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THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

From the Desk of the President



Happy New Year everybody! I really and truly wish I could say that without my tongue in my cheek as the saying goes, but with COVID flowing around and the new variants, it might be another challenging year. When we look back at 2021, we did get through it with flying colors!

As an example there were lots of airplanes in this chapter that were bought and sold this year. I can think of a number of them that changed hands! It was great to see members excited about flying, building, teaching and selling aircraft. In addition, with quite a few new members joining our chapter, newer volunteers at the Emergency Aircraft Repair (EAR) with ample funding to procure new and replacement tools. EAR membership and tool inventory are also expanding. Also, Jake Miller, our recent Ray Aviation Scholar, got his private pilot's license on October 31, 2021, and we have other candidates waiting in the wings who are anxious to get their wings, and we are waiting to see what this year brings.

On December 11th, we had our Christmas party at the Butterworth Education Center building. This which caused a few problem for some of the new

members to find the location, but it was great to see these new members show up! It was a nice way to get acquainted and celebrate Christmas. Santa Claus came and handed out gifts and that was the high point of the evening. We even sang *Jingle Bells* with Santa Claus. Of course the food was great, and I ate too much.

For those who did not make the regular meeting, we recently had an election at the November meeting on November 13th; and we had new members stepping up to fill in some key positions on the board. I would like to thank Rily Grunwald, our new Vice President and Greg Stopyra our new Secretary. In addition, a year from now we will also be looking for a new Treasurer as Ron Ehrecke is resigning to allow someone else to fill the position. If you or someone you know would like to fill this position, we'd appreciate someone to stepping up and volunteering to fill this role.

Ron, Rily and Greg are really involved in the Van's RV-12iS student-build project. And speaking of the RV-12iS, we're almost finished with the tail section, and are waiting for delivery of the fuselage kit; then hopefully after that, the wing kit. I must admit that the support team at Van's Aircraft has been very helpful in answering many of our questions and helping us with gray areas on some of the pages of instruction. I hope to see more of you involved through the winter. If you get bored, come out any Tuesday or Thursday evening, or on Saturday morning at the North Scott Transportation Building in Eldridge, IA. The heat in the building is on, it's warm and cozy, and the coffee pot is always on.

We have young people that are interested in building model airplanes, and EAA has a program for this. We know there are many interested in doing Young Eagles flights. From this, we need to establish an outreach committee. It's just a follow-up on the people that utilize the Young Eagles program. We need to

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**Next Meeting - January 8, 7PM - Summer Olson - Owner/CFII, Quad Cities Aero
[Deere-Wiman Carriage House - 817 11th Avenue, Moline, Illinois - \(click for a Map\)](#)**

January Chapter Meeting

The next chapter meeting will be held on **Saturday, January 8th at 7:00 pm** at the Deere-Wiman Carriage House, located at [817 11th Ave., Moline, Illinois 61265](#).

Summer Olson, a Certified Flight Instrument Instructor (CFII) will be doing a presentation about her business, Quad Cities Aero, LLC, a flight school based at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN) in Davenport, Iowa. Her flight school operates *Lil Blue*, a 1978 Cessna 152 (N49970) and a 1968 Cessna 172K Skyhawk (N78650); and with the proper certificates you can also rent. She can also do instruction in your plane as well.

To learn more about Summer Olson and Quad Cities Aero, LLC you can click [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

Want to fly? What are you waiting for? This meeting is one that you surely do not want to miss.

From The Desk of the President

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involve more young people with Young Eagles. Along with the RV-12iS build, possibly set up a flight simulator to attract more young people.

Looking ahead, some of the goals for next year will be to come up with better scheduling, developing more programs to get young people involved, and possibly having a night during the week for a general chapter meeting in addition to the regular meetings on Saturdays.

All of this is all to enlarge the chapter and keep it alive and growing, put to use some of our accumulated funding, or to invest some of our funds. If you are interested in these items or other things the board is discussing, please come to one of the general membership meetings.

