

# THE LANDINGS

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

December 2023

### THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

#### From the Desk of the President



EAA has been in existence for 70 years now, and had a big celebration during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023. The other part of that is: EAA Chapter 75 has been in existence for 64 of those 70 years. We even have a document signed by Paul Poberezny from back in 1959. Those members could have never guessed or imagined what this chapter has developed and grown into.

Over the last 4 years, we've made it through COVID and other obstacles and we're still increasing our membership. Oh, granted we have people that have moved on and we lose a few members as the years have progressed, but that's a normal progression.

One of the things that is encouraging, and that I'm thankful for is that, believe it or not, we have many new pilots that have been advancing in aviation. We have other pilots that have gained new ratings.

It was reported to me that many of our chapter members have flown 36, some 54, and some others a couple hundred of hours just this last year. We are going strong! We truly have a lot of things to be thankful for! One of the things that I cherish over the last four years of being President of the chapter, is that I have made some great acquaintances and connections with many people in all aspects of aviation.

We're still advancing and encouraging the younger generation to become involved in our chapter through Young Eagles, RV-12iS aircraft build, Air Academy and AirVenture. However, we still need those of you that haven't gotten directly involved with the chapter to step up and fill some of the voids that could improve the chapter that much more. We need someone to help some younger want-to-be aviators build a remote control model airplane. We have the kit and just need a few mentors/leaders.

We could also use a few members to get involved with the hospitality committee. We almost had pancakes at our last event, but we just didn't pull it off for the lack of a hospitality committee. We all like to eat and the chapter will probably pick up the tab. Speaking of eating, one of the things to finish out this year is our Chapter Christmas party. There will be a lot of good food, fellowship, education and sharing. That will be the theme of the night as this involves bringing an unwrapped gift that Sherri Myers promises she will get delivered to the Children's Hospital at Iowa City. Please consider mentioning that to your significant other and be a part of that program. There will be a more detailed document later on in the newsletter. So, please, partake of that and see you on the 9<sup>th</sup> of December. Come early, stay late, and enjoy the Christmas atmosphere, fellowship and good food.

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**Christmas Party - December 9, 3:00 PM**  
**[28816 50th Ave, New Liberty, IA - \(Click for a Map\)](#)**

## From The Desk of the President

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Last but not least, this will be the last newsletter that I will be generating as President of the chapter. I've gotten a lot of phone calls and comments from members asking about details and what's in the future. I'm asking that you, as the members of the chapter, get involved, support the new President and new board. Please continue to support and encourage them with all the events and activities that Chapter 75 is involved in.

Thank you and have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## EAA Chapter 75 November Business Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jim Skadal on November 18, 2023 at 11:36 AM at Revv (Davenport) Conference Room.

**Board Members Present:** Jim Skadal, Liz Richards, Gregory Stopyra, and Chris Welvaert.

**Board Members Absent:** Adam Santic, Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer, and Rily Grunwald.

**Others Present:** Craig Olson.

**Approval of Chapter Business Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the October minutes as published in the November chapter newsletter made by Chris Welvaert, seconded by Liz Richards. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The August, September, and October, monthly financial reports were sent via email on November 17, 2023. Motion to accept by Chris Welvaert, seconded by Greg Stopyra. Motion Passed.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**1. Chapter Elections / Nominating Committee:** Complete voter turnout (Absentee and in-person) of 41 regular members exceeded our Bylaw quorum of 20. The new board will assume responsibilities effective January 1, 2024.

