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THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

President's Corner



January 2025 had a full month of activities for EAA Chapter 75. It started with the kickoff of the Van's RV-12iS student build project. This STEM project is a collaboration between Pleasant Valley, Bettendorf, and North Scott Community Schools and our chapter. It was fitting that this four-year project be showcased at our January First Saturday Coffee and Donuts held at the North Scott Transportation Building in Eldridge, Iowa. As this project is scheduled to be completed in May of this year, Paul Thronson (Project Manager) and Tom Shelton (Committee Leader) have turned their attention to the selection of an ultralight type aircraft for the next build project. For anyone interested in building or owning an ultralight this project would be a great way to get experience and learn the process of building an ultralight. This ultralight will also be for sale so you might also purchase one you helped to build.

The next three photos taken by Steve Gibson are of the Van's RV12iS being built in collaboration with the Pleasant Valley, Bettendorf, North Scott School

Systems and EAA Chapter 75.



Front view of the Van's RV-12iS with a Rotax 912iS engine and a ground-adjustable Sensenich composite propeller.

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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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Van's RV-12iS and its vertical stabilizer, flaps, and tail.



Van's RV-12iS Empennage and more progress being made.

These projects enrich the students and members who are involved so please consider joining the efforts. Please contact Tom Shelton (tshelton72@gmail.com) or Paul Thronson (pthronson@hotmail.com) for additional information.

Last month a few of the board members traveled to Oshkosh, WI for leadership training. We also made contact with the leadership team at EAA. I learned about new programs that would be of value to our chapter. I am sure, however, that we will be exposed to lots of new initiatives and ideas supported by EAA. I will report more on this in next month's issue. As a heads up, should a change be considered, the board will look for your input.

Jenny Wilson and the scholarship committee have

successfully applied for a full \$12,000 scholarship to train a new Ray Aviation Scholar in 2025. The committee will be notified in February of the award. Interested students should apply by February 14th, 2025. Next year (2026) the committee will be applying for two partially funded scholarships, with our chapter contribution of \$6,000 being funded by the EAA Chapter 75 High Flight Education Endowment Fund.

By the way, items donated to the chapter are used to build these funds. These donations are tax deductible and are a fantastic way to help educate our local youth. If you have items you would like to donate, please contact Steve Gibson, Committee Leader, at montellopnds@gmail.com.

I am happy to report some additional good news for our flying community and that is Neil Portner learned in December that he was granted one more year of employment past the mandatory controller retirement age. Neil shared that he likes his job and is very happy with the opportunity to stay on at the Quad City International Airport (MLI/KMLI) Air Traffic Control Tower. If you live in the area, you no doubt have heard Neil on approach, tower, and ground control. Neil has been a major contributor to the IMC Club meetings which is demonstrated by his deep understanding of the corner conditions of aircraft control.

Our One Hundred Dollar Hamburger Adventure:

January has been a tough month to get out and fly. We were able to find a day on January 9, 2025 with clear skies and low winds to make a trip to Fairfield, Iowa. It was an interesting trip as we were working on understanding some advanced functions of his avionics and I was along to look out the window. We also worked in a lunch stop in Fairfield as well.

At 10:59 AM, we flew to Fairfield Municipal Airport (FFL/KFFL) in Fairfield, Iowa and visited the fixed-based operator (FBO). At this FBO, we were met by the Mr. Lions (Airport Manager) who could not have been more helpful as he helped put the winter kit on his plane while a cold wind was biting at any uncovered skin.

Fairfield is home to the Maharishi International Uni-

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versity which offers consciousness-based education, Huh? Looking at the website it looks like a program that provides a higher learning education with a holistic approach to mind and body. On the ride over he shared that at this University some advanced learners claim to levitate. Knowing this we kept a close eye out for them on final. We luckily did not see anyone, maybe it was too windy for levitating that day!

