



# Experimental Aircraft Association

## Chapter 135

### News



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## Next Chapter Meeting

will be held

**Saturday - March 8, 2008**

Program will be

**ROGER BOCOX  
and the Hartman Project**

**7:00 p.m.**

**Ed Boesen, new Exec. 1 owner ,  
meet & greet**

at

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

## Adam Aircraft Operations 'Suspended'

February 12, 2008 — In what the company called “a difficult but necessary move,” Adam Aircraft Industries suspended operations Monday and sent about 500 employees home at its facilities on Centennial Airport in Englewood, Colorado. A news release posted to the company’s website ([www.adamaircraft.com](http://www.adamaircraft.com)) said the move was made “due to the inability of the company to come to terms with their lender for funding necessary to maintain business operations.”

In mid-January, the company laid off about 300 employees by ceasing operations at its Ogden, Utah, and transferring much of the work done in Pueblo, Colorado to Englewood, as it worked to secure \$75 million to \$150 million in additional funding to complete FAA certification of its model A700 jet. Adam President Duncan Koerbel stated, “To provide for our future growth, we must be strategic in our focus by managing current cash expenditures to ensure adequate time to secure financing for the long term.”

The company, whose order backlog of A700s and A500 piston centerline twin aircraft approaches \$1 billion, said it is “currently exploring all of its alternatives and will provide further guidance when decisions are made, which is expected to be later this week.”

## Presidents Position

by Dave Kalwishky

Greeting members and friends, I don't know about you but I am getting sick and tired of winter! I haven't put hardly any hours in the 182 in three months and I know Marc has put even less in! I suppose on a good note my bank account has had a chance to recover from all of last year's flying.

Seems the FAA in its infinite wisdom has decided that your pilot's certificate must have an “English Proficiency” endorsement on it. If you plan on flying outside of the United States after March 5th, 2008 you will need this in order to be legal. I've already went online at the FAA's website and ordered my new certificate for \$2. During the order process the website asked for a picture identification location, the choices were Drivers License (and DL number), Passport ID or government issued ID number. I don't know if this means they are going to start putting your picture on the certificate or not. When mine shows up in a month I'll let you know.

To read more about this ruling please point your web browser to <http://tinyurl.com/2frxmp>

That's all I have for this month, stay warm and if we get some good flying weather get out to the airport and fly!!!!!!!

## Upcoming Events:

- **April** - Headsets - Chandler
- **May** - To be announced
- **June** - American Barnstormers Tour
- **July 7/28 to 8/3** - EAA Airventure Oshkosh, Wisconsin

# EAA Counters USA Today User-fee Editorial

From EAA-Hotline website



February 13, 2008 — EAA is today sharply rebuking USA Today for its Feb. 13 editorial advocating general aviation user fees, reminding the national newspaper that the airlines have brought many of the current commercial air traffic bottlenecks upon themselves.

General aviation user fees would

do nothing to directly solve those problems and would create a vast new federal bureaucracy to charge and collect those user fees. The Congressional Budget Office, in fact, estimated that it would cost more to collect the user fee than the fee itself. At the same time, user fees would threaten the nation's general aviation industry, which provides billions of dollars of economic impact and tens of thousands of jobs throughout the country.

"One of the reasons the nation's airlines are in their current situation is a substandard business model, which relies on smaller jets competing for the same slots at the nation's busiest airports," said Earl Lawrence, EAA vice president of industry and regulatory affairs. "The airlines are continuing their attempt to offload their costs onto the individual pilot who is a very-low volume user within the air traffic system."

Lawrence also reminded EAA

members and other pilots that although last year's effort by the FAA to introduce user fees stalled in Congress, the latest federal budget proposal from the White House has brought back the proposal. EAA maintains that the current FAA funding system offers plenty of revenue to cover the costs of airport and technology upgrades, but those funds must be focused on those items and not on budget-deficit relief.

"This is not a battle to be fought once and then forgotten," Lawrence added. "EAA members and other aviation enthusiasts must be vigilant of these efforts and remind their federal lawmakers that general aviation user fees are simply a very bad idea."

EAA and other general aviation organizations continue their comprehensive work on the user fee issue. EAA also urges those who wish to respond to the USA Today editorial to do so at <http://blogs.usatoday.com/oped/> or at [letters@usatoday.com](mailto:letters@usatoday.com).