### Serving Terms through 2025:

- President - Greg Stopyra
- Vice President - Rily Grunwald
- Board Director (Class II) - Carl Brown, Craig Olson, and Summer Kuehl

### Serving Terms through 2024:

- Secretary - Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer (moving from board director to secretary)
- Board Director - Adam Santic (filling the 1-year vacated term from Mary-Ellen's move)

### Current Board Members with terms through 2024:

- Treasurer - Liz Richards
- Board Director (Class II) - Chris Welvaert

**2. Chapter Christmas Party:** Motion to approve a Christmas Party budget, not to exceed \$300 made by Greg Stopyra, seconded by Liz Richards. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**As submitted by Gregory Stopyra, Secretary, EAA Chapter 75.**

## December 2<sup>nd</sup> Program

Dr. James M. Blum. FAA Aviation Medical Examiner, University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics will discuss pilot medical issues. He'll cover medical certificate requirements, important steps for maintaining your medical, and specific conditions that render a medical certificate invalid. Dr. Blum will also discuss the importance of staying medically fit and best practices to accomplish that. At the end of his presentation, he will allow attendees for a question and answers.

James M. Blum, MD, is an FAA-designated and HIMS-certified aeromedical examiner, commercially certificated pilot, anesthesiologist, and critical care physician at University of Iowa Hospitals & Clinics. Dr. Blum provides AME pre-application consultation regarding medications, certification eligibility, and review of medical records to help ensure pilots with medical conditions are best positioned to be issued a

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medical certificate in the minimum amount of time. He will start speaking at 10:00 AM during the First Saturday Coffee & Donuts event, located at Elliott Aviation, 6601 74th Ave, Milan, IL 61264. You can arrive early from 8:30 AM to 10:00 AM to socialize.

This event is one that you do not want to miss!

### **EAA Chapter 75 Member, Emergency Aircraft Repair Volunteer, & Retired United States Air Force Maj. Eugene "Gene" Ruder Passes Away**

*Article By - Matt Ruder, Gene's son*



On July 15, 2023, a very special thing happened due to the most gracious group of pilots.

Backstory: Gene "Stick" Ruder, Vintage 35 and EAA 75002, was a pilot by every definition. Born in 1929, he was in love with flight at an early age. He became a fighter pilot with the Air Force and flew combat missions in Korea. After active duty with the Air Force, he continued to fly fighters for the Air National Guard for a total of 23 years of military service. He also flew for United Airlines for 34 years, retiring on the DC-10 in 1989. In 1968, he bought a farm in northern Illinois and created a grass runway. An airport was born... Ruder Airport 59IL on the charts. On "The Farm" he had a Luscombe 8E, 1946 Piper J3C-65 Cub, 1950 Ryan Navion B, and a 1975 Cessna 150M, and others while renting hangar space to many aircraft owners throughout the decades. He received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. He even turned down the space program because he didn't want to be "bounced around." Sadly, a classmate of his, Gus Grissom, perished in the space program. Indeed, Stick was a pilot. Stick was my dad.

Stick suffered a stroke in April 2022. Although he was still current to fly at age 92, he was now wheelchair-bound with limited speech. He had care

throughout the day from AWESOME nurses. After about a year in that state, he said that he wanted to go for "One last ride..." When I heard that, well, I was going to move Heaven and Earth to make it happen.



I reached out on a couple of social media pages associated with the Navion. The Navion was his favorite personal airplane. Of course, the Navion has a sliding canopy and low wing so getting him in it with his limited mobility made it a great choice. Fate then happened. A hero named Greg Young responded to my request to give an old "Navioneer" a ride. It just so happened that Greg's group of Navion owner/pilots were having a formation flying clinic three miles away from The Farm at DeKalb Taylor Municipal Airport (DKB). They all agreed to make this happen.



We weren't certain about when the Navions would arrive at The Farm, but we took Stick outside while we waited. Because Oshkosh was about to happen

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and several groups staged out of DKB for it and other events, we were treated to a lot of flying activity over The Farm including a B-29, B-24, and some L-19s and such. Then, things started to happen.

A flight of three Navions, one with smoke, approached from the north for a flyover. Then they came from the east as they peeled off in perfect timing to set up for landing on 27 at The Farm. They all taxied up and I parked them, trying my best to remember the proper hand signals. All pilots got out and visited with Dad and the roughly dozen family and friends there. We never told Stick that the purpose of this impromptu fly-in was to give him one last ride. My brother, Dave, asked him if he wanted to go up and he said yes. Perhaps of note, one of the pilots was a doctor, two of Dad's nurses were there, and we had several able-bodied men to get him from the wheelchair into the cockpit, so we weren't worried about his frail state. Of the pick of Navions, Dad chose the one with air conditioning of course.



