

# THE LANDINGS

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

May 2023

### THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

#### From the Desk of the President



Hello EAA Chapter 75,

The days are getting longer and the weather is warming up. Flying is getting to be a little easier and more fun! Some members are getting new ratings, adding new endorsements and different aircraft. The aviation life is good. We've made it through another winter.

Last month was volunteer month. We appreciate the volunteers that have been involved to bring our chapter to this point.

To start out, one of the good things, EAA Chapter 75 has again received the Gold Status Award-just like we have from its inception in 2019 to 2023. Please see page 9 in the newsletter for more details on how and why we received this award.

A lot of good things are scheduled in the month of May, so jumping right into the month...

The IMC Club event will be Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is

always scheduled the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 PM at the Revv Aviation's conference room in Davenport Iowa. See page 14 for the meeting details. Last month, due to inclement weather, the meeting was postponed to the 18<sup>th</sup> of April. That meeting still had a great turnout and a great program. A lot of good in-depth knowledge was disseminated, and if you weren't there you missed out!

Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have our First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at Daniel Wolford's hangar located at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN) in Davenport, Iowa, but with a little adjusted agenda. Come and see what happens that Saturday morning. It's going to be very difficult to top the program that was given by chapter member Gary VandeVoorde last month. During this event, Daniel Wolford will give a great factual information program about how his family got involved in aviation.

The EAA Young Eagles event will be Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN). Hopefully, we can get the hospitality committee together and pull off a pancake breakfast during this Young Eagles event to support our chapter. It'll be in the big hangar right next to the Civil Air Patrol Office.

We have our inaugural EAA Flying Start program on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Revv Aviation's Davenport, Iowa location. These programs have been in existence for many years, but this will be the first time our chapter has participated in the EAA Flying Start/Eagle Flights program. There are already four or five individuals signed up to be involved with more than half a dozen CFIs and chapter members available to give out some Eagle flights that day. More information can be found on pages 6 and 7.

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**IMC Club Meeting - May 2, 6PM**  
**[Revv Aviation, 9230 Harrison Street, Davenport, IA - \(Click for a Map\)](#)**

## From The Desk of the President

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The week prior, May 15<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>, is the inaugural EAA Learn to Fly Week where aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot.

The Emergency Aircraft Repair (EAR) information has been disseminated by Chairman Bernie Nitz. The tool committee has been working on some of the tools have been realigned and will be inventoried shortly.

The RV-12iS student-build is progressing to the point where we have pieces going together to develop a fuselage and it is starting to look like an airplane. The side skins were attached to the bulkheads. We meet every Monday and Thursday evening and Saturday morning at the North Scott Transportation Building in Eldridge, Iowa.

The Ray Scholarship Committee convened several meetings and are close to presenting the top candidates for our potential 2023 Ray Scholar.

Lastly, I would like to end with a quote from President John F. Kennedy during one of his speeches prior to the initial challenge of the United States getting involved in the space race he made this statement:

“Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country”. At that time, his speech and challenge had a large, great impact on a lot of people in our country. I would like to borrow that quote, but instead of saying, “your country”, plug in the words “EAA Chapter 75”. You will hear and sense there is kind of a ring to it, “Ask not what your EAA Chapter 75 is doing for you”, but ask, “What can I do for EAA Chapter 75”. With speeches and words like that President Kennedy launched us into the greatest space race adventure ever. To add to that, on a positive note, we had the largest space vehicle ever “Starship” launched April 20<sup>th</sup>! 100 million pounds of spacecraft and propellant flew for approximately 100 seconds, 24 miles high and then it had an unexpected disassembly and it was a huge test success!



## EAA Chapter 75 April Business Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Jim Skadal on April 1, 2023 at 11:00 AM at Revv Aviation (Davenport) Conference Room.

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

**Board Members Absent:** Mary-Ellen Pfeiffer.

**Other's Present:** John Bruesch, Carl Brown, and Floyd Taber.

**Treasurer's Report:** Monthly chapter business meeting was too early in the month to have completed the report. EAA sent us the final Ray Scholarship funding in March. Also, in March we submitted our Illinois non-profit registration which carries us through 2024. Our next major requirement is to complete our IRS 990-N in April. Motion to accept by Chris Welvaert, seconded by Rily Grunwald. Passed unanimously.

**Approval of Chapter Business Meeting Minutes:** A motion to approve the March minutes as published in the April newsletter was made by Chris Welvaert, and seconded by Rily Grunwald. The motion passed unanimously.

