

# THE LANDINGS

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

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### THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

## President's Corner



Happy New Year!

December 2024 was once again filled with chapter activities, including the launch of a new committee focused on assessing and converting physical gifts into monetary contributions. Steve Gibson will lead this initiative. The committee was established on December 11<sup>th</sup> by the Board of Directors to develop a process for disposing of the physical items donated to the chapter. We are seeking additional members to assist in developing this new process. For those interested in serving on this committee, please contact Steve at 309-657-8006.

In other news, the Board of Directors have changed the start time of our business meetings, beginning with the January 8<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting. The Business Meetings will now begin at 4:30 PM, one hour earlier than usual. The business meetings will, however, continue to be held monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at Revv Aviation's Conference Room, located at 9230 N. Harrison St., Davenport, Iowa. The Board of

Directors encourage all of the membership to attend.

This year's Christmas party was once again a big hit with the chapter. Thank you again Shari and Rick Meyer for graciously hosting our chapter's attendees. While I was not able to attend this year Adam Santic did and has provided the following party summary.

The annual EAA Chapter 75 Christmas Party is always a highlight of the year. The event is filled with good food, good conversations, and renewed friendships. It was once again hosted at Rick and Shari Meyer's beautiful cabin in New Liberty, Iowa. After being rescheduled for a day later due to an ice storm, this event took place on Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. Despite being foggy on the 15<sup>th</sup>, the roads were not slippery, and the approximately thirty attendees had a wonderful time. In contrast to past years, the party started earlier than usual as we gathered at 1:00 PM for a social hour, drinks, and appetizers, while dinner was served at 4:00 PM

As the festively decorated cabin began to fill with our members, guests, and their families, the buffet table became crowded with an assortment of appetizing creations. From 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, during the social hour, attendees enjoyed lots of socializing, drinks,

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EAA Chapter 75 is a 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on advancing aviation education within the Quad Cities area. Founded in 1959, it is the largest, oldest, and most active aviation chapter in the Quad Cities area.

**Our chapter mission...**Support the mission, vision, goals, and objectives of Experimental Aircraft Association. Create an environment to nurture growth of recreational aviation in our community, focusing on flight safety, education, youth STEM programs, design and construction of amateur-aircraft, maintenance, and innovation.

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and appetizers. At 4:00 PM, a hungry line formed for dinner. The food prepared by our members and guests was delicious, especially the turkey and ham which were cooked to perfection. Many helped themselves to seconds and the rest were tempted by the various deserts.

Our chapter would like to give a special thank you to Liz Richards for preparing the ham and taking the amazing photos that you will find on pages 12-15 of this award-winning newsletter; Mindy Leahy for preparing the turkey, Shari and Rick Meyer for allowing us to gather at their beautiful cabin, preparing the appetizers, and for providing the drinks, Adam Santic for keeping members and guests informed of the postponement and its new scheduled date on short notice via email, phone, text messaging, and social media, and the rest of you who contributed fantastic side dishes or delicious desserts.

### Our Hundred Dollar Hamburger Adventure:

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 seven-chapter members flew into Wittman Regional Airport (OSH/KOSH) in Oshkosh, WI for lunch and a chocolate candy run.

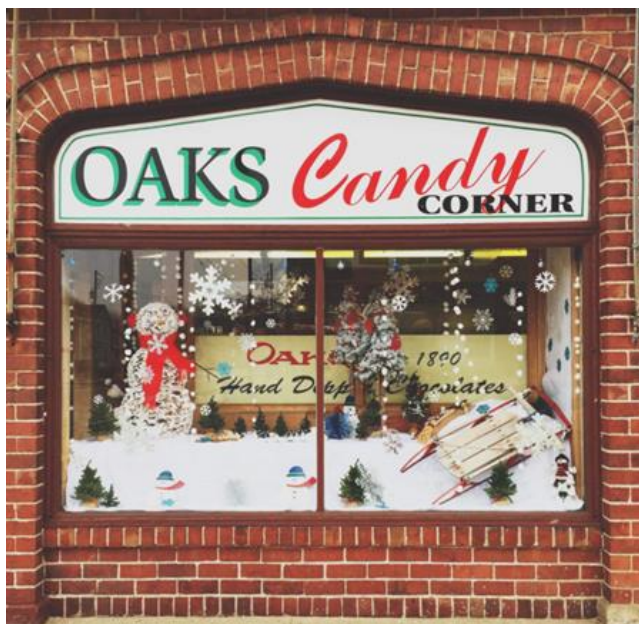


The weather conditions were perfect with 4000' and 5000' ceilings along the way with patches clear above. Paul Fisher flew up in his 2006 Van's RV-7A (N18PF), Craig Olson, Mark Howell, and Gary VandeVoorde flew together in Gary's 1953 Cessna 180 Skywagon (N1692C) and Steve Gibson, Ron Ehrecke, and Dan Murphy flew together in a 1973 Cessna 172M Skyhawk (N147J). We all landed at KOSH in Visual Flight Rules (VFR) conditions at approximately 11:00 AM, with reservations at [The Roxy Supper Club](#).