We had lunch at a barbecue restaurant called Sweet 'n Saucy BBQ & Catering located at 117 N. Court St. in Fairfield. Their website is sweetnsaucybbq.com. The food was good and reasonably priced. We had an uneventful flight and returned at 2:12 PM back to Moline, Illinois, which was just the way we like it.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Daniel Murphy

February 22nd Chapter Program

Our February 22nd Chapter Gathering presentation will begin at 9:30 AM at Revv Aviation, 9230 N. Harrison St., Davenport, IA 52806. The speaker will be Ross Carbiener. Ross is originally from Geneseo, IL, and now living in Kewanee, IL. Currently he serves as Co-Manager of the Kewanee Municipal Airport and Co-Owner of Classic Aircraft Services, Inc. along with his wife, Diane, who is also a pilot and a flight instructor. He received his bachelor's degree in Airport Management from Southern Illinois University and held a position as a flight inspector at John Deere Aviation for many years. In high school, he gained experience flying at Kewanee Municipal Airport (EZI/KEZI). In addition, he is an Airframe & Powerplant (A&P) technician, holds an Inspection Authorization (IA), Federal Aviation Administration Safety Team (FAASTeam) representative, and a Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Designated Airworthiness Representative (DAR).

The presentation will cover the requirements for issuance of an Airworthiness Certificate after the completion of a homebuilt aircraft.

You can arrive early from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM to socialize, have coffee, and a donut.

2025 Membership Dues Are Now Being Accepted

Just a reminder to our chapter members that 2025 membership dues are now being accepted. Dues are still \$10.00 for the year. You can pay dues (cash or check) to the TREASURER at the address on the application/renewal form or at a chapter function. With your payment, please print out the membership application/renewal form and send it along with it. By doing this, it ensures that the information that we have on file is accurate, as many chapter members have had their information updated over the past year. The application/renewal form and the treasurer's address is located on page 22 or [here](#).

EAA Virtual Ultralight Days Return on February 18-20

Article By - EAA Headquarters

Building on the previous years' successes, [EAA Virtual Ultralight Days](#) returns for a fourth year on February 18-20 with three days of webinars focused on the lighter side of aviation. The webinars run from 1:00 PM - 8:15 PM (Central time) each day. The webinars are based on the highly successful format used during the previous EAA Virtual Ultralight Days, EAA Homebuilders Week, and EAA's popular webinar series. Well-known subject matter experts in the ultralight community will present each live session with question-and-answer periods to address specific questions.

"Ultralight flying remains as one of the most accessible forms of recreational flight while also being one of the purest," said Timm Bogenhagen, EAA Ultralight and Light Plane Community Manager. "Virtual Ultralight Days provides a free avenue to introduce more people to this segment of aviation and grow the knowledge of those already part of this community."

Topics covered will include how to get started in ultralights; how-to instructions on a variety of ultralight aircraft like fixed-wing, powered parachutes, powered paragliders, and weight-shift trikes; and overall informative topics on maintenance, airport operations, safety inspections, and more.

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All sessions are free of charge to everyone, with the archived video presentations available to EAA members afterward. Pre-registration is encouraged, with registration links and additional schedule information available at EAA.org/UltralightDay.

Young Eagles Online Registration - Important Notice

Article By - David Leiting, Jr., Eagles Program Manger, EAA

The transition from Young Eagles Day to the new EAA Chapter Events online registration system is nearly completed, and there are a few critical updates that I wanted to pass along to you.

The official shutdown of Young Eagles Day will occur on Monday, February 10th.

Here is what that means for you:

- Beginning February 10th YEDay.org and YoungEaglesDay.org will redirect to EAACHapters.org. There will no longer be access to the current YEDay.org site.
- Also on February 10th, your login credentials for the EAA Digital Signature App will change and sync up with the new EAA Chapter Events tool. The username/password used for EAACHapters.org will then be used to log into the iPad app.
- Additional event types are not yet fully developed in the new tool. Later this year, chapters will have the ability to manage Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, and more via EAACHapters.org.

I'd also like to use this message as an opportunity to update you on the enhancements being made to the new tool, thanks to the feedback from volunteers. EAA's own team has already made dozens of improvements. These include the system's load performance, fixing the waitlist functionality, optimizing the system for Firefox/Safari, updating the digital signature app, and more.

The outside developer is currently working on incorporating the following: Restoring the cancelled youth list, updating the system generated emails, updating the "Inactive" volunteer feature, restoring some features to the check-in tab, and more. These changes will start to go-live within the next month and should be completed by the spring.

Thanks again to all the volunteers that have contributed to the development of this new tool. Most importantly, I'd like to once again thank Don White for all his efforts over the past 7 years in his development and support of Young Eagles Day!

