

# THE LANDINGS

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

April 2023

### THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

#### From the Desk of the President



April is national volunteer recognition month. EAA runs AirVenture Oshkosh with over 5,000 volunteers. It is very important that volunteers continue to put forth effort within our chapter also! This is so we can continue to provide the things people love and to reach out to even more people who love aviation. It is great to have the support of other organizations in our community like Elliott Aviation, Revv Aviation, P&N Flight and Charter - Clinton, Geneseo Airpark, and Civil Air Patrol as well.

Along with volunteers and cooperation with these other activities in our aviation community always comes transitions and changes. Without things evolving or changing we would still be flying old school designed aircraft, which is okay, but at the same time there's a lot of new technology out there available to utilize. In line with this, our chapter is going through some transitions. Part of this transition is when the chapter became a 501(c)3 organization. It is causing us to operate a little differently, opening up different arenas doing some different processes,

One example is we have become eligible for John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity. There's another article in the newsletter that explains this process. Please take time to read page 10 and comprehend how great of an opportunity this really is!

Transitions are a way of incorporating new ideas, procedures, and technology that is inevitable. It seems that some of the members are a little concerned about these transitions. I must reassure you that for instance, the Emergency Aircraft Repair is in the process of planning for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh activity. That is going ahead stronger than ever and involves new volunteers.

The IMC Club has had good attendance with some great educational processes and really good camaraderie.

Young Eagles is underway with some new ideas. Our kickoff event is May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN) and here again we can always use more volunteers. One of our new volunteers is Tony TouVelle, a flight instructor at Revv Aviation. He's really kicked in, and I am really excited that he is involved, especially with the Young Eagles, and is teaching people on how to learn to fly. I wish we had 10 more just like him! Thank you for all your help, Tony! Other volunteers will be doing things more than just ground crew support and of course, we can always use more pilots! We're trying to expand our hospitality team in greeting and welcoming the parents or guardians of our Young Eagles during these activities. We shouldn't just connect with the youth; we also need to provide a spark in the parents that their kids are so interested in. Go hospitality Committee!

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**IMC Club Meeting - April 4, 6PM**  
**[Revv Aviation, 9230 Harrison Street, Davenport, IA - \(Click for a Map\)](#)**

## From The Desk of the President

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Chapter 75's first-ever EAA Flying Start date is May 20<sup>th</sup> at Revv Aviation Davenport! This event is being held in conjunction with EAAs inaugural Learn to Fly Week (May 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>). This one-day FREE event is targeting those adults who have always been interested in becoming a pilot but either didn't have the information or life got in the way. Please spread the word to those interested in attending. The online registration is at <https://flyingstart.org>. Greg Stopyra, our Chapter Secretary is leading this event. We will need volunteers to help with the ground events as well as volunteer pilots to provide Eagle flights that day.

Let's talk about the April 1<sup>st</sup> First Saturday Coffee and Donuts. At this event, Gary VandeVoorde, a fairly new member, will be presenting a discussion about flying in and out of the mountains surrounding Johnson Creek in a Cessna 180 STOL type aircraft! Sounds like a great educational event! This will start right about 10:00 AM at the Revv Aviation's conference room as part of our First Saturday Coffee and Donuts event.

Our normal summer potlucks will be kicking off starting June 10<sup>th</sup> at Steve Boardman's hangar at Village Oaks Airport (60IA) in Blue Grass, Iowa. July 8<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Jim Smith and Ed Leahy at Jim Smith's hangar in Davenport, Iowa, and then August 12<sup>th</sup>, we will be at Geneseo Airpark (3G8) in Geneseo, Illinois, hosted by Kent Johnson, President of EAA Chapter 410. I kind of consider them our sister chapter since they've been great to work with. We will also be assisting with them during their Father's Day event on June 18<sup>th</sup>. They have a great pancake breakfast that serves the whole community of Geneseo and surrounding areas. We will be conducting the Young Eagles flights that day.

One of the last areas that really has become a hot topic is the Ray Aviation Scholarship. It has become such a point of interest that we have established a committee to help with the selection process. It will be headed by Bob Thomas and his team will bring the prime candidate to the board for approval, and then on to Nick Anagnos who will present that nominee to EAA HQ as our 2023 candidate. Keaton Braack who is our 2022 Ray Scholar recipient is coming along nicely even though he had a little hiccup with the aircraft on a

cross country flight-something about cold weather and the aircraft not starting.

