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## Newsletter of Chapter 75 Quad-Cities of Illinois and Iowa, USA

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### THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

#### President's Corner



As the saying goes, "March comes in like a lamb and goes out like a lion." This year was no exception. April will bring improved flying conditions and the availability of short cross-country flights for lunch or supper.

At our Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> Chapter Gathering, chapter member John Bruesch shared his barnstorming adventure in a rented 1946 Aeronca 11AC Chief (N9576E) owned by the Green Castle Aero Club in Oxford, Iowa. The 1,100-mile trip took him to numerous airports in Wisconsin. Throughout his presentation, he recounted numerous mishaps and errors that were both entertaining and instructive. I greatly appreciated your candid account of the multiple events and the excellent presentation you provided.

#### April 26<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering Program:

Chapter member Tobey Strauch has agreed to share her presentation titled "Once Upon an Airman". In her presentation, she will discuss her time in the

United States Air Force (USAF), her impressive background, career, and education, how she overcame the queasiness and life's obstacles to obtain a private pilot's license, her adventures, and the life lessons that aviation has taught her and how it has helped her develop as a leader.

As a young woman, she was enlisted in the USAF from 1990 to 1999. She was a Telecommunications Network Specialist while serving at Royal Air Force Mildenhall & was responsible for the communications of the European Airborne Command Post and the circuits of Air Force One. In her return to the United States, she served part-time in the United States Air Force Reserves at Falcon Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, Colorado, while also going to college to continue her education. She also got into life support, where she made the helmet fittings and taught aircrew life support for Lockheed C-130 personnel. In 2024, she fulfilled a life-long dream of hers and became a private pilot.

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EAA Chapter 75 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on advancing aviation education within the Quad Cities area. Founded in 1959, it is the largest, oldest, and most active aviation chapter in the Quad Cities area.

**Our chapter mission...**Support the mission, vision, goals, and objectives of Experimental Aircraft Association. Create an environment to nurture growth of recreational aviation in our community, focusing on flight safety, education, youth STEM programs, design and construction of amateur-aircraft, maintenance, and innovation.

## President's Corner

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Tobey is currently managing brownfield installations for controls upgrades at Arconic in Davenport, Iowa, and has previously worked as a principal controls engineer. She has 20 plus years in automation and controls. She has commissioned systems, programmed PLCs (Programmable Logic Controllers), robots, and SCADAs (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisitions). She has a broad mix of mechatronics with process control and enjoys solving problems with Matlab and Simscape.

The presentation will begin at 9:30 AM during the chapter gathering event, located at Revv Aviation, 9230 North Harrison Street, Davenport, IA 52806. You can arrive early from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM to socialize, have coffee, and a donut. This program is one that you do not want to miss!

### May 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering Program:

Chapter member Tom Shelton will present a presentation at the Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> Chapter Gathering about the progress, rewards, and obstacles that the Van's RV-12iS student-build project has endured. He will also discuss what is next after the completion of the Van's RV-12iS and how you can be involved. This activity is available to any high school student that is enrolled with Bettendorf, Pleasant Valley, and North Scott, Community School Districts and any chapter member that wants to be involved as a mentor.



*Current status of the Van's RV-12iS as it nears completion.  
Image Courtesy of Steve Gibson.*



*Garmin G3X Touch Display being updated and configured. Image Courtesy of Tom Shelton.*



*Students working on a fuel leak and being instructed by A&P Steve Gibson. Image Courtesy of Tom Shelton.*

Please consider participating in a future build endeavor, as these types of projects provide benefits to the students and members who are involved. For further information regarding future projects, please reach out to Tom Shelton at [tshelton72@gmail.com](mailto:tshelton72@gmail.com) or Paul Thronson at [pthronson@hotmail.com](mailto:pthronson@hotmail.com).