Most of the EAA members who frequently attend EAA AirVenture Oshkosh are familiar with The Roxy Supper Club, located at 571 N. Main St., Oshkosh, WI.

As usual, we all enjoyed great fellowship, food, and flying. We also stopped by Oaks Candy Corner located at 1200 Oregon St. in Oshkosh. But it seemed that everybody had the same idea as the line was backed up to the door. Lucky for us they will ship orders.

If you are interested in what they sell, here is their website: <https://oakscandy.com/shop-categories>.



On the trip back to the Quad Cities International Airport (MLI/KMLI), we climbed through a couple of thin layers and encountered no ice at 8000'. When landing at KMLI, it was VFR and we even did a practice ILS approach to RWY 27.

If you have not been to The Roxy Supper Club, you may want to give it a try on your next trip to Oshkosh, WI. It is a great place to eat that features a full menu and a bar. Three bars to be exact! I always enjoy their ambience and great food. Additionally, this day was extra special as we were all surrounded by great friends.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve,

Daniel Murphy

## January 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Program

The January 25<sup>th</sup> Chapter Program will be a presentation centered on OSF Life Flight. In June 1984, OSF Life Flight was established as a 24-hour helicopter medical transport system based in Bloomington, Galesburg, and Peru, Illinois. OSF HealthCare leads the way in air ambulance service in Illinois and operates one of the premier flight programs in the United States. Today, they maintain an active fleet of four Airbus EC145 helicopters in order to provide excellent, quality care and service to their patients and referral network. Their commitment to the communities they serve is amazing.

The presentation will begin at 9:30 AM during the chapter gathering event, located at Revv Aviation, 9230 North Harrison Street, Davenport, IA 52806. You can arrive early from 8:30 AM to 9:30 AM to socialize, have coffee, and a donut.

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

## 2025 Membership Dues Are Now Being Accepted

Just a reminder to our chapter members that 2025 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 form or at a chapter function. With your payment, please print out the membership application/renewal form and send it along with it. By doing this, it ensures that the information that we have on file is accurate, as many chapter members have had their information updated over the past year. The application/renewal form and the treasurer's address is located on page 25 or [here](#).

## EAA Webinar - The End of Supervised Maintenance?

Article By - EAA HQ

When - Tuesday, January 8, 2025, 7:00 PM CST

Where - [Watch Online Here](#)

On September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024, the FAA's Rulemaking Law Division issued a legal interpretation that, if allowed to stand as the agency's position, could have a devastating impact on the ability of aircraft owners and apprentice mechanics to perform maintenance on certificated aircraft under the supervision of an A&P

mechanic. Known as the "[Moss Interpretation](#)," it would eviscerate the requirement of 14 CFR 43.3(d) that the supervising mechanic "personally observe the work to the extent necessary to ensure it is done properly," and would instead require in-person supervision of every moment of the work from start to finish. In this webinar, Mike Busch A&P/IA explains why this new interpretation would make owner-performed maintenance (including owner-assisted annuals) infeasible, and would make it impossible for aspiring A&Ps to gain the FAA-mandated 30 months of practical experience through apprenticeship. This webinar qualifies for FAA WINGS/AMT credit.

## Jim Fowler's First Flight

Article By - Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief with assistance from Jim Fowler, Chapter Member

Photo By - Kent Johnson, Chapter Member



Congratulations to chapter member Jim Fowler on the completion of his homebuilt 2023 Belite Chipper (N6363) & its successful first flight. He began building the project in August 2018 and completed it in October 2024. It took him six years to complete the project. He flew N6363 for the first time on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 2:44 PM at Gen-Air Airpark Airport (3G8) in Geneseo, Illinois. This aircraft is powered by an Aero Momentum AM13H water-cooled fuel-injected 100HP engine behind a Luga Three-Bladed 67" Composite Propeller. The panel consists of a Trig Transponder with ADS-B & a Talos Pro Glass Panel. He is eager to visit as many places as possible and the amount he has learned along the way is priceless.

## Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 27<sup>th</sup>

By Charlie Becker, Director, Chapters, Communities & Homebuilt Community Manager

Homebuilders Week is an online opportunity to carry on the founding mission of EAA by sharing as much knowledge and information about building your own

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aircraft as possible in five days.

