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THE EXPERIMENTAL AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION

From the Desk of the President



I hope you all had a great summer - Fall is now approaching, and this post comes after EAA AirVenture Oshkosh that's still fresh in my mind. What an active week we had; the Chairman of the Emergency Aircraft Repair (EAR) Bernie Nitz has put together a great report in this month's newsletter so I will not go into the details. However, it was one of the best activities with some generous donations to help continue the EAR activities with many new tools. In my opinion it was one of the best we've ever had. We even helped some of our own chapter members.

Following almost immediately after AirVenture, we had a Young Eagles activity at the Clinton Municipal (CWI/KCWI) on August 4th. We had 44 young people receive their introductory flights at the event, and they really put their hearts into it. It was 2:00 in the afternoon by the time we finished as there were small difficulties in one aircraft and some pilots had to leave early. Then, we were down to three aircraft, and that was even with the EAA Chapter 75 Young Eagles Coordinator Bob Thomas flying a number of people himself. I was manning the front desk, as Sam Bivens, a very enthusiastic Chapter 75 member and his mother had to leave to go get his driver's license.

Can you imagine that! What a great event for him to go get his driver's license. I wish we had more enthusiastic people just like him. Thanks for your help Sam. We tag teamed the paperwork, but it went smooth and it was just a fun day. You really missed out seeing the smiles and excitement on these young people's faces.

I have to state, activity wise, the only negative was we had the August First Saturday Coffee & Donuts at Clinton at the same time. I thought this was a great idea, but I guess I was wrong. I know lots of vacations and other activities are going on at this time of the year.

The next great event was the potluck held in Geneseo, Illinois at the Gen-Airpark Airport (3G8). It was another very well organized and great food fly-in event with new chapter members attending. Approximately 10 aircraft flew in. Kent Johnston, Dion Carr and Mary Carr put on a wonderful event at a grass strip field - It doesn't get any better than that. They did a fantastic job organizing the last of the summer potlucks. If you didn't attend, you missed one of the best examples of a great summer aviation event. We missed you, but thankfully we went ahead continuing our tradition because we had new members fly-in and attend. This leads me to the next subject talking about "Heart of a Volunteer".

AirVenture Oshkosh had great attendance this year. It almost matched 2019 with approximately 10,000 aircraft that flew in and nearly 6,000 volunteers that make this event the highly successful event that it is! One morning, while I was working at the EAR, I heard one of the speakers talking about "the Heart of a Volunteer" and that's what motivates and drives them to come back year after year. They do such a great job and that's what makes AirVenture such a great event. Without those approximately 6,000 volunteers that event would not go as smoothly and is excellent as it does. It comes from the heart of these volunteers, deep down it drives them, and it is the

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**Next Meeting - September 11, 7PM - Minnetta Gardinier - Flying to Greenland and Back West
North Scott Transportation Building- 120 North Scott Park Road, Eldridge, Iowa ([click for a Map](#))**

September Chapter Meeting

The September chapter meeting will be held on **September 11 at 7:00 PM**. It will be held at the North Scott Transportation Building, located at 120 N. Scott Park Rd. in Eldridge, IA.

The program for September will be presented by Minnetta Gardinier. She is currently an air racer; instrument-rated private pilot; director of the Ninety-Nines, director of the Air Race Classic; FAASTeam Representative; and vice president, newsletter editor, and web editor for EAA Chapter 33. She is also a former professor at the Northwestern University - Feinberg School of Medicine and a former professor of pharmacology at the University of Iowa - Carver College of Medicine.

In 2019, Minnetta flew the ultimate cross-country with Maureen Griggs to Greenland and back across Canada to Mo's home base in Bellingham, WA – 5150+ NM in 15 days – Mo and Minn's Excellent Adventure. How do you choose to fly to a place that you've never been – with a person whom you've never met – in a plane you've never been in – on a flight you've done no planning for? Disaster or the flight of a lifetime? Well, here's the story of how she did it, and she hopes that you will enjoy the travelogue.

Everyone is welcome to attend this wonderful event!