**Your Action Is Requested:** The 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday Chapter Gatherings encompasses a variety of intriguing subjects. Based on the number of attendees, we believe that these gatherings are well-received. We are eager to continue these endeavors; however, we require assistance in identifying and organizing future topics and presentations. With that said, we are looking for someone to be our Program Coordinator, so that we can reduce the workload for our board members. For more information about the responsibilities of a Program Coordinator, please see page three.

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## President's Corner

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### Our One Hundred Dollar Hamburger Adventure:

On March 9<sup>th</sup>, my club friend Steve Gibson and I flew to Belle Plains Municipal Airport (TZT/KTZZ) and took a crew car into town for lunch. It was Visual Flight Rules (VFR) in both directions with N147J, a 1974 Cessna 172M Skyhawk that has a 180hp Lycoming engine running perfectly. Belle Plains Municipal Airport is about 90 nm northwest of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The airport has a van for a crew car that is self-checkout. Belle Plains is a small town that appears to once have had a large train industry. A good place to eat is the Lincoln Café, which is about a 7-10 minute drive from the airport. Another fun fact is that it is on the Lincoln Highway. This highway is one of the first transcontinental highways in the United States and one of the first highways to be designed expressly for automobiles. The highway runs coast-to-coast from Times Square in New York City west to Lincoln Park in San Francisco, and you can make history driving on the Lincoln Highway for yourself.



It is open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM. The menu features breakfast items that are consistently prepared well, including eggs, ham, and a braised tenderloin. I have eaten here a number of times over the years as it's only about 40 minutes from the Quad Cities International Airport (MLI/KMLI) in the Cessna 172. This would make a good destination for a morning group flyout. It's a great little home town dinner with reasonable priced meals and great service.

Here is a menu and hours of operation: [Click Here](#).

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Daniel Murphy, President.

### April's IMC Club Meeting Canceled

Dan Murphy, EAA Chapter 75's IMC Coordinator has canceled the upcoming IMC Club Meeting scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup> due to many of the attendees being out of the state to attend SUN 'n FUN in Lakeland, Florida. The IMC Club will return at its normal date, the First Tuesday of every month, at the normal time of 6:00

PM and place, Revv Aviation, 9230 North Harrison Street, Davenport, IA 52806, on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### EAA Chapter 75 Board of Directors Business Meeting - April 9<sup>th</sup>

The Board of Directors will hold a business meeting at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at Revv Aviation, 9230 North Harrison Street in Davenport, Iowa. We encourage all of the membership to attend.

### EAA Chapter 75 Position Available - Program Coordinator

EAA Chapter 75 is looking for someone to step up to the task and help the chapter by taking on the position of Program Coordinator. You will be tasked with organizing a featured speaker/presenter each month to ensure that they present a topic at our monthly aviation gatherings at Revv Aviation in Davenport, Iowa, determine & bring what materials they may need, and make sure they arrive on time prior to the start of the scheduled presentation time. You'll also need to write or gather a small paragraph each month for the monthly newsletter describing what the month's program is going to be and a little background about the speaker so that the members get an idea of what's going to be presented. Contact anyone on the board if you would like to take on this role.

### Physical Assets Donated Committee Update

The committee met on March 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss and brainstorm the process for disposing of physical assets donated to our chapter. The committee consists of Mark Howell, Jim Smith, Carson Wampfler, Paul Thronson, and Steve Gibson. The assets that are donated are eligible for tax breaks via our chapter's 501(c)(3) status. Please let Committee Chair Steve Gibson at [montellopnds@gmail.com](mailto:montellopnds@gmail.com) know if you have anything for our committee's consideration.

### Video - Countdown to SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo 2025

In his latest Countdown to SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo 2025 [video](#) for March, President & CEO Gene Conrad announced two major military fighter jets that are soon to be retired will be attending the event. These aircraft are the McDonnell Douglas AV-8B

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## Video - Countdown to SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo 2025

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Harrier II Plus and the Fairchild Republic A-10C Thunderbolt IIs. The Harriers are coming from Marine Attack Squadron 231 (VMA-231) "Aces of Spades", Marine Corps Air Station Cherry Point, NC. The announcement begins around 15:00 mark.

