

**President's Column, Book 2,
→Chapter 4, February 2002→**

FINISHING TOUCHES

Just got back from Biloxi after a week's golf vacation with Carolyn. She has been working for the last 4 years on getting her golf game in excellent shape, and this trip was one of the finishing touches. She played well and is deserving of the reward that will come from her hard work on that section of her life. Next to get the last part of her golf game in good condition so we can fly the 182, and as soon as possible 96WG, to couple's tournaments all over the country.

The RV-6A now needs finishing touches. The planning of the panel was discussed in last month's column, and construction is coming along well. One minor problem has surfaced, so I'll have to order a new panel and make a modification on the left side of the panel. I ordered the extra supports just developed by Van's for the RV-7A tip-up canopy, which also fits the 6A canopy. That modification demands that I move the gyro instruments down between .75 and 1.25 of an inch. To make a good finishing touch on my panel I will redo the whole panel, which will cost me 2 days work. I'm more worried that the instrument moving will make handling the electrical switches slightly clumsy or more error prone than I am about losing time.

The other radio related finishing touch happened just before we left. The design of the antenna locations, types, and numbers was finalized and the pieces ordered. The final radio types were decided, the mounting trays ordered, and the coax cable design finalized. When we got back a few hours ago, all the correct antenna pieces had arrived, so all of that can now be installed.

Another finishing touch happened after our meeting in January. Carolyn and I went up to Boone and collaborated with DJ at Cleveland Tool about the interior seats, baggage cover, and sidewall treatment. That was fun. Expensive, but fun! We ordered the pieces and can't wait till they get here!!

The last item finishing touch done was finalizing the color scheme and getting the paint picked out. I had the scheme almost finalized and the colors picked out about 5 years ago. Then the flying club I belong to decided to paint N21566, the 182 I fly, love/hate. We couldn't agree on colors or a paint scheme, until I showed the group what I wanted to do with the RV. Within 30 minutes, the club decided to paint the 182 my exact colors and scheme! Therefore I had to start over, and have just finished picking out what it will be. Come to the open house in March and you can see the colors and paint scheme. I'm not going to show anyone but Carolyn and Gene until I start ordering paint!



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NEXT MEETING:
February 9, 2002
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ANKENY AIRPORT 7:00 p.m.



Joe Quiring from FISDO to be our speaker on February 9th.

PROPWASH

CHAPTER 135 Board Meeting

January 28, 2001



Meeting was called to order by the Vice President, John Kennelly at 7:02 p.m. There was one new board member present, Robb Miller.

OFFICERS REPORT:

Young Eagles: Alan reported we got a nice letter and Calendar from National, as we exceeded our membership goal that we gave them this past year.

Secretary: Nothing

Treasurer: Roger reported a balance of \$4110.85 after all expenses have been paid.

Hartmann Update: None at this time.

Vice President: John announced he will not be at the next meeting. He also reported from John Nelson that there are no Flying Start updates. Waiting for the spring.

Open Houses: February 16, 2002, 1-4 pm, will be at Roger Bocox (see bottom of page for details).

March 16, 2002 will be at Bill Gast's.

April and May to be announced.

DIRECTORS REPORTS:

Alan Core : Working nights so he will be absent from Board meetings. The Board suggested to Alan that he decide if he wants to be replaced on the Board because of this.

Norm Foreman: He updated the board on the Regional airport progress. He will continue to stay in touch.

Robb Miller: Updated the board on the Ankeny Airport changing names and faces. He felt the more airports we could have open, the better off we would be.

Wes Olson: While in Oshkosh, he worked on a B-17 annual. He noted the problems that were incurred with this. He also talked to Chuck Larsen at the Air Academy. Chuck gave Wes 20 rib building jigs, good for younger children. Donna will write a thank you letter to Chuck for these. Wes also stated that the candidates for Air Academy need to be in within the next month.

