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Next Chapter Meeting

will be held

Saturday - February 9, 2008

Program will be

JOHN KENNALLY

with photos & video of Brodhead fly-in

**Also Meet & Greet ED BOSEN
the new owner of Exec 1 Aviation**

7:00 p.m.

at

**Exec 1 Aviation Ankeny, IA
upstairs room**

Presidents Position

by a Ghost Writer

The weather has not been helping me fly this last month, but I did get in a couple of Angel flights to Rochester.

Marc went with me the second flight, at minus 4 degrees, our airplane didn't want to turn over, even after being plugged in to heat all night. I had to pull the prop through by hand to move the cylinders, so that the starter could turn the engine. Rochester had minus 14 degrees that Saturday morning.

The 19th of January, we had a break in the weather, and I flew to the Greenfield Chili dinner, with Marc, Matt, and my son Andy. The food was excellent. We then dropped Matt off in Creston, flew to Boone for fuel, and then back home. I sure felt good to be flying.

Things have been nuts at work for me, I probably would be more upset if the weather hadn't been too crummy to be flying anyway.

I attended a meeting of several central Iowa chapter presidents, to work on a collaborative effort to help each other with programs, and Young Eagle flying.

Your president, Dave Kalwishky

Upcoming Events:

- **March** - Roger Bocox and the Hartman Project
- **April** - Headsets - Chandler
- **May** - To be announced
- **June** - American Barnstormers Tour
- **July 7/28 to 8/3** - EAA Airventure Oshkosh, Wisconsin



Not good

Don't ask, don't tell: Area 51 gets airport identifier

By Alton K. Marsh

From AOPA ePilot website

Pilots avert your eyes! The airport identifier and location of Nevada's Groom Lake—you know, where they keep the space aliens at Area 51—has been appearing in flight-planning software and on handheld GPS receivers for most of the past year as KXTA (standing for what, extraterrestrial?).

"We already know and it doesn't matter," said a public affairs official at Nellis Air Force Base.

The Jeppesen FliteStar flight-planning program and AOPA's Real-Time Flight Planner even identify it as Homey Airport and add, "Private, VFR, No Fee, Customs Info Unavailable." Well, there's a fee. The airport is deep within heavily restricted airspace, guarded by fighter jets. First come the

legal fees, the probable confiscation of your aircraft, and a personal fee in the form of jail time.

AOPA editors found KXTA clearly marked on a handheld GPS map drawn from an outdated August 2007 database. Runways are described as Runway 12-30, 5,420 feet by 120 feet, and Runway 14-32, 12,000 feet by 200 feet. That's not quite true. One end of 14-32 continues across a dry lakebed for another 11,000 feet, but that portion is closed and partially covered with blowing sand. And there are four additional runways marked in the sand of the dry lakebed.

How do we know that? A picture of Groom Lake has been on Google Earth for years and the latest time stamps show it was updated in 2007. Photos of the place have been shown publicly since the late 1980s.

Groom Lake was

outed by the Clinton Administration, which admitted only that it exists after workers filed lawsuits, claiming their health was harmed by working there. That admission of the area's existence became necessary to handle the case in court.

While it is highly unlikely that pilots would intentionally seek to end their flying careers by raiding Homey, we can't say the same for student pilots who may have learned only yesterday what restricted airspace is. Students, KXTA does not make a good waypoint and it's not your friend.



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Aviation junkie Boesen buys Ankeny airport's operator

By PATT JOHNSON

• REGISTER BUSINESS WRITER •
January 15, 2008

Des Moines entrepreneur Ed Boesen is expanding his horizons.

Last Thursday, Boesen sealed a deal to take over as the fixed-base operator at the Ankeny Regional Airport, which sells fuel, provides charter flights, offers flight instruction, provides airplane maintenance, assists in buying and selling aircraft, and handles freight shipments at the airport.

Boesen bought Exec 1 Aviation from Newton businessmen Barney Bushore and Ken Walker. His longtime interest in flying prompted him to buy it, he said.

Boesen flies weekly from the Ankeny airport to floral stores he owns in Milwaukee, Omaha and near Chicago. He also operates Boesen the Florist with brothers Tom and Frank and owns commercial property in the metro area.