### OLD BUSINESS:

**1. 2023 Ray Scholarship Selection Process:** Jim Skadal reports having a conversation with Bob Thomas about the Ray Scholarship Selection Committee. The Ray Scholarship Selection Committee has had a couple meetings. Jenny Wilson reports that she will take notes during upcoming committee meetings and share with the board of directors. The committee is still on track to provide a rank ordered list of candidates to the board of directors by May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**2. Young Eagles:** The board discussed hosting a Pancake Breakfast at the Davenport Municipal Airport concurrent to the May 13<sup>th</sup> Young Eagles Kickoff Event. The board of directors will move forward with planning to support and finalize during next month's chapter business meeting.

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**3. Membership Renewal Update:** Liz Richards reports 52 unpaid members for 2023.

**4. Sunshine Fund:** Chris Welvaert will develop initial guidelines for the chapter's Sunshine Fund to include membership longevity awards, criteria for lifetime membership, etc. Gregory Stopyra will ask the EAA Chapters office if there are any written guidelines from other chapters. Follow up will occur during May's chapter business meeting.

**5. Birdies for Charity:** Chris Welvaert and Gregory Stopyra will engage with select chapter members to gauge their ability to engage local businesses with specific aviation ties to contribute to Birdies for Charity 2023.

### NEW BUSINESS:

**1. Air Academy:** Jim Skadal (as the Chapter Air Academy Advisor) reports Bob Thomas deferred the 2022 Young Eagle Credits to the board. The chapter has \$1355 in Young Eagle Credits available to apply to the Air Academy. Jim Skadal reports the chapter needs an additional \$1755 to satisfy the remaining balance for our chapter's Air Academy scholars. Chris Welvaert made a motion, seconded by Gregory Stopyra, to approve no more than \$2000 for Air Academy out of chapter operating funds. Motion Passed.

**2. Young Eagle Build & Fly:** Jim Skadal made a motion, seconded by Liz Richards, to gain approval to purchase the EAA Young Eagles Build & Fly RC Kit from EAA HQ with the chapter's operating fund. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Henry Rahlf Jr.'s Dues to Son:** Gregory Stopyra made a motion, seconded by Chris Welvaert, to transfer Henry Rahlf Jr.'s membership credit to son Steven. The motion passed unanimously.

**4. Business Donor Recognition Levels:** Gregory Stopyra highlighted how other EAA Chapters, such as EAA Chapter 179, recognize business donors in their

monthly newsletter based on yearly giving levels. Gregory Stopyra made a motion, seconded by Chris Welvaert, to recognize business donors in our chapter newsletter at the following levels: \$100 for Bronze, \$500 for Silver, \$1000 for Gold, \$5000 for Platinum, \$10,000+ for Diamond. The motion passed unanimously.

Liz Richards made a motion, seconded by Chris Welvaert, to close the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

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

## TBM Avenger Reunion and Salute to Veterans Event

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual TBM Avenger Reunion and Salute to Veterans will take place at the Illinois Valley Regional Airport (VYS/KVYS) in Peru, Illinois, on Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, with an airshow each day. In addition to the large gathering of TBM Avengers, numerous other warbirds and aircraft rides will occur, including a Douglas SBD-5 Dauntless (N82GA) from the Commemorative Air Force. For more information, you can visit [here](#).

## Barnstormer Boutique Grand Opening

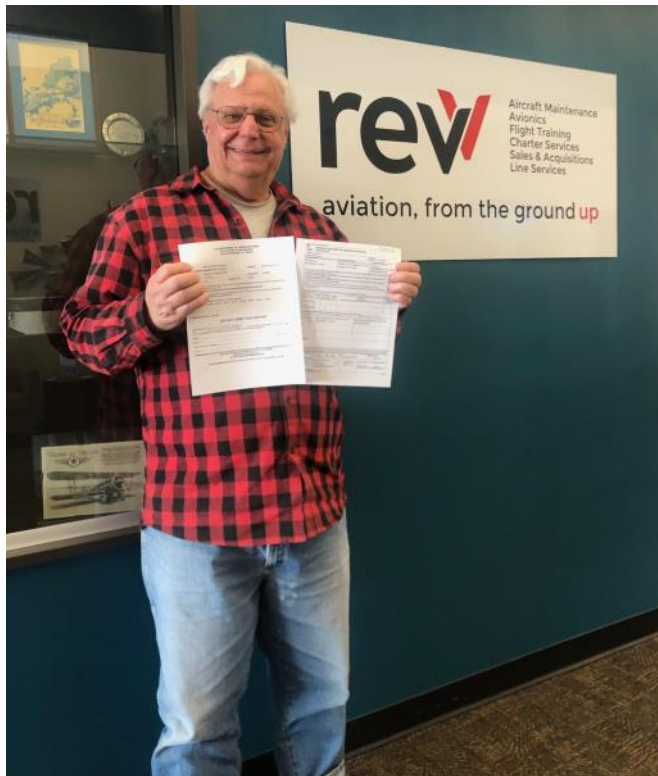
EAA's gift shop "Barnstormer Boutique" at the EAA Aviation Museum located at 3000 Poberezny Rd., Oshkosh, WI 54902 has been remodeled and will have its grand opening on Saturday May 20, 2023 at 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