OLD BUSINESS:

- The Board discussed places for the Hartmann exhibit. It was decided that the project needs to be started, and near completion before a final decision can be made.
- Rob Miller got a copy of the By Laws.
- Wes felt there should be a group to audit the chapter, its strengths, and where it could improve by members and past members.
- Board approved the purchase of a cart by Mike Abrahams for transporting the scales.
- A copy of a letter from Prairie Meadows on the grant application rejection was passed around to all Board Members

Roger showed the Board members the Web site that he and Donna designed and posted. Members suggested additional pages and information for the Web site. Our chapter web address is: eachapter135.org.

NEXT OPEN HOUSE

➔ ➔ ➔ February 16, 2001, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., at Roger Bocox's home, to view the FW190 he has in his garage. I know that's not the one he has to finish NOW, but it is one he will be working on soon. Come out and check out the new garage, and the plane, and have some refreshments. Address: 10746 NW 103rd Ct.

Granger, IA 515-999-2053. ➔ ➔ ➔

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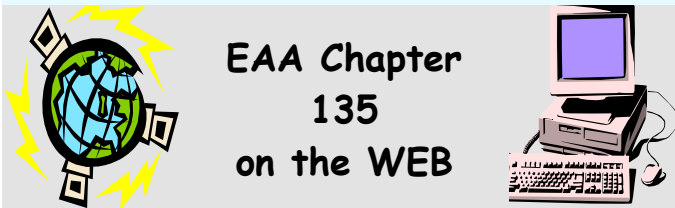
At northwest corner of Des Moines, off I-35/80, take the 141/Perry exit. (it's number 127) Go towards Perry on 141. About 6 miles down 141 turn right onto 114th Street. (road right after mile marker 149) Follow that about 1-1/2 miles to the stop sign at 106th St. (Beaver Avenue). Turn right on 106th Street. Go approximately 1 mile and turn left on 103rd Court. Gold/tan house down one block on left.

DON'T MISS THE FEBRUARY MEETING!!!

Jack Arthur has arranged for Joe Quiring from FISDO to be our speaker for the February 9th meeting. He will have a Power Point presentation and speak on what the process is for getting your home-built registered. If time allows, we should have time for questions and answers after, as well.

The March 9, 2001 meeting will feature Scott Smith, who will discuss the latest on the sport pilot issues and the latest news concerning insurance policys and changes that are occuring in the industry.

DON'T MISS EITHER SPEAKER!!!



**EAA Chapter
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on the WEB**

We have posted our website on the Web. It is not as complete as I would like it, as I don't have everyone's pictures, and a description of what they are doing when they plan on being done, etc. I have included a page for chapter projects. If you have a project you are working on, please e-mail me a picture and I will post it. That will link to an individual page for each project, where we can post additional pictures, and information about the project. How long you have been doing it, etc. Please e-mail, or send in the mail, this information, so I can include it on the web site. I have only received a few pictures from you guys. Come on, I know we have more than 5 projects out there!!!

We welcome input from you members as to what additional pages we should post on the site, and what changes you would like to see.

The web site address is: eaachapter135.org

PLEASE MAIL THOSE PICTURES and ARTICLES!!!!

NEW BOOK COMING OUT.....

There is a new book coming out, that is written by a man who has visited over a thousand churches throughout the U.S. He has written about his visits to different churches. He stated that one similarity that he has found, is that each of the churches has a gold plated pay phone in the back of the church, that is a direct dial to heaven. Each of the churches he visited had one, and the cost of the call to heaven was \$1000.00. The first church he visited and saw that, he thought the price was a little steep, but when the Pastor told him he could talk directly to heaven, he then felt it was not that high of a price.

One of his last churches to visit was in Marshalltown, IA. He again saw the gold plated pay phone in the far corner of the church. Upon closer examination, he saw that the cost for the direct call to heaven was only 35 cents here. He could not believe his eyes. He looked again. Sure enough, same phone, only it was only 35 cents. He went to the Pastor and explained to him, that on all his other visits to churches that had the same phone, the cost from the other churches was \$1000. How could this be that yours is only 35 cents, he asked the Pastor. "Oh," said the Pastor,

"That's because you're in Iowa, and it's a LOCAL CALL FROM HERE!!!"



