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

April 2021

THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

From the Desk of the President



Headquarters, Headquarters Company and Company B, First of the 171st Aviation Regiment, will deploy in support of Operation Spartan Shield in the U.S. Central Command area of operations. They are en-route to training at an Army base in the southern U.S. where they will commence updated training for Southwest Asia. Their aircraft will then be packed up and shipped to their final duty station.

On March 5, 2021 at 07:45. Boeing CH-47 Chalk 1, 2 and 3 on an approximate heading of 231°, on runway 3/21 at the Davenport Municipal Airport (KDVN/DVN) in Davenport, Iowa.

Chalk 1 leads, proceeds just down past the t-hangars, and hovers in place just off the runway. At 07:47, Chalk 1, the lead, completes a pop-up pre-departure hover to about 50 feet, and then slowly settles back down on the runway.

At approximately 07:50, Chalk 2 is in place behind Chalk 1, completes its pop-up hover to 50 feet, hovers, then settles back down to the runway and continues pre-departure checks.

Close behind this, at approximately 07:52, Chalk 3 completes its pre-departure power check by completing its 50-foot hover above the runway and settles back down within feet of the runway. All three Boeing CH-47s in hover mode were in ground effect this whole time.

I'm sure all fuel tanks are filled, topped off and all bladder tanks are filled with all the necessary trip items loaded.

At approximately 07:58, Chalk 1 & 2 & 3 simultaneously proceed to lift off for departure to the southwest heading 221 degrees at pattern altitude. They then make a right pedal turn heading 360 degrees now stating a circle. After about 3/4s of a mile they fly in flight unison - one behind the other, complete another 180 degrees turn, and then proceed to do a flyby past the unit hangar lined up with runway 3/21. As they departed to the southwest, I watched until they were no longer in sight.

I was thinking...there were six aircraft stationed at the unit, but only 3 departed? I thought, "well they're only going to deploy 3." I was mistaken - approximately 45 minutes later three more Boeings CH-47s came out into pre-departure procedure formation. Chalk 4, 5 & 6 are positioned on runway 3/21 just to the west of the t-hangars heading 210 degrees and with a light breeze out of the southwest. They start the same exact procedures as the previous flight. Pre-departure checks are made, all checklist items are completed. Pre-departure hover up to 50 feet is made, Chalk 4 (lead) really Chalk 1 of Flight 2 but for our information we will continue the sequence of numbers. Then Chalk 5, then Chalk 6. This commenced at approximately 08:45, and consumed time until 08:56.

At 08:57, chocks 4, 5 and 6 follow the departure heading down runway 3/21 to the southwest. The difference is, this time they make a left-hand pedal turn

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Next Meeting - April 10th, 7PM - Ron Frank - Sport Performance Aviation Panther Project Update
[Deere Wiman Carriage House - 817 11th Avenue Moline Illinois \(click for a Map\)](#)

April 10th Chapter Meeting

The April Chapter Meeting will be held on **Saturday, April 10th at 7PM**. It will be held at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House, located at 817 11th Avenue in Moline, IL.

The program for April will be presented by chapter Vice President Ron Frank. He is going to be presenting a project update on his Sport Performance Aviation Panther.

See you there.

From The Desk of the President

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to the east, then turning 180 degrees, proceed north, about 1 mile to Eldridge and make a wide 180 degree turn at approximately pattern altitude right above Eldridge, Iowa just off to the east. Flight 2 in unison proceeded to make another 180° turn completing their salute to Eldridge. They proceeded back down the runway heading on a heading of 210 to 3/21 to complete their salute pass at the hangar and the t-hangars. I am sure not too many folks, friends, or family knew of the departure time.

Flight 2 proceed to depart the Davenport Municipal Airport heading to 210 and then deviating west heading approximately 280. I watched them until they were out of sight. I tried to salute them with my United States of America flag the end of my driveway, but they were approximately a mile to the east of me, and I'm sure they didn't notice.