We start on Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, and end on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Each day, we offer six live webinars running back-to-back, starting at 11:30 AM central time and running every hour and a half until the last session at 7:00 PM central. The sessions are live and allow time for questions. To sign up for the sessions, visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek)

The topics cover something for everyone, whether you are just considering the idea of building an aircraft, are knee deep in a project or getting ready for test flying. We even have EAA President Jack Pelton lined up on, January 30<sup>th</sup>, to talk about EAA's Advocacy efforts on behalf of the homebuilt members.

EAA Homebuilders Week follows immediately after the anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 1953. I can't think of a better way to recognize our organization's founding than to spend 5 straight days learning about homebuilding.

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

Visit [www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](http://www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek) to sign up.

## Ray Aviation Scholar Update: Bennett Teitle - December Update

*Article By - Bennett Teitle, 2024 Ray Aviation Scholar*

*Photo By - Liz Richards, Treasurer*

Happy New Year,

We're now into 2025! I have had another exciting and busy month as a Ray Scholar in December. I must admit, I haven't had the chance to fly a lot with tons of exams and the cold weather starting to pick up. I took the time at home during winter break to study ground school topics. I'm planning to take the test as soon as possible, and then I plan to get back into the cockpit again as I approach the last sequence of flights before my checkride.

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, I was notified that I was accepted into Duke University's Pratt School of Engineering, and I will be majoring in mechanical engineering and hopefully getting an aerospace certificate. I am super excited to be heading off next year to Durham, North Carolina, and I have no doubt that the research opportunities, student life, and weather will be the perfect combination for me. I have had the opportunity to meet several of my new classmates online and everyone has been eager to connect with each other. It's amazing to see such a diverse group of talented individuals, and I'm excited to collaborate with them on projects and share this next chapter of our journeys together.

Also, this past month, I was able to bring a member of the PV Media Team with me to the Van's RV-12iS build and get some pictures of the operation, all of which will be distributed to the school advisors for the build after they are processed through our editing software. Some of them will also be posted on our Instagram ([@pvmediateam](https://www.instagram.com/pvmediateam)). I love being able to bring together my passions for media creation and aviation, and hopefully the positive coverage can benefit the chapter and help recruit for the build.



For students who may be interested, there is a new flight simulator out at the bus barn which runs X-Plane 11 and has three TV monitors as well as a full flight control setup. Liz Richards and I got it put together before holiday break for those who want to give it a try. I can't wait for all there is to come in 2025, and I hope everyone can enjoy some time relaxing with family and friends over the holidays. See you all soon!

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## Maj. Sam "RaZZ" Larson's Incredible Two Years as An F-22 Raptor Demo Pilot

Article By - Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief with assistance from the (DVIDS) Defense Visual Information Distribution Service

Photos By - Nicholas Holland, USAF Service Personnel, Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief, Nate Truninger, Friend & Aviation Photographer, Leonard Young, Friend, Aviation Photographer, & Chapter Member and Samantha Yost, Aviation Photographer



Congratulations to Commander & Pilot Major Samuel "RaZZ" Larson on his final performance with the United States Air Force F-22 Raptor Demo Team at the 2024 edition of the Stuart Air Show. RaZZ is a 2011 Bettendorf High School graduate and a Davenport, Iowa native. Adam Santic also graduated from Bettendorf High School, but in 2013.

As a young boy at the fence looking up, RaZZ was introduced to fighter pilots during air shows. Sam enjoyed attending air shows in the Midwest and at the Quad City Air Show in Davenport, IA during the summer while the other children were playing sports. Throughout his life, RaZZ had dreamed of becoming a fighter pilot. It was a dream that, like most worthy dreams, was paved with obstacles and hurdles, but despite each obstacle, he was able to overcome it.

After high school, Maj. Larson attended the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. In 2015, Maj. Larson earned his commission and

graduated from the United States Air Force Academy with a Bachelor of Science degree in management science. Maj. Larson then attended undergraduate pilot training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, where he flew the Beechcraft T-6 Texan II and the Northrop T-38C Talon. After earning his pilot wings he was selected to fly the Lockheed Martin F-22 Raptor after completing the program in 2017.

Following pilot training and Introduction to Fighter Fundamentals, Maj. Larson attended the F-22 Raptor Basic Course at Tyndall AFB, Florida. Upon graduation, Maj. Larson was assigned to the 525th Fighter Squadron (FS) at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson, Alaska as an operational fighter pilot and Mission Commander.

Maj. Larson was then assigned to the 27th Fighter Squadron, Joint Base Langley-Eustis, Virginia as an F-22 Instructor Pilot. While serving in the 27th FS, Maj. Larson was selected to be the F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team commander and pilot in August of 2022, a role he served until November of 2024.