A Funny Thing Happened.....

You always hear stories about pilots and stewardesses, but this is a true story. December 4, while waiting for our flight from DSM to Denver on United the gate person announced the flight number and departure information. In addition she said, "Have your carry-ons, PCs and personal priest ready for inspection." With that "blooper" she said, "Oh my God, I can't believe I said that" and corrected herself by saying, "personal possessions ready for inspection." Those of us waiting and hearing this announcement, needless to say broke into laughter and the message created a much needed relaxed atmosphere.

—Contributed by Paul and Carole Steingrabe

EAA CHAPTER 135 MONTHLY MEETING

January 12, 2002

The meeting was called to order by the Vice President, John Kennelly. Due to scheduling difficulties, there were no other officers present.

There were no reports and those Board Members that were there only had a Hartmann Report. It was reported that the chapter will still construct the Hartmann, however it is not going to be placed in the Des Moines terminal building as previously planned. At this time, there was no decision as to where to place it after it is completed.

Project Reports:

Mark Kokstis - Fittings for his floor heating system are all here and ready to go.

Paul S. - Nursing a partial knee replacement. Doing nothing on Glastar.

Berry C. - Nothing new on Glasair.

Bob Keenan - New model plane engine. BIG ENGINE.

Rob - BD-5 for sale - \$1000. Doing lots of work on T-28.

John N. - Skybolt moved to larger area for wing attachment and rigging.

Don K. - Still working on the T-Craft.

Mike A. - Working on his "Honey Do" List.

Gene L and Bill Gast- As told by Bill Gast. Gene is moving right along with the construction of the RV-9, and also on Bill's RV-6. Bill hopes to paint in March.

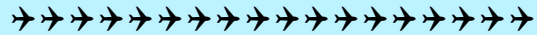
Other projects reported were not recorded by the Vice President.

Bill Gast presented John Kennelly with his chapter awards along with those for Alan Core. Bill also passed out information from EAA National on various programs and information.

The evening program speaker was not able to make it, so John showed a 25 minute film as a back up for the night. It was on a jet called "The Skyfox" and showed how small businesses all feed products into other businesses to make a larger end product.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

MEMBER PROFILE



John Nelson



John Nelson is no stranger to EAA Chapter 135. He has been involved in the chapter for 28 years, joining in 1974. He joined the National EAA in 1973, and found out about the Des Moines chapter while in Oshkosh, and joined shortly after. He has held the position of President and Vice President 2 different times for 2 years each time. He has also been the Newsletter Editor and has been a Board Member for most of the remaining time since joining the chapter.

As most of you know already, John is building a Skybolt. He bought the plans for it in 1975, and got the tubing kit in 1976, and he says the project was officially started in 1977. At this point he is about 75% complete. He is working on the top wing right now, and getting set to start on the flying wires. He says right now his goal for having the project complete is 2003.

When asked, John stated the most important thing the chapter can do at this point, is to concentrate on enrolling new members. He feels that getting "new blood" into the chapter will accomplish many things.

We thank John for giving us time to talk to him and learn about his chapter involvement, and we will be watching for his completed project in 2003!!!

A DC-10 had an exceedingly long rollout after landing with his approach speed a little high.

San Jose Tower: "American 751 heavy, turn right at the end of the runway, if able. If not able, take the Guadalupe exit off Highway 101, and make a right at the light to return to the airport."

→→→ **CHAPTER 135 TAPE LIBRARY** →→→

The following is a list of the tapes available thru the chapter. I believe this is an accurate list, however if anyone has additional information, please let me know. If you are interested in checking any of these tapes out, please contact the secretary.