We are also sending two young ladies to EAA Air Academy this year; sponsored and paid for by EAA Chapter 75 using Young Eagles credits and the High Flight Education Fund.

Finally, the Van's RV-12iS build has made great progress as the fuselage is coming along nicely.

To conclude, I must say with all this activity and our numbers growing (we are now approaching 260 on our email roster), we need to proceed doing what the board is guiding and directing this chapter on how to succeed. To reach ALL our aviation interests in our community we must follow the course that the board has been so diligently working on. Note: we have realized that there is a lack of communication of this vision of the chapter! Communicating that vision with the members is a process that we will undertake and improve.

Thank you and have a good spring!

## EAA Chapter 75 March Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jim Skadal on March 12, 2023 at 2:38 PM at Revv Aviation (Davenport) small conference room.

**Board Members Present:** Jim Skadal, Rily Grunwald, Gregory Stopyra, Liz Richards, Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer, and Chris Welvaert.

**Board Members Absent:** Adam Santic and Marty Santic.

**Others Present:** Bob Thomas.

**Treasurer's Report:** Liz Richards submitted the treasurer's report to the BOD via email on March 7, 2023. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer and seconded by Rily Grunwald. The treasurer's report passed unanimously.

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## **EAA Chapter 75 March Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

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### **Approval of Board of Directors Meeting Minutes:**

A motion to approve the February minutes as published in the March newsletter was made by Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer, and seconded by Chris Welvaert. The motion passed unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. 2023 Ray Scholarship Selection Process:** The Board of Directors reviewed the previous month's motion for establishing a Ray Scholarship Selection Committee. Bob Thomas will contact the committee and convene an initial meeting. Greg Stopyra will send a working draft application and scoring worksheet documents to Bob Thomas. The selection committee will finalize the application forms and evaluation criteria. Applications will be distributed via Young Eagles events, local CFIs, Revv Aviation and Elliott Aviation FBOs, and the chapter newsletter.

**2. Young Eagles:** Bob Thomas informed the board that the Chapter 75's seasons kickoff EAA Young Eagles event will be May 13, 2023 at Davenport Municipal Airport.

**3. Membership Renewal Update:** Liz Richards reports 67 unpaid members for 2023. Liz will send an email to unpaid members encouraging them to renew.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Sunshine Fund:** With the recent passing of Henry Rahlf Jr., the board recognized the need to establish a Chapter Sunshine Fund to provide for immediate expenses to meet membership needs. Chris Welvaert made a motion, seconded by Rily Grunwald, to set aside \$500 this year (2023) to create a sunshine fund for use to support member morale purposes and to ensure future chapter budgets include this expense as an annual fund. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Birdies for Charity:** Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer and Chris Welvaert have worked to develop a mailer for chapter members to participate. John Deere covers all the administrative fees to ensure that all funds raised through Birdies for Charity go to Chapter 75. Additionally, all donations made to Chapter 75 through

Birdies for Charity receive a 5% bonus. All chapter members are encouraged to give and share with others.

**3. Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:** For the April, May, and June meetings, the board agreed to convene at 10:30am on the first Saturdays at the Revv Aviation (Davenport) small conference room. This will coincide with the Chapter's monthly gathering for Coffee and Donuts.

Rily Grunwald made a motion, seconded by Chris Welvaert to close the meeting. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

## **April 1<sup>st</sup> Program**

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

On April 1<sup>st</sup>, EAA Chapter 75 member Gary VandeVoorde will present a program about his trip to Johnson Creek Airport (3U2)-one of Idaho's premier backcountry airstrip destinations at 10:00 AM during the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Coffee & Donuts event, located at Revv Aviation's conference room, 9230 N. Harrison St., Davenport, Iowa.

The flight was in a Cessna 180. 3U2, and he will be discussing what it is like to fly in such challenging conditions as density altitude, turbulence, mountain flying proficiency, forest fires, numerous trees, and wind conditions. He will also talk about the outdoor recreational activities he engaged in such as camping, fly fishing, and hiking. This is one you don't want to miss.

## **Reserve Your Spot Now - EAA Chapter Leadership Boot Camp in Omaha, NE**

*Article By - EAA HQ*

EAA Chapter Leadership Boot Camps are intense one-day courses on how to be a better chapter leader. They focus on topics important to a chapter, such as growing membership, fundraising, and reaching out to a new generation of aviation enthusiasts. Boot camps are held at a host chapter and are open to any chapter leader.