Deere-Wiman Carriage House COVID-19 Guidelines & Procedures

Following are the guidelines we have for meetings, including the limitations to allow for social distancing:

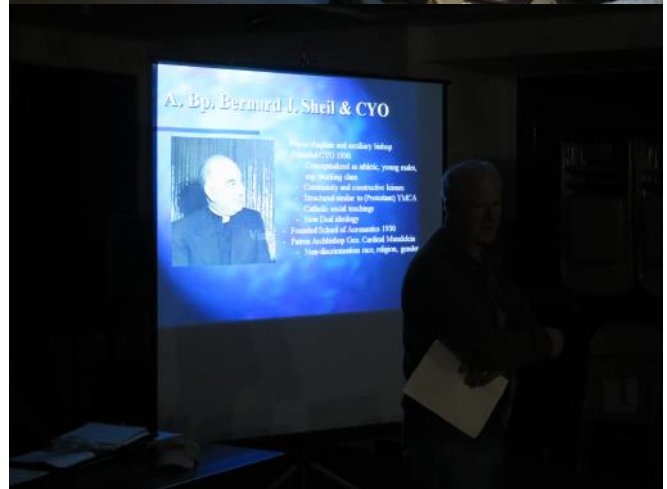
- The maximum number of people we are able to accommodate in the Deere-Wiman Carriage House is 33 people with a panel style setup (this is rows of chairs with a panel table up front). If you would like tables. The classroom setup can accommodate 26 people. The setups are all socially distanced.
- We will have a staff member on site for the Carriage House. A member of your group will need to check in at the office in the Deere-Wiman House (off the south porch entrance - there will

be a sign). The staff member will then unlock the door to the Carriage House and provide a clipboard with sheets for all attending to sign-in (this will be used if we have a need for contact tracing).

- We ask that everyone wear face coverings when moving through buildings. This includes when you arrive, in the building and leave.
- We ask that everyone wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer.
- We ask that everyone self-screen and not come on site if experiencing COVID symptoms.
- **No self-serve of food or drinks. A server will provide you with your needs. (NEW).**
- A member of our staff will call Jim Skadal two weeks prior to each reservation to confirm.

*Thank you,
Ann, Community Relations - William Butterworth
Foundation*

Last Month's Program Presenter - John Bruesch



EAA Chapter 75 March Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jim Skadal on March 3, 2021 at 7:04 pm via ZOOM .

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Skadal, Ron Franck, Ron Ehrecke, Matt Ulmer, Adam Santic, John Riedel, Nick Anagnos, Marty Santic, and Carl Brown.

THOSE NOT PRESENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: John Bruesch, Jeff Richter, Bob Thomas and Bernie Nitz.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was read by Ron Ehrecke. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Ron Franck and was seconded by Nick Anagnos. Approval by the board was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter was made by Marty Santic and was seconded by John Riedel. Approval by the board was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: The Chapter was approved for another Ray Aviation Scholarship in 2021. It will be a full \$10,000 scholarship with no chapter matching. Possible candidates for this scholarship were discussed, along with the feasibility of using a training partner other than Carver Aero.

The need for a start pack for the Emergency Aircraft Repair was discussed.

John Bruesch gave an update on the tool inventory. Some small items are missing, however, there is no need for any big expenditures.

NEW BUSINESS: Trevor Christofferson received the \$5,000 Michael Blume Memorial Scholarship through the EAA and the EAA Foundation, Inc. for the 2021-22 academic year.

Bernie Nitz will be sending out emails soliciting volunteers for the Emergency Aircraft Repair Barn. Covid protocols will have little impact on this year's operation.

Members who have not paid dues will not be removed from the chapter roster this year due to the pandemic and limited chapter activities.

Bob Thomas gave an update on the EAA Young Eagles program. The chapter is still looking to host more Young Eagles events.

A discussion was held about the vehicle passes and insurance at the Emergency Aircraft Repair Barn during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

The board is looking for volunteers to host and lead a EAA Flying Start event from now through June 30, 2021. If the online registration tool is used to register participants, pair them with pilots, and submit the event results to EAA; and have no fewer than five participants we will receive two free weekly passes for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021.