## Longtime Emergency Aircraft Repair Volunteer & EAA Chapter 75 Member John "Bob" Olds Passes Away

*Article By - Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief with the assistance of Jim Smith, Past President*



*Image Courtesy of the Olds family*

Longtime EAA Chapter 75 member and Emergency Aircraft Repair Volunteer (EAR) John "Bob" Olds, of Davenport, Iowa, passed away on Thurs., March 6, 2025, with his family by his side. Memorials in John's name may be made to King's Harvest Animal Rescue or to the Hu-

mane Society of Scott County. He was a member of the EAA national organization from 1982 to 2020 with membership number #193261. He owned a Piper Cherokee 140, a Piper Comanche, & Thorp T-18, and was building an Airbike and a GBY Look-alike. With EAA Chapter 75, he served as a technical counselor, a welder, arranged and brought donuts and coffee to our events, arranged for guest speakers/program presentations, attended board meetings, served on the election and tool committees, prepared our Christmas turkey and ham alongside Jim Smith, and co-hosted the July potluck in partnership with Jim Smith, Beverly Smith, Mindy Leahy and Ed Leahy. In addition, he also served as a Young Eagles pilot, giving free introductory flights in his personal airplane to youth ages 8-17. According to the EAA's database, he gave flight experiences to 113 youth. When Jim Smith visited Bob at Senior Star, he always printed out the chapter's monthly newsletter and showed it to Bob so that he would be aware of what was going on within the chapter.

He will be dearly missed by his loving family and many friends. Rest in peace, Bob.

You can read his full obituary [here](#).

## Remembering John "Bob" Olds

*Article By - Richard Lowe, Past President, Honorary Life Member, & Historian*

I only knew John "Bob" Olds for about forty years. We first met when we bought our Citabria in 1985. He was flying a Thorp T-18 at the time and said he had earlier owned a Cherokee 140. Later he bought a Piper Comanche. In addition to being a member of EAA Chapter 75, Bob and June were a regular part of the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN) community.

Bob was headed for Korea in the winter of 50-51 when he married the love of his life, June Olds on March 14, 1951. If my memory serves me, he was a cook in a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH). I also remember him talking about racing go-karts and being a golden gloves boxer in his younger days. He was always on the hunt for the perfect airplane.

We both were members of two informal flying groups. One was called the Blackhawk Aero Squadron composed of local folks who were affiliated with the Antique Airplane Association (AAA) out of Blakesburg, IA. We gathered at someone's house the first Sunday of each month for a potluck. The members included folks from Rock Falls, Galesburg, Muscatine, Clinton, and the Quad Cities area. At one time, I think we had as many as a dozen couples or more. I remember having to host the group only about once every two years. Henry Rahlf was one of the informal leaders of that group. Clyde & Bernice "Bunnie" Johnson from Geneseo, Illinois were also deeply involved. The other group was what we call the Sunday Flyers based in Davenport. It was informal: no by-laws, no dues, no officers, no meetings, as we just flew for pure fun. Each Sunday (when the Black Hawks were not meeting) we would meet about noon at the Davenport Municipal Airport and decide on a destination. I remember one day I counted nine airplanes lined up on the taxiway heading for someplace. We would go to Amana, Muscatine, Monmouth, Morris, Reedsburg, Quincy, any place within about 100 miles that had access to a place to eat. Bob and June were members of both groups, so we got to know them pretty well. I will always remember Bob and the many plane trips we went together on.