"I just love aviation," he said. "It's one of the favorite things I do. And this is a great fit because I grew up on customer service. This is a complete junkload of fun for me."

Boesen will push for Federal

Aviation Administration approval to build a control tower, add hangars to house more corporate jets, remodel the terminal area and add a restaurant to serve pilots flying in and out of the airport. He plans to keep day-to-day operations similar to what they are now with a management team running the airport.

The moneymaker at the field is fuel sales, Boesen said. Attracting larger aircraft would be a plus, he said. "The bigger the bird, the more fuel you sell," he said.

The Polk County Aviation Authority oversees operations at the Ankeny airport. The master plan for the airport includes runway expansion and other projects, said Jeff Wangsness, authority chairman.

"We're excited to see Ed step in with his business background and his resources," Wangsness said. "He is an aviator, so he knows what he expects when he flies into an airport."

Building a control tower at the airport would bring in more corporate jets, said Jerry Searle, director of the air aviation group at Snyder & Associates, the Ankeny engineering firm that has worked with the airport since its opening in 1993. Like the majority of small airports across the nation, Ankeny is an uncontrolled airport.

"There has to be a lot of traffic at an airport to make a tower cost-effective," Searle said. Ankeny is the third-busiest airport in the state behind the Des Moines International Airport

and the Eastern Iowa Airport in Cedar Rapids, both of which have towers. Airports in Dubuque and Sioux City, which are smaller than the Ankeny airport, also have towers because they have commercial air service, Searle said.

Without commercial service in Ankeny, it may be harder to get FAA backing for the project, he said.

Boesen said that with a tower, the airport could bring in large corporations with jets like Johnston-based Pioneer Hi-bred International Inc. Pioneer's parent company, DuPont, for example, has said it would not use the Ankeny airport without a tower, Boesen said.

Bushore, who operated Exec 1 for more than a decade in Ankeny, was the airport's second fixed-base operator.

"I have five other businesses that I've let go in the past six to eight years that I need to get back to," he said. "I really enjoyed working at the airport."

He will continue work as an adviser at Exec 1 for a while, he said.

"Barney has done a great job out there," Searle said. "It's a seven-days-a-week, 24-hour-a-day job. It's a tough business that is capital intensive."

Success there boils down to customer service, he said.

"If the (fixed-base operator) provides good service, then there will be lots of activity at the airport," Searle said.

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EAA AirVenture Museum Celebrates 25th Anniversary This Year

From EAA eHotline website

January 10, 2008 — Special events, exhibits, and activities are among the highlights of this year's schedule at the world-class EAA AirVenture Museum in Oshkosh, which celebrates its 25th year of operation in 2008. Among the featured events in the coming year is the annual Family Flightfest in March; the Wings on Strings kits festival on June 21; the Good Ol' Days vintage airplane weekend and Aviation Murder Mystery Theater in August; and Fantasy Flight Camps that offer the rare opportunity to fly and discover more about selected aircraft EAA's world-class collection.

Special presentations are also a popular part of the museum schedule during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, which will be held July 28-August 3, 2008.

"The EAA AirVenture Museum is a one-of-a-kind facility in both the Midwest and throughout the aviation world," said Alan Westby, EAA AirVenture Museum Director. "It is a place for learning, discovery and history, a proud home for EAA members worldwide, and a vibrant center of activity within the local community. There's always something new to discover and additional activities to enjoy."

The museum has welcomed approximately 3 million visitors since the Oshkosh facility opened in 1983. Nearly 100 aircraft are on display in the museum year-round, with an additional 40 on display at the facility's Pioneer Airport, which is open from May through mid-October.

The EAA AirVenture Museum is located just off Highway 41 at the Highway 44 exit in Oshkosh. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

EAA members receive free museum admission year-round and family memberships are available. For more information, call the EAA AirVenture Museum at 920- 426-6108 or visit www.airventuremuseum.org.