Ron Franck stated that he has applied for EAA Chapter 75 to host a pancake breakfast at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh this year. The chapter is willing to host any day during the event in order to increase our chances of being selected.

There was discussion on whether to have future Board of Directors Meetings in person at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House in Moline, Illinois or to continue having them on ZOOM. Ron Ehrecke made a motion, seconded by Jim Skadal, to continue having Board of Directors Meetings on Zoom until September 2021.

The motion passed 6-2. Jim Skadal, Ron Ehrecke, Matt Ulmer, Adam Santic, Marty Santic and Carl Brown voted "yea." John Riedel and Nick Anagnos voted "nay," while Ron Franck abstained.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nick Anagnos and was seconded by Ron Ehrecke. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 pm.

These minutes respectively submitted by Matthew Ulmer, Secretary.

March 13 General Membership Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chapter President, Jim Skadal on March 13, 2021, 7:01 pm at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House.

VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS: A total of 12 members and guests were present. New Member Tristan Miller and guest Elsa Ulmer were present.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was read by Ron Ehrecke. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by John Riedel and was

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seconded by George Bedeian. Approval by the general membership was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter was made by John Bruesch and was seconded by Nick Anagnos. Approval by the general membership was unanimous.

TOOL LIBRARY: John Bruesch stated that he ordered the 2 ¼ instrument punch for the tool inventory.

TECH COUNSELOR REPORT: No new information to report.

FLIGHT ADVISOR REPORT: No new information to report.

EMERGENCY AIRCRAFT REPAIR: Bernie Nitz sent out emails in March to the Emergency Aircraft Repair volunteers asking them if they are volunteering at this year's EAA AirVenture Oshkosh.

Bernie also mentioned that the parking for the Emergency Aircraft Repair volunteers has been relocated to a new area and that everyone will need to park in that area.

YOUNG EAGLES: No new information to report.

PROGRAM COORDINATOR: No new information to report.

AIR ACADEMY ADVISOR: The EAA Air Academy will remain on hiatus until 2022, with this summer's session in Oshkosh, Wisconsin cancelled due to the difficulty of scheduling multiple weeks of education sessions involving young people from throughout the country.

Any EAA Chapter credits that we were using to provide scholarships for campers this year will still be available to use for the EAA Air Academy or other designated uses in the future. Our chapter will not lose these credits.

Our chapter had Sam Bevans and Laura Azuela scheduled to attend. They have the option to secure a spot for the 2022 EAA Air Academy by re-registering when applications open again on August 16, 2021.

RAY AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP COORDINATOR: Jake Miller has been chosen as the chapter's Ray Scholarship Applicant. Jake is very passionate

and wants to make a career in aviation. Jake has completed his Private Pilot solo cross country recently and has interviewed with Jim Skadal and Nick Anagnos. He now has to fill out an application and must write an essay that will be reviewed by a selection board. At this point he is only an applicant and other possible candidates are still being solicited. The chapter has until October to select a recipient for the scholarship. Scholars have one year from the date of selection to finish training.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR: Adam Santic is looking for articles and photos from chapter members who are attending the SUN n' FUN Aerospace air show in Lakeland, Florida.

WEB EDITOR: Not new information to report.

IMC CLUB: The IMC Club met at the Lindquist Ford building with five people in attendance.

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EVENING PROGRAM: Chapter member John Bruesch gave a presentation on the history of the Lewis University Airport (KLOT) in Romeoville, Illinois.

These minutes respectively submitted by Matthew Ulmer, Secretary.

Trevor Christoffersen Receives the Michael Blume Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations goes to EAA Chapter 75 member Trevor Christoffersen for receiving the \$5,000 Michael Blume Memorial Scholarship through the EAA for the 2021-2022 academic year. Trevor is currently enrolled at Lewis University and is in their air traffic control (ATC) program. Again, a huge thank you goes out to the EAA and the people behind the scenes up in Oshkosh.