This is no ordinary gift shop – after months of construction, they are excited to welcome you to their roaring '20s-era barnstormer-themed boutique. To celebrate, everything in the store will be 20% off (members receive 30% off), and they're offering 10% off museum admission for the day for non-members and free for members. Get a taste of the origins of stunt pilots and flying circuses right here in Oshkosh.

More information [here](#).



## Nick Anagnos Latest Milestone



On March 27, 2023, Nick Anagnos, Ray Scholarship Coordinator, took his written test at Revv Aviation in Davenport, IA for his Inspection Authorization (IA) & got a passing grade to acquire his IA endorsement from the FAA. Photo compliments of Revv Aviation's FBO Manager Sandra Barrett.

## Neat Video Looking Over the Years of EAA Sport Aviation Magazines

Since EAA's humble beginnings in 1953, their publications have gone through many changes, but their goal has remained the same: to keep the aviation community together and spirited.

Today, *EAA Sport Aviation* magazine reaches a total of 270,000+ EAA members. Here's a [look](#) at some of the magazine covers through the years that represent how it has evolved from 1953 to 2023.

## Video - SocialFlight Live 4-4-23

Do you want to know what is going to make EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 so spectacular? Find out everything that is coming to the event and more on this [episode](#) of *SocialFlight Live* featuring EAA Chief Executive Officer & Chairman Jack Pelton.

## Keaton Braack Receives A Free Headset



On April 24, 2023, Our 2022 Ray Scholar Keaton Braack (left) was awarded a Lightspeed Zulu 3 ANR Headset compliments of the Lightspeed Aviation Foundation by Ray Scholarship Coordinator Nick Anagnos (right).

## A Board Meeting Observer's Report

*Article By - John Bruesch, Chapter Member*

Having recently listened to concerns candidly shared with me by fellow members, President Jim Skadal invited me to participate in April's Board of Directors meeting. I immediately thought this would be a good idea, since from where I stand - just a plain old member (emphasis on old), it seemed a good idea to evaluate new ideals being advanced by our well intentioned Board of Directors against the "It's not broke; let's not try to fix it" view I've gathered from more than several veteran members.

Jim introduced me during the New Business segment of the April 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. I began the lively discussion by reporting there seems to be an "us" versus "them" disparity shaping up lately, a red flag for any organization. In my view, past-elected boards seemed to operate more within the good graces of non-board members. That is, communication back and forth was consistent, Board meeting discussions reflected mem-

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bers' collective concerns, & results of board decision making were generally well accepted by members. In my personal fly-on-the-wall view, this has not been the case recently and members' trust in the Board of Directors is at risk.

But, I've learned the board is striving to provide the leadership we elected them to give. Its focus is partly to actuate changing EAA Oshkosh ideals put forth in chapter leader training, and aimed toward enhancing members' experience at organized "gatherings," and partly to address the board's concerns for an apparent decline in attendance at structured chapter meetings. In response, our Board of Directors plans for a monthly gatherings shift from the business-format second Saturday evening meeting, toward a better-attended-merged focus first Saturday morning experience. Secretary Gregory Stopyra asserts this is in line with survey feedback indicating a majority of respondents would prefer to gather on Saturday mornings than on Saturday evenings (although he also stated that survey responses have been sparsely submitted).

I'll cut to the chase, for we aired out a lot of concerns. Our Board of Directors represents us, the members. I now have a better understanding of that and I think board members do too. Anyway, the pending outcome seems to be that the first-Saturday morning experience (which remains revokable if it just doesn't work out) will quickly evolve to include refreshment & hangar-flying, plus agenda features many members miss from the no-longer-held Saturday night meetings:

- Opportunity for members to input ideas to the board
- Key activities feedback from the board and committees back to members.
- Opportunity for members to report on their projects or special flying experiences.
- Interesting and entertaining program presentations.