## Membership Dues

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**Dues are \$20.00 per year**

**Dues are due July 1 and run through June 30.**

(After January 1st you may pay \$30.00 for 1½ years)

**You must be a member of the National EAA.**

You may mail your dues to our treasurer:

Donna Bocox  
10746 NW 103rd Court  
Granger, IA 50109

# Wake turbulence avoidance

By Joel Severinghaus Date:

Hope you guys didn't go flying to Harlan this morning. When I heard 1/4 mile visibility in freezing fog on the AWOS, I figured you'd cancelled.

Army Chinook helicopter landed for fuel yesterday afternoon while I was shooting touch-and-goes. They were taxiing south from the ramp as I was taxiing north to the ramp after pulling off runway 36. I'm used to seeing little helicopters on skids hover-taxi around the airport, but the Chinook was rolling along the ground down the taxiway.

Me on radio: 'Big green helicopter, if you'll hold there a moment, the little white Taylorcraft in front of you will taxi out of the way down runway 22 to your right and let you pass.'

Army (amused): 'Big green helicopter, roger.'

Me: 'I'm afraid your rotor blast would flip me over if I tried to taxi past you.'

Army: 'Well, we wouldn't want that to happen.'

Me: 'Neither would I.'

Those things are BIG! I didn't mind taxiing a half-mile out of my way, after imagining my 800-pound airplane being blown upside-down onto the concrete. (See attached photos taken from my cockpit, a long safe distance from their downwash.)



## Scales Rental Info

All scale rentals require check for \$200.deposit (Will be returned, uncashed, upon timely scale return).

Three day rentals. May be extended for thee additional days at no charge, if there are no other conflicting requests for their use, with notification by phone. Otherwise late fee of \$100 per day applies.

All checks to be made out to "J.M. Abrahams / scale rental".

Chapter 135 members (must be member 3 months prior to rental date.) ..\$25.00 for 3 days

National EAA member but not Chapter 135 member .....\$75.00 for 3 days

A&P or FBO rate .....\$125.00 for 3 days

Copy of rental agreement available by fax or email by calling Mike Abrahams at 515-287-3840 or emal to ppcmike@hotmail.com

Scales are kept at Phil Patterson, Corp. / 4214 Fleur Dr., Suite 11 / Des Moines, IA 50321 (two blocks north of N.E. corner of the Des Moines Int'l Airport.

# Gumby's Travels

*By Marc Broer*

Ackley airport late last summer.



## SPORT PILOT/LIGHT-SPORT AIRCRAFT SEMINAR IN OSHKOSH

A Light-Sport Pilot/Aircraft safety seminar will be held in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, on March 29. The all-day seminar features a series of six free presentations by various guest speakers, including EAA's Joe Norris. Attendees will learn about sport pilot/light-sport aircraft, maintenance issues, and qualify for credit in the FAA Wings program. The event takes place at the FAA Safety Center at Wittman Regional Airport. Learn more at [www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov).

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

from the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Aviation web site

Event	Date	Details
<b><u>March 2008</u></b>		
<b>2008 Iowa Soaring Seminar &amp; Banquet</b>	<b>3/1</b>	Clarion Hotel 525 33rd Ave SW Cedar Rapids, IA 11:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Please register for seminar before 2/15/08 tburns@pcsis.net www.balckhawksoaring.com
<b>AOPA Air Safety Foundation Seminar</b>	<b>3/4</b>	Top 5 Mistakes Pilots Make 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Clarion Hotel and Convention Center Cedar Rapids, IA www.aopa.org/asf/
<b><u>April 2008</u></b>		
<b>Annual Chili Fly-in/Drive-in</b>	<b>4/5</b>	Fort Dodge Regional Airport 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Hosted by: Plane Crazyes 515-955-3434 (Eric Amundson)
<b>Fly-in Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>4/5</b>	Ames Municipal Airport 8:00 a.m. – Noon Hosted by: ISU Flying Cyclones & Ames Municipal Airport 515-232-4310 (Hap's Air Service) hasifly@aol.com isuflyin@iastate.edu
<b>Iowa Aviation Conference</b>	<b>4/23-4/24</b>	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
<b>99's North Central Section Spring Meeting</b>	<b>4/25-4/27</b>	Terrible's Lakeside Casino Resort Osceola, IA Hosted by: Iowa 99's Chapter Registration Information: www.iowa99s.org Carol Berg cberg@mailmis.com Celma Higgins phiggins@iowatelecom.net