## Remembering John "Bob" Olds

*Photos By - Marty Santic, Former Newsletter Editor-in-Chief, George Bedeian, Former Secretary, & Liz Richards, Current Treasurer*



*Jim Smith, Ron White, and Bob Olds at EAA Chapter 33's 50th Anniversary celebration that occurred on April 15, 2011. Image Courtesy of Marty Santic.*



*Emergency Aircraft Repair volunteers Bob Olds and Jim Smith are working on a welding project at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2010. Image Courtesy of George Bedeian.*



*Ethan Bedeian and Bob Olds at the 2010 Christmas Party that was held at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House in Moline, IL. Image Courtesy of Marty Santic.*



*June Olds, Bob Olds, Bev Smith, and Jim Smith at EAA Chapter 33's 50th Anniversary celebration that occurred on April 15, 2011. Image Courtesy of Marty Santic.*



*Bob Olds (far right) at the July 2024 Potluck that was held at the Davenport Municipal Airport in Davenport, IA. Image Courtesy of Liz Richards.*



*Emergency Aircraft Repair volunteer Bob Olds works on a welding project during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2010. Image Courtesy of George Bedeian.*



*George Bedeian, Vicki Bedeian and Bob Olds at the 2010 Christmas Party that was held at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House in Moline, IL. Image Courtesy of Marty Santic.*



## Ray Aviation Scholar Update: Bennett Teitle - March Update

Article By - Bennett Teitle, 2024 Ray Aviation Scholar



Bennett with his free Lightspeed Zulu 3 ANR Headset that he received

Spring is here and I have another exciting update for the chapter!

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, I passed the FAA written exam in Marion, Iowa, and moved on to preparing for my checkride. This included my second cross-country flown from the Quad Cities International Airport (MLI/KMLI) in Moline, IL to Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ/KDBQ) in Dubuque, Iowa to Eastern Iowa Airport (CID/KCID) in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where I learned about navigation and flying into

other airports. Over Spring break, I was scheduled to have my checkride on March 17<sup>th</sup>, but the winds were too high to conduct the checkride in Galesburg, IL. I'm looking forward to rescheduling, but for now I'll take the extra time to prepare and practice.

On Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, I flew solo to practice private pilot maneuvers, since every maneuver has to be within the Airmen Certification Standards (ACS) for me to pass the checkride. Although all maneuvers, takeoffs, stalls and the slow flight were within the specified limits, I experienced an issue I've had since I started my flight training: airsickness. According to the FAA, airsickness is defined as "a specific form of motion sickness which is induced by air travel and is considered a normal response in healthy individuals" and is cited as a "common bodily response" from student pilots learning maneuvers.

For me, airsickness is almost never a problem except for two motions: unusual attitude training and steep turns, which both involve rapid changes in pitch/roll attitude. While flying solo on Saturday, I decided to start with practicing steep turns, which, in hindsight, was not the best idea. After about seven steep turns in a row, I started to feel the familiar feeling of airsickness creep in - my stomach twisting into knots, fingers and hands tingling, and excessive sweating. Realizing

that I wasn't going to be able to effectively practice controlling a plane while in this condition, I quickly moved to counteract the feelings of motion sickness. Luckily, this was far from the first time I've dealt with this issue, and since my early hours in the airplane I've been developing strategies to help mitigate the effects of motion sickness while behind the controls. These include but are not limited to: adjusting the air vents to fully open, staring at the horizon for a few minutes at a time, drinking water, taking off heavy clothing, and stretching out. By the time I employed all of these techniques, I felt ready to do some pattern work. In the future, I also won't start any flight with lots of steep turns or sharp changes in bank, but I find it helpful to have experience with airsickness and find ways to address it before I end up disoriented on a checkride or carrying passengers.

I can't wait to update the chapter on how my checkride goes in next month's issue, and I am also excited in helping finishing up the Van's RV-12iS student-build. At a build session in March, the plane was very close to completion, and we were figuring out how to bleed the hydraulic system. I expect engine tests to be creeping up, and hopefully we will see it fly by this summer.