Watching him perform at air shows these past two years has been an honor and a pleasure. You're our hometown hero, and it's an honor to see you protect and serve our great country. One of my greatest joys is getting to spend time with the greatest men and women of our military. You have impacted me in ways that I cannot even describe. Thank you for protecting and serving our great nation and showing the capabilities of the most feared aircraft in the world today, your United States Air Force F-22 Raptor. It has been the absolute best two years to be able to spend time with this team. A family bond that can be felt from miles away. I am extremely proud of each and every one of you!

Here are several videos of Sam performing at the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh air show in Oshkosh, WI. These videos are from the 2023 event - the [first video](#) was filmed by Spencer Hughes during his performances on July 24<sup>th</sup>, July 26<sup>th</sup>, July 27<sup>th</sup>, and July 28<sup>th</sup>, and the [second video](#) was once again captured by Spencer Hughes during his evening performance on July 29<sup>th</sup>. In these videos, he performed at the event in 2024 - the [first video](#) is a heritage flight from AirShowStuffVideos featuring all four demo teams,

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the [second video](#) is from Zinger Aviation Media with three demo teams and a P-51 Mustang, the [third video](#) is once again from Zinger Aviation Media featuring all four demo teams, and the [final video](#) is from Thursday's performance.

Here are a series of videos of Sam performing at other air shows. 2023 [Battle Creek Field of Flight Airshow and Balloon Festival](#) in Battle Creek, MI, 2023 [Scott AFB Air Show](#) in Belleville, IL, [2023 Airshow London](#) in London, Ontario, Canada, 2024 [MCAS Cherry Point Air Show](#) in Cherry Point, NC, [2024 Ocean City Roar at the Shore Airshow](#) in Ocean City, NJ, and [NATO 75th Anniversary Joint-Power Demo](#) in Virginia Beach, VA.

Here are a series of videos of RaZZ performing at the 2024 edition of the Quad City Air Show. This [video](#) was created, filmed, and edited by Kyle Newsom, this [video](#) was shot on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> by Preston Monoc, and this [video](#) was taken by Jeff Toft Rail Videos.

Finally, these videos show him performing his last ever demo at the 2024 Stuart Air Show in Stuart, FL from November 16-17, 2024. The F-22 Raptor and the heritage flight are featured in this [video](#) from Fast Times Vero, the F-22 Raptor and the F-16 Viper Demo Team can be seen in this [video](#) from SVTube, while Preston Monoc's [video](#) focuses on the F-22 Raptor and some aerial cockpit footage, and this one of Sam "RaZZ" Larson with John Denver's Leaving on a Jet Plane is perfectly [captured](#). The [first](#) and [second](#) videos are from AirShowStuffVideos, which contains highlights and clips from the air show and the F-22 Raptor.

Regardless of where you are deployed next on your journey RaZZ, you have kept us all safe. God bless you all. Until next time, my friend. RAPTORS OUT!



*RaZZ getting showered with champagne following the conclusion of his last ever demo at the Stuart Air Show in Stuart, FL. Image Courtesy of Samantha Yost, Aviation Photographer.*



*RaZZ getting showered with champagne following the conclusion of his last ever demo at the 2024 Stuart Air Show in Stuart, FL. Image Courtesy of Samantha Yost, Aviation Photographer.*



*RaZZ performing at the 2024 Stuart Air Show. Image Courtesy of Samantha Yost, Aviation Photographer.*



## Maj. Sam "RaZZ" Larson's Incredible Two Years as An F-22 Raptor Demo Pilot - Images



Maj. Lindsay "MAD" Johnson, the first woman to lead the United States Air Force A-10C Thunderbolt II Demo Team, performed the team's final demonstration ever at the 2024 Stuart Air Show in Stuart, Florida, after a 40 year run. In this picture, MAD is performing a Cross Break maneuver during the Heritage Flight with Maj. Sam "RaZZ" Larson of the United States Air Force F-22 Demo Team, which is also his last ever demo with the team. Image Courtesy of Samantha Yost, Aviation Photographer.



Nate Truninger, David Jacobson, Nate Burrows, Alan Barbor, and Sam Larson. Image Courtesy of Nate Truninger, Friend & Aviation Photographer.



RaZZ with Ken Hopper, Chairman, Founder, and Air Boss of the Quad City Air Show and EAA Chapter 75 member at the Quad Cities International Airport (MLI/KMLI) in Moline, Illinois. This image was taken at the event in 2023. Image Courtesy of Nate Truninger, Friend & Aviation Photographer.



An emotional moment for Cindy Larson as she watches her son Sam taxi by during the Quad City Air Show in Davenport, Iowa. Throughout his journey, he has received great support from her. Image Courtesy of Nate Truninger, Friend & Aviation Photographer.



Sam's friends supporting him with a University of Iowa banner at the 2023 edition of the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh air show in Oshkosh, WI. This is appropriate for Sam, since he is a Davenport, Iowa native, he loves the University of Iowa Hawkeyes, and he proudly wears "ANF" America Needs Farmers on his flight helmet. Image Courtesy of Nate Truninger, Friend & Aviation Photographer.