This comes at a cost, namely:

- The chapter is in dire need of program planning leadership outside the Board of Directors, and program content will likely be spotty until

someone steps into that volunteer role. If anyone is able to tackle this vital role, please contact Jim.

- The President strongly feels the monthly chapter gathering should take place at the airport, although this means less space (for now) and possible pre-empting of Chapter 75's Deere-Wiman Carriage House option by some other group wanting to take the Saturday night timeslot.

There was a sidebar discussion about the excellent support offered to builder-members by our Technical Counselors. In my personal view, we have the best, most engaging group of well-qualified TC's I've ever experienced my three decades as a member. Many thanks to our whole TC team!

Thanks also to the Board of Directors for this opportunity to express, as best I've been able, members' needs and desires. If I've misrepresented anyone's personal attitudes or points-of-view, I apologize in advance.

## April 1st Event Recap

*Article By - Tony TouVelle, Chapter Member & Flight*

Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is a national organization that was founded in 1953 and has grown to many local chapters throughout the nation. EAA enables people to commune together through the Spirit of Aviation and includes recreational and professional pilots, builders, restorers, and general aviation enthusiasts. Our local chapter - EAA Chapter 75 - Quad Cities is very active in the general aviation community in the Quad Cities - this includes Young Eagle Flights (free flights to children ages 8-17), IMC Club, and they're even involved building a plane with local high school students! On the first Saturday of every month, members offer their own hangar for people to come, hang out, enjoy coffee and donuts, and discuss aviation!



*Gary VandeVoorde  
Image Courtesy of  
Adam Santic.*

On Saturday, April 1, 2023, Revv Aviation - Davenport hosted the first Saturday of the month "Coffee & Donuts" with the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 75 - Quad Cities. In the large conference room, we hosted 65+ people between 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

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At 10:30 AM, we were able to listen to a local pilot named Gary VandeVoorde discuss mountain flying into Johnson Creek Airport (3U2). It is a beautiful grass strip that lays next to a river where people will fly in and can fish! We had so many people that we ran out of donuts! In between speakers, coffee and eating, Nick Hayes and I opened our hangar to allow people to view some of our charter planes. They were able to see one being detailed, and even got the opportunity to sit in our Seminole aircraft! Nick Hayes, a former Ray Scholarship recipient of the local chapter, was able to sit with members inside the multi-engine aircraft and explain the control panel. People loved being able to see our hangar, and they really appreciated being in a warm environment as it would have been a bit cold in the T-hangars.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in the event. Rod Kelly-thank you for the swag, I think this helped strengthen our community involvement and get our name more into the community. Nick Hayes-Thanks for being in the hangar to explain how the multi-engine worked! Sandra Barrett, Jake Miller and Alex Bond-Thanks for coordinating with our local chapter as well as setting the rooms aside and getting the Piper Seminole in the hangar for the community! Thanks to Jim Skadal & Gregory Stopyra (and everyone involved on the EAA side) in setting up the community and getting the word out that we were hosting! We had a great event, and I look forward to more community events!

## EAA Chapter 75's Flying Start Event on May 20<sup>th</sup> is a GO!

*Article By - Gregory Stopyra, Secretary*

Our Chapter 75's Flying Start event at Revv Aviation in Davenport, Iowa is on May 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM is a GO! I am happy to report great support from chapter CFIs and pilots. As of this writing, we have seven CFIs, both independents and those associated with local flight schools, pledged to be present to speak with these aspiring pilots. Additionally, we have six volunteer pilots willing to offer Eagle Flights to these interested adults. We also have four Eagles registered online who expressed interest in learning about what it takes to pursue their dreams of getting a pilot certificate.

**Where you can help:** We still need volunteer Eagle Pilots and hospitality team members to help make this event a success. Unlike Young Eagles, there is no online training or background check required to be an Eagle Pilot. Any certified pilot who is a member of both EAA National and Chapter 75 can volunteer. During the event pilot and Eagle passengers will sign waiver forms which will allow HQ EAA to provide an additional \$1M liability insurance for that flight. If you want to volunteer to help, or just want more information, please contact our Secretary, Greg Stopyra, at [secretary.eaa75@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.eaa75@gmail.com).

**What else can you do?** Please 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 is open now 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 by inviting an adult you feel may benefit from this event.

### **Win Two Free Weekly Passes to 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. It's our way of giving back to those who are key to making this event a success.

**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 and flight training resources. The event is capped off with a free introductory Eagle Flight with an EAA volunteer mentor pilot.