About the Michael Bloom Scholarship:

This award is awarded by the EAA Aviation Foundation, Inc and EAA. This scholarship is for US students who have been accepted or currently attending a four-year college or university in pursuit of a degree leading to an aviation profession. Each selected individual gets a total of \$5,000 to help them further their career.

EAA Chapter 75 Position Available - Program Coordinator

We are 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 meetings at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House, determine what materials they may need, and make sure they arrive at least one hour or a half hour prior to the start of the meeting. You will also need to write a small paragraph each month for the monthly newsletter describing what the month's program is going to be 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.

Carver Aero's Ask A CFII Event

Carver Aero will be hosting a [Facebook Live event](#), with Alex Bond, their head flight instructor. Alex will talk about what he does and what the school offers. He will also be taking questions from the attendees.



Travis Baldwin Expands His Ratings

In the month of March, Travis Baldwin, EAA Chapter 75 member and Carver Aero Flight Instructor gained more pilot ratings to his portfolio. He gained the Certified Flight Instructor Instrument (CFII) and Multi-Engine Instructor (MEI) instructor ratings. We here at EAA Chapter 75 would like to congratulate him on these accomplishments.



March Coffee & Donuts Photos

Photos - John Riedel



Fall Color Flight Up the Mississippi

Part 1 of 3 Parts
Article by - Kent Johnson

This story is dedicated to Bill Rutherford and Tom Zwica, two of my original Cub partners who have since gone west.

The year 2020 may have been bad in many ways for many people, but I, with a little help from my friends, was able to make a long-pondered aviation adventure come to fruition. The plan was to fly antique airplanes upstream along the Mississippi River to its headwaters at Lake Itasca, near Park Rapids, MN. I've had this plan rolling around in my head since 2003 when I became part owner of a 1941 Piper J3C-65 Cub.

The Backstory: The seed planted in my head actually goes back to the honeymoon trip that my bride Carol and I took in November, 1992 when we joined the Mississippi at Hannibal, MO and followed every curve of the river downstream to New Orleans. We flew a 1967 Citabria at 500 feet, soaring with eagles and watching the barges along the way. A great trip!! I sold the Citabria but still have the bride! Sometime after that trip, I met Lyle Wheeler, a retired airline pilot and author of a book called Cubs on the Loose. It's a good read and one of the adventures he mentions is a Mississippi river flight. The seed gets watered!

After years of work getting in the way, in September 2020, I finally committed to the adventure. I talked my Cub partners, Kyle Ganson, Sid Kemmis, and Doug States (who now owns his own 1951 Cessna 170A) into going along. Todd Sieben, another local pilot made the trip in his 1977 Grumman AA-5B Tiger along with Sid Kemmis.

I was the only one of the group who had no place I "had" to be on either end of the trip, which is a good thing when traveling by Cub! We had a couple pre-trip planning sessions to establish the trip dates, fuel stops, overnight stop, etc. If we stayed on the river, our trip would cover 680 statute miles. I called all of the airports along our route that were potential fuel stops just to make sure they actually had fuel.

It was decided that Kyle and I would fly the Cub departing at first light on Friday, October 2nd. Doug would work a half day and depart Friday after lunch in his Cessna 170A, toting the luggage that wouldn't fit in the Cub,

and catch up with us prior to our overnight stop. Todd and Sid would fly up the following Monday morning. The few days leading up to Friday had strong northwest winds which was making me apprehensive about meeting our departure goal. Between flight time and down time at fuel stop airports, we had about 10 hours of planned travel time to squeeze into eleven and a half hours of available daylight on our first day.

Kyle and I met at the Cub hangar at Oh dark thirty Friday morning, pre-flighted and loaded the airplane while pre-heating the engine. It doesn't take long to load a Cub since the canvas baggage compartment is the size of a gym bag. Doug would carry our clothes for a week in the 170A, but we needed a days worth in the Cub in case we had to overnight at different airports for some unexpected reason. My Cub suitcase was a one-gallon Ziploc bag! Kyle's was a little larger but not much. All other traveling clothes (long underwear, shirts, sweatshirt, and winter coats) were worn on our person since the cabin heater in a J-3 only works in July and August! We each sat on a pillow because the Cub seats alone will cause numbness in at least one leg after about 37 minutes of flight time!

