

## Cockpit Chatter

By Roger Bocox

Just for Don Pellegrino, the weather here in the Capital of the Heartland today, and for the last few days has been warmer. Not warm, just warmer. You know, the kind of weather that melts snow, but doesn't make you want to spend much time outside yet. Today, it got up to almost 45 degrees. Compared to the weather we have been having, it is a real HEAT WAVE!!

*Editors Note: You recall last month I took a slamming on the 58 degree temp in the house. Well, in my defense, I told Rog, when I hear the RV fly over the house, he can put the heat on whatever he wants.....guess he's not that cold, as the thermostat is still at 58.*

If you didn't make it to the last Chapter meeting, you missed a great program. Brant Hollensbe talked about what you can legally do as the owner or a certificated aircraft. Rob Miller assisted Brant with some details, and some explanations. Rob also, after the meeting, took a group of interested people over to the hangar and showed them the right way to do a compression check on an engine. I guess that someone got hurt a while back doing it wrong. The program was very interesting, and informative. In short, what I got from the discussion was that as the owner of an aircraft, you can take anything apart, but most things you can't put back together and return to service. To me, this means that as an aircraft owner, you ought to remove all inspection covers, panels, cowling, etc. before the A & P comes there to do your annual inspection. Why pay an hourly fee for something that you could do yourself? Kind of makes sense, doesn't it? Thanks Brant and Rob for a great program.

Today, I finally got the axles for the FW-190 turned down for the bearings and the threads put on for the axle nuts. I would like to thank Mark Kokstis for doing this for me. When it comes to machining, I can't think of anyone I would trust more to do things. Mark is very exacting, and knows what he is doing. Mark's shop is coming along. He finally has room for all of his equipment and he actually has room to move around them!

I have also been working on empennage parts for the Boredom Fighter. I took the Boredom Fighter plans for the tail and reshaped them to more closely match that of a P-6E. I tried to keep the same square inches of rudder, horizontal stab, etc. so that it should fly the same. I had forgotten how time consuming it is to work with wood. Cut a piece, fit it, trim it, sand it, trim again, glue it in. I also have been revisiting bending wood. It has been a while since I have done that. On the horizontal stab, there is a sharp bend that must be bent and laminated. I thought I had the wood wet enough, but it cracked. Oh well, I will make thinner laminations tomorrow, wet them a lot more and see how it goes.

As stated somewhere else in the newsletter, Brant will not be able to use his home for the location for the Chapter garage sale. We really do need someone to step forward. What we need is a garage that we can store things for few weeks, and then a driveway we can put out all of the wares on the weekend. Donna and I would gladly use our garage and driveway, be we live so far out that we don't think we would get much traffic going by the house. What we need is to find a place that is located right in town somewhere. This could be DSM, Clive, Urbandale, WDM, or wherever. Come on guys and gals, there has to be someone out there that has a location and would be willing to let us use it for a short time! It would be greatly appreciated. Again, all donations are tax deductible, so let us know what you have. When I was over at Mark's house, I took a pretty good look at the trailer. It looks to be in pretty good shape, but it is kind of ugly. It sure could use a paint job. We will probably get around to that sometime this spring. Right now, it is red with black. I kind of hope I can talk the guys into all white with the Chapter logo on the sides and back. The trailer should work out pretty well for us. At this time, all of the chapter awnings, etc. are scattered among a number of basements, garages, etc. This should keep it all in one place so we can find the stuff and use it for our Chapter functions.

Mike Abrahams is doing the program for the March meeting. At this time, I have no idea what it might be on. I guess Mike is trying to keep the suspense at a high level. All for now. See you at the March meeting.



The Leader In Recreational Aviation



## Chapter 135 Monthly Meeting February 14, 2004

Chapter meeting was opened at 7:04 pm by President Roger Bocox. Even though it was Valentines Day, the guys must have done a good job sucking up to the wives, because there was a good turnout for the meeting! We had a new member present, Mark Melander, who recently moved from Minnesota, and is building a Murphy Moose.