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motivating force that keeps EAA AirVenture what it is! I'm applying the same "Heart of a Volunteer" to our local organization. Many volunteers put their heart and soul into Chapter 75 events. But we have more events coming up, especially September through December. Hopefully, COVID-19 has not frozen your heart and you'll be able to step up and get involved in some of the future activities that are being extensively planned and put forward by the chapter. We really miss you and need you when you're not present at a scheduled event. A good example is getting involved with the Van's RV-12iS student-build project as a mentor. Your abilities, talents and years of expertise are what we are looking for as a prime candidate.

Passing this down to younger people is a great legacy. We need you; especially during this historic life-changing event! We are on a historic life-changing event with the new RV-12iS build. It is coming together quite nicely, and we need members to just come; we will show you and teach you how easy it is. It will be a legacy for this chapter in years to come.

Hopefully, the process of educating high school grade students in the aviation arena will touch many lives in the future. A few members have pitched the kickoff meeting with the core RV-12iS build team and three school admin folks with some of their school advisers. The mentors just built and donated two workbenches that are unique for the build process. A big thank you goes out to Denver Welvaert, a sophomore at North Scott High School. He will be a member of the students along with his father Chris. Please come and learn more at the upcoming First Saturday Coffee & Donuts event at the North Scott Transportation Building.

September is full of aviation events. The first one that Chapter 75 has scheduled is the First Saturday Coffee & Donuts on September 4th. It will be at the North Scott Transportation Building, 120 North Scott Park Road Eldridge, Iowa, at the normal time from 8:30 to 11 am. Van's Aircraft has promised us that the first kit which includes the tail should have arrived by then and we will have the ability to show you what the latest technology from Van's Aircraft looks like.

The second event will be the normal board meeting and general membership meeting at the North Scott Transportation Building on September 11th, with the board meeting starting at 6:00 pm, and the general membership meeting from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.

A very special guest speaker will be Ms. Minnetta Gardinier. She is a director of the flying women's organization called The Ninety-Nines. She is scheduled for the evening program. She will be speaking to us about her adventure flying to Greenland. Please bring your wives, your daughters and your granddaughters to this special event.

September 1st to the 6th will be the Blakesburg Fly-In at the Antique Airfield (IA27), 22001 Bluegrass Rd., Ottumwa, Iowa 52501. It highlights many vintage aircraft; check their website antiqueairfieldia27.com for details.

September 5th to the 12th is the National Stearman Fly-In at the Galesburg Municipal Airport (GBG/KGBG), 58 State Route 16, Galesburg, IL 61401. Please check their website at stearmanflyin.com for scheduled daily events and activities! Come support their local EAA chapter that's just newly formed a couple years ago. Note: Daniel Wolford, a member of Chapter 75 usually has some neat stuff planned around that time down at Wolford's Airport (IL01) in Abingdon, Illinois.

September 9th to the 11th is the Midwest LSA Expo at the Mount Vernon Airport (MVN/KMVN),

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100 Aviation Dr. Mount Vernon IL 62864. It is open from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm daily with free aircraft, automobile and admissions. Please check their [website](#).

September 10th to 12th of course will be a Midwest Antique Airplane Club (MAAC) Grassroots fly-In at the Broadhead Airport (C37) in Broadhead Wis. This event is sponsored by EAA Chapter 435 and the MAAC.

Sept 25th will be another event that we've been invited to attend: The Women in Aviation event at the John Deere Global Aviation Services Hangar, 6228-6598 Airport Rd, Milan, IL 61264 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm possibly to 5:00 pm. Ms. Summer Olson, a local entrepreneur with her own Quad Cities Aero business giving flight lessons here in the area will be there to help us in the booth to advise young women and promote EAA Chapter 75.

Pick any of the events to have fun this September. But first and foremost, please come to the 1st Saturday Coffee & Donuts and the chapter meeting.

EAA Chapter 75 August Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Jim Skadal on August 8, 2021, at 7:05 pm, on ZOOM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jim Skadal, Ron Ehrecke, Matthew Ulmer Adam Santic, Marty Santic and Carl Brown.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Ron Franck, John Riedel and Nick Anagnos.

OTHERS PRESENT: Bernie Nitz.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was read by Ron Ehrecke. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Carl Brown, and seconded by Matt Ulmer. The treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes as published in the last newsletter was made by Matt Ulmer, and seconded by Carl Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS: Jim Skadal gave a report on the EAA Young Eagles event held on August 7th at the Clinton Municipal Airport. A total of 44 rides were given by five pilots.