The Lord gave us a beautiful day with clear skies, excellent visibility, and very light northwest winds. I was pretty sure Zwica and Rutherford were up there watching over their Cub as well! With Kyle in the rear seat flying, and me in the front seat holding a sectional chart, we were airborne by 7am, only a few minutes after the sun started above the horizon. Kyle pointed us pretty much straight north to join the river at Fulton, IL and then we followed the curves of the river - marveling at the scenery, terrain, and slowly changing fall colors as we went upstream. I glanced at the chart occasionally and Kyle just navigated by using BFR (Big.....River)!

We did not know for sure which airports along the river we would be landing at for fuel until we actually flew the trip because a small change in wind speed aloft can make noticeable changes on how far you can fly a Cub on just 12 gallons of fuel. We had planned on an initial fuel stop at Dubuque Regional Airport (DBQ/KDBQ) but decided to continue to Prairie du Chien, WI after making in flight calculations on distance and time remaining in the tank.

The forecast was clear for the whole day all the way to our overnight goal of Little Falls, MN, and our in flight weather was as forecast. Right up to 5 miles south of Prairie du Chien where a low cloud bank (some might say fog) appeared over the Prairie du Chien Municipal Airport (KPDC/PDC)! I said to

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Kyle “This isn’t looking good, but let’s get closer and take a peek to see if any part of that airport is sticking out in the open.” Nope!! We could see the bridge sticking out on the west side of town and open fields just east of the airport, but the darn airport was covered. 100 ft. by ¼ mile! Not even in a Cub! Now back at DBQ/KDBQ, we did not make the “continue flying” decision lightly. I had seen a grass strip at Monona, IA that according to the chart, had fuel available. So I told Kyle, “No worries, follow that highway for 10 miles west of PDC/KPDC and we’ll land at Monona.”

This story will continue on in the next issue.

United States Navy Flight Demonstration Team Blue Angels First Appearance in their Boeing F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets will be at the SUN ‘n FUN Aerospace Expo

Press Release - SNF & Blue Angels



The Blue Angels are celebrating their 75th season this year, and the US Navy’s storied Flight Demonstration Squadron is marking that milestone with the unveiling of new jets for the team – the F/A-18E Super Hornet. The Blues’ public debut performance in this incredible multi-role fighter will happen in Lakeland, FL at the 47th annual SUN ‘n FUN Aerospace Expo, April 13-18, 2021. The move to the Super Hornet will be the first time the team has changed aircraft since it transitioned from the A-4F Skyhawk II to the F/A-18 Hornet 35 years ago in 1986.

“We are thrilled to return to the 2021 SUN ‘n FUN Aerospace Expo, where we will have the opportunity to debut our new jet platform, the F/A-18 Super Hornet and logistics support aircraft, the C-130J Super Hercules”, said Cmdr. Brian Kesselring, commanding officer and flight leader of the Blue Angels. “We are humbled by the support and hospitality the Lakeland community provides us and we are excited to showcase the capabilities of Naval Aviation.”

The Super Hornet, while visually similar to the “legacy” Hornet, is essentially a new aircraft. It is

approximately 20% larger, 7,000 lbs heavier empty weight, and 15,000 lbs heavier maximum weight than the original airframe. The Super Hornet can carry 33% more internal fuel, increasing mission range by 41% and endurance by 50% over its predecessor. A unique design characteristic of the Super Hornet is that it can be equipped with an aerial refueling system (ARS) or “buddy store” for the refueling of other aircraft, giving it another layer of versatility.

“We are honored to be the first airshow performance site for the Blue Angels to help launch this exciting new era of their 75-year history,” said SUN ‘n FUN CMO/Airshow Director Greg Gibson. “The Blues’ display of precision, excellence in flight, and character on the ground is exactly the inspiration we want to bring to our fans.”