## March's First Saturday Coffee & Donuts

Location - Bob & Penny Johnson's Build Shop in Geneseo, IL

Hosted By - Bob & Penny Johnson

Photos By - Tim Baldwin, Chapter Member, Carl Brown, Board Member, and Bob & Penny Johnson, Hosts



N47JA is a 1966 Bell 47G-3B-1 helicopter owned by Keith Huebner. Image Courtesy of Tim Baldwin.



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*(Left Side to Right Side): Tom Shelton, Ron Ehrecke, Gary Aho, Tim Baldwin, Travis Baldwin, John Bruesch, Scott Booth, Arnie Kaufmann, Diane Kaufmann, Steve Gibson, Keith Huebner, Jim Fowler, and Jim Smith. Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.*



*Ryan Story, Steve Gibson, Charlie Hammes, and Steve Boardman. Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.*



*Travis Baldwin, Kent Johnson, John Bruesch, Scott Booth, Arnie Kaufmann, Diane Kaufmann, and Gary VandeVoorde. Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.*



*Dave Johnson and Paul Maxey. Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.*



*Jason Healy, Rick Meyer, Will Moore, and Norman Moore. Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.*

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Tim Baldwin, Travis Baldwin, John Bruesch, and Lance Miller. Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.



Ron Ehrecke and Gary Aho.  
Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.



Dion Carr, Mark Howell, Noel Howell, and Diane Kaufmann. Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.



Jason Healy, Ryan Story, Sam Berry, Terry Crouch, and Tom Shelton. Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.



Bob Thomas, Alyssa Werner, and Andy Werner.  
Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.



Craig Olson, Charlie Hammes, Dave Johnson, Steve Boardman, and Paul Maxey. Image Courtesy of Carl Brown.





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*Bob Johnson's RANS S-20 Raven (N723PB) project. This is the fuselage. Image Courtesy of Bob Johnson.*



*Bob Johnson's RANS S-20 Raven (N723PB) project. This is the wings. Image Courtesy of Bob Johnson.*



*Bob Johnson's RANS S-20 Raven (N723PB) project. This is the panel. Image Courtesy of Bob Johnson.*



*Bob Johnson's RANS S-20 Raven (N723PB) project. This is the fuselage. Image Courtesy of Penny Johnson.*



*Bob Johnson. Image Courtesy of Penny Johnson.*



*Bob and Penny Johnson. Image Courtesy of Penny Johnson.*



## March's Chapter Gathering

Location - Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN)  
Photos By - Liz Richards, Treasurer



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## March's Program Presenter - Chapter Member John Bruesch

Photos By - Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief



*John Bruesch.*



*John Bruesch did an excellent job with his presentation.*

## Chapter 75 Flight Instructors

Per a member's request, we will be publishing a listing of EAA Chapter 75 members who are flight instructors willing to help with primary flight instructions, biennial flight reviews (BFR), etc. If you are an EAA Chapter 75 member who is a flight instructor, are willing to assist, and wish to be included in the list, please email the newsletter editor at [adam.santic@gmail.com](mailto:adam.santic@gmail.com).

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 <a href="#">Revv Aviation</a>
Craig Blumer	641-799-8149	<a href="mailto:craigblumer27@gmail.com">craigblumer27@gmail.com</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN	Craig's J-3 Cub Owner
Summer Kuehl	563-594-9785	<a href="mailto:summer@quadcitiesaero.com">summer@quadcitiesaero.com</a>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, Club <a href="#">Quad Cities Aero</a>
Tim Leinbach	309-781-9585	<a href="mailto:tleinbach@gmail.com">tleinbach@gmail.com</a>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO, Club <a href="#">QC Flying Country Club</a>
Dan Marine	563-506-4731	<a href="mailto:strawhillavation@gmail.com">strawhillavation@gmail.com</a>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	IOW, OTM, CID, DVN, MUT, MLI	Owner
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Jim Ries	309-945-2544	<a href="mailto:jjim@villagehomestores.com">jjim@villagehomestores.com</a>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI, 3G8	Owner, Club <a href="#">Quad Cities Aero, QCAFE</a>
Tim Toal	309-235-0087	<a href="mailto:timotoal@mchsi.com">timoal@mchsi.com</a>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner
Tony TouVelle	563-271-2540	<a href="mailto:touvelle.tony@gmail.com">touvelle.tony@gmail.com</a>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	FBO, Club <a href="#">Revv Aviation, QCAFE</a>