Under old business, the President let the members know about the trailer (see page 4) that the board approved to recently purchase. It will be used to store and haul all the items that the chapter owns. No other old business. New business included setting dates for open houses. It was decided March 20 would be at Mark Kokstis, April 17 at Peter James, and May 22 would be at Mark Melanders home. No other new business.

The evening program was presented by Brant Hollensbe and Rob Miller, on all the preventative maintenance items the FAA allows a pilot/owner to perform on his own aircraft. Brant explained in detail all that could be performed, and Rob followed up with a demonstration in the maintenance hangar.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

## Chapter 135 Board Meeting February 23, 2004

Meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm. Attendees included: Roger Bocox, Mike Abrahams, Richard Milburn, Barry Clements, Brant Hollensbe, Donna Bocox, Dave Kalwishky, and Mark Kokstis. Meeting opened with discussion on the actual use of the newly purchased chapter trailer. Brant felt a need for clarification from Roger on what the trailer is used for. He did not agree with Rogers announcement of what the trailer was to be used for at the last chapter meeting. It was decided that Roger will clarify at the next meeting what will be stored in the trailer, and how it will be used. Board member reports included Mark saying he located trash barrels for the Ercoupe convention in June. Brant said he had two barrels in the back of his truck to donate to the cause as well. Richard has speaker lined up for April meeting. Mike A has a web site up for the Ercoupe convention ([www.ercoupe.org](http://www.ercoupe.org)) Discussion on the YE program, and sponsoring a youth to Oshkosh, and also checking on youths in the area who have a keen interest in aviation. Dave Kalwishky has volunteered to update our website, and gave a few details on it. He also will check up on what YE programs are coming up. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm

I would like to know if there is any interested in getting together as a group and attending some of the flight breakfasts and events around the state this year. I plan on going to every one I can. My wife and daughter usually go with me so I probably won't have room in my plane but we could fly over in a loose formation or something.

I plan on flying over to Cedar Rapids in March for the AOPA safety seminar titled "Maneuvering Flight - Hazardous to Your Health?" The calendar shows a date of March 2<sup>nd</sup>, AOPA's website shows March 7<sup>th</sup>. I am not sure which day it is but I will find out. I will have open seats in my plane if anyone would like to go with me; please contact me at home (515-266-4001) or work (515-299-8633) or by e-mail [dave@kalwishky.com](mailto:dave@kalwishky.com). There will be a shuttle bus from the Cedar Rapids airport to the Kirkwood Community Collage where the seminar is held. I called the airport and they thought it would be about \$10 each way.

There are also a number of air shows around the state this year that will be fun to attend. My family and I will be going to Fly Iowa this year and camping out under the plane, I'd like to get others together that would like to go and fly over in a group

Dave Kalwishky

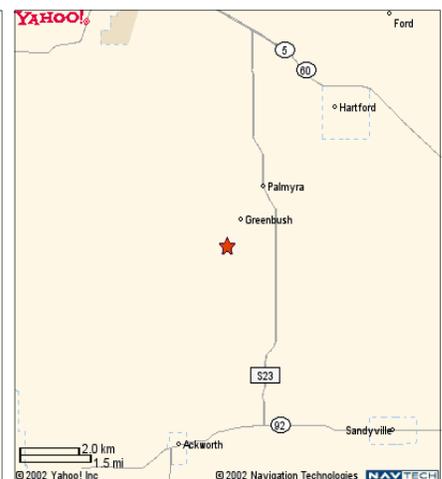
# Open Houses

The following are the open houses for next 3 months:

March 20, 2004—Open House Mark Kokstis (see map below) Noon -?