Jim Skadal gave a summary of upcoming chapter events and reported that the chapter has received five new members in recent weeks.

A summary was given on various aspects of the ongoing Van's RV-12iS build project with the Bettendorf, North Scott and Pleasant Valley School Districts.

NEW BUSINESS: A summary of the Emergency Aircraft Repair operations by Bernie Nitz at EAA AirVenture was given to several members of the board.

A motion to transfer \$1000 from the Emergency Aircraft Repair fund back into the general fund was made by Ron Ehrecke, and seconded by Carl Brown. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Carl Brown, and seconded by Adam Santic. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

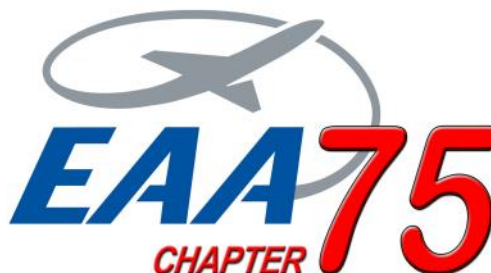
These minutes were respectively submitted by Matt Ulmer, Secretary.

P&N Flight and Charter - Clinton Airport Hosting Private Pilot Ground School

P&N Flight Charter - Clinton Airport will be hosting Private Pilot Ground School at the Clinton Municipal Airport (CWI/KCWI), 2000 S. 60th Street, Clinton, Iowa 52732. Classes will be held every Thursday night from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm, starting on Thursday, September 23rd and ending on Thursday, November 11th.

The cost for this course is \$350.00 plus tax. The supplies are included with in this cost.

To sign up for this event, please call the office number at 563-244-4770. Please make sure that you call them between the hours of 8:00 am and 5:00 pm during the weekday



Van's RV-12iS Student Build Project Moves ahead, EAA Chapter 75 Mentors Sought

On Saturday, August 21, representatives of EAA Chapter 75 met with school administration and advisors from Pleasant Valley Community School District, North Scott Community School District, and Bettendorf Community School District. The districts informed us that early interest from students are high. We also learned that the first two kits should arrive on September 1 and October 1. With this in mind, we are ready to solicit chapter mentors, to coach, and to lead these students. Whether you have built an airplane, or are just interested in promoting aviation, we need your assistance. Those with previous building experience and technical skills are particularly sought. If you are willing to offer some of your time as a mentor, please contact Craig Olson at: cjolson227@gmail.com or 563-549-0855.

Work Benches Donated for the Van's RV-12iS Build

EAA Chapter 75 members Chris and Denver Welvaert just built and donated two workbenches that are unique for the Van's RV-12iS build process. These work benches are now located at the Van's RV-12iS build location at the North Scott Transportation Building, 120 North Scott Park Road Eldridge, Iowa.



Captain Robert L. Martin Black Heritage Tribute Kick-Off Event

6:30 pm – Monday, Sept. 27, 2021
Multiple Locations at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center
2255 Bennett St., Dubuque IA 52001
Free Admission

The Captain Robert L. Martin Black Heritage Tribute Kick-Off Event will begin with a program at 6:30 pm in John and Alice Butler Hall with speakers who will underscore the life and legacy of Captain Martin. It will also include the opening of “12 Tuskegee Airmen from Iowa” at 7:30 pm in the Bisignano Art Gallery and a screening of Red Tails at 8 pm in John and Alice Butler Hall. “Unconditional Loyalty: The Military Service of African Americans,” a portable exhibit from the African American Museum of Iowa in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, will be available for viewing near the art gallery.

You can read about Captain Robert L. Martin [here](#).

12 Tuskegee Airmen from Iowa

Monday, Sept. 27, 2021, to Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021
Bisignano Art Gallery at the University of Dubuque Heritage Center
2255 Bennett St., Dubuque IA 52001
Free Admission

This exhibit will feature 12 Tuskegee Airmen, including Captain Robert L. Martin, who served their country.



Tribute to Tuskegee Airmen and Women Airforce Service Pilots Coming to Dubuque

The University of Dubuque will host a unique traveling exhibit that allows audiences across the country to not only learn but also experience the inspiring stories of the Tuskegee Airmen and Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) while being immersed in a theatrical experience.