# Chapter Activities

## Chapter Gatherings

Our monthly chapter gatherings are held every 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday from January through May and September through November at Revv Aviation, 9230 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA 52806 from 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM. They are typically quite well attended and provide attendees with an update of chapter news, events, projects, and member statuses. But more importantly, our chapter regularly hosts presentations by outside guests as well as current and past members. These presentations cover a wide range of topics from aviation experiences to technical overviews & more.

## Coffee and Donuts

We host a coffee and donuts event on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month at various places around the area. See the website, check out the newsletter, or the Facebook page to find out where it is located this month. The 1st Saturday Coffee & Donuts event is a perfect opportunity to be social, view the host's airplane(s), build projects, or just to have fun. We will always have FREE coffee and donuts for everyone who attend! We hope to see you there!

## IMC Club

These monthly meetings provide a venue to review and sharpen our piloting skills through educational presentations & videos followed by a general discussion and member camaraderie. Each presentation focuses on situations feat. Instrument Meteorological Conditions (IMC) and everyone is encouraged to think about what they would do in various instrument situations. The discussions are interesting because everyone brings their own experiences and training. [More Info Here](#)

## Tool Library

The chapter has a very good assortment of tools that are available to members for your use who are in good standing and abide by the rules, including hand tools, aircraft scales, borescope, a prop balancer, etc. Since 1962, our chapter participates, runs and volunteers at the Emergency Aircraft Repair at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh in Oshkosh, WI at the end of July. The chapter has many members knowledgeable in many areas that you can tap for information or help.

## Summer & Holiday Potlucks

EAA Chapter 75 organizes Summer Potlucks during June, July, and August at noon on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month. These fly-in/drive-in lunches are held at local area airports/airstrips. Our annual holiday potluck dinner extravaganza for members and guests wishing to share the seasonal spirit with other members & guests is held every year in December.

## Eagles Flight Program

EAA's Eagle Flights program provides a way for prospective pilots to experience personal aviation at no cost thanks to EAA Chapter 75's volunteer pilots. The flight you get is a hands-on introduction to private aviation and what it is like to fly an airplane.

Eagle Flights are provided as a one-on-one experience. It is more than just a FREE airplane ride as it is exclusively available to adults (18+) who are seriously interested in aviation and learning to fly. The Eagle Flight will feature a full range of activities required for flying a private aircraft, including pre-flight, in-flight and post-flight activities.

## Young Eagles Program

Each year, EAA Chapter 75 holds several Young Eagles events. Young people between the ages of 8 and 17 are given the aviation experience of a lifetime by learning about aviation, followed by a FREE flight piloted by our volunteers in their general aviation aircraft. Turn your dreams into reality w/ a FREE Young Eagles flight & become one of over 2 million Young Eagles who has shared "The Spirit of Aviation" experience. [More Info Here](#).

## Youth Programs

The chapter is very proud of our various youth outreach programs & scholarships that we offer. Our mission is to educate, encourage, and facilitate young people's participation in aviation. The scholarships we offer are the Ray Aviation Scholarship, a flight training scholarship for 16-18 yr olds, and an Air Academy Scholarship, a scholarship towards a week-long aviation themed youth summer camp (14-18 yr olds) held at EAA's home in Oshkosh, WI.