May 22, 2004 — Mark Melander (new member) building a Murphy Moose 1:00 pm

Mark Kokstis  
1818 Fulton  
Carlisle.  
Take 5 to Carlisle to S23. Turn south on S23, go through Pamyra and one mile out of town, turn right on Fulton, going approx 1 mile. Don't follow the left curve sign that you come to, go straight. House is 1st on left,



## Airlines Offer Airfare Discounts to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2004 Visitors

Four airlines have announced special airfare discounts for EAA members and others who plan to attend EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2004, scheduled for July 27-August 2 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh. Participating airlines include: American, Delta, Midwest Express and Northwest. When reserving your flight, be sure to refer to the proper file number when requesting the discounts.

### American

File: A8774AM

Call: 800-433-1790

Terms: 5% off published fares—30 days in advance is 10% off

Travel: 7/14/04—8/9/04

Cities: Green Bay, Milwaukee and Chicago

### Delta

File: 202683A

Call: 800-241-6760

Terms: 5% off published fares — 60 days in advance is 10% off.

Travel: 7/14/04—8/12/04

Cities: Appleton, Milwaukee, Chicago (ORD & MDW) and South Bend, IN

### Midwest Airlines

File: CMZ1363

Call: 800-452-2022

Terms: 8% off published fares — 60days in advance is 12% off.

Travel: 7/14/04—8/12/04

Cities: Milwaukee, Appleton

### Northwest

File Name: NEPPA

Call: 800-328-1111

Terms: 5% off published fares—30 days in advance is 10% off

Travel: 7/14/04—8/12/04

Cities: Green Bay, Appleton and Milwaukee

The discounted fares are available courtesy of the participating airlines and are subject to individual airline restrictions. Other discount airfares may also be available. Contact the individual airline or your travel agent for the best savings. (EAA eHOTLINE)

<http://www.hurtwood.demon.co.uk/Fun/copter.swf>

This will drive you crazy!! If you think you can fly a helicopter, try it!! It's a blast. Click on the helicopter, hold the left mouse key down to go up and release the key to go down. It's not as easy as it sounds!!



## Letter to the Editor

The Chapter 135 newsletter is always welcome. It is nice to hear what is happening in the northland. Ann and I each try to read the newsletter first. Roger's cockpit chatter reaffirmed what I always suspected; he likes to build more than fly. That's what is nice about EAA, everyone does it differently. The other thing I enjoyed from Roger was the weather report. It made today's 40 degree sunny weather more enjoyable.

Most days I'm out in the hangar playing. The Fairchild, Cub, and Rose are flown regularly. Since I finished the Rose, it has been getting the most exercise. The first annual after rebuilding had the tack indicating 82 hours. Last year, I flew it to the Casa Grande, Arizona, and Blakesburg, Iowa, affairs. Four of us trouble makers are planning to make it to Casa Grande in March and Sun-n-Fun in April.

The present projects in my playroom are a Rearwin Cloudster and a Staggerwing fuselage. Don't get excited. The Staggerwing belongs to another old fart. I'm just reworking the front end of the fuselage. The fuselage front is presently bare; the next task is to remove the landing gear. Hopefully, I'll start reassembling in March. The Cloudster should be ready for cover this fall. You have to remember that old men like to visit, talk, and not get to excited. However, "you all" should be aware that I'm looking for another project.

There is one major error on the "What We Fly" list. You forgot to list "rocking chair" for old boy Ace Cannon. I hear it is hot air powered. Now, the real reason in writing was to respond to your request for projects completed since 1998. Cessna LC-126C (1952) Rose Parrakeet A-1 (1936) CHEERS,