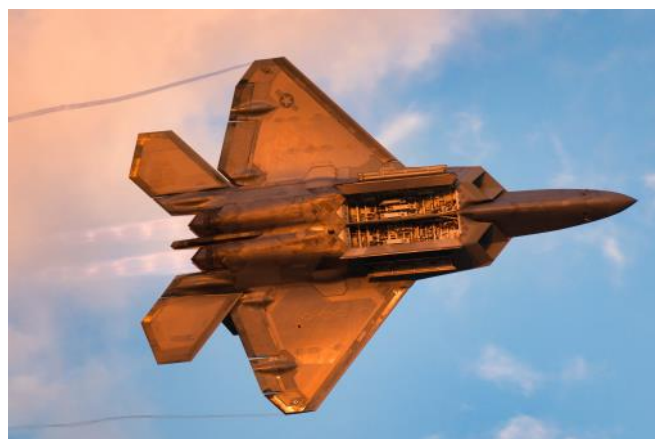


A special opportunity was presented to Nate Truninger on Thursday, June 20, 2024, to photograph RaZZ flying a Lockheed F-22A Raptor that zoomed over him and the team at the end of Runway 15 at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN) in Davenport, IA.

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*An afterburning pass was performed by RaZZ during the June 22, 2024 Quad City Air Show in Davenport, Iowa on a cloudy night. Image Courtesy of Leonard Young, Friend, Aviation Photographer, and Chapter Member.*



*RaZZ performing a Weapons Bay Pass at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 air show in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Image Courtesy of Leonard Young, Friend, Aviation Photographer, and Chapter Member.*



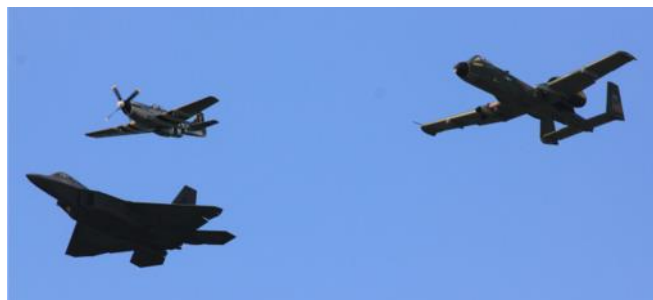
*RaZZ performs over the flightline during the Arctic Thunder Open House at Joint Base Elmendorf-Richardson - JBER, Alaska, July 21, 2024. Image Courtesy of Nicholas Holland, USAF Service Personnel.*



*Razz performing at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular in Dubuque, IA, July 3, 2023. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.*



*Air Force Heritage Flight Foundation featuring the United States Air Force F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team, United States Air Force A-10C Demonstration Team, and 1944 North American F-51D Mustang "Happy Jack's Go Buggy." This flight took place at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular in Dubuque, IA, July 3, 2023. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor.*



*Air Force Heritage Flight Foundation featuring the United States Air Force F-22 Raptor Demo Team, 1944 North American F-51D Mustang "Happy Jack's Go Buggy", and the United States Air Force A-10C Demo Team. This flight took place at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular in Dubuque, IA, July 3, 2023. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.*



*RaZZ landing during the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh air show on July 23, 2024. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.*



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RaZZ doing a high speed turn at the 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Dubuque Fireworks & Air Show Spectacular in Dubuque, IA, July 3, 2023. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor.



Air Force Heritage Flight Foundation featuring the United States Air Force F-22 Raptor Demonstration Team and Steven Hinton, Jr. piloting “Bum Steer”, a 1991 North American TF-51D Mustang at the 2023 Quad City Air Show in Davenport, Iowa. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.



RaZZ performing the slow speed pass during the 2023 Quad City Air Show in Davenport, Iowa. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.



RaZZ performing during the 2024 Quad City Air Show in Davenport, Iowa. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.



Air Force Heritage Flight Foundation featuring “Chief” “Ski-U-Mah II”, a 1944 Republic P-47D Thunderbolt and Maj. Sam “RaZZ” Larson, pilot of the F-22 Raptor Demo Team at the 2024 Quad City Air Show in Davenport, Iowa. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.



1944 North American F-51D Mustang "Happy Jack's Go Buggy", USAF F-35A Lightning II Demo Team, USAF F-22 Raptor Demo Team, United States Air Force A-10C Demo Team performing a Heritage Flight at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh on July 23, 2024. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.