RISE ABOVE: Tuskegee Airmen Traveling Outdoor Exhibit will be open to the public on the following dates and times:

- ◆ Wednesday, Sept. 29, to Friday, Oct. 1, 2021, from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm Film showings will occur every 45 minutes starting at 4:15 p.m. with the final showing at 7:15 pm
- Saturday, Oct. 2, to Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Film showings will occur every 45 minutes starting at 9:00 am with the final showing at 4:30 pm

Free to attend, the traveling exhibit will be located at the Dubuque Regional Airport Quonset Hut, 11038 Airport Road, past UD's Babka Aviation Learning Center. Additional signage will help direct visitors.

The traveling exhibit is a 53-foot one-of-kind climate-controlled mobile theater that features the original panoramic films Rise Above: Red Tail, documenting the inspirational history of the Tuskegee Airmen, and Rise Above: WASP, documenting the inspirational history of the WASP. The films, shown on a 160° screen, highlight how any one of us may be able to reach beyond our grasp to attain new levels of achievement, just like the Tuskegee Airmen and WASP.

In addition to the mobile theater, the Red Tail P-51C Mustang will be on static display. This fully restored and operational vintage aircraft, complete with unique red tail paint scheme, was the Tuskegee Airmen's signature fighter in WWII. The aircraft is a museum without walls. It is flown in numerous air shows around the country each season.

Tuskegee Airmen refers to all who were involved in the Tuskegee Experience, the US Army Air Corps' recruitment of African American men and women to train and fight in WWII in the face of discriminatory policies and conditions. It includes not only 996 pilots, but also more than 14,000 African American men and women who served as support personnel for the airmen during the war. WASP refers to the female

pilots who volunteered to fly American military airplanes during WWII. Of the over 20,000 women who applied, 1,074 earned the coveted silver wings and became official members of the WASP program.

RISE ABOVE: Tuskegee Airmen Traveling Outdoor Exhibit is part of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF) RISE ABOVE® educational outreach program. The CAF RISE ABOVE Squadron is a volunteer-driven non-profit organization dedicated to educating audiences across the country about the history and legacy of the Tuskegee Airmen, America's first black military pilots and their support personnel, and the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).

Eric Dienst Set to Compete at the Upcoming STIHL National Championship Air Races

Championship Air Races EAA Chapter 75 member Eric Dienst is set to compete at the 2021 STIHL National Championship Air Races that will be taking place Wednesday through Sunday, September 15-19, 2021 at the Reno Stead Airport (RTS/KRTS) in Reno, Nevada.

His aircraft, a 1969 Cassutt-A (N6601A) nicknamed *Outtatime* will be competing in the Formula One category.

To cheer Eric on, you can purchase your tickets to this event at: <https://airrace.org/reno-air-races-tickets/>



Eric Dienst's 1969 Cassutt-A "Outtatime" (N6601A) at the 2021 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh air show. Image Courtesy of Adam Santic.



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August's First Saturday Coffee & Donuts and Young Eagles Event

Location - Clinton Municipal Airport (CWI/KCWI)

Photos By - Adam Santic



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Hosted By - Dion Carr, Mary Carr & Kent Johnson

Photos By - John Riedel & Jim Skadal



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Emergency Aircraft Repair 2021 Summary

Article By - Bernie Nitz, Emergency Aircraft Repair Chairman

For EAA Chapter 75, EAA AirVenture 2021 began on Wednesday, July 21st with loading tools for the Emergency Aircraft Repair (EAR). About 10 helpers participated in this effort. Tie down accessories had to be installed in the trailer to secure toolboxes during transportation.

A caravan of volunteers departed for Oshkosh, Wisconsin the next morning arriving at the repair barn site before lunch. After two years of inactivity the building was in good condition; just needing a little clean-up. EAR setup commenced Thursday afternoon July 22nd, was essentially completed by midday Friday, though EAR received its first customer while setting up on Thursday afternoon.