EAA AirVenture Museum Event Schedule - 2008

January 26: EAA's Annual Skiplane Fly-In, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. — Join in on a delicious chili lunch and some "hangar talk" as ski planes of all varieties land at Pioneer Airport. www.airventuremuseum.org

March 1: EAA's Hops and Props, 6:30-9 p.m. — An elegant evening event of gourmet beer tasting that raises funds for EAA's education and preservation programs. www.airventuremuseum.org

March 8-9: Family Flightfest, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day — A full weekend of family activities guaranteed to cure those mid-winter blues. Try your hands at modeling, paper airplanes, aviation art, pedal planes, simulators and more! www.airventuremuseum.org

April 5-6: Open Cockpit Weekend, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. — A rare "insider's look" at EAA's aircraft maintenance facility on 20th Street in Oshkosh, with tours of how EAA maintains its flying fleet. In the museum, several aircraft will have their cockpits opened, allowing visitors a unique look inside. Also on April 5, a members-only, behind-the-scenes tour of EAA's archives and collections. www.airventuremuseum.org

May 3-4: Pioneer Airport Opening Weekend, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. each day — The new flying season opens at Pioneer Airport, with vintage aircraft activities, plus Young Eagles flights. Included in Museum admission. www.airventuremuseum.org

May 12-16: Exploring Space Week — A week designed to welcome field trips for grades 3 through 8. Two educational activities are included with group rate admission. For more information or to schedule your school contact museum@eaa.org or 920 426-6880.

May 16-18: Coffy Gregory Weekend — An opportunity for girls of all ages to meet with mentors and explore a future in aviation.

June 14: International Young Eagles Day — EAA's youth aviation education program, which has flown more than 1.3 million kids since 1992, takes center stage at the museum and Wittman Airport.

June 21: Wings on Strings Kite Festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. — One of man's earliest flying machines is celebrated in this family fun day, featuring professional kite fliers, kite-making clinics and lots of room to launch your own kite! Free to participate in kite activities; EAA AirVenture Museum open at regular admission rates. www.airventuremuseum.org

July 28-Aug. 3: EAA AirVenture Oshkosh — The world's greatest aviation celebration includes extended museum hours and features many special activities and speakers. www.eaa.org

August 16-17: Good Ol' Days, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. — Vintage aircraft and car demonstrations, send a piece of airmail and play an old-fashioned children's game! Fun for the whole family, included in museum admission. www.pioneerairport.org

August 15-16: Aviation Murder Mystery Dinner — The popular "Murder Mystery" dinner returns with a brand new "whodunit?" to solve. Reservations required. www.airventuremuseum.org

August 22-24: Great Outdoors Festival

Oct. 11-12: Pioneer Airport Closing Weekend/Fall Color Flights — Enjoy Wisconsin's spectacular fall foliage display from above, in one of EAA's vintage aircraft. www.airventuremuseum.org

Oct. 18-19: Ford Tri-Motor Fantasy Flight Camp - EAA's weekend program gets flight enthusiasts up close and flying in this vintage passenger airplane. www.fantasyflightcamp.org

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Can you identify this aircraft? It was on the Ankeny runway in November 2007.

EAA AirVenture Museum Continued from page 4

Oct. 24-25 & Oct. 31-Nov. 1: EAA's Haunted Hangar — What mysteries does the AirVenture Museum hold after dark? Find out in this fun event great for kids 12 and under. Groups of 25 are provided a guided tour of the Museum every 15 minutes - don't forget to reserve your time! www.airventuremuseum.org

Oct. 25: Slightly Haunted Hangar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. — A lights-on, little kid friendly event with candy, games and trick-o-treating. Costumes are encouraged.

Dec. 1-5: Exploring Space Week — A week designed to welcome field trips for grades 3 through 8. Two educational activities are included with group rate admission. For more information or to schedule your school contact museum@eaa.org. or 920 426-6880.

Dec. 6-7: B-17 Fantasy Flight Camp — The experience of a lifetime discovering the inside-and-out of this famed World War II bomber, including flights. www.fantasyflightcamp.org

Dec. 8: Christmas in the Air, 2:30-8 p.m. — For more than 20 years, EAA's annual open house has featured local musical groups, refreshments and a visit from Santa. Again featuring the "Just Plane Chocolate" tasting competition. www.airventuremuseum.org

Dec. 20: Wright Brothers Memorial Banquet, 6:30 p.m. — Honor the creators of powered flight through this special presentation. Reservations are required. www.airventuremuseum.org

December 29-Jan 2: Kids' Days, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. each day — The museum's annual family event, with special activities and presentations to encourage fun with aviation.