Don Pellegreno

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| Event                   | Date  | Details  | Event                       | Date    | Details   |
|-------------------------|-------|--|-----------------------------|---------|---|
| <b>March 2004</b>       |       |  | <b>June 2004</b>            |         |   |
| Aviation Safety Seminar | 2     | 7pm<br>Kirkwood Community College<br>Cedar Rapids, Iowa<br>For more information: 1-800-728-7250 (Roger)  | Flight Breakfast            | 6       | 6:30am – 10:30am<br>Fly-ins <i>FREE</i><br>Audubon, Iowa Airport<br>For more information: 712-563-3780  |
| Aviation Safety Seminar | 16    | 7pm<br>Decorah, Iowa Municipal Airport<br>For more information: 1-800-728-7250 (Roger)   | Fly-In                      | 6       | 7am - 11am<br>Sponsored by: Red Oak<br>Red Oak, Iowa Municipal Airport<br>For more information: 712-623-6523 (Howard)<br><a href="mailto:vineair@yahoo.com">e-mail: vineair@yahoo.com</a>   |
| Aviation Safety Seminar | 24    | 7pm<br>Sac City, Iowa Municipal Airport<br>For more information: 1-800-728-7250 (Roger)  | Pancake Breakfast & Airshow | 12      | 6:30am Breakfast<br>10:00am Airshow featuring "Jimmy Webster City, Iowa Airport<br>For more information: 515-832-3723   |
| Aviation Safety Seminar | 30    | 7pm<br>DMACC Conference Center<br>Newton, Iowa<br>For more information: 1-800-728-7250 (Roger)   | Optimists' Fly-in           | 20      | 7am - 11pm<br>Fly-in Pilots <i>FREE</i><br>Aircraft Rides, Display Aircraft, Static Ground Display from Sky-and Drawings<br>Maquoketa, Iowa Airport<br>For more information: 563-652-2484<br><a href="http://www.maquoketaia.com">www.maquoketaia.com</a> |
| <b>April 2004</b>       |       |  |                             |         |   |
| Annual Chili Fly-in     | 3     | 11am - 2pm<br>Fort Dodge, Iowa Regional Airport<br>For more information: 515-955-3635 (Eldon)  |                             |         |   |
| Aviation Safety Seminar | 6     | 7pm<br>Community Center<br>Cherokee, Iowa<br>For more information: 1-800-728-7250 (Roger)  |                             |         |   |
| Aviation Safety Seminar | 14    | 7pm<br>Spencer, Iowa Municipal Airport<br>For more information: 1-800-728-7250 (Roger)   | Flight Breakfast            | 20      | 6am – 1pm<br>Sponsored by:<br>Harlan 8-Ball Flying Club<br><i>FREE</i> to Fly-ins<br>Harlan, Iowa Municipal Airport<br>For more information: 712-741-5421 (Kenneth)   |
| Aviation Safety Seminar | 22    | 7pm<br>Jetsun South Hangar<br>Sioux City, Iowa<br>For more information: 1-800-728-7250 (Roger)   | Fly-in Breakfast            | 20      | Rock Rapids, Iowa Airport<br><a href="#">For more</a>   |
| Fly-in / Drive-in       | 25    | Sponsored by: Sac City Kiwanis<br>Pilots in Command <i>FREE</i><br>Sac City, Iowa Municipal Airport<br>For more information: 712-662-7801  | Quad City Airshow           | 26 - 27 | Davenport, IA<br>For more information: 563-322-7469<br><a href="http://www.quadcityairshow.com">www.quadcityairshow.com</a>   |
|                         |       |  | <b>July 2004</b>            |         |   |
| Aviation Safety Seminar | 29    | 7pm<br>Classic Aviation<br>Pella, Iowa<br>For more information: 1-800-728-7250 (Roger)   | Annual Flight Breakfast     | 4       | 7am - 10am<br>Sponsored by: Atlantic Jaycees<br>Atlantic, IA<br>For more information: 712-243-3056  |
| <b>May 2004</b>         |       |  |                             |         |   |
| <b>June 2004</b>        |       |  |                             |         |   |
| Fly Iowa 2004           | 4 - 6 | Commemorating the <b>60th Anniversary of D-Day</b><br>Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1940's style clothing or military<br>Washington Municipal Airport<br>Washington, IA<br>For more information:<br><a href="http://www.flyiowa2004.com">www.flyiowa2004.com</a><br>Mike Roe (319)653-6646 or (319)653-4206<br><a href="mailto:mikeroe@iowatelecom.net">e-mail: mikeroe@iowatelecom.net</a> | Flight Breakfast            | 4       | 7am - 11am<br>Estherville, IA Airport<br><a href="#">For more information:</a>  |
|                         |       |  | Fly-in Breakfast            | 4       | Sponsored by:<br>Corning Chamber of Commerce<br>Corning, Iowa Airport   |
|                         |       |  | Annual Flight Breakfast     | 4       | 7am - 11am<br>Sponsored by: Iowa Falls<br>Windsockers EAA/Chapter 1324<br>Pilots in command <i>FREE</i><br>Iowa Falls, IA Municipal Airport<br>For more information: 641-648-3191 (Kevin/Jane)  |
|                         |       |  | 2004 ILPA Fly-in            | 22 - 24 | Keokuk, Iowa Municipal Airport<br>For more information: 319-524-6203  |