Ray Aviation Scholar Update: Bennett Teitle - January Update

Article By - Bennett Teitle, 2024 Ray Aviation Scholar

Happy February, folks!

It seems like January has flown by. I wanted to take a moment to update everyone on how flight training is going, as well as share some other exciting news. After some bad weather got in the way of flying for a while, I have picked it back up again and I am ready to start planning for my checkride. I am very close to taking my written test, which I have been studying during my winter break. I hope to get my checkride done sometime around March, and I definitely think I can make it in time.



Rotax 912iS engine

As President of the PV Media Team, I recently organized a collaboration between PNB Aviation Club and the PV Media Team to provide media coverage for the Van's RV-12iS student-build. As of Jan. 25th, the Media Team released a post on its [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/pvmedia) and will be sending the photos over to the advisors soon.

Also, on the topic of journalism and media, PV student Sean Murphy and I recently created a video story for an assignment titled "[Public Mistrust in Aviation](#)," which can be viewed on the Spartan Shield [website](#). It features clips of me flying, airplanes, and our friend Aiden VanDaele, who works as a Revv Aviation lineman.

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As I begin my final semester of high school, I am discovering for the first time how the lessons I learned in the classroom can be directly applied to aerodynamics. On top of that, I am also studying to become a pilot. For a challenge, I decided to take Differential Equations through my local community college, which has ended up being quite relevant to my extracurricular activities. I am excited to begin learning about related rates, fluid equations, and of course, all the math that helps explain torque and how our engines work. As a result of the build at the PNB Aviation Club, I have gained a deeper understanding of these concepts in a hands-on way that I could not have learned anywhere else.

I am grateful for all the opportunities and support that keep fueling my passion for aviation and media, and I can't wait to see what the rest of the semester has in store!

The Pilot - Interesting Movie

Article By - John Bruesch, Chapter Member

This YouTube "free with ads" [movie](#) is an excellent and fictional WWII drama that is full of suspense and action. It presents the Russian point of view with Russian and German aircraft (produced / filmed in Russia with English speaking and subtitles). A big surprise at the end is how many Russian pilots became amputees and went back on the line to become aces against the Germans. Great story, well told.

Correction Notice

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

There is a correction to last month's Christmas Party photos on page 13. The person standing in the photo with Vicki Bedeian (pictured left) in the second photo on the left column got misidentified as Juanita Howell. The person in that photo is actually Mary Ann Bruesch.



John Bruesch's Donated Item

Article By - John Bruesch, Chapter Member & Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief

Photo By - John Bruesch, Chapter Member



Chapter member John Bruesch donated a large roll (approximately 75 yds) of "new old stock" 2-inch linen seam tape, with finely pinked edges to our chapter. John inherited it many years ago and says it is still in perfect condition. This item is currently stored in the toolroom at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN) in case anybody needs it; otherwise it will be a good fit for the Emergency Aircraft Repair as we have assisted in fabric repairs at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh many times.

January's First Saturday Coffee & Donuts

Location - North Scott Transportation Building in Eldridge, Iowa

Hosted By - PNB Aviation Club & EAA Chapter 75

Photos By - Carl Brown, Board Member, EAA Chapter 75



Tom Shelton, Steve Boardman, Dan Murphy, Jerry Short, Jerry Coussens, Arnie Kaufmann, and Ron Ehrecke.

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Jim Fowler, Bob Johnson, Mark Howell, Mandi Lauritzson, Luci, and Judah.



Paul Thronson, Bill Hitzhusen, Ashley Hanson, Gary Aho, and Brad Gantt.

January's Chapter Gathering Photos

Location - Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN)
Photos By - John Riedel, Photographer & Chapter Member EAA Chapter 75, unless noted



Brad Baerwaldt, OSF Life Flight Pilot and EAA Chapter 75 member arriving at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN) in a 2010 Airbus EC145 (N340SF). Image Courtesy of Leonard Young, Friend, Aviation Photographer, and Chapter Member.



Brad Baerwaldt, OSF Life Flight Pilot and EAA Chapter 75 member getting marshalled on where to park on the tarmac. Image Courtesy of Leonard Young, Friend, Aviation Photographer, and Chapter Member.