**EAA Learn-to-Fly Week Webinars:** Reminder! May 15-20, 2023 is the inaugural [EAA Learn to Fly Week](#). As the culminating event to EAA's Learn to

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Fly week webinars, our EAA Chapter 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 a strongly expressed interest in learning how to fly.

## April's First Saturday Coffee & Donuts Photos

*Location - Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN)*

*Hosted By - Revv Aviation*

*Photos By - Liz Richards, Treasurer*



*Gabby and Greg Stopyra.*



*The coffee table.*



*Carl Brown, Tom Shelton, and Dean Maupin*



*Mike Elbe standing on a 2001 Piper PA-44-180 Seminole wing. This is one of Revv Aviation's aircraft.*





## April's First Saturday Coffee & Donuts Photos

Location - Davenport Municipal Airport (DVN/KDVN)  
 Hosted By - Revv Aviation  
 Photos By - Liz Richards, Treasurer



Keaton Braack, Chapter 75's Ray Scholar and Chris Welvaert, Chapter 75's Board Member standing in front of a 2000 Beechcraft King Air C90A.



## 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
Summer Kuehl	563-594-9785	<a href="mailto:summer@quadcitiesaero.com">summer@quadcitiesaero.com</a>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, Club
Tim Leinbach	309-781-9585	<a href="mailto:tleinbach@gmail.com">tleinbach@gmail.com</a>	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO, Club
Barry Logan	309-303-0211	<a href="mailto:manager@marshallcountyairport.com">manager@marshallcountyairport.com</a>	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	C75	Owner, FBO, 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
Tim Toal	309-235-0087	<a href="mailto:timotoal@mchsi.com">timoal@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
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



The crowd is enjoying listening to Gary VandeVoorde's presentation.



Revv Aviation and EAA Chapter 75 provides swag for the attendees.

### 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

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# EAA Chapter 75 Receives Gold Level Status

*Editor's note: As previously mentioned from the 'President's Desk', EAA Chapter 75 was recently awarded the prestigious 'Gold Level Status' from the EAA national headquarters. Here is the letter that was presented to the chapter.*

Dear Jim Skadal, President, EAA Chapter 75

Congratulations to your chapter in successfully reaching the gold level status recognition level for the 2022 year. EAA is happy to present you with a chapter recognition banner to proudly display where your chapter meets. Your level also will be displayed online at [EAA.org/FindAChapter](https://EAA.org/FindAChapter) with a specially designed emblem. You are encouraged to use your emblem on your website, newsletter, and other promotional materials; your chapter emblem is included.



To review your chapters overall scoring, please see this document, and simply find your chapter.

This program was developed and measured in partnership with EAA's Chapter Advisory Council and is based on 10 criteria that are consistently found in active and highly engaged chapters. An additional 11th criteria point was included to enable chapters to bring forward a chapter event or program which enhances their chapter by bringing more people to engage with their chapter. Each is worth a point, and there are three levels of recognition: bronze (7 out of 11), silver (8 out of 11), and gold (at least 9 out of 11).

Below are the qualifying Chapter Recognition criteria, along with your chapter's points. A one (1) indicates that your chapter earned credit for the associated criteria.

1. **Attends a chapter leadership training session**
2. **Growing or steady membership**
3. **Offers IMC or VMC Club programs**
4. **Participates in Young Eagle or Flying Start programs**
5. **Has EAA-approved Flight Advisor or Technical Counselor**
6. Participates in EAA's Annual Chapter Member survey
7. **Participates in Young Eagles Build and Fly, Young Eagles Workshops, Ray Aviation Scholarship program, or sends a youth to EAA's Air Academy**
8. **Requests an EAA ChapterBlast email**
9. **Hosts at least two public events each year**
10. **Owns/leases a facility**
11. **Extra credit activity, such as a chapter build project, youth build project, chapter scholarship, a chapter tool crib, IAC competition, etc.**

\***Bold denotes what we are recognized for.**

EAA Chapter 75, Inc.'s 2022 Chapter Recognition total is 10 out of 11.

To learn more about this program, how scores are calculated, and how to improve your chapter's recognition score, and to download your recognition emblem, please [click here](#).

If you have additional questions, please call us at 920-426-5912 or send an email to [chapters@eaa.org](mailto:chapters@eaa.org).