So, with many hands, Dad was in the cockpit again, for one last ride. I sat in the back seat, Dad in the front right, with Greg as PIC. We taxied out on the grass strip that Dad flew me home from the hospital at a few days old after being born, in a Navion. He gave me my first ride, and Greg and I were giving him his last. It was a beautiful VFR day. Greg went through the checklists and rolled down the runway. Dad was airborne again.

I thought we shouldn't be up very long due to Dad's frail condition. I was surprised and very happy to hear that another Navion was waiting to join up on the wing. Kevin Domingue joined us in formation,



and we enjoyed the countryside as a two-ship of Navions with Greg as flight lead. As we finished the flight, Greg came in low over 27 and did a gentle pull-up to settle in for a perfect landing, just as gently for Dad at 94 as Dad did for me as a newborn. It was the most special day indeed.

Post flight, we got Dad out of the cockpit and in for some rest. He wasn't very talkative that day, but in the following days the proof of how special this day was shined through. He was asked by one how his flight the other day was. His response, "The best flight of my life." Another asked the same. His response, "I didn't like it." She asked, "Why not?" His response, "Because his [Navion] was nicer than mine." He still had his wit.

Dad died three months later on [October 29, 2023](#).

If it weren't for many special people, he wouldn't have gotten his last ride. Many thanks to pilots Greg Young, Russell Herrington, Kevin Domingue, Tom Burlace, and Bill Klungle. Nurses Kirsten Knight and Jill Atkins were there to help, as well as family friend Jamie Willrett to get Dad in the cockpit. I offered the pilots fuel, money, donuts... anything they wanted. The only thing they requested was for us to have some water to drink.

It was the most special of days....

**Editor's Note:** This article was previously published on EAA.org on November 16, 2023. Also, I received the blessing of Matt to republish in *The Landings*.

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## Videos To Watch of EAA Chapter 75 Member, Emergency Aircraft Repair Volunteer & Retired United States Air Force Maj. Eugene "Gene" Ruder

Retired United States Air Force Major Gene "Stick" Ruder recounted his career as a fighter pilot including time in the Korea War. The venue was Hill Air Force Base Museum in Hill AFB, Utah. Recorded Nov. 26, 2016. [Watch Here.](#)

Gene's final airplane flight was in Greg Young's 1950 Ryan Navion B *Rescue Waggin* (N5221K). [Watch Here.](#)

Louis plays a tribute to Gene in front of his favorite personal plane, a Ryan Navion. [Watch Here.](#)

A recording of Gene's funeral can be watched [here.](#)

A memorial flyover in remembrance of Gene can be seen [here.](#)

## Photos Over the Years of Emergency Aircraft Repair Volunteer, EAA Chapter 75 Member & Retired United States Air Force Maj. Eugene "Gene" Ruder

Photos By - George Bedeian, Chapter Member, unless noted



Gene and Bonnie are at a banquet during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2015.



United States Air Force Major Gene "Stick" Ruder proudly serving his country. Image Courtesy of Matt Ruder.



Gene Ruder (blue hat and polo t-shirt) is standing next to his wife, Bonnie at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017.



Gene (blue hat and polo t-shirt) is standing next to his wife, Bonnie at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018.



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Gene Ruder, Terry Crouch, Ron White, Mike "Laz" Lazarowicz, and Tom Henry look at an Apple iPad at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2016.



Roger Nightingale, Gene Ruder, and Paul Fisher chatting at the picnic table during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2015.



In 2006, Gene landed his 1950 Ryan Navion B (N5349K) at the airstrip that Steve Beert used to own.



Gene (far right) helping fix an issue to the Mooney Mite at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2012.