The annual SUN ‘n FUN Aerospace Expo is returning in 2021 after being forced to cancel 2020’s event due to COVID-19. The event is the primary fundraiser for the Aerospace Center for Excellence (ACE), the 22-acre STEM education complex located on the SUN ‘n FUN Expo Campus, and its absence was a major blow to the organization. Former Naval aviator and F/A-18 pilot John “Lites” Leenhouts, President / CEO of SUN ‘n FUN / ACE is ready to get the annual festival back in the air.

“Having the Blue Angels headline our return to business is a perfect parallel to SUN ‘n FUN’s journey,” said Leenhouts. “A team built and established with great leadership and high standards can overcome any adversity, stand the test of time, and innovate to remain relevant. Congratulations and welcome back to the Blues!”

The Blue Angels are scheduled to make their official debut performances on April 15 to April 17, 2021.

C-17 Demonstration Team Coming to the SUN n’ FUN Aerospace Expo for the first time in 2021

The C-17 Demonstration Team will be coming to the SUN ‘n FUN Aerospace Expo for the very first time in 2021. This team is from the C-17 West Coast Demonstration Team and they fly a Boeing C-17A Globemaster III.

This event has often had Boeing C-17 Globemaster IIIs on military display, but this is the first time for a C-17 Demonstration Team performing at this event.

The C-17 West Demonstration Team will be performing on Saturday April 17, 2021 and Sunday, April 18, 2021.

The Great Lakes Drones Company, LLC. to make their SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo Debut in 2021

Press Release - SNF & Great Lakes Drone Company, LLC.

SUN 'n FUN strives to raise the bar each year, and with COVID-19's cancellation of their 2020 event, this year's return is even more special. Airshow fans at the annual SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo in Lakeland can look forward to the first public drone light show performance at a Florida airshow. Over 60 of the specialized aerial robots will lift-off together, taking flight twice during the week-long event. SUN 'n FUN organizers are confident that this dazzling multi-colored aerial light display set to music, dubbed the "Star Dance Spectacular," will be one of this year's most memorable highlights.

"Drones are the latest in aviation technology, and it's exciting to have a display like this to showcase just one of the incredible uses for them," said Greg Gibson, CMO and Airshow Director for SUN 'n FUN. "A drone light show has been on the top of our request list from the fans, and we are very proud to bring this cutting-edge demonstration to our audiences."

The science behind the spectacle is even more impressive than the twinkling, shape-shifting scenes played out against the backdrop of night. It can take up to three months to program the complex interactions and movements of so many drones that must move simultaneously while accounting for wind, humidity, and other factors. Great Lakes Drone Company, which produces the exhibition, is one of only a very few companies in the world capable of putting on drone performances of this scale. SUN 'n FUN's Aerospace Center for Excellence (ACE), their STEM-based education complex, provides the perfect venue for this type of 21st-century presentation, and an exhibit area on the ground will be part of the overall experience for show-goers.

"SUN 'n FUN is a world wonder of aerial entertainment, and we are honored to bring our technology to this legendary show," said Matthew Quinn, president of Great Lakes Drone Company. "One of our key goals is to partner in communities to further aerospace education, and the award-winning programs at ACE is a perfect fit. Not only will we perform at SUN 'n FUN with our aerial night shows, but during the day we will feature STEM education in our exhibit and have a few other special surprises we can't wait to announce in the weeks to come."

Sponsored in part by Phillips 66, the SUN 'n FUN "Star Dance Spectacular" will take place during the night airshows that begin at 7:30 PM on Wednesday, April 14th, and Saturday, April 17th. The performance will be the closing act following a dazzling array of breathtaking performances and pyrotechnics by some of the world's most renowned aerial artists.

Editor's Note: If you were at the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh air show in 2018, the Great Lakes Drone Company, LLC. performed a the event and they put on an amazing performance. [Video 1.](#) [Video 2.](#)

Now It'll Be Easier to Get to the Deere-Wiman Carriage House as the NEW 6th Ave. Off-Ramp Opens



Attendees who are going to attend EAA Chapter 75's Monthly Meetings at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House in Moline, Illinois can now use the **NEW I-74 Bridge's 6th Avenue Off-Ramp**. This ramp is now officially open for motorists to use. It opened up on April 2, 2021.