Senator thinks user fees are dead

By Warren D. Morningstar
From AOPA ePilot website

U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-Fla.) says that, in his opinion, "user fees are dead." In a videotape address to more than 400 pilots attending an AOPA Pilot Town Meeting in Fort Lauderdale on Jan. 10, Nelson said that the Senate is working hard to reach final agreement on the issue of FAA funding.

He reminded pilots that he had co-authored an amendment to strip user fees from S.1300, the Senate Commerce Committee bill to "reauthorize" the FAA budget and spending. Although the Nelson-Sununu amendment failed by just one vote, Nelson said it "signaled that user fees are dead and it signaled that they are going to be out of the final FAA reauthorization bill. When this bill gets to the floor, I don't expect that I'll have to offer the amendment again."

While the House last year passed H.R.2881 to fund the FAA, the Senate has not yet passed its version of a funding bill. Senators still have to reconcile S.1300, which includes a \$25-per-flight turbine user fee, and the companion tax bill from the Finance Committee (S.2345) that does not. The Senate is scheduled to return to work Jan. 22. Meanwhile, Congress extended the previous FAA budget and aviation excise taxes to pay for it until Feb. 29.

"While it's encouraging to hear Sen. Nelson's assessment, in politics it isn't over until the final vote," said AOPA President Phil Boyer. "The airlines haven't given up on user fees and more taxes on general aviation, and you can bet their lobbyists will be buttonholing senators as soon as they're back in Washington.

"AOPA will be working even harder on Capitol Hill, and when the timing is right, we'll be asking all of our members to weigh in with their senators."

ROTAX GEARBOX SERVICE BULLETIN ANNOUNCED

From EAA e-Hotline website

The following Mandatory Service Bulletin affecting specific engines, gearboxes, and gear set serial number ranges has been released by Rotax: SB-912-056 / SB-914-038 - SB-912-056 UL / SB-914-038 UL, Replacement of the Propeller Gearbox for some Rotax engine type 912/914 (series). Only the following engines may be affected: 912S, 912ULS, 912ULSFR and 914F, 914UL. The bulletin states, "Due to a slightly increased amount of irregularity in the form of material inclusions, some isolated problems were detected on the gearbox gear set in the field. Such material inclusions in the area of the tooth base can lead to tooth breakage under severe operating conditions. Affected gear sets must be replaced." The bulletin describes how to check if your engine, gearbox, or gear set is affected. More information is available through an online video or by downloading the bulletin itself at www.rotax-owner.com.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

from the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Aviation web site

Event	Date	Details
<u>February 2008</u>		
17th Annual Midwest Aviation Maintenance Symposium and Trade Show	2/1-2/2	The Hotel at Gateway Center Ames, Iowa Sponsored by the Iowa Chapter of PAMA FAA Inspection Authorization renewal 319-295-5221 (Phil Conn) pj_conn@juno.com 515-360-3879 (Randy Simpson) simpson8128@msn.com
Chili Dinner Fly-in	2/3	Harlan, Iowa
<u>April 2008</u>		
Annual Chili Fly-in/Drive-in	4/5	Fort Dodge Regional Airport 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Hosted by: Plane Crazyies 515-955-3434 (Eric Amundson)
Iowa Aviation Conference	4/23-4/24	Sheraton West Des Moines Hotel West Des Moines, Iowa For more information, visit iawings.com Sponsors, Exhibitors and Registration Call: Sue Heath at 515-727-0667 sheath@associationinsight.com Speakers or Programming Call Tim McClung at 515-239-1689 tim.mcclung@dot.iowa.gov
<u>June 2008</u>		
American Barnstormers Tour	6/15-6/16	Iowa City Municipal Airport 319-356-5045 (Michael Tharp) Michael-tharp@iowa-city.org
American Barnstormers Tour	6/17-6/18	Ames Municipal Airport 515-239-5279 (Steve Salvo) ssalvo@city.ames.ia.us
American Barnstormers Tour	6/19-6/20	Council Bluffs Municipal Airport 712-322-2287 (Dan Smith) 712-323-2173 (Lisa Smith) cbairport@aol.com
Quad City Air Show	6/21-6/22	Davenport Municipal Airport 563-285-7469 info@quadcityairshow.com www.quadcityairshow.com
Kiwanis Flight Breakfast	6/22	Rock Rapids Municipal Airport 7 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 712-472-2537 (Scott Schneidermann) ScottS@frontierbk.com