**EAA Chapter 75**  
**Quad Cities IA/IL**  
**Join Us!**

# PNB Aviation Club

## Van's RV-12iS - March Update

Significant progress continues to accelerate as we finish the final sections of the RV-12iS build. Here are some of the accomplishments since last month's report:

- Cooling service bulletin completed
- Wing seals installed, and anti-slip material installed on both wings
- Oil and coolant added to the Rotax 912iS engine
- 3 gallons of fuel was added to the fuel tank
- Fuel filter connection leak resolved
- Most sections have been reviewed for step-by-step completion and computer records verified
- Garmin G3X firmware update installed, configuration files established and verified

### Next Steps:

- Order and install vinyl N numbers once we receive FAA confirmation
- Once 3M coverings of panels is complete, install placards and labels
- Finalize interior component fitting and permanent installation
- Purge air from engine oil system
- Initial engine start!
- Complete production checklist documents
- Complete weight and balance documentation
- Finalize Garmin G3X plane and specific data installation

The RV-12iS build sessions are held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, and on Saturday mornings from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the North Scott Transportation Building, 120 North Scott Park Road, Eldridge, IA 52748. Our goal is to have the plane completed by May 15, 2025.



*Zoya and McKenzie observing the Garmin G3X Touch Display configuration.*



*Logan making wing seals.*



## Classified Ads

### Tools for Sale:

Cleveland long arm dimpler/riveter w/ material support table top - \$135; Cleveland cam hand rivet squeezer (no yoke) - \$200; hand squeezer yokes (3 available) - \$70 ea.; Avery hand rivet squeezer \$125 (no yoke); back riveting plate/platform - \$75; U.S. Tool 3X rivet gun kit w/ 4 bucking bars; and rivet sets - \$200. Pictures are available on request. Contact Warren Brecheisen at [n112wb@gmail.com](mailto:n112wb@gmail.com) or 319-415-2063.

### Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR)

**Services:** Amateur Built/Light Sport Airworthiness Certification Inspections, Ferry Permits (Certified & Experimental), Replace lost/damaged Airworthiness Certificates (Certified and Experimental). Call Ross Carbiener (A&P and IA) at 309-312-1066.

### For Sale: One share in the Four Seven Jays Flying Club

The club plane is an extremely well maintained 180HP 1973 Cessna 172M Skyhawk (N147J) hangared at MLI. IFR equipped. Paint and interior new in 2003, and the following avionics were installed in 2010: Garmin GMA-340 Audio Panel/ICS/Marker, Garmin GNS-430W WAAS GPS, Garmin GI-106A CDI, Garmin GTX37 Transponder. Installed in 2021 was a Garmin G5 HSI & Garmin G5 AH with a GFC 500 Autopilot. Contact Dan Murphy 309-752-3887, Ron Ehrecke 309-236-9785, or Ralph Stephenson 309-737-6902.



**Hangars Available at the Davenport Municipal Airport.** Hosts 78 aircraft t-hangars, 6 box style hangars, and 2 executive aircraft box hangars. Prices range from \$105.00-300.00/month. Contact the Airport Manager Thomas Vesalga at 563-326-7783 or [thomas.vesalga@davenportiowa.com](mailto:thomas.vesalga@davenportiowa.com) for more info.

### Hangar Space at the Clinton Municipal Airport

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### FREE - Yaesu VHF Adapter



This was originally supplied with my Yaesu handheld VHF, bought a few years ago at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Being a European, I [Loman O'Byrne] replaced it with one that fits our local outlets. If you have a Yaesu VHF, you might find it useful to have a second adapter for charging. Contact Mike Nightingale at 309-798-0028 for more information.

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**FREE COFFEE & DONUTS WITH SOME GOOD HANGAR TALK AT PAUL FISHER'S HANGAR AT THE DAVENPORT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KDVN)**

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**8:30 – 11:00 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)**

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- 01-06 - ALL DAY - SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo 2025 at KLAL
- 05 - 8:30 AM - First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at Paul Fisher's Hangar (E-5) KDVN
- 09 - 4:30 PM - Chapter Business Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 26 - 8:30 AM - Chapter Gathering at Revv Aviation KDVN

Visit [eaa75.org](http://eaa75.org) for more event details

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