EAA Chapter Leadership Boot Camp will take place on Saturday, April 15, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM at ABLE ACE Facility - Oak View Mall, 3001 S. 144<sup>th</sup>

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## Reserve Your Spot Now - EAA Chapter Leadership Boot Camp in Omaha, NE

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St., Omaha, NE 681488. It will be hosted by EAA Chapter 80. RSVP required. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. [Register Here Today!](#)

Immerse yourself in a wide range of chapter-related subjects, such as chapter business fundamentals, EAA programs, recruitment, fundraising, chapter resources, public relations, and more! Our goal is to provide as much training as possible in one day to prepare you and your chapter to meet the challenges ahead. You'll fly away with a wealth of information.

Saturday lunch will be provided by the host EAA chapter. EAA staff will be on site Friday & Saturday evening to meet you and chat if you arrive early or stay late, and we will grab some dinner with you. If you plan to stay over before or after the boot camp, contact us at [chapters@eaa.org](mailto:chapters@eaa.org) for local lodging options and for further questions.

## EAA Chapter 75 is Highlighting EAA's Inaugural "Learn to Fly Week" by Hosting a Flying Start Event

*Article By - Greg Stopyra, Secretary*

May 15-20, 2023, is the inaugural [EAA Learn to Fly Week](#). As the culminating event to EAA's Learn to Fly Week webinars, EAA Chapter 75 will be hosting a Flying Start Day at Revv Aviation Davenport on May 20, 2023, beginning at 8:30 AM. This event is aimed at helping those adults who have strongly expressed an interest in learning how to fly.

**Where you can help:** If you want to volunteer to help, or just want more information, please contact EAA Chapter 75's Secretary, Greg Stopyra, at [secretary.eaa75@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.eaa75@gmail.com). We still need volunteer Eagle Pilots and hospitality team members.

**Two Free Weekly Passes to EAA AirVenture 2023:** For hosting a Flying Start event on May 20<sup>th</sup>, our chapter will receive additional promotional support from EAA and will be given two weekly passes for EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023. We will raffle those off to any chapter member who volunteers to assist

with the Flying Start event as an Eagle Pilot, CFI, or Hospitality Team.

**Help Spread the Word:** EAA Flying Start is geared towards adults (age 18+) who have a serious interest in becoming a pilot. These aspiring pilots must pre-register at <https://flyingstart.org/> and participate in a telephone interview prior to attending. Registration opens on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM and closes on May 14<sup>th</sup> at midnight. There will be a cap on attendees based on the number of Eagle Pilots available to provide flights. Please spread the word to any adult you feel may benefit from this event.

**About Flying Start:** [EAA Flying Start](#) is a chapter hosted program which welcomes, inspires, and educates aspiring aviators about their pathway to becoming a pilot. The program consists of an EAA prepared PowerPoint presentation, which the hosting chapter customizes with information about their local chapter & flight training resources. The event is capped off with a free introductory Eagle Flight with an EAA volunteer mentor pilot.

## Get to Know The F-22 Raptor Demo Team's Commander & Pilot, Capt. Samuel "RaZZ" Larson

The F-22 Raptor Demo Team Commander & Pilot, Capt. Samuel "RaZZ" Larson talks about his 700 skydives at the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, what it is like flying the Lockheed F-22 Raptor, and what Warbirds are still on his bucket list. [Full Story Here.](#)

## Amazing Video Featuring Jack Pelton

In this [video](#), Jack Pelton, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board, Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) talks about how special the past seven decades of EAA have been to the aviation community.