Tailwinds,

EAA Chapters Staff



## 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.

**Booted Out of Annual** May 3 at 7 pm CDT

Presenter: Mike Busch

**Cloudy With a Chance of PRIEPs** May 10 at 7 pm CDT

Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch

**Pass Your Checkride (Part 1 of 2) - The Oral** May 17 at 7 pm CDT

Presenter: Larry Bothe

**Pass Your Checkride (Part 2 of 2) - The Oral** May 18 at 7 pm CDT

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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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**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**

[PNB Aviation Club](#)



# 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

# IMC CLUB - May 2<sup>nd</sup>



**Meeting Objective:** Informal discussion of IFR topics for the purpose of experimental learning. Members who meet have expressed an interest in TAA transitions and approach clearance related to ILS and RNAV approaches. They are an earful for pilots and a mouthful for ATC. Let's discuss them.

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

**Date:** Tuesday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Time:** 6:00 PM

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

**EAA IMC Question:** When departing from a tower controlled airport on an IFR flight into IMC with low ceilings, when should the pilot contact departure control?

**Topic Discussions:**

- FAA topic
- IMC quiz
- Approach Clearance - ILS & RNAV TAA Usage
- Scenario review: Low Return

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# ***EAA CHAPTER 75 – QUAD CITIES***

**1<sup>ST</sup> SATURDAY COFFEE AND DONUTS**  
**MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS**  
**ALL ARE INVITED – BRING THE FAMILY**

**FREE COFFEE & DONUTS WITH SOME GOOD HANGAR TALK**  
**DAVENPORT MUNICIPAL AIRPORT (KDVN)**

Saturday, May 6, 2022  
8:30 – 11:00 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)

**Hosted this Month by:**  
**Daniel Wolford**



## ***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 & donuts hosted by Daniel Wolford. Come and see his 1942 Boeing A75N1 Stearman and 1943 Boeing A75N1 Stearman and for some good hangar talk.

**FLYING:** Fly to the Davenport Municipal Airport. When taxing, use Taxiway B to the Box Style Hangars and park on the taxiway or in the grass.

**DRIVING:** Drive to the Davenport Municipal Airport. We will be meeting at Daniel Wolford's hangar. He is located at the Box Style Hangars (I-1). Call Daniel Wolford at 309-229-9361 for access if the gate is closed.

# OTTUMWA REGIONAL AIRPORT

## **PANCAKE BREAKFAST FLY-IN**



**SATURDAY MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>, 7AM – 11AM**

**PILOT IN COMMAND EATS FREE!!**

**PRICE: \$5.00**

**SERVING PANCAKES, SAUSAGE, COFFEE AND  
OTHER ASSORTED DRINKS**

# Ryan Story's Cookout - May 13<sup>th</sup>

**When is it:** May 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM

**Where is it:** Iowa City Municipal Airport (IOW/KIOW), Hangar 19 (North T's) - Please see the picture at the bottom.

**How do I get there:** Go to the Iowa City Municipal Airport and then if you're in the know you can proceed to the hangar. If you are not in the know and cannot get through the gate, give me a call. If you do drive through the gate, please park in the grass so we do not crowd the area between the hangars. Please see the picture below as well.

