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THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

From the Desk of the President



Happy New Year Chapter 75!

We currently have 180 plus members on the e-mail roster that are receiving our newsletter, and we have added new members this month even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. Great to have you onboard and welcome to: Brett Lohman, Tim McAndrew, Jeff Richter, LaVonne Skadal and Chris Welvaert.

As we look ahead to the year 2021, I would like to share one of our goals that *you* can help the chapter with. As I have mentioned in the past, we have approximately 50 members that are working on projects. You may have heard about past chapter president Jerry Coussens' projects and his flight adventures. You have heard about my dealings with maintaining and flying a vintage 1946 Taylorcraft BC-12-D, and a couple of my flights. Now it's your turn to share with us via e-mail, your goals, your problems, accomplishments, progress reports, and flying reports. If you have any pride in your aviation hobby, please take a minute and share it with the chapter. Pictures are optional, but they greatly enhance the articles and can be included for publication. We are

looking for members to send in short articles for the newsletter.

The reason we are asking members to send in articles is that Richard Lowe - who has written an article for the newsletter almost every month for as long as I can remember - has retired from writing. After 50 years of flying, he has put down his pen and said that's enough. He wrote a very nice article last month detailing his many accomplishments. Richard will be sorely missed. With that said, we need to fill in that space.

I know every member has some form of email or electronic capability to send Adam Santic a note to share with the rest of the chapter any good or bad details/information you have. A nice article would be great. We need you to get involved! We need you to stay in touch! We need you to communicate! It'll be great to fill in the spot that Richard's departure has left open for us.

These cold winter months is a good time to get something done on your project. Sharing your project and experiences might keep you on track with your project, help you to focus and help motivate you. After you've worked on your project take a minute and drop Adam a note. By the way if you're NOT working on a project and you've been doing some flying in the extremely cold weather, please drop us a note and let us know where you have gone on your latest flights, what you've experienced and whether you would take that flight again.

Thank you for your cooperation with this one little part of being a member of EAA Chapter 75, it's the least you can do! Please send updates and articles to Adam Santic, EAA Chapter 75's Newsletter Editor at adam.santic@gmail.com.

This leads me to SAFETY, and to your hangar/build location. Some of these were suggested to me by one of the board members. A few of the things that you

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ALL In-Person EAA Chapter 75 Activities Have Been Cancelled Until Further Notice

From The Desk of the President

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should be concerned about are: to check your hangar/build location smoke detectors for good batteries, make sure that heater ducting exhaust is clear, update/replace any faulty looking extension cords, check fire extinguishers, and because you're going to be sealing yourself inside an area and trying to keep it warm, check your CO₂ detectors - we want you to be safe.

January 9th Chapter Meeting

The January Chapter Meeting will be held online via Zoom Video Communications on **Saturday, January 9, 2020 at 7PM.**

The program for the January meeting is still a work in progress and will be announced closer to the meeting date.

Marty Santic will send an e-mail a few days before hand inviting everyone who wishes to attend the virtual general membership meeting.

EAA Chapter 75 December Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jim Skadal on December 9, 2020 at 7:10 PM via ZOOM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Skadal, Ron Franck, Ron Ehrecke, Adam Santic, Nick Anagnos, Marty Santic and Carl Brown

THOSE NOT PRESENT: John Riedel

OTHERS PRESENT: Bob Thomas

TREASURE'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was delivered to the board of directors by Ron Ehrecke. A motion to accept the treasurer's report as read was made by Carl Brown and seconded Nick Anagnos. Approval was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the prior month's minutes, as published in the last newsletter was made by Nick Anagnos and was seconded by Carl Brown. Approval of the board was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: Ray Aviation Scholarship Update: Nick Anagnos reports that the remaining

funds in the account for Addison Slavish may just be sufficient to cover the checkride. Readiness status will be verified with the CFI.

A proposed merger of EAA Chapter 75 and EAA Chapter 410 was further discussed and has been tabled. Both clubs will remain separate.

Brief discussion relative to chapter activities being cancelled until further notice took place. Gatherings of groups is being discouraged due to the persistent nature of the COVID pandemic. Members should refer to information included in the chapter newsletters.

NEW BUSINESS: Longtime chapter member and former president Richard Lowe was made an Honorary Lifetime Member of EAA Chapter 75. Approval was unanimous.

The board would like someone in the membership to assume the Program Coordinator responsibilities as Richard Lowe resigned from this position.

A new candidate for the EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship was discussed. Additional information on the candidate will be forthcoming and the board will discuss more at the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Nick Anaganos and was seconded by Ron Frank. The voting was unanimous to adjourn at 8:30PM.

These minutes respectively submitted by Carl Brown, Board of Director.