- 1) BEDE 1: Understanding Aerodynamic Drag.
- 2) BEDE 2: Selecting the Best Airfoil.
- 3) BEDE 3: Aircraft Wings Design.
- 4) BEDE 4: High lift devices for aircraft wings.
- 5) BEDE 5: Understanding Airplane Stability & Control.
- 6) BEDE 6: Aircraft Control Surfaces, Design.
- 7) BEDE 7: Design Procedures for Engine Cooling.
- 8) Building the Rutan Composites.
- 9) Aviation Video Quarterly, Volume I
- 10) Safe Pilot Series, Volume I
- 11) Safe Pilot Series, Volume II
- 12) WW I Aviation: The Red Baron & The Immortal Ace.
- 13) WW II Flight Training, Part I.
- 14) ABC News Coverage of the Voyager.
- 15) Reel Moments: An Inside Look at Flight and Space.
- 16) Reel Moments: An inside look at Fighter Aces of WW II.
- 17) Air Mail 1932 & Flying Devils 1933.
- 18) Video Treasures "Thunderbolt"
- 19) Wings 1927.
- 20) Video Treasures "Memphis Belle".
- 21) The Story of the Flying Wing.
- 22) ABC Wide World of Flying, Volume 1, Number 1
- 23) ABC Wide World of Flying, Volume 1 Number 2
- 24) Experience the Freedom.
- 25) Aileron Video Magazine of Aviation.
- 26) ABC Wide World of Flying, Volume 1, Number 3.
- 27) NASA, the First 25 years.
- 28) Top Gun, The Real Story.
- 29) To Fly.
- 30) ABC Wide World of Flying, Vol. 1, Number 4.
- 31) Great Planes Series, Number 1.
- 32) Great Planes Series, Number 2.
- 33) Flying Leathernecks.
- 34) WWII, December 7, 1941.
- 35) ABC Wide World of Flying, Volume 2, Number 7.
- 36) Magnificent Men & Their Flying Machines.
- 37) Oshkosh 1983, A Personal View & How The VOR Works.
- 38) Frank Capra's Battle of Britain.
- 39) Video Treasures: Top Guns.
- 40) Video Treasures: Memphis Belle.
- 41) Fighter Aces of WWII.
- 42) EAA Oshkosh 1989, From Jennies to Jets.
- 43) Cole Palen's "Flying Circus"
- 44) First Hour - Top Gun & More Nova Modern Fighters
- 45) Torah - Torah
- 46) Reaching for the Sky, Number 1.
- 47) Reaching for the Sky, Number 2.
- 48) 1988 Reno Air Races.
- 49) Flying IFR - Part 1. High Altitude Flying.
- 50) ABC Wide World of Flying, Volume 2, Number 8.
- 51) End Of An Era, The Flying Coles.
- 52) EAA Close-Up: The Spirit of St. Louis & The Aviator.
- 53) EAA Airshow "Oshkosh Style".
- 54) The Salinas Plan, A Community Airshow.
- 55) ABC Wide World of Flying, Volume 2, Number 5.
- 56) ABC Wide World of Flying, Volume 1, Number 1.
- 57) How to series by EAA: Basic Composite Construction.
- 58) The Building of the Voyager.
- 59) VW Engine Installation for Experimental Aircraft.
- 60) VW Engine Assembly for Experimental Aircraft.
- 61) Experience the Spirit of Flight Museum tour.
- 62) Howard Hughes and His Aircraft.
- 63) Aileron, The Video Magazine of Aviation, Vol. 1, No. 1.
- 64) Aileron, The Video Magazine of Aviation, Vol. 1, No. 2
- 65) EAA Oshkosh 1991, Aviation At It's Best.
- 66) Few Historical Video Task Video Brochure: 2/3 P51 Mustang.
- 67) King: Private Pilot Written Exam Course. Number 1 thru 6.
- 68) King: Special Student Pilot Video.
- 69) Getting Started in Aerobatics.
- 70) The Airwar in Europe.
- 71) GCA Promo.
- 72) Out of the Blue Snapshot of Glasair IIS.
- 73) Lancair 320.
- 74) Cirrus VK-30.
- 75) The Petrel Demonstration Video, 1990.



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