Aviation has a great future and EAA is one of the leaders in involving, educating, and exciting individuals in aviation. See you in the future, and I hope to see you at a general meeting or at the airport flying! God bless and great flying.



Deere-Wiman Carriage House COVID Guidelines & Procedures

As you know things change with COVID, but at this time, the only State of Illinois requirement we have for groups is that unless you are actively eating, drinking, or public speaking you are asked to wear a mask while in our buildings. Our capacities are normal operating levels and there is no restriction on serving food and beverages.

*Thank You,
Susan Anderson
Director of Community Relations,
William Butterworth Foundation*

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.

Last Month's Program Presenter - Santa Claus



Image Courtesy of John Riedel

EAA Homebuilders Week Online Webinar Series Returns in January

Article by EAA

EAA is bringing back its Homebuilders Week series of online webinars in January 2022, following the big success of the inaugural series earlier this year. The upcoming series is scheduled for January 24-28, 2022, which encompasses the 69th anniversary of EAA's founding on January 26, 1953.

"More than 16,000 people participated in this year's first Homebuilders Week, far exceeding our expectations and making it an easy decision to bring the series back in 2022," said Charlie Becker, EAA's Director of Chapters and Homebuilt Community Manager. "We've taken the input received from presenters and participants to improve our goal of sharing information and knowledge when it comes to constructing a safe and fun aircraft."

[EAA Homebuilders Week](#) virtual presentations are open, free of charge, to everyone interested in building an aircraft. The event is sponsored by Aircraft Spruce & Specialty, Dynon, Scheme Designers, Van's Aircraft, and Zenith Aircraft.

The six daily live presentations will begin at 11:30 am Central Time each day (Monday through Friday) and continue until 8:15 pm. It will include everything from getting started successfully to techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. New and experienced builders will also find in-depth talks on panel planning, wiring, engine selection, FAA certification, and flight testing. The live sessions will also allow plenty of time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review after the week's presentations are completed.

"We learned from our initial Homebuilders Week that there is a huge demand for the knowledge and information that we presented, whether someone is considering building an airplane for the first time or is seeking to build their foundation of skills and knowledge," Becker said. "Homebuilders Week is one more way EAA assists aircraft builders and is an excellent complement to the vast resources available during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh each summer."

The technology used during EAA Homebuilders Week is based on the success of EAA's webinar series, which has welcomed more than 250,000 people for presentations since 2010. Updated schedule and presentation information, as well as registration details, is available at [EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](https://www.eaa.org/HomebuildersWeek).

Meet the 2022 EAA Raffle Airplane

Article by EAA

The 2022 EAA Aviation Foundation raffle aircraft is a pristinely restored, showroom-condition, yellow-with-black accent 1946 Piper J3C-90 Cub (N6615H). Restored by Ellis Clark, EAA 71644, this Cub has many unique features, including custom goat-skin seats, struts from a Piper PA-11 Cub Special, a custom-built cowling, brand-new wings from Dakota Cub, two Air Energy 12-gallon wing tanks, and an immaculate interior with a useful load of 358 pounds. Raffle tickets can be purchased for \$100 each at the EAA Aviation Museum, certain events throughout the state of Wisconsin, and on the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh grounds during AirVenture 2022. [Watch Now.](#)

For more information about the raffle, you can visit this link: <https://www.eaa.org/eaasupport-aea/give/aea-aircraft-affle>

January's 1st Saturday Coffee and Donuts Event Cancelled

The 1st Saturday Coffee and Donuts chapter event scheduled for January will not be taking place due to the New Year's Day holiday. The 1st Saturday Coffee and Donuts chapter events will return on February 5th. More details on that event will be announced in the next newsletter, [Facebook Page](#) and on the [web](#).

2022 Membership Dues Are Now Being Accepted

Just a reminder to our chapter members that 2022 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 forum or at a chapter function. If your membership information has changed, please update it and send it along with your payment. The application renewal forum and the treasurer's address is located on page 16.