The week started off with good VFR weather, even though it was a little on the hot side which allowed arrivals to come in early. By Friday afternoon July 23rd, EAR was receiving customers in such a volume that our repair area was completely full by Saturday morning. Fortunately, on Saturday morning two customers performed their repairs quickly and their aircraft were returned to parking, freeing up space for more customers. On Sunday, Monday and Tuesday we encountered a shortage of Gators due to the frequency of long aircraft tows and the high quantity of remote operations. We established a gator waiting list to assure that customers were served in an efficient manner. In general, the wait time was less than 30 minutes. Everyone pitched in and helped and tools and equipment were flowing in and out from job sites at a rapid rate. Tear down was completed Sunday afternoon following the completion of a few late tasks.

Six candidate volunteers spent several days each with EAR participating in the Volunteer Evaluation Process. An award ceremony was held on Wednesday recognizing the following volunteers for years of service:

Adam Santic	5 years
Dave Skinner	10 years
Nick Anagnos	15 years
Nicole Dienst	15 years
Dave Skinner	10 years
George Bedeian	15 years
Ron White	20 years

In addition to the award celebration, a surprise birthday was held for Paul Kirik celebrating his 80th birthday at AirVenture. In addition to the award and birthday festivities, a Friday night Italian dinner was arranged by Mindy Leahy; which allowed everyone to relax, socialize, and share in the pure joy of being able to participate in AirVenture again! The dinner was attended by a record 42 volunteers and guests.

Successful Outcome for 2021:

The efficacy of our services is driven to a great extent by a large group of volunteers focused on helping others, presenting a professional and caring image of Chapter 75, of Emergency Aircraft Repair, of the EAA, and on having fun. Our services cannot be optimized, however, without the help and guidance of EAA staff always ready to help at a moments notice. Special thanks is deserved by John Hopkins, our staff liaison, who is our vital link to support from EAA. His patience, timely guidance and helpful attitude is greatly respected and appreciated by all Chapter 75 EAR volunteers. Additional thanks goes out to AirVenture Headquarters who gladly answered our many questions and took care of our special needs, Operation Thirst who helped us manage our changing needs, and Flight Line Safety who provided a scooter while guiding aircraft in and out of the EAR area.

Some Highlights - 2021:

- Tie downs installed in the trailer for toolbox security
- Ron Franck removed them before returning the trailer
- Nick Anagnos pulled the tool trailer to and from Oshkosh
- Carl Brown brought a third gator for our use. His gator was an essential asset for EAR operations because without it we would have suffered a major gator shortage.
- Operations meeting with all on Sunday prior to the event to present the procedures for EAR.
- We made sure someone not experienced with an operation went along to get the experience.
- We met with John Hopkins through the week and discussed EAR operations.
- Operation Thirst was supplying us from their central location. They delivered sandwiches every day to us. The Operation Thirst truck provided us with welcome drinks and extra goodies throughout the day. We greatly appreciate Operation Thirst!

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Emergency Aircraft Repair 2021 Summary

Article By - Bernie Nitz, Emergency Aircraft Repair Chairman

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- Flight Line Safety provided scooters for guiding aircraft in and out of the EAR area to assure wingtip clearance.
- They responded very quickly to our needs. Thank You Flight Line Safety!

Cooperation by all volunteers made the week go fast. Volunteer Kitchen issued meal tickets with specific times, and this worked extremely well as this essentially eliminated long waiting lines.

Delegation of Tasks to Co-Chairs and Volunteers - 2021:

- Pre-convention prep and tool loading - Ron Franck
- Post-convention unloading - Ron Franck
- Setup, teardown and housekeeping oversight - Warren Brecheisen
- Pick up EAA documentation, passes, etc. - Bernie Nitz
- Distribute and maintain records of all passes and t-shirts - Bonnie Ruder
- Manage financial issues - Craig Olson and Jim Skadal teamed up together and filled in for Ron Ehrecke. Ehrecke was unfortunately unable to attend this year.
- Food and drink management - Debbie Nightengale
- Tool inventory - John Bruesch
- Overall Chairman back up - Jim Smith

Continuous Improvements:

- Prepare additional training presentations on EAR procedures, tool usage, and safety
- Improve the battery charger boxes for security to the wall
- Add compressed air and electrical drops over the workbench area to help eliminate hoses and electrical cords on the floor
- Make up small customer handouts with important telephone numbers listed such as EAR, Myers Aviation, New View Technologies and Basler Flight Services
- Provide more guidance on completing assistance forms with the primary focus on dates, times, volunteer openings.
- "GO" boxes for remote job sites work well; but we need a set of metric combination wrenches and sockets.