## Chicago VFR Flyaway

Article & Images By - Bob Thomas, Young Eagles Coordinator

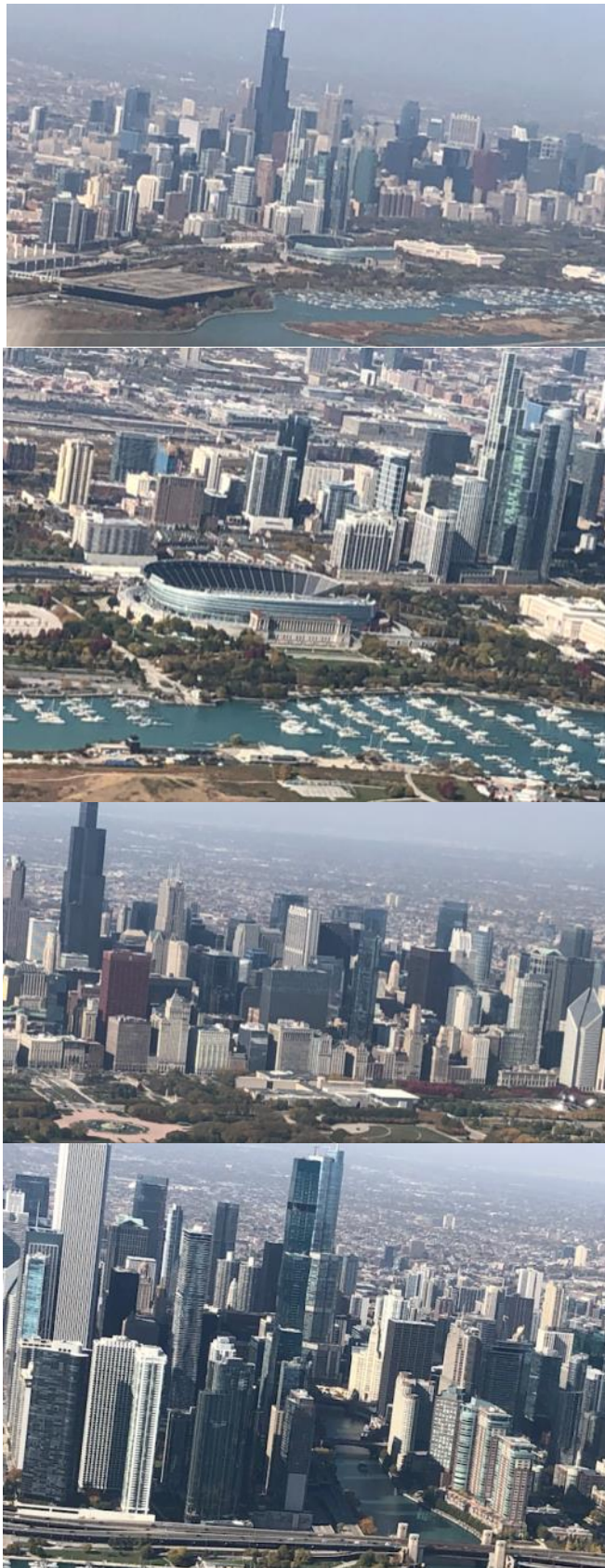
We all have those things we want to do with our airplanes that we never quite get around to doing or me, one of those items is the VFR flyway along the lake front in Chicago, IL. Truth be told, the prospect intimidated me for some time. I flew into DuPage Airport (DPA/KDPA) and Chicago Executive Airport (PWK/KPWK) frequency, but one can get to both of those while still staying on the outskirts of Class B airspace.

Also, the lakefront flyway, is a somewhat confined area, and I anticipated a good deal of traffic on a nice day; which is the only time one would make this trip as sightseeing is the object.

A few months ago, on Friday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, I had flown into Greater Kankakee Airport (IKK/KIKK) in a 1979 Piper PA-28-181 (N8114F) myself with extra time before I needed to head back. It was a nice clear day, so I figured now or never. After departing Greater Kankakee Airport, I called Chicago Air Route Traffic Control Center (Chicago ARTCC) and told them what I wanted to do and asked if they could assist, or was I on my own. They were very accommodating and provided flight following the entire time. I entered the lakefront from the southwest; sliding in between the Gary/Chicago International Airport (GYG/KGYG) airspace and Midway International Airport (MDW/KDW) airspace (approximately on the 25 degree radial of the Peotone VOR). Also, upon entering the Class B airspace, I had to stay under 3600 feet to remain clear of Class B airspace.

I then turned north and followed the lakefront for a mile or two north of Navy Pier, then turned around and went back the way I came. You can stay quite close to the shoreline also. The view of the city is spectacular and the entire time there was only one other airplane along the lakefront. ATC assigned me below 2000' and the other plane above 2500', and there were no problems at all. If this is something you have wanted to do, I would encourage it. It was very easy, and with an iPad, the class B airspace is easy to navigate. Chicago has one of the best skylines of any city in America and it is a real treat to view it from your airplane.

The following four pictures are downtown Chicago and Soldier Field, a football stadium to the west as you fly north along the Chicago River.