Event	Date	Details
Friends of 8 Charlie 4 Fly-In	6/29	Tipton Municipal Airport 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 563-212-3308 (Max Coppess) coppessiii@netins.net
July 2008 EAA Airventure	7/28-8/3	Oshkosh, Wisconsin www.airventure.org
August 2008 FLY IOWA 2008 Wings, Wheels, and Water	8/9-8/10	Storm Lake Municipal Airport 515-964-1398 (Chuck McDonald) chuckdsmcc@aol.com www.flyiowa.org

Gumby's Travels

By Marc Broer



The Office

November 11, 2007,
I flew to Audubon airport.

Gas pumps & hanger



Should have had a south facing hanger.



Combine junkyard across from the runway.

01/16/08 - TIME IS RUNNING OUT FOR E-LSA CONVERSION

From EAA e-Hotline website

EAA continues to monitor the backlog of experimental light-sport aircraft that have been registered, but not yet certificated, with the January 31, 2008, deadline for doing so fast approaching.

On December 17, 2007, EAA submitted an exemption request asking the FAA to extend that deadline for people who have submitted their aircraft registration applications, but for whatever reason will be unable to certificate the aircraft in time. The agency (FAA) has not indicated whether or not the exemption will be approved, so it is exceedingly important that affected individuals complete the entire registration and certification process by the January deadline.

If the FAA approves EAA's exemption petition, then owners of converting E-LSA aircraft would have until January 31, 2008 (received-by date) to submit their aircraft registration application to the FAA. They would then be authorized to complete the aircraft's airworthiness certification inspection in the spring/summer of 2008. EAA needs to stress that the FAA has not approved the exemption yet, so don't stop or alter your plans to register and certify your E-LSA by the January 2008 deadline.

If you need to obtain the required Aircraft Registration Application, AC Form 8050-1, be aware it is not available as an on-line document. The form can only be obtained by visiting or calling:

- Any FAA FSDO office
- Any FAA MIDO office
- The FAA Aircraft Registration Branch

If you do not have a registration application form yet, you must factor

the amount of time required to obtain the form, plus the time to complete it, plus the time needed to get it to the aircraft registration office – to make sure that it's received by January 31, 2008. For those just now submitting their aircraft registration application, it's highly recommended you use an overnight delivery service to send the information to the Aircraft Registration Branch at this address:

FAA Aircraft Registration Branch,
AFS-750

Registry Building Room 118

6425 South Denning

Oklahoma City, OK 73169-6937

Questions? Contact EAA Aviation Services at 877-359-1232



Fresh air?

Robinson helicopter AD needs modification, AOPA says

By AOPA ePublishing staff

From AOPA ePilot website

A Robinson Helicopter airworthiness directive (AD) that went into effect Jan. 18 is redundant and places a burden on pilots, AOPA has written the FAA.

The AD affects various Robinson R22 and R44 models—nearly 2,300 helicopters. It requires a one-time visual inspection and “tap test” of the rotor skin blade along with a visual inspection of the rotor blades before each flight, with a record of each inspection logged in the helicopter's maintenance records.

This mandate is the result of 11 reported incidents of blade debonding, which can lead to a loss of control while in flight.

Robinson's updated flight manual calls for pilots to visually inspect the rotor blades before each flight. AOPA told the FAA that the portion of the AD requiring the same action should be removed to eliminate redundancy. The association also said the requirement to note each visual inspection in the maintenance records should be removed because it is an undue burden on pilots that does not enhance safety.

JOIN THE AIRPORT SUPPORT NETWORK TODAY

From AOPA ePilot website

Ensuring the health and vitality of your airport is up to you—residential development and economic and political pressures can restrict your flying. Every day more than 1,900 Airport Support Network (ASN) volunteers are working with AOPA headquarters to help save their airports, but we need more. Below is a link to a list of the airports where an ASN volunteer could make a difference.

ASN is looking for volunteers in the Midwest Region. Click on a state to see a list of airports that need volunteers: Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, and Missouri.

To nominate yourself or an associate to be a volunteer, visit <http://www.aopa.org/asn/asn-form.html>.

To learn more about the Airport Support Network, visit <http://www.aopa.org/asn/>.



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