OLD 7TH AVE OFF-RAMP CLOSED:

The old 7th Avenue off-ramp on the OLD I-74 Bridge is now permanently closed. The old Illinois-bound bridge has been reduced to one lane of traffic and the **ONLY** available exit is River Drive in Moline, Illinois. Motorists can access this route y taking the on-ramp at State Street in Bettendorf, Iowa



Long-Time AOPA Employee Michael “Mike” Collins Passes Away

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association mourns the passing of their longtime colleague and friend Michael “Mike” Collins. Mike died on February 25, 2021, after a weeks’ long battle with COVID-19. He was 59 years old.

You may read the articles [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and watch the video [here](#) on all the tributes from around the world who gave their final farewells to Mike.

Douglas “Doug” Dodge Passes Away

Aerobatic pilot, crop duster, homebuilder, owner of Acro Specialties, and former Airport Manager of the James Clements Airport (3CM), Douglas “Doug” Dodge, 70 of Bay City, Michigan passed away on March 24, 2021, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Here is video of Doug performing in his 1990 Machaira, a highly-modified Pitts biplane at the 2004 Wheels and Wings Airshow. This performance took place on April 30, 2004, at the Millville Municipal Airport in Millville, New Jersey. [Watch Here](#).

Here is video of Doug performing in his 1990 Machaira, a highly-modified Pitts biplane at the 2004 AirPower Over Hampton Roads air show. This performance took place on May 22, 2004, at the Joint-Base Langley Etuis in Hampton, Virginia. [Watch Here](#).

Here is video of Doug performing in his 1990 Machaira, a highly-modified Pitts biplane at the 2004 Atlantic City Air Show - Thunder Over the Boardwalk. This performance took place on August 18, 2004 at the Boardwalk - Atlantic City Beachfront, Atlantic City, New Jersey. [Watch here](#).

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	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO
Tim Leinbach	309-781-9585	tlleinbach@gmail.com	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO, Club
Tim Toal	309-235-0087	timotoal@mchsi.com	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner
Barry Logan	309-303-0211	manager@marshallcountyairport.com	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	C75	Owner, FBO, Club

NASA's Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover Safely Lands on Red Planet

Mars 2020 Perseverance Rover, the largest, most advanced rover NASA has sent to another world touched down on Mars Thursday, February 18, 2021 after a 203-day journey traversing 293 million miles (472 million kilometers). [Read Here](#). [Watch Here](#).

NASA's Mars Helicopter Reports In from the Red Planet


NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory recently received the first status report from the Mars Helicopter Ingenuity, which landed February 18, 2021, at Jezero Crater attached to the belly of the agency’s Mars

Textron Aviation Ends Production of Two Model Lines

Textron Aviation has ended production of its Beechcraft King Air C90 GTX, thus ending the Model 90 production run.

Textron Aviation has also ended production of its Cessna Citation Sovereign+, thus ending the Sovereign production line.

AIN wrote an article on this story which can be accessed [here](#).



EAA Chapter 75 IMC Club
 "To promote instrument flying, proficiency, and safety"
<http://eaa.org/imclub>

Meets First Tuesday of each month at 18:00
 Lindquist Ford, 3950 Middle Rd., Bettendorf, IA

For more information contact:
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 Bernie Nitz - bernien@visioncrest.com
 Ron Franck - ronaldfranck1@gmail.com

Local Calendar of Events

For many other Aviation Related events, visit the following websites.