A great shot of Brad Baerwaldt, OSF Life Flight Pilot and EAA Chapter 75 member flying a 2010 Airbus EC145 (N340SF). Image Courtesy of Leonard Young, Friend, Aviation Photographer, and Chapter Member.

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Side view of the 2010 Airbus EC145 (N340SF).



The attendees got to tour OSF Lie Flight's 2010 Airbus EC145 (N340SF).



Inside look of the 2010 Airbus EC145 (N340SF).
The pilot's helmet is on the right.



The seats that are featured on the 2010 Airbus EC145 (N340SF).



Cockpit and avionics suite.



The injured person gets loaded through the backdoor of this medical helicopter.



January's Chapter Gathering Photos

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Jason Rassi, Certified Flight Registered Nurse and Kelly, Certified Flight Registered Nurse for OSF Life Flight posing for a photo in front of a 2010 Airbus EC145 (N340SF).



Brad Baerwaldt, Pilot for OSF Life Flight and EAA Chapter 75 member speaking to the attendees.



Kelly, Certified Flight Registered Nurse and Jason Rassi, Certified Flight Registered Nurse for OSF Life Flight.



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.

Name	Phone	Email	New Students	CFII	MEI	BFR	Tail Wheel	Airports	Plane
Travis Baldwin	309-781-8896	tmb1998@gmail.com	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI, 3G8	Owner, FBO Revv Aviation
Craig Blumer	641-799-8149	craigblumer27@gmail.com	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN	Craig's J-3 Cub Owner
Summer Kuehl	563-594-9785	summer@quadcitiesaero.com	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, Club Quad Cities Aero
Tim Leinbach	309-781-9585	tleinbach@gmail.com	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO, Club QC Flying Country Club
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Matt Reed	563-212-2440	n7421w@gmail.com	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	CWI	Owner, Club
Jim Ries	309-945-2544	jjim@villagehomestores.com	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI, 3G8	Owner, Club Quad Cities Aero, QCAFE
Tim Toal	309-235-0087	timoal@mchsi.com	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner
Tony TouVelle	563-271-2540	touvelle.tony@gmail.com	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	FBO, Club Revv Aviation, QCAFE



**THIS MESSAGE IS TO ALL PILOTS THAT FLY OUT OF, OR TRANSIENT THROUGH
DAVENPORT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT**

BOTTOM LINE UP FRONT: In 2024, Davenport Municipal Airport has had 14 FAA reportable incidences of airspace violations within KMLI (Moline’s) Class C Airspace...

Background: I received a call from Moline’s Local Safety Council regarding information collected by their Quality Control Team about airspace flight incursions into their Class C airspace. It appears that since January 2024, 14 of us have entered their Class C airspace without radio contact with KMLI ATC and without a stated flight intention. According to the FAA Federal Aviation Regulations (FARs), this is not allowed. Having said this:

***FAR Part 91.130(b) Traffic Pattern.** No person may take off or land an aircraft at a satellite airport within a Class C airspace area except in compliance with FAA arrival and departure traffic patterns.*

***FAR Part 91.130(c) Communications.** Each person operating an aircraft in Class C airspace must meet the following two-way radio communications requirements:*

- (1) Arrival or through flight.** Each person must establish two-way radio communications with the ATC facilityproviding air traffic services prior to entering that airspace and thereafter maintain those communications while within that airspace.*

***FAR Part 91.130(c)(2)(i)** From a primary airport or satellite airport without an operating control tower must establish and maintain two-way radio communication with the control tower, and thereafter as instructed by ATC while operating in the Class C airspace area...*

***AIM 4-3-3-3 Traffic Pattern(a)(1):** Propeller-driven aircraft enter the traffic pattern at 1,000 feet above ground level (AGL)*

So now let’s break it down:

The upper shelf of the KMLI Class C airspace extends from the center of the KMLI airport out over the Revv Aviation FBO building at 9230 Harrison Street, from 2000 feet MSL to 4600 feet MSL. If you are flying correctly and in accordance with FAA FAR Part 91.130(c)(2)(i), you will depart runway 15 at 753 feet MSL and have only 1,247 feet available before crossing into Class C airspace assuming a straight out departure. To keep this in perspective, traffic pattern altitude is 1,753 feet MSL and only 247 feet below the Class C outer shelf.