## Gone West: Astronaut, Apollo 8 Commander & Retired United States Air Force Col. Frank Borman II (1928-2023)

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



(Left-to-Right): Buzz Aldrin, Fred Haise, Frank Borman, Jim Lovell and Walt Cunningham at Theater in the Woods during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017.

NASA astronaut, Apollo 8 commander, aeronautical engineer, test pilot, businessman, and retired United States Air Force Col. Frank Borman II, EAA Lifetime 300174, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, at the age of 95.

"Today [Nov. 7] we remember one of NASA's best. Astronaut Frank Borman was a true American hero. Among his many accomplishments, he served as the commander of the Apollo 8 mission, humanity's first mission around the Moon in 1968," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

He appeared at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2017, where he was featured in an evening program at EAA's Theater in the Woods featuring astronauts

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Walter "Walt" Cunningham, James "Jim" Lovell, Jr., Edwin Eugene "Buzz" Aldrin, Jr., Richard "Dick" Gordon, Jr., Fred Haise, Jr., Alfred "Al" Worden, Harrison "Jack" Schmitt, Joe Engle, & flight director Eugene "Gene" Kranz.

[Watch](#) the *Salute to the Apollo Program* that took place at EAA's Theater in the Woods in 2017.

Frank [spoke](#) at EAA's Space Day in 2016.

Frank was the featured [speaker](#) at the 2018 Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet.

Listen to *EAA's The Green Dot* featuring Frank [here](#).

Frank was also [featured](#) on *EAA's Timeless Voices*.

He flew the 1943 Bell P-63C-5 Kingcobra (N163FS) that he owned during air shows. This Kingcobra is currently owned by John Bagley and 163FS LLC. out of Rexburg, Idaho. This [video](#) features him flying the fighter aircraft at the Thunder Across the Valley Air Show 1998.

In 2018, Borman donated his personal space memorabilia to the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), which created "The Borman Collection: An EAA Member's Space Odyssey," a permanent exhibition at EAA Aviation Museum in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

Vintage Aviation News [wrote](#) a nice piece looking back at the Warbird and vintage types that Frank owned and operated.

NASAs [statement](#) on the passing of Frank.

*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](mailto:adam.santic@gmail.com).

## Brad Baerwaldt Offering Aircraft Maintenance Support

*Article By - Brad Baerwaldt*

My name is Brad Baerwaldt, and I'd like to introduce myself and share a little background. I'm a Rotor CFII, PPL (working on my CFII Fixed Wing), and A&P/IA. My aircraft of choice is the Boeing CH-47F Chinook helicopter. You may hear us make loud noises and congest the airfield, but we are a sight to see. After 25 years of service, four combat tours, and over 3500 helicopter hours-1200 of which are with night vision goggles, I'm retiring from the Iowa Army National Guard on December 31, 2023.

My post-retirement will be centered on rotor and fixed-wing aviation. At some point, I'll start working for Metro Aviation. During my time off between April 1, 2024 - Nov 1, 2024 (warm weather), I will provide aircraft maintenance support - scheduled and unscheduled, along with annual inspections. But, there is a caveat: I'll only work on fixed gear certificated and experimental aircraft. If there is maintenance outside my scope of work, I have technicians from Elliott Aviation who can assist in performing the job. I am by no means an expert in aviation, but I love learning, flying, teaching others, and maintaining my Cessna Cardinal. My contact info: email-[bradley.baerwaldt@gmail.com](mailto:bradley.baerwaldt@gmail.com); phone-618-534-8291.