## March's First Saturday Coffee & Donuts Photos

Location - Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN)  
Hosted By - Jerry Coussens, Former President  
Photos By - Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief



*Jerry Coussens, in the middle is explaining the rebuild process that is currently happening to his homebuilt 2002 Lancair IV.*



*1976 Rockwell Commander 114 (N5854N) owned by Brian Short.*



*2003 Van's RV-9 (N309RV) owned by Ken Perron.*



*2003 American Champion 7GCAA Citabria Adventure (N77GA) owned by Daniel Wolford.*



*2005 Cirrus SR-22 (N4141X) owned by Brad Richards.*



*1943 Boeing A75N1 Stearman (N49659).*



*The crowd is having a nice gathering at Jerry Coussens' hangar. The people who are standing closest to the wing are David Yeoman and Dean Maupin.*

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Steve Boardman, John Miller, and Jake Miller.



Ron Ehrecke, Ron Plante, and Bob Malloy.



Gary Aho and Rick Meyer.



John Miller, Jake Miller, and Steve Kirik.

### EAA Chapter 75 - Quad Cities

To promote instrument flying, proficiency and safety.

**Dan Murphy**  
 IMC Club Coordinator

**Davenport Municipal Airport (KDVN)**  
 Revv Aviation Conference Room  
 9230 N Harrison St, Davenport, IA 52806



Chapter Meetings:  
 1st Tuesday of Every Month  
 6PM

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## 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).

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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
Tim Toal	309-235-0087	<a href="mailto:timotoal@mchsi.com">timotoal@mchsi.com</a>	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner
Gary VandeVoorde	217-412-1376	<a href="mailto:vandevoorde.wings@gmail.com">vandevoorde.wings@gmail.com</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO