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*USAF F-22 Raptor Demo Team, 1944 North American F-51D Mustang "Happy Jack's Go Buggy", USAF A-10C Demo Team, and USAF F-35A Lightning II Demo Team performs a heritage flight at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.*



*Heritage Flight featuring all four demos - USAF F-16 Viper Demo Team, USAF F-22 Raptor Demo Team, USAF A-10C Demo Team, and USAF F-35A Lightning II Demo Team performing at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh on July 24, 2024. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.*



*Heritage Flight featuring all four demos - USAF F-35A Lightning II Demo Team. USAF A-10C Demo Team, USAF F-16 Viper Demo Team, and USAF F-22 Raptor Demo Team, performing at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh on July 24, 2024. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.*



*On July 24's day show, RaZZ teared up the skies at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.*



*On July 24's day show, RaZZ showed the capabilities of the Lockheed Martin F-22A Raptor at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.*



*The United States Air Force F-22 Raptor Demo Team feat. Major Samuel “RaZZ” Larson at the controls during the July 25, 2024 edition of the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh air show that takes place at Wittman Regional Airport (OSH/KOSH) in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic, Newsletter Editor-in-Chief.*

## December's First Saturday Coffee & Donuts

Location - Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN)

Hosted By - Craig Olson

Photos By - Liz Richards, Treasurer, EAA Chapter 75



*The host Craig Olson and Jason Healy.*



*Tim Baldwin, Mark Howell, Noell Howell, and Bob Weil.*



*Paul Thronson, Jim Fowler, Ron Ehrecke, Jerry Coussens, and Jim Smith sitting at a table.*



*Tom Shelton, Rick Meyer, and Shari Meyer.*



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



*1951 Cessna 170A (N1235D) owned by Doug States.*



*Boeing CH-47F Chinook from Company B, 2nd Battalion, 211th General Support Aviation Battalion, Iowa Army National Guard.*

## Christmas Party Photos

Location - New Liberty, Iowa

Hosted By - Rick & Shari Meyer

Photos By - Liz Richards, Treasurer, EAA Chapter 75



*The host Shari Meyer and Pam Ehrecke.*



*Patsy Galley, Cy Galley, and Carl Brown.*



*Juanita Howell, Mark Howell, and Steve Boardman.*



*The host Rick Meyer and Bob Thomas.*

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## Christmas Party Photos

Location - New Liberty, Iowa

Hosted By - Rick & Shari Meyer

Photos By - Liz Richards, Treasurer, EAA Chapter 75



*Isabella Richards, Nick Anagnos, Steve Boardman, the host Rick Meyer, Carl Brown, and Ashley Hanson.*



*Liz Richards holding a quilt that belongs to Rick and Shari Meyer.*



*Vicki Bedeian and Mary Ann Bruesch*



*Side view of Rick and Shari Meyer's cabin and parking area*



*Rick and Shari Meyer's deck and pond at their cabin.*

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*The hosts Rick and Shari Meyer.*



*Carl Brown, Mark Howell, and Juanita Howell.*



*Ed Leahy and Frank.*



*Ron Ehrecke and Adam Santic.*

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Joel Story and Ryan Story at EAA Chapter 75's First Saturday Coffee and Donuts that was held at Craig Olson's hangar at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN) on December 7<sup>th</sup>.  
Image Courtesy of Liz Richards, Treasurer.



Maria Story and Joel Story at EAA Chapter 75's Christmas Party that was held at Rick & Shari Meyer's cabin in New Liberty Iowa on December 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Image Courtesy of Liz Richards, Treasurer.

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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).

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, 3G8	Owner, FBO <a href="#">Revv Aviation</a>
Craig Blumer	641-799-8149	<a href="mailto:craigblumer27@gmail.com">craigblumer27@gmail.com</a>	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN	Craig's J-3 Cub Owner
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# PNB Aviation Club

## Van's RV-12iS - December Update

The RV-12iS build sessions are held on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM, and on Saturday mornings from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.. Our goal is to have the plane completed by May 15, 2025. It has been a very productive Fall semester & much has been accomplished on the RV-12iS project. Most of the wiring harness has been installed in the cockpit and through the firewall, requiring close & delicate attention to detail. Numerous fittings have been required for the top & bottom cowlings of the engine. This section has been a particularly challenging task, but we are inching closer to the final fit. Our next steps will be to complete the canopy fiberglass work and to install the exhaust and coolant components.



*Mathias installing panels.*



*McKenzie drilling the cowl.*



*Autum working on wiring.*



*Student-build mentors working on the plane.*



*Ed riveting brackets.*



*PV Media Team.*



# Jane Berg Tailwheel Scholarship

## [APPLY HERE](#)

This scholarship is for tailwheel training in Milan, Illinois at the KMLI airport. The training will be completed in a 100HP 1946 Piper J3 Cub in accordance with 14 CFR §61.31(i). It will consist of approximately five to six hours of flight training and will conclude with a tailwheel endorsement.