Because this is continually being reported and has been brought to my attention, I have an obligation to let you know that these statistics are being recorded by tail number and the frequency of each occurrence. While I do not have the tail numbers of the violators, I myself cannot claim I am not at fault. But I can definitely state for a fact that I am not all 14 occurrences.



<p>Davenport Municipal Airport 9230 Harrison St. Davenport, Iowa 52806</p>	<p>T 563.326.7783 E contactus@davenportiowa.com</p>	<p>davenportiowa.com/airport</p>
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We have 5 options available to us when dealing with KMLI Class C Airspace. Remember that there are numerous passengers traveling to and from KMLI that expect our compliance:

1. Runway 15 and Runway 21 departures will remain below the 2,000 foot upper shelf lower limit of the Class C Airspace as well as avoiding the inner 5 nautical mile ring around the airport that extends from the surface to 4,600 feet MSL; or
2. Runway 15 and Runway 21 departures that will remain in the DVN traffic pattern will climb to but not exceed 1,000 feet AGL (1,753 MSL); or
3. Runway 15 and Runway 21 departures will turn right above 1,000 AGL (1,753 MSL) and prior to achieving 2,000 MSL to avoid the Class C Airspace; or
4. Runway 15 and Runway 21 departures will contact KMLI ATC on 129.95 prior to entering the Class C Airspace; or
5. All pilots departing from Runway 15 or 21 will risk being reported to the FAA Flight Standards District Office for a review and possible SUSPENSION of their license.

KMLI ATC does track our tail numbers, regardless if we are talking to them or not, and does collect this information for the FAA. They don't do this just to be difficult, but are following ATC and FAA procedures to keep everyone safe as well as the 275,000 annual passengers that travel through the Moline International Airport (KMLI) and the surrounding airspace.

Air Traffic Control facilities are our friends and are there to help us in maintaining separation, altitude, and assist us in our emergency needs. I've utilized all of these services myself and am most grateful for their emergency services in particular. Let's all work as a team and enjoy the skies above us together, SAFELY.

"Regulations and procedures exist for a reason... To keep us and those who depend on us SAFE. Airmanship involves more than stick and rudder skills. It requires us to use good judgement and be masters of our aircraft at all times." AOPA Air Safety Institute

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PNB Aviation Club

Van's RV-12iS - January Update

It is exciting to report that major progress has been made toward the completion of the aircraft by May 15, 2025. As previously indicated, our work is now concentrated in areas just forward and behind the firewall, creating a challenge for multiple students to access. However, the wiring installation is nearly complete, and the avionics installation has begun. Additionally, thanks to the expertise and guidance of Mark Howell and Charlie Hammes, the canopy and the front cowlings are completed and ready for final installation once the cooling lines have been installed.

Cautionary Note: Due to a recent service bulletin, the engine will be removed to test an internal oil injection nozzle. In the event that the test is successful, the engine will be reinstalled and if this test does not pass, the engine will be taken to a ROTAX maintenance center for corrective action. As always, we welcome visitors to any of our build sessions.



Mathias carefully torquing exhaust studs.



Working with flashlights during a power outage.



Student builder Luke, chapter member Carl Brown, and visitor and chapter member Dion Carr working on vents.



Tom Shelton, Mark Howell, Charlie Hammes, Gary VandeVoorde with student Will Moore.

Jane Berg Tailwheel Scholarship

[APPLY HERE](#)

This scholarship is for tailwheel training in Milan, Illinois at the KMLI airport. The training will be completed in a 100HP 1946 Piper J3 Cub in accordance with 14 CFR §61.31(i). It will consist of approximately five to six hours of flight training and will conclude with a tailwheel endorsement.

This scholarship has a combined value of \$2,000. Of that amount, \$800 will be granted for the flight training. The remaining amount will be used for transportation to the training airport, housing, food, etc. That amount will be reimbursed upon completion of the training. If the applicant selected is determined to be based locally*, the amount for expenses will be held for the following year's scholarship. Applicants will have one year to complete the training or the funds for the flight portion will be forfeited.