EAA Chapter 75 Position Available - Secretary

We still need someone to step up to the task and help out the chapter by taking on the position of secretary. You will be tasked with recording and publishing the board meeting minutes and general meeting minutes of each meeting that takes place. We have created a template that you just fill in to make this job easier. Please give this some serious consideration and help your chapter! Contact anybody on the board if you would like to take on this role.



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.

2021 Membership Dues Are Now Being Accepted

Just a reminder to our chapter members that 2021 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 8.

Richard Lowe Retires as Honorary Lifetime Member

(Article From: John Riedel)

In December as we read our Chapter 75 newsletter, we did not know that it would be Richard Lowe's final article. The chapter received Richards's notice that he was not going to continue his membership in 2021. In a recent email to me, Richard wrote that he is devoting more time to the Davenport American Legion Post #26. The legion had participated at 22 funerals in November and he is going to better support the legion's mission.

Richard's love of our country and duty drives him to serve others. I would describe Richard as a servant leader. I have a vivid memory of Richard during the B-17 Veterans Appreciation Ceremony. We had a very large United States flag on the hangar wall and the Patriot Guard Riders were Color Guard. As the National Anthem was being sung, I saw Richard at attention, alone in the middle of the hangar, sharply saluting the flag. He made that moment as sacred as Arlington National Cemetery.

Writing of Arlington brings to mind that Richard has been very active in Honor Fights to Washington D.C. for several years and he encourages others to do so as well.

Over the last three years, Richard arranged guests to present programs at our monthly general chapter meetings. He also wrote many newsletter articles and conducted meeting presentations of aviation history both military and commercial. Richard has been key in many other gatherings such as the 1500 Club. **We will greatly miss having Richard as an active member.**

In his email shared with the EAA Chapter 75 Board of Directors, Richard closed with this. *"I will still have good friends like you to visit with from time to time."*

It has been my great pleasure to get to know Richard and to welcome him as an Honorary Lifetime Member of EAA Chapter 75.

Well done, Sir!



In these images: Richard Lowe is seen helping out at a EAA Young Eagles rally event that was put on by the chapter. This event took place at the Davenport Municipal Airport in Davenport Iowa. In total, Lowe has flown 435 youngsters as part of this program.

Brig. Gen. Charles “Cuck” Yeager, Former EAA Young Eagles Chairman Passes Away

The EAA community and all of aviation were saddened on December, 7, 2020, as Brig. Gen. Charles “Chuck” Yeager, former EAA Young Eagles Chairman, United States Air Force officer, flying ace, and record-setting test pilot died peacefully in Los Angeles, California, at the age of 97.

In 1947, he became the first pilot in history confirmed to have exceeded the speed of sound in level flight while flying the Bell X-1 (Bell Model 44).

In 1966, Yeager was inducted into the International Air & Space Hall of Fame.

In 1973, Yeager was inducted into the National Aviation Hall of Fame, arguably aviation’s highest honor.

Yeager served as the EAA Young Eagles Chairman from 1994 to 2004.

He received EAA’s highest honor, the Freedom of Flight Award, in 1995.

You may read more about Brig. Gen. Charles “Chuck” Yeager’s career [here](#).

The following photo of Chuck Yeager in this month’s newsletter was taken by Marty Santic in 2006 at the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. This photo is him speaking in front of a 1944 North American / Aero Classics P-51D Mustang “Glamorous Glen III” (s/n 4-63893, N3333E) at a Warbirds in Review session.

We here at EAA Chapter 75 would like to express our condolences to Yeager’s family and friends.



Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 26

(Article From: Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager)

EAA is launching a new online learning event for aircraft builders:

(www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will launch on Tuesday, January 26, 2021, and run until Saturday, January 30, 2021. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 1 p.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow plenty of time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

The launch of EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 68th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van’s Aircraft, Inc.

Visit EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek to review the schedule and sign up for a session.



Aerobatic Pilot John Klatt Retires from the Airshow Industry

Aerobatic pilot John Klatt announced his retirement from the airshow industry on a post to his official Facebook Page, [John Klatt Airshows](#), dated October 14, 2020. He began his airshow career in 1999 and ended it at the conclusion of the 2019 airshow season.

With his announcement from being retired from the airshow industry, he sold his Jack Link's Screamin' Sasquatch, a highly modified Taperwing Waco (N32KP) to aerobatic pilot Dell Collier. Collier will keep this flying machine on the airshow circuit for many years to come.