### Citabria in Progress

Submitted by David Stilley

I completed a five year restoration of Citabria 7ECA N1103 in the spring of 2002. This was originally a project conceived by Tom Burmeister, Doug Wilson and I to provide a plane for the kids in the aviation program of Des Moines schools to restore then use for flight training for the students. When the two of them left the school district due to the potential closure of the aviation program, I kept the project and saw it to completion. Tom provided a great deal of help. One of the biggest frustrations was covering the wings twice due to changing AD's concerning wing spar inspections.



### Chapter 135 Trailer

The chapter purchased this in the fall to store and haul all of the chapter "stuff" around. Currently the chapter has all the items it owns scattered between different peoples garages, homes, barns, etc. This would allow it to be kept in one central location. It needs a little restoration, but overall it was in great shape. We're keeping it at Mark Kokstis home.



### Upcoming Meetings

The following members are planning the program for the next few months:

- March 2004 — Mike Abrahams
- April 2004 — Wes Harris/Rich Milburn
- May 2004 — Roger Bocox
- June 2004 — Planning meeting for the Ercoupe Convention.
- July 2004 — (Need another volunteer)
- August 2004 — Chapter picnic instead of regular meeting

### Chapter 135 Garage Sale

(coming soon to a garage near you!)

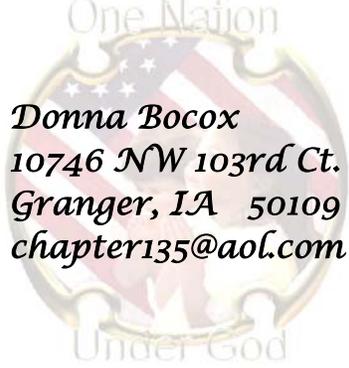
Ok, for all of you that are sorting, 135 Garage Sale is planned for **Saturday, May 15, 2004**. It was be held at the garage of BRANT HOLLENSBE, in West Des Moines, BUT HE CANNOT HOLD IT THERE. LOOKING FOR A LOCATION FOR CHAPTER GARAGE SALE. **PLEASE CALL Donna Bocox (999-2053) if you can volunteer your garage!** If you have stuff in the basement, garage, or attic, that you haven't used in the past couple of years, DONATE IT TO THE CHAPTER!!! It doesn't have to be aircraft related. THIS IS FOR ALL OUR BENEFIT, SO DIG DEEP INTO YOUR GARAGES FOR STUFF WE CAN MAKE \$\$\$\$ ON. YOU'RE HELPING A GOOD CAUSE!!! If you have large items, and you want some kind of tax deduction for them (after all we are a 501(c)3 organization) just ask! **COME ON GIRLS, NOW IS THE TIME TO GET RID OF THAT STUFF YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TOO!! TRUST ME, THEY WILL NEVER MISS IT!!** We've already got a couple of large items of great looking furniture donated!! We're off to a great start!!!

### SCALES

*Mike Abrahams has a set of calibrated scales for weighing your aircraft, available for rent. You can arrange rental by calling him at 515-287-3840 Monday-Fridays—8:00am and 5:00 pm.*

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EAA Chapter 135 dues are \$20 per year. To join our chapter please contact chapter Treasurer, Brant Hollensbe, who's e-mail and phone are below.



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