**"local" applicants are defined by their current address residing within a 100 mile radius of KMLI, Quad City International Airport*

Scholarship applicants must meet all the following criteria:

- U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident
- Female
- Hold a minimum of an FAA Private Pilot or Sport Pilot certification in airplane
- Must hold a current flight review or equivalent under 14 CFR §61.56
- Meet parameters for the airplane (Piper Cub) to be flown within legal limitations

Background

This scholarship was setup and established to honor those that promote progress in aviation. Jane Berg was one of the many of my flight instructors and supervisors I've had over the years. She has the patience and a way of communicating that any teacher would envy. The time she invested in me, helped me to achieve my aviation goals and end up where I am today. My hope is that this scholarship honors her professionalism and transfers hands on flying skills to the applicant selected.

Craig Blumer

Craig trained as a professional pilot in southeast Iowa and worked as a flight instructor across the United States. He acquired various certifications including seaplane, powered parachute, glider, airline transport pilot, commercial lighter-than-air airship and terminal air traffic controller. His flight instruction has earned him a gold seal flight instructor certificate and master instructor designations. Craig obtained his tail wheel endorsement in 2013 and planned to own and operate a flight school. The Cub became the platform for offering tail wheel instruction in 2020.

Jane Walter Berg

My name is Jane Walter Berg and I have been flying since 1984. Since that time my main focus has been on flight instruction. I have always enjoyed teaching people to fly and help make their dreams come true. During that time, I have flown with hundreds of students and developed close friendships with many of them, such as Craig Blumer. The greatest joy and most rewarding part of flight instruction is watching students excel in aviation and exceed their expectations as they achieve their goals.

Essay Details

300 word minimum essay addressing why you want tailwheel endorsement training.

Optional topics include:

Why did you become a pilot? What qualities you enjoy in a flight instructor? Activities that promote aviation? Where you see yourself in five/ten years?

Application Deadline: February 18th, 2025

If you don't want to copy and paste your essay into the form below, you can email your essay to me at craigblumer27@gmail.com

EAA Chapter 75 Ray Aviation Scholarship Application 2025

[Apply Here](#)

The EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship is a scholarship program that is funded by the Ray Foundation, managed by EAA, and administered through EAA Chapter 75. The Ray Scholarship provides **up to \$12,000** to support a student's private pilot license training. If selected, the Ray Scholarship funding will process from the chapter treasurer to the Student's flight instructor/school. The student/guardians do not receive direct funding. If an applicant has already begun flight training, award money cannot be used to retroactively pay for prior training.

Applications will be accepted through February 14, 2025

Eligibility Requirements for the Ray Aviation Scholarship:

These are EAA's minimum requirements and are not waivable

1. Must be Age 16-19 for powered flight training.
2. Must possess an FAA Medical Certificate
3. Must possess an FAA Student Pilot Certificate
4. Must begin flight training within 60 days of accepting the award
5. Must be able to volunteer for Chapter service a minimum of 2 hours per month
6. Must meet with the Chapter Coordinator and submit a Monthly Activity Report which details flight training, volunteer activities, and costs
7. Must be able to schedule at least 3 flight lessons per week
8. Must be able to solo within 3 months of start
9. Must be able to pass the FAA Knowledge Test within 6 months
10. Must be able to take and pass the FAA Checkride within 12 months

Application Evaluation:

EAA Chapter 75's Ray Aviation Scholarship Committee will evaluate students who meet the above minimum requirements to determine the best candidate for the scholarship. The evaluation factors will include

- Application & Essay
- Involvement with EAA Chapter 75 Events
- Participation in Young Eagles Flights
- Completion of the Young Eagles Flight Plan
- Additionally, EAA Chapter 75 will ask that parents become members of both EAA Chapter 75 and EAA National Organizations.

EAA Membership info: <https://www.eaa.org/shop/membership/join.aspx>

EAA Chapter 75 Membership info: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea75/ea75-chapter-75-membership-application>.

After all applications are reviewed finalists will be contacted for an in-person interview with their parents/guardians.

All applicants will notified via email when a final decision as been made.

Air Academy Scholarship



[EAA's Air Academy](#) is a week-long residential youth summer camp held at EAA's Air Academy Lodge in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. There are several sessions of this aviation-themed camp held each summer. This summer camp is designed exclusively for young aviation enthusiasts aged 14-18.

The camp includes a variety of hands-on activities that teach young people about the world of aviation. Activities include aeromodelling, aircraft construction, airplane wing construction, airplanes, flight planning, flight simulators, ground school, maintenance skills, restoration skills and tech workshops.