Here is video of John Klatt performing his solo aerobatic routine at the 2009 Rhode Island Open House and Air Show in a Staudacher S-300D. This performance took place on June 27, 2009 at the Quonset State Airport in North Kingstown, RI. [Watch here.](#)

Here is video of John Klatt (MX Aircraft MXS) teaming up with Jack Knutson (Extra 300L) and Neal Darnell (Flash Fire Chevy) for an act called Max Adrenaline at the 2012 NAS Pensacola Open House - Blue Angels Homecoming Show. This performance took place on November 2, 2012 at NAS Pensacola in Pensacola, FL. [Watch here.](#)

Here is video of John Klatt (MX Aircraft MXS) with Jeff Boerboon (Extra 300L) at the 2014 Rhode Island Open House and Air Show. This performance took place on May 17, 2014 at the Quonset State Airport in North Kingstown, RI. [Watch here.](#)

Here is video of John Klatt performing his solo aerobatic routine in a MX Aircraft MXS at the 2015 Rhode Island Open House and Air Show. This perfor-

mance took place on May 30, 2015 at the Quonset State Airport in North Kingstown, RI. [Watch here.](#)

Here is video of John Klatt performing in his Jack Link's Screamin' Sasquatch, a highly modified Taperwing Waco at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. This performance took place on July 23, 2019 at the Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, WI. [Watch here.](#)


Here is video of John Klatt performing his final ever performance in his Jack Link's Screamin' Sasquatch, a highly modified Taperwing Waco at the NAS Pensacola Open House - Blue Angels Homecoming Show. This performance took place on November 9, 2019 at NAS Pensacola in Pensacola, FL. [Watch here.](#)

North American X-70 Valkyrie On The Move

At the beginning of October, the National Museum of the United States Air Force at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio, had to briefly move the only remaining North American XB-70 Valkyrie outside for display maintenance.

Video 1 - <https://youtu.be/poyTP6tK-3Q>

Video 2 - <https://youtu.be/gtVVgUL-qcc>



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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Chapter 75 Flight Instructors

Per a member request, am including a listing of Chapter 75 members that are flight instructors and would be willing to help with primary flight instruction, your next BFR or other. *If you are a Chapter member and a flight instructor please let me know and will include your name in the listing. Additions/Corrections are welcome!*

CFI / CFII	Phone	New Students	CFII	BFR	IFP	Airports	Plane
Travis Baldwin	309-781-8896	Yes		Yes		DVN, MLI	Owners, FBO
Tim Leinbach	309-781-9585	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN MLI	Owners, FBO, Club Plane
Tim Toal	309-235-0087	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN MLI	Owners
Barry Logan	309-303-0211	Yes		Yes		C75	Owners, Club Plane
e-mail - Adam Santic to add your Name to the list							

Local Calendar of Events

For many other Aviation Related events, visit the following websites. Click on the following links. Will only list events submitted to the editor and other most local events here.

[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](#)

Upcoming EAA Webinars

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

Good Eyes, Great Catch! Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. CST
Presenter: Mike Busch

Aerobatic Airplanes Made Affordable and Enjoyable Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. CST
Presenters: Bruce Mamont & Renee Brillhante

Hot Topics in Aviation Medical Certification Dec. 9 at 7 p.m. CST
Presenters: Dr. Steve Leonard, Donald Andersen, Greg Reigel & Patrick Floyd

Night Flight? Dec. 16 at 7 p.m. CST.
Presenter: Larry Bothe

The Sonerai Story Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. CST
Presenter: John Monnett

Send event information on those activities that would be of interest to the membership. We will be delighted to include any information on aviation related activities, fly-in breakfasts, etc. Email your information to adam.santic@gmail.com

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 Airport. Call Tom Vesalga at 563-326-7783.

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 2003. The following avionics were installed in 2010: Garmin GMA-340 Audio Panel/ICS/Marker, Garmin GNS-430W WAAS GPS/Garmin GI-106A CDI, Garmin 496 GPS, panel mounted, coupled to 430, Garmin GTX37 Transponder. Dan Murphy 309-752-3887, Ron Ehrecke 309-236-9785, or Ralph Stephenson 309-737-6902.

Hangar Space at Erie: Need hangar space? I have some ready to rent. \$100.00 a month 24 x 36 x 8 ft tall. These are private enclosed hangars. Electric.

Hangar door and rear pass door. Call Jim Robinson, at Erie Airpark. 309 230 0944.

Hangar Space at Whiteside County Airport. Prices range from \$92 - \$140/month depending on the hangar unit. Call Darin Heffelfinger at 815-626-3750 for availability.

For Sale: Flo-Fast 15 Gallon Container and Pump Was \$250+ new. Will entertain your offer. Also have three 5 gallon jugs that can be used with the hand pump. Perfect for mogas. See <https://flofast.com/>. Call Marty Santic 563-340-9919



For Sale: Garmin Aera 550. We're asking \$350.00 (OBO).

Call Mike Nightingale
Cell 309-798-0028
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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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