[EAA Chapter 75 Upcoming Events](#)
[EAA Aviation Calendar of Events](#)
[AOPA Calendar of Events](#)
[FAA Safety Team Calendar of Events](#)
[Iowa DOT Office of Aviation Calendar](#)
[Wisconsin Fly-Ins and Airshow Event Calendar](#)
[Fly-Ins.com Calendar Website](#)
[Fun Places to Fly Website](#)
[Social Flight Calendar](#)
[Midwest Flyer Magazine Calendar](#)
[North American Air Show Calendar](#)

Upcoming EAA Webinars

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

How Risky is Maintenance April 7 at 7 p.m. CDT.
 Presenter: Mike Busch

Canadian Airspace 101 April 14 p.m. CDT
 Presenter: Chris Henry

Flying Clubs - Getting Started April 27 at 7 p.m. CDT
 Presenter: David Leiting

Flying Safe with BasicMed April 28 at 7 p.m. CDT
 Presenter: Dr. Brent Blue and Tom Charpentier

Send event information on aviation related activities that would be of interest to the newsletter editor at adam.santic@gmail.com. Activities can include: aircraft fly-ins, airshows, conventions, pancake breakfasts, programs, seminars, etc.

Classified Ads

DAR Services: Amateur Built/Light Sport Airworthiness Certification Inspections, Ferry Permits (Certified and Experimental), Replace lost/damaged Airworthiness Certificates (Certified and Experimental). Call Ross Carbiener (A&P) at 309-7312-1066.

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 Tom Vesalga at 563-326-7783 or tvesalga@ci.davenport.ia.us for more information.

For Sale: One share in the Four Seven Jays Flying Club The club plane is an extremely well maintained 180HP 1973 Cessna 172M hangared at MLI. IFR equipped. Paint and interior new in 2003, with 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.

Hangar Space at 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.

For Sale: Garmin Aera 550

\$350.00 (OBO).

Contact Mike Nightingale at 309-798-0028 or

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Wampus Cats Flying Club Shares for Sale

This is a 1978 Cessna 152 that belongs to the Wampus Cats Flying Club and has been located at the Davenport Municipal Airport since it was new. This aircraft receives regular maintenance and has less than 6000 airframe hours and approximately 1000 hours remaining on the last overhaul. It has been used mainly for short distance recreational flights but can also be used on long cross-country flights. The aircraft is scheduled via an online scheduler and has very good availability. Nowhere else can you fly so economically with dues at \$45.00/month and at a rate of \$50.00/wet. Contact Bernie Nitz at 563-508-8200 or bernien@visioncrest.com.



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.

EAA CHAPTER 75 – QUAD CITIES
1ST SATURDAY COFFEE AND DONUTS
MEMBER OR NON-MEMBER
ALL ARE INVITED – BRING THE FAMILY

**FREE COFFEE AND DONUTS AND SOME
GOOD HANGAR TALK AT THE DAVENPORT MUNICIPAL
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SATURDAY, April 3, 2021
8:30 – 11:00 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)

Hosted this Month by:
**41st Iowa Composite
Squadron, Civil Air Patrol**



DRIVING OR FLYING – HOPE TO SEE ALL

This month we hope to see all at our 1st Saturday of the month coffee and donuts hosted by the 41st Iowa Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol. Please come for some good hangar talk.

FLYING: Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN). Use Taxiway C to the South Ramp and park on the apron in front of the large hangar where the 41st Iowa Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol building is located.

DRIVING: Just drive to the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN). We will be meeting at the 41st Iowa Composite Squadron, Civil Air Patrol building. The building is the last building on the left at the end of the main entrance road, the same road that leads to the Carver Aero FBO. Vehicles can park in the designated parking slots provided by the Carver Aero FBO. Call Lt. Col. Donald Hahn at 563-459-7752 or Tom McClure at 240-434-1169 if you get lost.

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Chapter 75 Merchandise Now Available

As mentioned at the chapter meetings, the baseball caps are now available with the EAA Chapter 75 logo on them.

If you would like a cap, please send an e-mail to marty.santic@gmail.com. We have lots of caps in stock.

The caps are of nice quality as the logo is embroidered. The caps are available for purchase for \$10.00 each. The hats can be delivered personally to you at the next chapter function.

If you decide that you want the hat shipped to you, that can be done for \$17.00. Please mail a \$17.00 check to Marty Santic, 3920 E. 59th St., Davenport, Iowa 52807.



Baseball Cap in Light Khaki

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