Flying a Helicopter

Article by Bob Weil, Chapter Member

As a member of the EAA I feel I should be building an airplane-however I also know that I have two left hands (or maybe right hands, I'm not sure) so that is a no go. Anyway, after flying fixed wing aircraft for the Air Force and airlines I joined the Iowa National Guard to fly Bell UH-1H Huey helicopters. Being uncoordinated is not a great qualification for that! I get a lot of questions from guys at the 1500 Club meetings about helicopters and how they fly so I will try to describe my experience learning to fly them.

The training was all local at Davenport with the senior instructor. We flew twice a day for three weeks in a row and the last flight was a check ride. My first flight was an area orientation where the IP (Instructor Pilot) flew most of the time. Finally, he gave me the controls in forward flight at altitude. He said, "You have the flight controls." I grabbed them and almost rolled the thing over! Airplanes usually have some control feedback, but the helicopter felt like the cyclic (stick) wasn't attached to anything! There is a "force trim" which provides spring type pressure to keep the cyclic where it is, but it definitely does not real feel. I really needed to rest my arm on my knee and lightly grip the cyclic to avoid over-controlling.

Hovering is the fun of helicopters, but learning how to hover is like having an un-medicated colonoscopy. I felt I was a decent pilot until attempting it. This is how it went...

The IP was hovering at three feet above the ground near the windsock. I watched and he didn't appear to be moving much and he told me he would let me work one control at a time. Great!

First, he gave me the pedals (they're not called rudder pedals) and I was to just stay on the same heading. It was good for 1.5 seconds. The nose drifted a bit and I corrected. Too much! Soon we were oscillating at least 180 degrees when he took all the controls back. Next, he gave me the cyclic alone. Easy right? The cyclic stick controls banks or moving sideways and nose up or moving backwards or nose down or accelerating. After 1.8 seconds I was flying backwards in a circle at 40 knots. Come on! Lastly, he gave me the collective alone, the control that makes you go up or down or go faster (more power). For 2 seconds (see, I'm getting better) we were at three feet. Over-controlling again, we went everywhere from on the ground to 100 feet. So, it went twice a day for three weeks. I will point out that the training occurred in March when the average wind velocity in Iowa is 600 knots making things even harder. I was so tired at the

end of each day I could hardly eat dinner. It did get better each day and I passed the check ride making me a qualified copilot. I could hover at this point, but I can honestly say that I had no idea how I was doing it, it just happened.

One of the things that makes helicopters like the Huey hard to fly is that every small change in wind or a control causes all other controls to be adjusted and it needs to happen sort of unconsciously with pressures not actual movement. Fortunately, newer helicopters use computers to help with stability but where's the fun in that?

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Location - Chris Welvaert's Build Shop in Eldridge, Iowa
Building - Van's RV-10

Photos By - John Riedel



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December's Potluck

*Location - Butterworth Education Center in Moline, IL
Hosted by: EAA Chapter 75
Photos By - John Riedel*



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Van's RV-12iS Student Build Photos

Location - North Scott Transportation Building in Eldridge, Iowa
Photos By - Van's RV-12iS Build Team



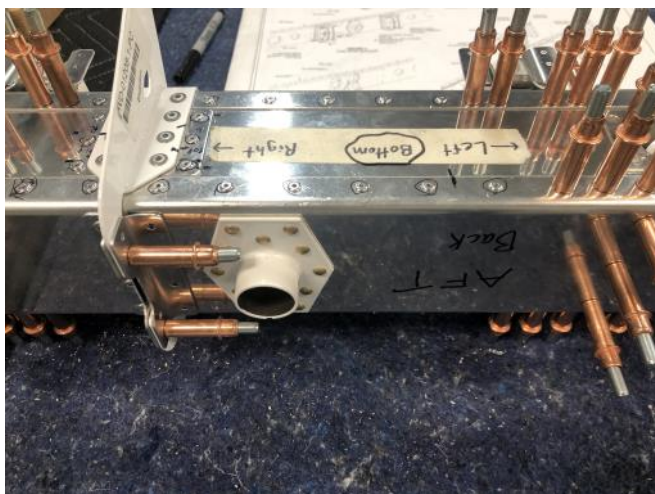
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The Landings is seeking articles from members to publish in future issues. We are looking for articles about flights you have taken, aviation events you have attended, tech issues you have solved or builds/repairs you have done that others might be 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.



