



EAA Chapter 75

Quad Cities – Iowa/Illinois

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<http://www.eaa75.com>

President's Notes: December 1st, what a day. I went flying today, it was 55 degrees and calm, pretty great for December. I landed so smooth I didn't realize I was on the ground until I was going 35 mph and steering on the runway.

The December 12th meeting is at 6:00P.M. **NOTE THE TIME CHANGE.** It is the usual Christmas potluck, so bring your own table service and something for the foodline. The chapter will be providing turkey, ham and beverages. Also, remember to bring a gift for your little ones or companion for under the tree, as the man and his wife in the red suits will be arriving about 7:00PM. Bring the whole family; this is a great fun event for all.

The election for President and Vice-President went off without any competition. Those elected were the incumbents, Mike Nass as Vice President and Jim Smith as president. Thanks to the chapter members for the confidence in both of us. We both enjoy serving.

Last month we discussed developing a form for our Air Academy candidates to complete when applying for our High-Flight scholarships. A draft of the

form can be accessed elsewhere in the newsletter. Please review it and e-mail or call me with any suggested changes. We would like to have this available on our website.

NEWSLETTER EDITORS: We have been blessed with three members doing the newsletter the last couple of years. Roy Fisher did the newsletter through August, 2009 when he went off to college. Paul Fisher stepped in and has done it the last four months. Ron Franck had been doing the newsletter for several years, but asked for a break while building a new house for himself and Pam – the house isn't quite finished, however Ron has agreed to take over the newsletter again starting in January. As you have input for the newsletter, starting in

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Next Meeting: Dec12 @18:00: Christmas Potluck! Don't be late!

**EAA CHAPTER 75
MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING
November 14, 2009
(Deere-Wymann carriage house, Moline, IL)**

Director's Meeting:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm by President Jim Smith.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Smith, Ed Leahy, and Dave Jacobsen.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Ed Leahy reported Cash on hand-\$56.14; Checks on hand-None; Valley Bank account-\$3,238.64; Checking account balance-\$5,053.38; and the C D balance-\$4,728.12 for a total of \$13,076.28. A motion to approve the report was made by Dave Jacobsen and seconded by Jim Smith. Approval was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Chapter Leaders Training. Jim Smith will be checking with Oshkosh to see what the maximum number of people they would take at a single session. No Chapter 75 member has yet attended this training. There are training sessions in January, February, and March of 2010. Jim Smith and Dave Jacobsen have indicated interest in the March 26-28, 2010 session.

2. Air Academy. Sheldon Welton was approved to attend the Basic Air Academy in 2010.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Mike Nass has a part time employee at the Clinton Airport, Quinton Waldorf, who is interested in aviation and who would like to attend the Advanced Air Academy in 2010 during Airventure. This was approved by the Board.

2. After discussion it was decided that the Chapter will continue with table decorations for the Christmas party. They will be a 'take home' item for members at the end of the party.

3. Jim Smith said he will be asking for volunteers to present programs for the 2010 meetings.

4. Jim noted that Keith Williams is working to sell the RV-10 kit.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.

General Meeting:

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Jim Smith at 7:15 pm.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer Ed Leahy summarized the report given at the Board meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER: Craig Spainhower of Milan, IL has joined the chapter and reported that he has a Zenith 601 XL project. Ed Leahy reported that Max Dierks of Cedar Rapids has joined the chapter. Max is the contact with the CR chapter when the calendars are received and split up each fall.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Bob Olds and seconded by Mike Nightingale. Approval by the members was unanimous.

TECH CONSULERS REPORT: Terry Crouch spoke about the importance of checking the fuel system for adequate flow to the engine. This information can be obtained from engine suppliers and is vital to safe operation.

OLD BUSINESS: 1. Chapter Leaders Training. Jim Smith spoke about the training offered by EAA in Oshkosh and asked for those interested to speak with him. He and Dave Jacobsen are considering the March 26-28, 2010 session.

2. Santa is set for the Christmas party and he is scheduled to arrive at 7 pm.

3. Air Academy candidate Sheldon Welton was approved to attend the Basic Air Academy in 2010.

NEW BUSINESS: 1. Chapter Election of President and Vice President. After calling for nominations from the floor and receiving none, Jim Smith and Mike Nass were reelected to their respective positions by unanimous acclamation.

2. Air Academy candidate Quinton Waldorf was approved to attend the Advanced Air Academy in 2010 during Airventure.

3. Jim Smith called for volunteers to present programs in 2010. We need 4 to 6 presenters to cover all meeting dates. There are 4 previous programs on hold by previous volunteers that will fill out the year.

PROGRAM: Jerry Coussens presented the evening program on the upcoming refurbishing of his Lancair.

ADJOURNMENT: The business meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm for a coffee break and Jerry's program.

SUBMITTED BY: Dave Jacobsen

President's Notes – continued from page 1: January, please forward it to Ron. The newsletter is a big job and we appreciate those who are willing and capable of providing us with it each month. Be sure to thank these members when you see them.

Thanks to Marty Santic for having his RV-12 as a project review in November. Even though it was a bit cool, it went well, coffee & cookies were good also. The plane looks great. He even flew with us one Saturday noon to Muscatine for lunch.

Our next project review will be at Jerry Coussen's home on Sunday, December 13th from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M., 4440 Cheyenne Ave, Davenport, Ia. Jerry did the program for the November meeting about the updates and re-work he is planning on his Lancair 320. Thanks Jerry for the program and the project review.

Thanks to all who did programs this year. We had some excellent programs. Also thanks to all those who volunteered and are on the agenda for the coming year. We pretty well have 2010 filled up. However if you have a program you would like to do or would like to see, please let us know.

See you at the Christmas Meeting, 6:00, Saturday, December 12th.

- Jim



Photo by Chris Nitz

(yes, I know this picture was used last month – but it's such a good looking plane!! – ed.)

Open House (hanger): Marty picked a cold, blustery day to show off his brand new RV-12. But it was a great example of the craftsmanship in our chapter! Don't miss Jerry Coussen's project review next Sunday (13 Dec). Since it is now December, we're grateful Jerry's will be held inside!



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I was forwarded an email with a story of a B-17 that had the entire nose blown off by German flak on October 15th 1944. I encourage you to read the entire article at the link below. Truly the “greatest generation”!! - ed.

http://www.398th.org/History/Articles/Remembrances/Ostrom_FortressHome.html



How's this for a homebuilt (from scratch!) project? A 2/3 scale P-38 built by a retired college professor in Texas. I'm sure this will be written up in Sport Aviation soon!



Aircraft Wiring: Several people have asked about wiring their airplane. If you're to that point, go here: <http://aeroelectric.com/> and buy the book. You'll probably have to read it twice, but it is well worth it. While you are on there, look around the site – there is a tremendous amount of material available. There is also a mailing list where you can ask your particular question – but be warned – Bob treats the mailing list like a classroom. If you aren't careful you may learn something! I finished wiring my plane over a year ago, but I still sit in on Bob's classroom, and I'm still learning things!

Also, if you're in need of wire, connectors, switches, tools, etc., don't go to Radio Shack. You'll want the best quality components. Here are some of the suppliers that I used:

<http://steinair.com/store.htm>

<http://www.bandc.biz/index.aspx>

<http://www.digikey.com/> - the "Grainger" of electronic parts!

Hope that helps!

- Paul A. Fisher

Last month for the paper newsletter!

By executive agreement, President Jim and I decided that this will be the last month we mail a paper copy of the newsletter. If have access to an email account, please forward it to the newsletter editor otherwise, this will be your last! If anyone has serious objections – you are welcome to be the new editor!

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