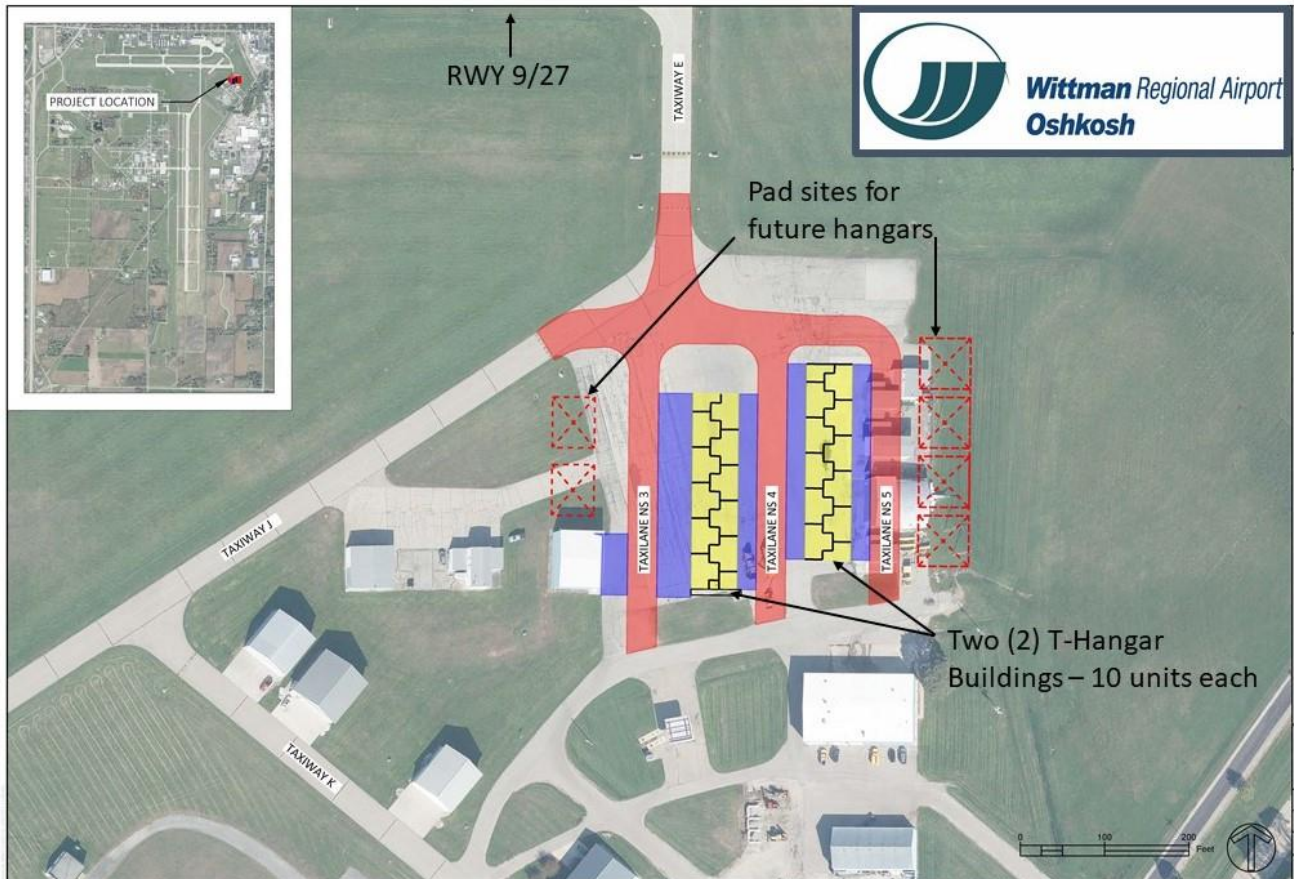


# NEW HEATED T-HANGARS COMING TO WITTMAN REGIONAL AIRPORT

Press Release - Wittman Regional Airport

We are thrilled to announce that Wittman Regional Airport (OSH/KOSH) will be constructing 20 new T-Hangar units, with construction beginning in Spring 2023. Like many GA airports, available hangar space is extremely limited here with a waiting list of 50+ aircraft owners and pilots. These T-hangars will be the first airport-owned hangars built at OSH/KOSH in more than 20 years. Two 10-unit buildings will be constructed on the east ramp directly south of the intersection of Taxiway J and Taxiway E. The project will entail earthwork, taxi-lane construction, utility and stormwater features, provided by a combination of County, State and Federal grant funding.

Each hangar unit will be 42' wide at the door opening, 33' deep, with a 12' high clear door opening, sized to fit up to a light piston twin. They will have automatic bifold doors, concrete floors, insulated, and heated with individual gas heaters in each unit. One of the buildings will have a public use restroom for all tenants in the east GA area. As part of the project's civil work, we will also be creating six shovel-ready hangar pad sites for up to 60'x60' private-built hangars, with electric and gas nearby. Those lots will be available for land lease in summer 2023.





## **Reno Air Racing Association Announces National Championship Air Races to Leave Reno After 2023 Event**

*Press Release - Reno Air Racing Association*



It is with heavy hearts that we write this to let you know that, after nearly 60 years of air racing in northern Nevada, 2023 will be the last National Championship Air Races at the Reno-Stead Airport. While we knew this day might come, we had hoped it wouldn't come so soon. Citing the region's significant growth amongst other concerns, the Reno Tahoe Airport Authority has made the decision to sunset the event. For so many around the world, Reno has become synonymous with air racing and it is hard to imagine the National Championship Air Races gracing any other skies than those in the Sierra Nevada. However, we are confident the event will continue. In fact, we are currently exploring several other possible locations to host the event in the future but it starts with making this year's event the biggest and most successful it can be. In essence, the future of the National Championship Air Races starts now. And, we need your help.

As we take off for one last time in Reno, we are inviting the community and race fans from all over the world to join to send off the National Championship Air Races in style. Consider it a celebration of six decades of thrills, history, pageantry, camaraderie and family. Reno has been the event's home for the last 59 years, and we could not leave without recognizing the community that has embraced our event and helped make it one of our region's signature events. We look forward to seeing the many faces the Air Races have brought joy to over the years, as well as new ones who will get the chance to see the only racing event of its kind for the first time this year.

While we discuss the future of the Air Races, we are grateful for our time at the Reno-Stead Airport and our partnership with the Reno Tahoe Airport Authority. Our event has generated hundreds of millions of dollars for the local economy, while instilling a love for flying in the community and becoming a valued partner to many charities and non-profits. We have always been so thrilled to show off the beautiful Reno Tahoe area to the tens of thousands that flew in just for our event and we're looking forward to doing that again this year. The support from both our community and visitors has been overwhelming, and the impact they helped us make in Reno is immeasurable.

The last National Championship Air Races will take place from September 13-17. The 2023 event is set to return with more than 150 planes and pilots as well as several 'hands-on' displays and experiences including the GRADD-NVBAA STEM Education Discovery Zone, heritage displays, military demonstrations and static displays and more. The event will also mark the third year of competition for the STOL (Short Take-Off & Landing) Drag which has become a phenomenon in the skies. While this is our last year at this location, the Reno Air Racing Association is committed to preserving and growing this great event and developing the next generation of Air Race fans. We look forward to seeing you in September. You can save your spot now by purchasing tickets at [www.AirRace.org](http://www.AirRace.org)

**With much appreciation and love,  
The Reno Air Racing Association Board of Directors**



## Strange New Worlds

“To explore strange new worlds, to seek out new life and new civilizations, to boldly go where no one has gone before.” These words define the most iconic mission statement ever written, that of the Starship Enterprise. Words are powerful, serve to unite associations, and help us all keep focused on the same goal, even if we each take different avenues to get there.

