos at TJ's, we had a good fun meeting where Prez Paul began the meeting going over the event items the planning committee dicussed. He also brought up the idea of a bus trip to the SAC museum, possibly in May, to see who would be interested in going. If you think you would be interested, contact Paul.

Lorin Miller also gave an overview of what the upcoming ADS-B regulations will entail, and there was some talk about how to build your own ADS-B receiver with open source proگرامing for less than a third of the price of the off-the-shelf versions. One of these homebuilt versions should be available for demonstration soon.

Flying has been slim lately because of the cold weather, so the FOGz and other groups have been huddling in place, like Perkins and Cecils, but hopefully more flying will happen soon.

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# CALENDAR

Jan 12	7pm	Fisher Community Center	EAA 675 - Chinook Helicopter Flying
Feb 9	7pm	Fisher Community Center	EAA 675 - AirVenture 2016 Video
Mar 2	6:30?	Fisher Community Center	EAA 675 - Charlie Becker, Headquarters
Apr 8	7am-11am	Ames Municipal	Fly-in Breakfast

**NOTE: Our March meeting will be held the FIRST Thursday of the month to accommodate our speaker Charlie Becker. Charlie is the EAA national Director of Chapters. Exact time will be announced in March newsletter.**

## ***Flying Club Opportunity***

Dennis Drager, a doctor of veterinary medicine, and his wife here in Marshalltown are looking for buy-in partners to purchase a Piper Archer. Specifics would be determined by who and how many might be interested. This type of flying club has the potential to greatly reduce the cost of flying for each member. Contact Dennis at [acthevet@yahoo.com](mailto:acthevet@yahoo.com) or call 641-753-5486

## ***A Friendly Reminder...***

Our chapter dues are still only \$10 a year. This helps pay our insurance and other necessary fees to maintain our EAA chapter status. If you have not paid your 2017 dues, the beginning of the year is a good time.



## ***Aviation Video of the Month...***

**Manufacture Of Early Military Aeroplanes - 1918**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kOU78bhu7il>

## **Brodhead 2016**

Brodhead for some of us in Chapter 675 almost didn't happen this year. As the departure date approached the weather was very questionable. But we went anyway and as luck would have it the weather was actually pretty decent. I'm really glad we went. As usual it was fun and very relaxing. Also I got a good reminder as to why I love doing this. It's people.



The above picture is a good example. Dan and the TriPacer came late due to the weather. When he arrived I shot the above picture. The man with the green coat around his waist standing next to Dan came up first. He was waving his arms and yelling glad to see you Dan. Fun guy. Turns out Dan knows him from other events

and this was just another reunion. They plan to fly to Oshkosh next year after meeting in Wisconsin. The next person to the left standing closest to the TriPacer came over next. He was a new acquaintance. He started telling stories too numerous to relate here, but he truly loved aviating. He owns five short wing aircraft and grew up in a flying family. His name is Steve Johnson and is now a new friend to look for at future fly ins. To the right is John Beck, Lorin Miller and Diana Miller, so they represent aviating friends from home. This group and many more shared their love and passion for flying in a great environment and that is what Brodhead is all about.



Just to make the point one more time, the above shot shows Dan's plane with Steve Johnson's, The new friend, Vagabond to the left and a J3 that camped next to us at Blakesburg who was the new friend from there.

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Of course there are the planes. Each year I tend to have a favorite. This year it was the aircraft pictured below, a Davis. The Davis flew in from Pennsylvania and honestly the photos don't do it justice. It is Kinner powered, just restored, and flawless in my book.



Some past favorites showed up this year also. The WACO at the top of the next column was my favorite three years ago. We spent some time talking to the husband and wife, Colorado based owners that restored it. Their flying started in



tube and fabric gliders and now they also enjoy antiques. The wife is taking lessons in a J3. Pretty cool for a retired couple.



Next you will see my favorite from about five years ago, a Fairchild 22. It flew a lot of folks at this years Brodhead. Another cool one is next, a homebuilt this time. A really old homebuilt one that was built by its designer in the 30's a Pietenpol.



This Pietenpol is so special it is passed from one owner to the next for one dollar with the stipulation it is cared for and when the owner wishes to pass it on he does so to a good care giver for one dollar. Plus the Pete isn't a hangar queen, it flew a lot of formation flights with another Pete and a Heath Parasol as you can see in the next photo.



I love aviation history and Brodhead is a great place to learn some if you ask questions. The airport at Brodhead has a project on site to erect a museum from some airplanes and artifacts from the Kelch collection. Aircraft such as a Stearman that was actually flown by Charles Lindbergh are included. The following are three from the collection that are flying. They are flying because as they develop the new museum, they want to make it a flying museum. Back to that people thing, a friend, Greg, we have met over the years, is doing the work to get them flying and also does the piloting. Therefore he is a great source of information. This is what Greg told me about some of the aircraft on display this year that are airworthy. The first is a Stearman that is rather rare.



Stable mates of the rare Stearman are the yellow taper wing WACO which is on its way out for a flight and the Warner powered Curtiss Wright. Greg mentioned the Stearman flies like a truck and the Curtiss wright is a sweetheart to fly.



Rare due to the fact it has a Wright Whirlwind J5 engine, the same one that powered the Spirit of Saint Louis. Here are some pics of the planes.



Other things of interest was the work being done on a Ranger powered Fairchild 24. Turned out some plug wires were mixed up.



Hopefully from the above you can tell it was a great time. Can't wait until next year!