- Better planning and preparation for recovering aircraft from runways and taxiways with flat main tires.
- Additional wall clocks as we need to make a note of time on our assistance



Emergency Aircraft Repair 2021 Statistics

Total operations	190
Max in one day	32
Min in one day	1

Operations by day	
7-22	1
7-23	5
7-24	21
7-25	15
7-26	32
7-27	22
7-28	23
7-29	22
7-30	23
7-31	19
8-1	7

Number of volunteers during week	36
Total volunteer Hours	2302*
Volunteers working more than 32	35
Average total volunteer hours per day	185

*6 EAR Volunteers provided approximately 18 hours of support bagging popcorn at the Fly-IN Theatre

Volunteers on site by day	
7-22	13
7-23	17
7-24	28
7-25	31
7-26	32
7-27	35
7-28	36
7-29	34
7-30	31
7-31	31
8-1	18

Operations by type	
Tires	22
Battery	28
Starter	3
Misc. Engine	15
Electrical	9
Mags	1
Plugs	6
Tow	20
Charging System	3
Struts	6
Wheels	1
Brakes	9
Airframe/Gear	20
Avionics	5
Welding	3
Other (misc)	29

Emergency Aircraft Repair

Location - Wittman Regional Airport (OSH/KOSH)

Photos By - George Bedeian



Emergency Aircraft Repair

Location - Wittman Regional Airport (OSH/KOSH)

Photos By - Marty Santic & Tom Henry



Emergency Aircraft Repair

Location - Wittman Regional Airport (OSH/KOSH)

Photos By - Tom Shelton



Aerobatic Pilot & Retired USN Capt. Dale "Snort" Snodgrass Passes Away

Aerobatic Pilot & retired USN Capt. Dale O. "Snort" Snodgrass, a celebrated naval officer and aviator for 27 years, talented demonstration pilot, and dedicated chief pilot died tragically in his 1977 SIAI-Marchetti SM-1019B (N28U) while taking off at the Lewiston-Nez County Airport (LWS/KLWS) in Lewiston, Idaho on July 24, 2021. He was 72 years old.

Snodgrass had performed in over 850 airshows. He will be missed by all in the aviation community.

You can read his full obituary [here](#).

Here are videos of Dale performing his Grumman F-14A Tomcat demo at the 1986 NAS Oceana Air Show in Virginia Beach, VA, [watch here](#); at the 1996 Cleveland National Airshow in Cleveland, OH, [watch here](#). This is Dale with the Air Force Heritage Flight Foundation in a P-51D at the 2008 Cleveland National Airshow in Cleveland, OH. [Watch here](#).

This is a video of Dale performing with the Black Diamond Jet Team at the 2012 NAS Oceana Airshow in Virginia Beach, Virginia, [watch here](#); and finally, a [video](#) of Dale with Mike Eberhardt performing.



*Dale Snodgrass flying the 1944 North American P-51D Mustang "Glamorous Gal" (N51ZW) at the Tico Warbird Airshow in Titusville, Florida.
Image Courtesy of Nathan Gates.*



*Dale Snodgrass flying the Aero L-39C Albatros at the 2011 SUN n FUN Aerospace Expo in Lakeland, Florida.
Image Courtesy of Nathan Gates.*



*Dale Snodgrass at the 2011 St. Augustine Air Show in St. Augustine, Florida.
Image Courtesy of Nathan Gates.*



*Dale Snodgrass flying the 1952 North American F-86F (N86FR) at the 2010 Tico Warbird Airshow in Titusville, Florida.
Image Courtesy of Nathan Gates.*



*Dale Snodgrass flying with the Black Diamond Jet Team at the 2011 St. Augustine Air Show in St. Augustine, Florida.
Image Courtesy of Nathan Gates.*

Aerobatic Pilot & Retired USAF Lt. Col. Andrew “Andy” Travnicek Passes Away

On Friday, August 20, 2021, at approximately 12:36 pm, retired USAF Lt. Col. Andrew “Andy” Travnicek tragically passed away while practicing for an upcoming airshow with the GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team. The 1943 North American SNJ-2 Texan (N52900) aircraft went down shortly after takeoff from the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport (AVP/KAVP). He was 50 years old.