On October 1, 1959, our chapter received its charter. Since that time, our mission statement has been growing and evolving to

better meet the needs of all of our members. Last year, Ron Ehrecke completed the long awaited 501(c)3 making Chapter 75 a non-profit with a mission statement that has been refined and summarizes perfectly what we are striving for as a chapter, in the context of the larger EAA community. It reads:

Support the mission, vision, goals, and objectives of EAA. Create an environment to nurture growth of recreational aviation in our community, focusing on flight safety, education, youth STEAM programs, design and construction of amateur-aircraft, maintenance, and innovation.

There is an economic reality for us to be able to accomplish our mission. Our desire is to keep our membership dues low so that our chapter can be accessible to all. As we are registered as an educational non-profit, to truly meet this mission, we are increasing our fundraising efforts. We have applied for a capacity building grant to expand our technological capabilities—giving us the opportunity to offer greater technological support to existing pilots, digitizing many of our processes, and to promote existing and new programs that we plan to offer.

You, however, are important in this process, too. We need both your financial and physical support. In future months, through meetings, emails, and newsletters, you will have opportunities to hear, speak, and vote on issues relevant to our chapter. Please make every effort to have your voice heard. Remember, that to make this happen takes more than words. We need people who are willing to help. We are in desperate need of hospitality people to help with everything from fly-ins to bereavement, we need communications people to help us communicate more effectively to our members, we need development people to market us in the community and help us fundraise, program leaders to continue the programs that are so loved in our chapter. The list could go on. Do you have a passion for any of these, or do you see a need that you would like to fill? Let the Board of Directors know! We'd love to have more people step forward.

Part of this effort, though, is to meet the financial reality. To that end, Birdies for Charity is an excellent step forward. We are excited to announce that EAA Chapter 75 is now registered with Birdies for Charity, Bird #2377. This means that if you pledge a donation under the Chapter 75 Bird number, #2377, Chapter 75 will receive **100% of all donations** and pledges **AND** a **bonus** of at least 5% and up to 10% for each donation. Donations can be made **now** by filling out the enclosed form, or following this link [Birdies for Charity](#). Through the generous donation of private contributors, you will also receive a mailing that contains all of this information.

*Do you own a business or have corporate connections? Businesses can also sponsor the chapter so help spread the word!!! We would love to thank our sponsors through our own patronage, and by spreading the word about these businesses!!!!*

Through donations for Birdies for Charity, we hope to continue and provide greater support to our tool committee, the IMC club, expand our educational services to both Young Eagles and the Eagles program, provide greater support to our pilot members in terms of currency and training opportunities, be prepared as advocates for aviation in case the need arises, and to expand our outreach to the greater community to promote both sport and professional piloting as attainable to all.

Please contact Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer with any questions

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## 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.

**The History of Steve Wittman** April 11 at 7 pm CDT  
 Presenter: Chris Henry

**The Nine Principles of Light Airplane Flying** April 12 at 7 pm CDT  
 Presenter: Rich Stowell

**VNAV and Visual Approaches: Helpful or Hidden Dangers?** April 19 at 7 pm CDT  
 Presenter: Gary Reeves

**All About Flying to the Bahamas, Caribbean, and Cuba** April 26 at 7 pm CDT  
 Presenter: Jim Parker

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

**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 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.



### 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 \$55.00/wet. Contact Bernie Nitz at [bernien@visioncrest.com](mailto:bernien@visioncrest.com) or 563-508-8200.



### 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).

### 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.

*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).

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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](mailto:jeagles@mchsi.com).







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# F-22 Raptor Demo Team 2023 Airshow Schedule

Capt. Samuel "RaZZ" Larson, a Davenport, Iowa native and a 2011 Bettendorf High School graduate is the Pilot/Commander of the F-22 Raptor Demo Team for the 2023 air show season. Below you can find the schedule of where he is going to perform.