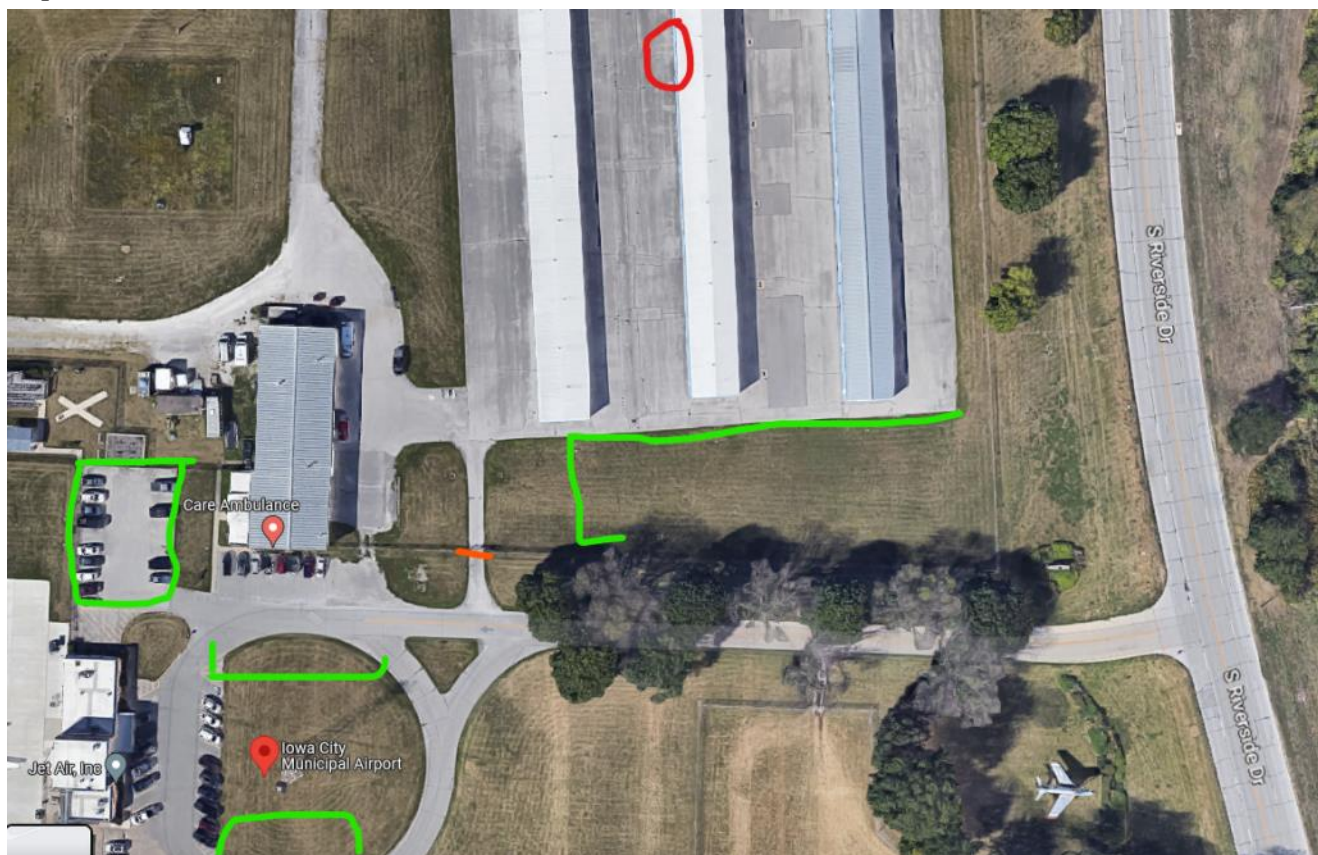
**Should you bring something?:** I will provide the burgers and maybe another protein. You can help by providing more food with sides, desserts, and beverages.

[Click here to fill out the form to maintain my sanity](#)

Have an excellent evening and I hope to see you in May.

**Ryan Story**  
770-833-1502  
[rstory1@gmail.com](mailto:rstory1@gmail.com)

**Location:** The red circle is about where the hangar is. The orange line is the airport gate. It may be open, but it isn't guaranteed. The green lines represent areas for parking. Try not to steal all the front spots for the FBO if you park near there. The city just put in more parking spots, so there should be plenty of room. If you do come inside the gate to park, please park in the grass. I don't need angry pilots coming around my super cool airplane.





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# FLY-IN BREAKFAST



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**Serving 7 am - Noon**

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EAA Chapter 75

May 20, 2023 | 8:30am

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Davenport, IA 52806

Contact Gregory Stopyra

563-265-1555  
Secretary.EAA75@gmail.com  
<https://flyingstart.org>







**2023 John Wayne Birthday Celebration**

# A Salute to the Armed Forces

## Breakfast Fly-In

FEATURING VINTAGE MILITARY AIRCRAFT  
**Saturday, May 27th, 8am-11am**  
Hosted by Winterset Municipal Airport, 3405 N. 8th Ave.

**Breakfast cost: \$10 per person**  
*Aviators and public welcome*



In the event of inclement weather, planes will not fly, but indoor breakfast will still be offered.





**2023  
4TH ANNUAL  
GIRLS CAN  
FLY**

**Saturday, May 20th  
10am-1pm  
Hartford Municipal Airport  
Explore Aviation  
Aircraft Onsite  
Light Lunch Provided**