Andy was a 1993 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, a 20-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a commercial airline pilot, and a certified flight instructor. He resided in New Hampshire with his wife, Sandy. She is also a veteran military pilot. During Andy’s military service, he completed deployments to Spain, Qatar, and Afghanistan. He also served as a staff member at the U. S. Air Force Academy.

You can read his full obituary [here](#).

Here are videos of Andy Travnicek with The GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team in Johnson City, NY for a practice display on Friday, July 16, 2021 in preparation for the Greater Binghamton Air Show. [Watch here](#); in Oshkosh, WI for the 2021 EAA AirVenture Oshkosh air show. [Watch here](#) in Atlantic City, NJ for a practice display on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, in preparation for the Atlantic City Air Show - Thunder over the Boardwalk. [Watch here](#); and in Atlantic City, NJ for the Atlantic City Air Show - Thunder over the Boardwalk on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. [Watch here](#).



Image Courtesy of the GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team.



Andy Travnicek performing with the GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team at the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021 air show
Image Courtesy of Adam Santic.



Andy Travnicek performing with the GEICO Skytypers Air Show Team at the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2021 air show
Image Courtesy of Adam Santic.

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.

Name	Phone	Email	New Students	CFII	MEI	BFR	Tail Wheel	Airports	Plane
Travis Baldwin	309-781-8896	tmb1998@gmail.com	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO
Tim Leinbach	309-781-9585	tlleinbach@gmail.com	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	DVN, MLI	Owner, FBO, Club
Tim Toal	309-235-0087	timotoal@mchsi.com	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	DVN, MLI	Owner
Barry Logan	309-303-0211	manager@marshallcountyairport.com	Yes	No	No	Yes	Yes	C75	Owner, FBO, Club

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.



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](#)
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- [Fly-Ins.com Calendar Website](#)
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- [Midwest Flyer Magazine Calendar](#)
- [North American Air Show Calendar](#)

Send event information on aviation related activities that would be of interest to the newsletter editor at 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 Tom Vesalga at 563-326-7783 or tvesalga@ci.davenport.ia.us for more information.

For Sale: One share in the Four Seven Jays Flying Club The club plane is an extremely well maintained 180HP 1973 Cessna 172M hangared at MLI. IFR equipped. Paint and interior new in 2003, with the following avionics were installed in 2010: Garmin GMA-340 Audio Panel/ ICS/Marker, Garmin GNS-430W WAAS GPS/Garmin GI-106A CDI, Garmin GTX37 Transponder. Installed in 2021 was a Garmin G5 HSI & Garmin G5 AH with a GFC 500 Autopilot. Contact Dan Murphy 309-752-3887, Ron Ehrecke 309-236-9785, or Ralph Stephenson 309-737-6902.



Hangar Space at 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.

Upcoming EAA Webinars

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

Bearhawk Aircraft September 7 at 7 p.m. CDT.
Presenter: Mark Goldberg

Avoiding Carburetor Icing - A Cool Pilot's Guide to Carb Heat September 8 at 7 p.m. CDT
Presenter: Prof. H. Paul Shuch

Welcome to EAA - Getting the Most Out of Your Membership September 28 at 7 p.m. CDT
Presenter: David Leiting

Flying With the iPad September 29 at 7 p.m. CDT
Presenter: Bret Koebbe

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 and 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 \$50.00/wet. Contact Bernie Nitz at 563-508-8200 or bernien@visioncrest.com.



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"To promote instrument flying, proficiency, and safety"

<http://eaa.org/imclub>

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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.

To place an ad: Submit requests for aviation related For Sale or Want Ads to the newsletter editor at adam.santic@gmail.com. Ads are free to EAA Chapter 75 members. Ads from nonmembers are \$10.00 per ad. Ads will run / rerun at the editor's discretion.