**F-22 RAPTORS**

**2023 Schedule**

Feb. 28-March 5—Avalon, Australia	June 24-25—Davenport, IA
March 25-26—Barksdale, LA	July 1-4—Battle Creek, MI
April 1-2—Homestead, FL	July 3—Dubuque, IA ( <i>Heritage Flight Only</i> )
April 22—Dyess AFB, TX	July 24-30—Oshkosh, WI
April 29-30—Ft. Lauderdale, FL	Aug. 12-13—Ypsilanti, MI
May 6-7—Langley AFB, VA	Aug. 19-20—Kansas City, KS
May 13-14—Scott AFB, IL	Sep. 2-4 Cleveland, OH
May 20-21—Seymour-Johnson, NC	Sep. 8-10—London, Canada
May 27-28—Long Pond, PA	Sep. 16-17—NAS Oceana, VA
June 9-11—Smyrna, TN	Sep. 30-Oct. 1—Huntington Beach, CA
June 17-18—Columbus, OH	Oct. 6-7—Peachtree City, GA
	Nov. 10-12—Stuart, FL

*\*Schedule Subject to Change\**—Updated Feb. 7, 2023



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## ***DRIVING OR FLYING – WE HOPE TO SEE ALL***

This month we hope to see everyone at our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month coffee and donuts hosted by Revv Aviation. Please come for some good hangar talk.

**FLYING:** Fly to the Davenport Municipal Airport. When taxiing, use Taxiway A to the Main Ramp, where Revv Aviation’s facilities are located and park on the main ramp.

**DRIVING:** Just drive to the Davenport Municipal Airport. We will be meeting at Revv Aviation’s Conference Room located at 9230 North Harrison Street Davenport, IA 52806. Vehicles can park in the designated parking slots provided. Call Revv Aviation at 877-828-9908 if you get lost.

# IMC CLUB - April 4<sup>th</sup>



The IMC Club is an informational gathering of pilots where IFR scenarios and other flying topics are discussed. It is hosted by the EAA and there is no charge or requirements to attend. For additional info, please contact Dan Murphy, IMC Club Coordinator, EAA Chapter 75 at [skyhawk147j@gmail.com](mailto:skyhawk147j@gmail.com).

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

**Date:** Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**IMC Question:** We all know that for IFR flight, the pitot-static system must have been checked within the preceding 24 months. When we set the altimeter on the ground before departure, what accuracy must be observed?

**Topic Discussions:**

- FAA April topic
- IMC quiz
- En-route center airspace tips
- Scenario review: Misleading interactions





## EAA Chapter 410

Gen-Air Park, Geneseo, IL 61254

Website: <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea410>

April 2023 Meeting Flyer

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# VMC CLUB GATHERING

April 6, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Gen-Airpark Pilot Lounge and Educational Facility  
20035 E. 1700th St, Geneseo, IL 61254

## Grassy Guess & Anti-Authority

If you are operating an aircraft in and out of beautiful Gen-Airpark (3G8), you know that it takes a little more distance to get airborne and over the infamous 50-foot obstacle off of a grass runway than off of the hard surface runways found at Quad Cities International Airport (MLI/KMLI) or Whiteside Municipal Airport (SQI/KSQI). How much more distance? Well, that's kind of a gray area—What time of year is it, spongy spring or firm fall? How much rain have we had in the past few days? A lot—see spongy spring, or a little in the past few hours? See a slippery surface and expect a longer landing perhaps.

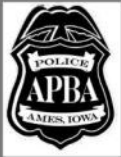
Also, at 3G8 we find that not everyone uses a radio all the time to announce intentions and with calm to light wind conditions, we sometimes use one runway for departures and another for arrivals. Nothing illegal here, but what do we do when we encounter these scenarios when we are approaching the airport for arrival or taxiing to a runway for departure? What practices should we employ to keep ourselves and others safe? How about at an airport like the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN) or Kewanee Municipal Airport (EZI/KEZI) where there are crossing runways that aren't necessarily visible from all points on the airport surface? We will view and discuss two scenarios from the EAA library and perhaps look at a pilot's operating handbook or two to see what the "book" says for grass runway aircraft performance.

### Our questions of the month for this meeting are:

- What is the difference between Common Traffic Advisory Frequency (CTAF) and UNICOM (universal conversions) in terms of how we use these frequencies?
- How do we find the CTAF at an airport?
- Looking at a Chicago Sectional Chart, find the MLI airport. What does the letter "C" positioned in a blue circle following a control tower frequency mean?

We will discuss the answer to these and other world problems at this gathering! See you then!

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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).



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