In 2025 EAA Chapter 75 is excited to offer Four (4) Air Academy Scholarships:

- Two (2) scholarships will be awarded for Session 2 (14-15 yr. olds) June 28 - July 3, 2025.
- Two (2) scholarships will be awarded for Session 4 (16-18 yr. olds) July 28 - August 3, 2025.

Parents will be responsible for providing transportation to and from the camp in Oshkosh, WI

If you would like additional information about the EAA Air Academy, please send an email to our Chapter's Air Academy Advisor, Jenny Wilson at jenny.wilson@eaa75.org

If you would like to help support Air Academy scholarships, your tax-deductible donation is greatly appreciated.

[2025 Air Academy Application](#) is now available .

Application deadline is Friday, February 28th, 2025

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 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 for more info.

Hangar Space at the Clinton Municipal Airport

Hangar space is available at the Clinton Municipal Airport in either an individual t-hangar or in one of the community hangars. All hangars have electric bi-fold doors, and hard floors. T-Hangars are rented through the City of Clinton and rental rates vary from \$95 to \$156/month depending on the size of the hangar. For information on availability please contact Marlana Nass, the airport manager at 563-242-3292, or at marlananass@cityofclintoniowa.us.

Upcoming EAA Chapter 75 Events

February

- 01 - 8:30 AM - First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at Jerry Coussens at KDVN
- 04 - 6:00 PM - IMC Club Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 12 - 4:30 PM - Chapter Business Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 22 - 8:30 AM - Chapter Gathering at Revv Aviation KDVN

March

- 01 - 8:30 AM - First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at Bob & Penny Johnson's Build Shop in Geneseo, IL.
- 04 - 6:00 PM - IMC Club Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 12 - 4:30 PM - Chapter Business Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 22 - 8:30 AM - Chapter Gathering at Revv Aviation KDVN

Visit eaa75.org for more event details

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Hangar Space at the Whiteside County Airport

The airport currently has no hangar space available at the moment. Call Darin Heffelfinger at 815-626-3750 or visit the [website](#) for more information.

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.

The Landings is seeking articles from members to publish in future issues. We are looking for articles about flights you have taken, aviation events you have attended, tech issues you have solved or builds/repairs you have done that others might be interested in reading about. We would like to make these a regular feature of the newsletter in the future. Please submit articles to: adam.santic@gmail.com.

To place an ad: Submit requests for aviation related For Sale or Want Ads to the newsletter editor at adam.santic@gmail.com. Ads are free to EAA Chapter 75 members. Ads from nonmembers are \$10.00 per ad. Ads will run / rerun at the editor's discretion.

Veteran Memorial Flag and Burial Enhancements Ad

Recent years have brought many military honors ceremonies, “celebrations of life” instead of traditional church funerals, and a trend toward cremation instead of embalming and casket burial. These choices, while they accompany sad moments of grieving, offer opportunities to respectfully display vets’ memorial (burial) flags, and to elegantly present and preserve the deceased’s cremains. Local artisan John Bruesch now crafts such accessories for customers in the Quad Cities area:



Memorial Flag Display Cases are crafted to precisely fit the 5 foot by 9.5 foot casket flags presented to survivors at honor guard ceremonies. For larger or smaller flags, the cases can be custom-sized to properly display Old Glory. Available in an array of hardwood species and wood tone finishes, the cases are made ready for wall hanging or mantle display. They feature heavy 1/8” picture frame glass to resist accidental breakage. Inside dimensions measure 21” across the base by 10-1/2 inches high by 3 inches deep. Cases are finished with three full coats of protective water-borne polyurethane, which will not “yellow” as it ages. \$95 for standard size in oak, walnut, hard maple, spalted soft maple, or cherry. \$105 for custom sizes or finishes. Name, rank, years of service and other information can be optionally added with an adhesive-backed plate for an additional \$12.



Large cremation ashes box (“urn”) will accommodate the standard-size cremains package, with internal measurements of 10-5/8 inches wide x 7 inches deep x 4-7/8 inches high (362 cubic inches). Available in an array of colors and hardwood species. Finished with three full coats of protective water-borne polyurethane. A rubber seal prevents undesirable ashes escape or dust entry. \$275 for oak, walnut, hard maple, figured soft maple, or cherry. \$325 for custom sizes, accents and finishes. Can be personalized with the deceased’s name and dates of birth for an additional \$12.