## November's First Saturday Coffee & Donuts Photos

*Location - Revv Aviation in Davenport, IA*

*Hosted By - EAA Chapter 75*

*Photos By - McKenzie Simmons, PNB Aviation Club Student Builder*

*Photo Captions By - Liz Richards, Treasurer and Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief*



*Mark Howell standing in front of Revv Aviation's 1975 Piper PA-28R-200 Cherokee Arrow (N563CA).*

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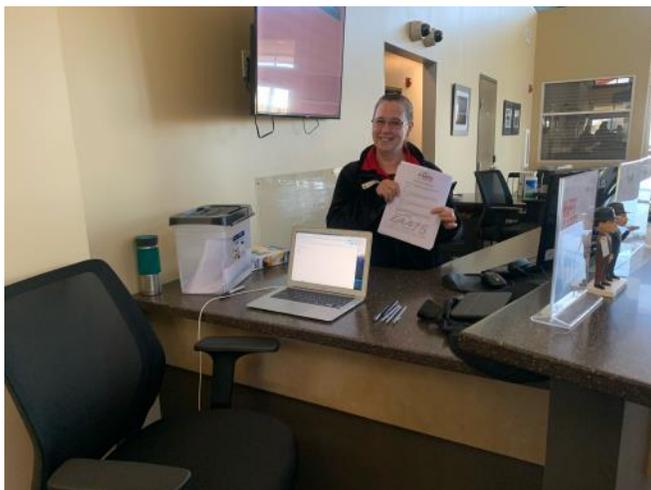
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Mark Howell standing in front of Revv Aviation's 1975 Piper PA-28R-200 Cherokee Arrow (N563CA).



Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer working the front desk at Revv Aviation's Davenport, Iowa location.



The attendees at the event.



Dean Maupin's American Champion 8KCAB Xtreme Decathlon (N214EF).



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Kessler Family - Adrien, Nathan, Carson, Hannah, and Olivia standing in front of a 2014 Cirrus SR22.



Jim Smith, Mike Zimmer, Ron Ehrecke, Cheyenne Youmans, and Matt Niemann.

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Carl Brown and Dean Maupin enjoying talking to each other at the event.



President Jim Skadal holding the document that formed EAA Chapter 75 on October 1, 1959.



Louis Simmons, Kristin Simmons, Ronda, and Floyd Taber. The plane in the background is a 2007 Hawker Beechcraft B300 Super King Air.

## 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](mailto:adam.santic@gmail.com).

Name	Phone	Email	New Students	CFII	MEI	BFR	Tail Wheel	Airports	Plane
Travis Baldwin	309-781-8896	<a href="mailto:tmb1998@gmail.com">tmb1998@gmail.com</a>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO Revv Aviation
Summer Kuehl	563-594-9785	<a href="mailto:summer@quadcitiesaero.com">summer@quadcitiesaero.com</a>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, Club Quad Cities Aero
Tim Leinbach	309-781-9585	<a href="mailto:tlleinbach@gmail.com">tlleinbach@gmail.com</a>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO, Club QC Flying Country Club
Dan Marine	563-506-4731	<a href="mailto:strawhillavation@gmail.com">strawhillavation@gmail.com</a>	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	IOW, OTM, CID, DVN, MUT, MLI	Owner
Matt Reed	B: 563-244-4770 C: 563-212-2440	<a href="mailto:matt.reed@fly-iowa.com">matt.reed@fly-iowa.com</a>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	CWI	Owner, FBO, Club P&N Flight and Charter
Jim Ries	309-945-2544	<a href="mailto:jim@villagehomestores.com">jim@villagehomestores.com</a>	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner Quad Cities Aero
Tim Toal	309-235-0087	<a href="mailto:timotoal@mchsi.com">timotoal@mchsi.com</a>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner
Tony TouVelle	563-271-2540	<a href="mailto:touvelle.tony@gmail.com">touvelle.tony@gmail.com</a>	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	DVN	FBO Revv Aviation

## 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 [eaa.org/webinars](http://eaa.org/webinars) to view the schedule and to register.

**Deadly Switches** Dec. 6 at 7 pm CST

Presenter: Mike Busch

**The Clyde Lee and Earl Iverson Story** Dec. 12 at 7 pm CST

Presenters: Amelia Anderson and Chris Henry

**Starting a Flying Club** at Dec. 29 at 7 pm CST

Presenter: Timm Bogenhagen

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

## Classified Ads

### 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) 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 Thomas Vesalga at 563-326-7783 or [thomas.vesalga@davenportiowa.com](mailto:thomas.vesalga@davenportiowa.com) for more info.