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
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Bernie Nitz - bernien@visioncrest.com

Ron Franck - ronaldfranck1@gmail.com

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.

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For Sale: 1989 Viking Dragonfly Mk II N340TD Project \$8,500 (OBO)



Up for sale is a 1989 Viking Dragonfly Mk II project. This experimental canard has a 133.2 TTAF. The original Subaru EA-71 engine was replaced by the builder with a Subaru EA-81 engine at 20.1 hours. The Subaru EA-81 has a Dave Johnson 1.64:1 propeller speed reduction unit with a total of 113.1 hours on it. The propeller that is currently used is a ground adjustable, HPRPM warp drive prop (SER.No.R2800) which has 113.1 hours on it. There are no electrical systems or radios installed. The airplane was last inspected on January 2, 1998 by the builder. The work that needs to be done includes elevators that need to be repaired or replaced and the cooling system which needs to be upgraded and engine tested. This could be a great candidate for electric propulsion. More pictures and questions are quickly available upon request. This aircraft currently has the canard and wings removed for ease of storage. The owner has the original builder's logbook, plans, drawings and newsletters. Asking 8,500 OBO. Contact John Eagles at 309-721-3694 or jeagles@mchsi.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.

Bulky Alternator Jan. 5 at 7 pm CST
Presenter: Mike Busch

The Incredible, Roadable, Aerocar Jan. 11 at 7 pm CST
Presenter: Chris Henry and Ben Page

Ground Reference Maneuvers - Practicing Precision Patterns
Jan. 12 at 7 pm CST
Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch

Young Eagles Coordinator Orientation Jan. 18 at 7 pm CST
Presenter: David Leiting

Become a Better Chapter Leader - Presidents/Vice Presidents 2022 Jan. 20 at 7 pm CST
Presenter: Charlie Becker

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 309-312-1066.

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 Skyhawk (N147J) 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.



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 & 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 bernien@visioncrest.com or 563-508-8200.



Saber Propeller Extension - \$150.00

Saber 2 1/4" prop extension - 6" diameter - 6 installation bolts with washers included. Like new \$450 - used less than 10 hours. Removed from an RV-4 with Lycoming O-360, Hartzell 72" metal prop, and new Sam James cowl. Removed because I needed a 3" extension for a new Whirlwind propeller. Contact Tim Toal at 309-235-0087.



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 clintonairport@gmtel.net.

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.

HIGH FLIGHT EDUCATION FUND

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The High Flight Education Fund was developed in 2002 by the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 75 to support local community aviators and youth educational experiences. The Chapter awards Air Academy Scholarships and develops hands-on aviation projects and learning workshops. To date, over 40 youth have been awarded scholarships since August 2002.

Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome at our events and to join our Chapter. We are a group of aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together sharing ideas, exchanging information, encouraging safety, serving the local aviation community, and have a lot of fun doing so. Most members are located within the Quad Cities region; but we have members in Ireland, Michigan, California, Nebraska, Colorado, Ohio, and other states.



SUPPORT THE HIGH FLIGHT EDUCATION FUND WITH YOUR DONATION.

You are welcome to donate in the following forms:

- Memorials or Dedications
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Contact Jim Skadal at yamahaman7187@aol.com or 563-320-6896 to help build a scholarship fund for our youth - our legacy.

The Moline Foundation is proud to partner with the High Flight Education Fund. For additional information or questions, please contact Claudia Meenan at cmeen@molinefoundation.com or 309-764-4193.

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Chapter 75 Merchandise Now Available

As mentioned at chapter meetings, the baseball caps are now available with the EAA Chapter 75 logo. The caps are of a nice quality as the logo is embroidered. The caps are available for purchase for \$10.00 each and can be delivered personally to you at the next chapter function. We have lots of caps in stock. If 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. If you would like a cap delivered, please send an e-mail to: marty.santic@gmail.com.



Baseball Cap in Light Khaki

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