Pet cremains cases: Preserve your pet’s ashes in a special place in your heart and home, with this two-tone hardwood case. Can be displayed on a shelf or mantel, or buried in a special place. Cremains cavity measures about 6 inches wide by 4 inches high by 2 inches deep. \$75 for standard size in frosted maple and walnut (other finish choices available).



To order contact B-Unique Woodcrafting (John Bruesch) at bruesch@mchsi.com or by dialing 708-341-7083



INTRODUCING **FLIGHT DECK AVIATION**

CLINTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT'S NEW FLIGHT SCHOOL PARTNER

Have you ever looked up at airplanes and wondered what it would take for you to fly one of them? Or seen the pilots in the airport and wondered how they got such a cool job? If so, get ready for your next big adventure—right here at the Clinton Municipal Airport. The airport is home to a new flight school called Flight Deck Aviation, and we are here to help YOU realize your dream of flying above it all!

In July we began operating out of the main building at the Clinton Airport. Park in the newly paved parking lot, come inside for a visit, tour the airplanes, and see what it takes to fulfill your dream of becoming a pilot!

Learning to fly is one of the most exciting endeavors you can undertake. Whether you want to solo, become a private pilot, or you aspire to greater heights and want to fly as a full-time career, the first step of your journey begins with Flight Deck Aviation. We can get you there efficiently to make you a safe, competent and proficient pilot!

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PNB Aviation Club (*Pleasant Valley, North Scott, Bettendorf*)

Students are building a two passenger airplane!

(Under the guidance of EAA Chapter 75 mentors)

Feel free to stop in during a build session:



Mondays 6pm-8:30pm

Thursdays 6pm-8:30pm

Saturdays 8am-11am

At the North Scott Bus Barn

120 N. Scott Park Rd.

Eldridge, IA

[PNB Aviation Club](#)



EAA CHAPTER 75 – QUAD CITIES

1ST SATURDAY COFFEE AND DONUTS
MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS
ALL ARE INVITED – BRING THE FAMILY

FREE COFFEE & DONUTS WITH SOME GOOD
HANGAR TALK AT JERRY COUSSENS'S HANGAR AT THE
DAVENPORT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KDVN)

Saturday, February 1, 2025
8:30 – 11:00 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)

Hosted this Month by:
Jerry Coussens



DRIVING OR FLYING – WE HOPE TO SEE ALL

This month we hope to see everyone at our 1st Saturday of the month coffee & donuts hosted by Jerry Coussens. Come and see Jerry's 2022 Lancair IV and Airbike project and Paul Petersen's 1962 Cessna 172D Skyhawk and for some good hangar talk.

FLYING: Fly to the Davenport Municipal Airport. When taxiing, use Taxiway B to the Box Style Hangars and park on the taxiway or in the grass.

DRIVING: Drive to the Davenport Municipal Airport. We'll be meeting at Jerry Coussens and Paul Petersen's Box Style Hangar (I-2). Call Jerry Coussens at 563-529-3706 if the gate is closed.

IMC Club - February 4th



Meeting Objective: Informal discussion of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) topics for the purpose of experimental learning.

Location: Revv Aviation's Conference Room, 9230 North Harrison Street, Davenport, IA 52806

Date: Tuesday, February 4th

Time: 6:00 PM

Around the Room: What did we learn and find interesting since the last meeting?

EAA Question: What is the visual portion of the final segment on an approach? Can it create any restrictions?

Topic Discussions:

- Acquiring Knowledge and Skills for Survival - Bernie Nitz
- PTAC Approach Clearance Video - Brian Short
- Winter Troubles - Dan Murphy

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To promote instrument flying, proficiency and safety.

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Chapter Meetings:	309-752-3887
1st Tuesday of Every Month	skyhawk147J@gmail.com
6PM	http://eaa.org/imclub



Upcoming EAA Webinars

Go to www.eaa.org/webinars to view the schedule and to register.

Risk Assessment: Tips, Strategies, and Techniques
Feb. 12 at 7 PM CST
Presenter: Ken Solosky

Getting Started in Ultralights Feb. 18 at 1:00 PM
Presenter: Timm Bogenhagen

Chapter Roster Management Tool 101 Feb. 25 at 7 PM CST
Presenter: Serena Brouillette

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