This scholarship has a combined value of \$2,000. Of that amount, \$800 will be granted for the flight training. The remaining amount will be used for transportation to the training airport, housing, food, etc. That amount will be reimbursed upon completion of the training. If the applicant selected is determined to be based locally\*, the amount for expenses will be held for the following year's scholarship. Applicants will have one year to complete the training or the funds for the flight portion will be forfeited.

*\*"local" applicants are defined by their current address residing within a 100 mile radius of KMLI, Quad City International Airport*

### **Scholarship applicants must meet all the following criteria:**

- U.S. citizen or U.S. permanent resident
- Female
- Hold a minimum of an FAA Private Pilot or Sport Pilot certification in airplane
- Must hold a current flight review or equivalent under 14 CFR §61.56
- Meet parameters for the airplane (Piper Cub) to be flown within legal limitations

### **Background**

This scholarship was setup and established to honor those that promote progress in aviation. Jane Berg was one of the many of my flight instructors and supervisors I've had over the years. She has the patience and a way of communicating that any teacher would envy. The time she invested in me, helped me to achieve my aviation goals and end up where I am today. My hope is that this scholarship honors her professionalism and transfers hands on flying skills to the applicant selected.

### **Craig Blumer**

Craig trained as a professional pilot in southeast Iowa and worked as a flight instructor across the United States. He acquired various certifications including seaplane, powered parachute, glider, airline transport pilot, commercial lighter-than-air airship and terminal air traffic controller. His flight instruction has earned him a gold seal flight instructor certificate and master instructor designations. Craig obtained his tail wheel endorsement in 2013 and planned to own and operate a flight school. The Cub became the platform for offering tail wheel instruction in 2020.

### **Jane Walter Berg**

My name is Jane Walter Berg and I have been flying since 1984. Since that time my main focus has been on flight instruction. I have always enjoyed teaching people to fly and help make their dreams come true. During that time, I have flown with hundreds of students and developed close friendships with many of them, such as Craig Blumer. The greatest joy and most rewarding part of flight instruction is watching students excel in aviation and exceed their expectations as they achieve their goals.

### **Essay Details**

300 word minimum essay addressing why you want tailwheel endorsement training.

#### **Optional topics include:**

Why did you become a pilot? What qualities you enjoy in a flight instructor? Activities that promote aviation? Where you see yourself in five/ten years?

### ***Application Deadline: February 18th, 2025***

If you don't want to copy and paste your essay into the form below, you can email your essay to me at [craigblumer27@gmail.com](mailto:craigblumer27@gmail.com)

# EAA Chapter 75 Ray Aviation Scholarship Application 2025

[Apply Here](#)

The EAA Ray Aviation Scholarship is a scholarship program that is funded by the Ray Foundation, managed by EAA, and administered through EAA Chapter 75. The Ray Scholarship provides **up to \$12,000** to support a student's private pilot license training. If selected, the Ray Scholarship funding will process from the chapter treasurer to the Student's flight instructor/school. The student/guardians do not receive direct funding. If an applicant has already begun flight training, award money cannot be used to retroactively pay for prior training.

**Applications will be accepted through February 14, 2025**

## **Eligibility Requirements for the Ray Aviation Scholarship:**

*These are EAA's minimum requirements and are not waivable*

1. Must be Age 16-19 for powered flight training.
2. Must possess an FAA Medical Certificate
3. Must possess an FAA Student Pilot Certificate
4. Must begin flight training within 60 days of accepting the award
5. Must be able to volunteer for Chapter service a minimum of 2 hours per month
6. Must meet with the Chapter Coordinator and submit a Monthly Activity Report which details flight training, volunteer activities, and costs
7. Must be able to schedule at least 3 flight lessons per week
8. Must be able to solo within 3 months of start
9. Must be able to pass the FAA Knowledge Test within 6 months
10. Must be able to take and pass the FAA Checkride within 12 months

## **Application Evaluation:**

EAA Chapter 75's Ray Aviation Scholarship Committee will evaluate students who meet the above minimum requirements to determine the best candidate for the scholarship. The evaluation factors will include

- Application & Essay
- Involvement with EAA Chapter 75 Events
- Participation in Young Eagles Flights
- Completion of the Young Eagles Flight Plan
- Additionally, EAA Chapter 75 will ask that parents become members of both EAA Chapter 75 and EAA National Organizations.

**EAA Membership info:** <https://www.eaa.org/shop/membership/join.aspx>

**EAA Chapter 75 Membership info:** <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea75/ea75-chapter-75-membership-application>.

After all applications are reviewed finalists will be contacted for an in-person interview with their parents/guardians.

All applicants will notified via email when a final decision as been made.