EAA CHAPTER 75 – QUAD CITIES

1ST SATURDAY COFFEE AND DONUTS

MEMBERS AND NON-MEMBERS

ALL ARE INVITED – BRING THE FAMILY

**FREE COFFEE & DONUTS WITH SOME GOOD HANGAR TALK
NORTH SCOTT TRANSPORTATION BUILDING**

**SATURDAY, September 4, 2021
8:30 – 11:00 AM (RAIN OR SHINE)**

**Hosted this Month by:
Jim Skadal**



DRIVING OR FLYING – WE HOPE TO SEE ALL

This month we hope to see everyone at our 1st Saturday of the month coffee & donuts hosted by Jim Skadal. Come and see the student-build location for the Van's RV-12iS and for some good hangar talk.

FLYING: Prior to your takeoff and your arrival at the Davenport Municipal Airport (KDVN), arrangements with Jim Skadal can be made at 563-320-6896 for pickup. When you are taxiing at KDVN, use Taxiway A to get to the terminal. Parking will be right on the ramp next to the terminal building.

DRIVING: We will be meeting at the North Scott Transportation building, located at 120 N. Scott Park Rd., Eldridge, IA 52748. Vehicles can park in the parking area provided by the North Scott Transportation. Call Jim Skadal at 563-320-6896 if you get lost.



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Thursday, September 9th

Stearman Fly-In 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- Gen-Air Park is hosting the annual Stearman Fly-in, located on Rt. 6 east of Geneseo
- Experience the sights and sounds of WWII Stearman bi-planes. Absolutely No Pets.

Friday, September 10th

Cruise the Canal

- 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Enjoy historic tours of the Hennepin Canal
- Reservations Required. \$20 per person. Includes golf cart (driven by you) and guided tour of the Canal.
- Cart drivers must have a valid drivers license. Reservations: Geneseo Chamber 309-944-2686. Absolutely No Pets.

Saturday, September 11th

Downtown Geneseo 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Car Show - Train Display - Airplane Display - No Pets Please

- Maple City Cruisers Car Show, Free show, Donations accepted
- 7 a.m. – 11 a.m. registration. Dash Plaques to first 300 entries, goody bags to first 200 entries.
- 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Music provided by 3D Sound.
- Operating Model Train Display by Geneseo Model Railroaders.
- 12 p.m. Salute to America - 9/11 20th Anniversary Remembrance, VFW Color Guard, airplane fly-over.
- 2 p.m. Trophy Awards & Geneseo Chamber Annual 50/50 Raffle Drawing





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2021**

**September
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Honoring Pilots Aged 65 and older
All others are welcome

Saturday, September 18, 2021
Gen-Air Park (3G8)
Geneseo, Illinois

Barbeque and Beans Lunch
From 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
\$5.00 Free Will Donation

**Masks and social distancing will be in accordance
with Illinois State requirements in force on 9/18/2021.**

Come swap stories & lies about flying back in
"the good old days".

The Bar-B-Q is to sustain you.
The beans are to assure that you have plenty of
gas for the trip home.

HIGH FLIGHT EDUCATION FUND

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The High Flight Education Fund was developed in 2002 by the Experimental Aircraft Association Chapter 75 to support local community aviators and youth educational experiences. The Chapter awards Air Academy scholarships and develops hands-on aviation projects and learning workshops. To date, over 40 youth have been awarded scholarships since August 2002.

Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome at our events and to join our Chapter. We are a group of aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together sharing ideas, exchanging information, encouraging safety, serving the local aviation community, and have a lot of fun doing so. Most members are located within the Quad Cities region; but we have members in Ireland, Michigan, California, Nebraska, Colorado, Ohio, and other states.



SUPPORT THE HIGH FLIGHT EDUCATION FUND WITH YOUR DONATION.

You are welcome to donate in the following forms:

- Memorials or Dedications
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- Bequeaths and Legacy Gifts
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Contact Jim Skadal at yamahaman7187@aol.com or 563-320-6896 to help build a scholarship fund for our youth - our legacy.

The Moline Foundation is proud to partner with the High Flight Education Fund. For additional information or questions, please contact Claudia Meenan at cmeen@molinefoundation.com or 309-764-4193.

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 Marty Santic, 3920 E. 59th St., Davenport, Iowa 52807. If you would like a cap delivered, please send an e-mail to: marty.santic@gmail.com.



Baseball Cap in Light Khaki

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