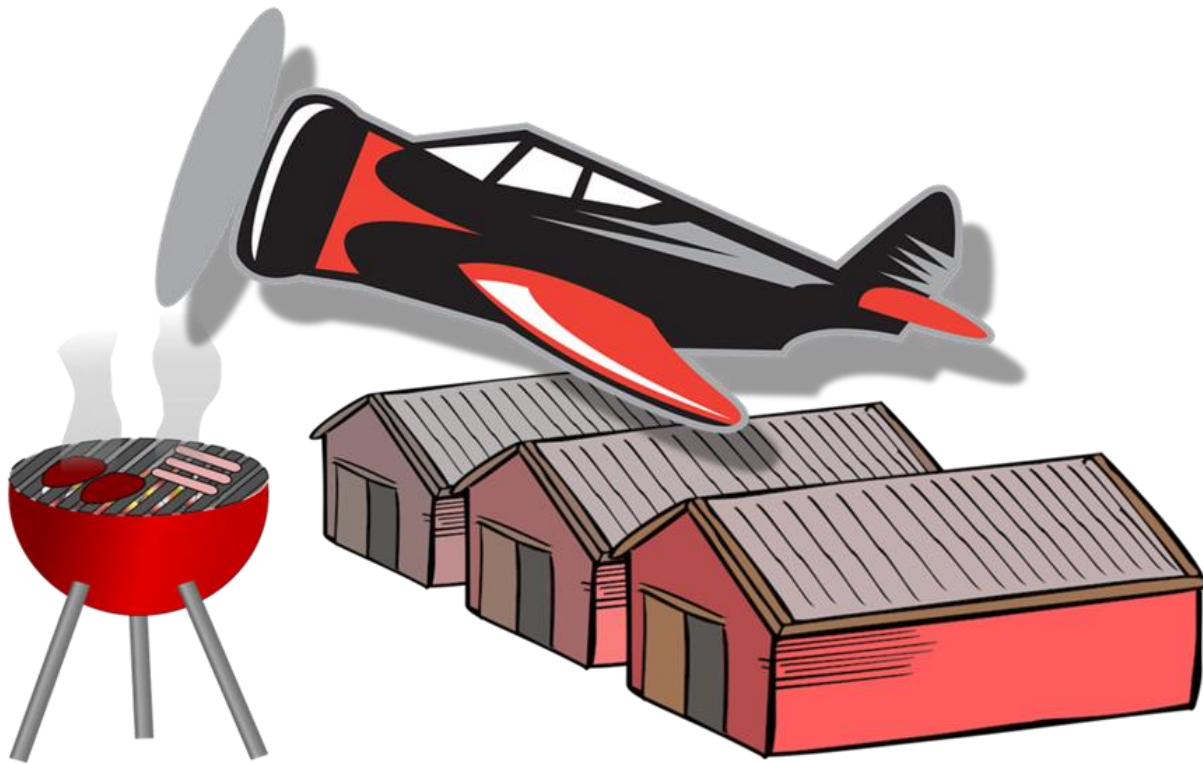
**EAA Chapter 1158 Young  
Eagles Event to follow at  
1pm**



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**A Bright Way**



## **Memorial Day Chapter Fly-Out to Dubuque for BBQ with Chapter 327**

EAA Chapter 75 will be organizing a fly-out event to Dubuque, IA where EAA Chapter 327 will host a BBQ grill out for a \$5.00 donation per person. We plan on arriving at the Dubuque Regional Airport beginning at 11 AM on Saturday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. This event is open to all.

**Rain/Weather Day:** Like all good pilots, we will plan for an alternate. The rain/weather day for the event will be Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, same 11 AM arrival time.

**Share a Seat:** If you are flying and have seats that you're willing to share, please let us know via email or our [Facebook Page event](#).

**RSVP is a Must:** To help EAA Chapter 327 gauge how much food to buy, please RSVP no later than 5 PM on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. RSVP at the link <https://forms.gle/yN7MP5CN2LyG75326> or email Greg Stopyra at [secretary.eaa75@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.eaa75@gmail.com) with your total number of people planning on attending.

**For those Arriving by Air:** EAA Chapter 327, at Hangar 88, is accessible from taxiway ALPHA, located on the northern block of hangars, just NW of the tower beyond taxiway DELTA.

**For those Arriving by Ground:** The address to Hangar 88 is 11052 Airport Road, Dubuque, IA 52003.





## AMERICAN LEGION POST #26

### HUGE....HUGE....RUMMAGE SALE

DAVENPORT AMERICAN LEGION POST 26

702 West 35th Street Davenport

3RD ANNUAL RUMMAGE/GARAGE SALE

SATURDAY JUNE 3RD 8:00-2:00PM

*Early Bird 7:00am (\$7 to enter for early bird)*

We have ***thousands*** of items:

Collector items, puzzles, games, vinyl records, electronic equipment, tools, household items, small furniture, glassware, toys, bikes, books, and much much more!!!

**We've helped you.....now you can help us.....and yourself!!!**

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You can drop off your items at the post.....weekdays 8:00am-noon

OR

**WE'LL PICK THEM UP.....just call the post!!!**

For information: Call the Post 563-322-4971 (weekdays 8:00am-noon)



## 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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 Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_ Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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