### 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.



### 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](mailto:marlananass@cityofclintoniowa.us).

### Exhaust Parts for Sale

I have for sale the exhaust off my 1957 Cessna 172. It's a Continental O-300 & exhaust. Sold as removed and I can give out more details if you call Floyd Taber at 515-805-6242.



### New Partnership in Cross Country Turbo

Now searching for a third person in equal share for a new partnership. The airplane has not been acquired yet, but meets the spirit of an IFR cross country machine with turbo. It has been decided to hangar at the Davenport Municipal Airport. Otherwise, everything else is open for flexibility and discussion as a group. Three members will make a great balance of tiebreak voting and airplane availability! Please inquire more details by contacting Tyler Nack at 605-321-4091 or Bobby Kem at 563-349-7305.

### 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.

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To place an ad: Submit requests for aviation related For Sale or Want Ads to the newsletter editor at [adam.santic@gmail.com](mailto: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 Christmas Party - December 9<sup>th</sup>

We are looking forward to hosting the EAA Chapter 75 Christmas Party. Our cabin, located at [28816 50th Ave., New Liberty, IA 52765](#), is nestled on the east side of Camp Liberty, by Dixon, IA. Deer frequently visit across the dam and Bald Eagles soar over the tree line of our pond. We want to again share this wilderness experience with all of you during this event. If you are an ad-venturous winter outdoors person, please feel free to bring your attire and enjoy the outdoors for a walk, hike, or cross-country skiing. If you'd rather view the wilderness from indoors, we have binoculars to view from the fireside inside our cabin. Photography is always welcomed. It's always fun to gather in friendship, have a meal, and discuss the thrill of aviation.

Deer watching and social hour starts at 3:00 pm with appetizers and a Christmas punch. Dinner will be served at 5:30 pm: turkey, ham, potatoes, and drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to share, plates, and silverware.

Santa is busy this year; instead as a guest you have an opportunity to donate a book, toy, (aviation or non-aviation related) to the [Children at the Stead Family Hospital in Iowa City](#). This is clearly optional, but a great way to bring joy to children who will spend their Christmas at the hospital. Please note that donations should not be gift wrapped. We will make sure the gifts are taken to the hospital within the following week. They were very grateful for all the donations they received last year.

We look forward to spending a special evening with all of you!

Merry Christmas!

Rick and Shari Meyer

Rick: 563-370-3377

Shari: 563-370-3378

## **Directions to the Meyer Cabin via Interstate 80 from Davenport, IA:**

- Coming from Davenport, IA, take the Big I-80 Truckstop exit, exit #284.
- Turn right and head north on 60th Avenue.
- Go about 4 to 5 miles till you get to HWY 130 (Plainview, IA) (STOP SIGN).
- Go straight, continue onto Hwy 40 (60th Avenue). Do not turn onto HWY 130. You are heading towards Dixon, IA.
- Go about 4 miles, turn left onto HWY F31 (295th Street)-there is a sign that says Camp Liberty a bit before the turn. If you go into Dixon, IA, you've gone too far.
- Go over the bridge and you will see some farmhouses and a hog barn to the right.
- Turn left onto the gravel (50th Avenue).
- If you go by Camp Liberty you've gone too far.
- Go onto the gravel, two hills and turn right at the top of the hill (I will try to have a marker of sorts sitting at the turn)
- Don't turn left onto a gravel road. You are looking for a lane to the right at the top of the hill!
- Follow the lane down and you will see the cabin!!
- If you go around a curve you've gone too far.
- Enjoy the Drive and watch for DEER!!

# Christmas IN THE Air

Saturday, December 2

10 a.m.–3 p.m.  
EAA Aviation Museum™



Celebrate the holidays with EAA's annual Christmas in the Air, a FREE community and family event for all ages at the EAA Aviation Museum!