<b>Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Details</b>
<b><u>May 2008</u></b>		
<b>1st Annual Ray Hill Memorial Flight Breakfast</b>	<b>5/24</b>	Newton Municipal Airport Smiling Thru Hangar Hosted by: EAA Chapters of Central Iowa 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 641-792-9764 (Jim Jones) jimjones@iowatelecom.net
<b><u>June 2008</u></b>		
<b>58th Annual Flight Breakfast</b>	<b>6/1</b>	Audubon Municipal Airport 6:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. FREE to all Fly-ins 712-563-3780 (Barbara)
<b>Optimists' Fly-In Breakfast</b>	<b>6/15</b>	Maquoketa Municipal Airport 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. FREE to all Fly-ins pilots 563-652-6517 (Brian Wagner) maqcity@maquoketaia.com
<b>American Barnstormers Tour</b>	<b>6/15-6/16</b>	Iowa City Municipal Airport 319-356-5045 (Michael Tharp) Michael-tharp@iowa-city.org
<b>American Barnstormers Tour</b>	<b>6/17-6/18</b>	Ames Municipal Airport 515-239-5279 (Steve Salvo) ssalvo@city.ames.ia.us
<b>American Barnstormers Tour</b>	<b>6/19-6/20</b>	Council Bluffs Municipal Airport 712-322-2287 (Dan Smith) 712-323-2173 (Lisa Smith) cbairport@aol.com
<b>Quad City Air Show</b>	<b>6/21-6/22</b>	Davenport Municipal Airport 563-285-7469 info@quadcityairshow.com www.quadcityairshow.com
<b>Kiwanis Flight Breakfast</b>	<b>6/22</b>	Rock Rapids Municipal Airport 7 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. 712-472-2537 (Scott Schneidermann) ScottS@frontierbk.com
<b>Friends of 8 Charlie 4 Fly-In</b>	<b>6/29</b>	Tipton Municipal Airport 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. 563-212-3308 (Max Coppess) coppessiii@netins.net

Event	Date	Details
<b>July 2008</b>		
<b>4th of July Flight Breakfast</b>	<b>7/4</b>	Atlantic Municipal Airport 7:00 a.m. – Noon FREE to all fly-ins 712-243-3056 (Barry Reid at Airworks) airworks@metc.net
<b>EAA Airventure</b>	<b>7/28-8/3</b>	Oshkosh, Wisconsin www.airventure.org
<b>August 2008</b>		
<b>FLY IOWA 2008 Wings, Wheels, and Water</b>	<b>8/9-8/10</b>	Storm Lake Municipal Airport 515-964-1398 (Chuck McDonald) chuckdsmcc@aol.com www.flyiowa.org
<b>EAA Fly-In / Drive-In Pancake Breakfast</b>	<b>8/17</b>	Monona Municipal Airport 7:00 a.m. – Noon PIC eats free
<b>30th Annual Fly-In Breakfast</b>	<b>8/24</b>	Iowa City Municipal Airport 7:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Hosted by: Iowa City Sertoma Clubs 319-338-9222 (Jim McCarragher) jamesm@meardonlaw.com
<b>September 2008</b>		
<b>FAA Central Region Airports Conference</b>	<b>9/16-9/17</b>	Westin-Crown Center Kansas City, Missouri 816-795-6616 (Jennifer Leon) eventplanz@sbcglobal.net

## RECORD YEAR FOR GENERAL AVIATION MANUFACTURERS

The General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA) reports that GA's 2007 year-end shipment figures show another record high in industry billings. Alan Klapmeier, chairman and CEO of Cirrus Design Corporation and GAMA chairman, said a strong worldwide market, especially outside of North America, was a driving factor for general aviation in 2007.

Record industry billings totaled \$21.9 billion, eclipsing last years' figure by 16.5 percent. Year-end, worldwide shipments of GA airplanes totaled 4,272 units, the most in more than a quarter century, and up 5.4 percent from the previous year. The industry also experienced an all-time high in business jet shipments, delivering over 1,000 units for the first time ever. For more information, visit [www.GAMA.aero](http://www.GAMA.aero).



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