## Classified Ads

### Tools for Sale:

Cleveland long arm dimpler/riveter w/ material support table top - \$135; Cleveland cam hand rivet squeezer (no yoke) - \$200; hand squeezer yokes (3 available) - \$70 ea.; Avery hand rivet squeezer \$125 (no yoke); back riveting plate/platform - \$75; U.S. Tool 3X rivet gun kit w/ 4 bucking bars; and rivet sets - \$200. Pictures are available on request. Contact Warren Brecheisen at [n112wb@gmail.com](mailto:n112wb@gmail.com) or 319-415-2063.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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).

## Upcoming EAA Chapter 75 Events

### January

- 04 - First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at PNB Aviation Club in Eldridge, IA
- 07 - IMC Club Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 08 - 4:30 PM - Chapter Business Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 25 - 8:30 AM - Chapter Gathering at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 25-26 - ALL DAY - EAA Chapter Leadership Training in Oshkosh, WI (At Capacity)

### February

- 01 - 8:30 AM - First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at Jerry Coussens at KDVN
- 04 - 6:00 PM - IMC Club Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 12 - 4:30 PM - Chapter Business Meeting at Revv Aviation KDVN
- 22 - 8:30 AM - Chapter Gathering at Revv Aviation KDVN

Visit [eaa75.org](http://eaa75.org) for more event details

## Classified Ads

### 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](http://www.whitesidecountyairport.com) for more information.

### FREE - Yaesu VHF Adapter



This was originally supplied with my Yaesu handheld VHF, bought a few years ago at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Being a European, I [Loman O'Byrne] replaced it with one that fits our local outlets. If you have a Yaesu VHF, you might find it useful to have a second adapter for charging. Contact Mike Nightingale at 309-798-0028 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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**PNB Aviation Club** (*Pleasant Valley, North Scott, Bettendorf*)

**Students are building a two passenger airplane!**

(Under the guidance of EAA Chapter 75 mentors)

Feel free to stop in during a build session:



**Mondays 6pm-8:30pm**

**Thursdays 6pm-8:30pm**

**Saturdays 8am-11am**

**At the North Scott Bus Barn**

**120 N. Scott Park Rd.**

**Eldridge, IA**

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## EAA CHAPTER 75 - QUAD CITIES

**1ST SATURDAY COFFEE AND DONUTS**

**MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS**

**ALL ARE INVITED-BRING THE FAMILY**

**FREE COFFEE & DONUTS AND A CHANCE TO SEE THE PNB AVIATION  
CLUB'S VAN'S RV-12iS STUDENT BUILD PROJECT!**

**Saturday, January 4, 2025**

**8:30 AM-11:00 AM**



This month the PNB Aviation Club & EAA Chapter 75 hope to see you for our 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Coffee & Donuts hosted by EAA Chapter 75 mentors, school advisors, and students who are involved in the Van's RV-12iS student build. We are over the moon to have you all join us and see the tremendous progress we have made!

**DRIVING:** The North Scott Transportation Building is located at 120 North Scott Park Road, Eldridge, IA 52748. You are welcome to park on either side of the building. Our doors have the PNB Aviation Logo on them.

**FLYING:** Prior to your takeoff and your arrival at the Davenport Municipal Airport (KDVN), arrangements with Carl Brown can be made at 309-235-5652 for pickup.

# IMC Club - January 7<sup>th</sup>



**Meeting Objective:** Informal discussion of Instrument Flight Rules (IFR) topics for the purpose of experimental learning.

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

**Date:** Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 PM

**Around the Room:** What did we learn and find interesting since the last meeting?

**EAA Question:** We are all aware that for IFR flights, the pitot-static system must have been checked within the preceding 24 months. When setting the altimeter on the ground for departure, what accuracy must be observed?

**Topic Discussions:**

- FAA Topic: Safety Culture - Bernie Nitz
- IFR Quiz - Bob Weil
- Winter Troubles - Dan Murphy
- Scenario: Pop-Up Problems

**Daniel Murphy,**  
**President and IMC Club Coordinator, EAA Chapter 75**  
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## Chapter 75 Merchandise Now Available

As mentioned at chapter meetings, the baseball caps are now available with the EAA Chapter 75 logo. The caps are of a nice quality as the logo is embroidered. The caps are available for purchase for \$10.00 each and can be delivered personally to you at the next chapter function. We have lots of caps in stock. If you want the hat shipped to you, that can be done for \$17.00. Please mail a \$17.00 check to 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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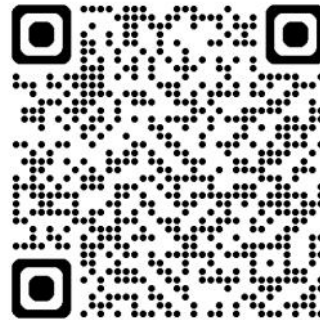
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