Roam the museum to enjoy the holiday decorations throughout the exhibits. Enjoy local music, choral, and dance groups performing on various stages including Julie's Touch of Silver! Other activities include writing letters to Santa, enjoying cookies & milk, and a holiday-themed scavenger hunt.

Amidst all the fun, do not miss the arrival of Santa Claus as he flies in by Bell helicopter at noon to visit with all of the children!

Have your pictures taken with Santa Claus, or take your own family photos in staged areas throughout the museum.

Donations of unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots or non-perishable food goods for Father Carr's Place are greatly appreciated. All events and museum admission are free from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## Admission

- Free from 10AM - 3PM

## Special Events

- Starting at 12PM
- Santa Arrives by Helicopter
- Tree Lightning Ceremony by Santa Clause
- Photos with Santa sponsored by Bank First

## All-Day Activities

- Write letters Mr. Clause sponsored by Renewal by Anderson
- Visit the Sweet Shoppe for cookies and milk presented by Festival Foods
- Holiday-Themed scavenger hunt
- Local dance, music, and choral performance groups



**DECEMBER 9, 2022 | 6:30 P.M. – 9:30 P.M.**

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Join us for the EAA Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet, where you'll experience a once-in-a-lifetime evening.

The EAA Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet honors the spirit and achievements of Wilbur and Orville Wright. This annual banquet provides a memorable experience that will have you returning year after year.

Listen to an inspiring presentation given by a special keynote speaker who shares with us their story of adventure, camaraderie, and flight. Enjoy cocktails and a full-service dinner inside the EAA Aviation Museum's Eagle Hangar, a hall dedicated to the memory of those who served valiantly.

This year's keynote speaker Kim "KC" Campbell, is a retired Colonel who served in the Air Force for more than 24 years as a fighter pilot and senior military leader. She has flown 1,800 hours in the A-10 Warthog, including more than 100 combat missions protecting troops on the ground in both Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2003, Kim was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism after successfully recovering her battle-damaged airplane after an intense close-air support mission.

Kim's Air Force assignments include leadership roles as a group commander, responsible for more than 1,000 Air Force personnel in South America, Central America, and the Caribbean. Kim also served as the Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, advising the number three civilian official in the Department of Defense on national security and defense policy formulation.

She has also served as the Air Force Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council, a pre-eminent think tank promoting international leadership and engagement. During her time as a fellow, Kim participated in strategy sessions with ministers of defense, military leaders, and CEOs. Most recently, Kim served as the Director, Center for Character and Leadership Development at the Air Force Academy, responsible for the professional development of faculty and staff and reinforcing character and leadership programs within the 4,000-member Cadet Wing.

### **Evening Program**

Doors open at 5 p.m.

Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Featured speaker begins their presentation immediately following dinner.

### **Menu | Catering by La Sure's**

*Choose one of these three entrees when ordering your ticket(s).*

#### **Entry #1 - Spinach and Sun-Dried Tomato Stuffed Chicken Breast**

Stuffed chicken breast filled with spinach, sun dried tomato, and cheese; lightly breaded and topped with a garlic cream sauce. Served with baby red potatoes.

#### **Entry #2 - Braised Beef Short Rib**

Boneless beef short ribs pan seared in a beef and garlic sauce with rutabaga & Yukon Gold mashed potatoes.

#### **Entry #3 - Roasted Bistro Blend Vegetables & Parsley Fettuccini (vegetarian)**

Roasted vegetables with alfredo sauce, served over parsley linguine.

### **Dessert**

Caramel Mocha Torte

### **Suggested Attire**

Guests are welcome to dress in business casual or cocktail party attire.

### **Parking**

Vehicle parking is available in the EAA Aviation Museum parking lot.

### **Arrival**

All guests must enter through the main EAA Aviation Museum entrance.

## 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 Elizabeth Richards, 205 Shawnee Ct. Eldridge, IA 52748. If you would like a cap delivered, please e-mail: [elizabeth.richards@north-scott.k12.ia.us](mailto:elizabeth.richards@north-scott.k12.ia.us).



Baseball Cap in Light Khaki

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