



# Experimental Aircraft Association

## Chapter 135

### News



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## Presidents Position

by Dave Kalwishky

On November 8th the Iowa Aviation Promotion group is having their annual meeting from 6pm – 8pm. The meeting this year will be at the new Elliot's hangar at the Des Moines airport and the speaker will be Paul Burge.

Some of you know that I am a board member for that organization. Chapter 135 has been invited to join the IAPG for the Elliot's tour and Paul's presentation. This meeting counts as a Wings program for credit for those that participate.

Please RSVP me at [dave@kalwishky.com](mailto:dave@kalwishky.com) if you are interested.

## Iowa Aviation Promotion Group

From Tim Busch, President

Iowa Aviation Promotion Group

[www.FlyIowa.org](http://www.FlyIowa.org) <<http://www.FlyIowa.org>>

The annual meeting of the Iowa Aviation Promotion Group will be held Saturday, November 8, from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. Anyone interested in growing and promoting aviation in Iowa is invited to attend. The event will be held at Elliott Aviation at 2800 McKinley Ave at the Des Moines Municipal Airport.

We will get tour of the new Elliott Aviation FBO facility, there will be a short business meeting, IAPG President Tim Busch will provide a status on the state of IAPG's progress and programs, and the evening will conclude with a talk by Paul Berge, CFI, author,

**Next Chapter Meeting**  
will be held  
**Saturday**  
**November 8, 2008**  
**We will be meeting with the**  
**IAPG**  
**at the new Elliot's Hanger**  
**DM Airport**  
**6:00 - 8:00 P.M.**  
**includes a tour of Elliot's**  
*See President's message for more details*

**January**  
**We are attempting to have a Saturday tour**  
**of the Iowa Air National Guard**  
To go to this the Guard requires your SS no. to do a background check at least one week in advance. (terrorist, etc.) and also they need a head count. We would like to eat lunch about 11:00 that morning at a nearby resaurant, and then car-pool over to the Nat'l Guard (where there is limited parking)  
*More details to come in Nov.*

radio and television personality, and aviation humorist. Paul will present a very entertaining topic - "Pilot Light, a discussion of my really dumb ways leading to aviation enlightenment" Paul's bio is attached on page 4.

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## Upcoming Events:

- December 5, 2008 Christmas Party at Chuck's Restaurant
- January, 2008 - Saturday tour of the Iowa Air National Guard (To be determined)

# Peter James Parachute Jump



*My Parachute Jump  
You just never know what you might do.....  
The video is much better..... but what a HOOT!!!!*



**EAA Chapter 135 Annual Christmas Party**  
**Friday December 5, 2008**

**Where:** Chucks - 6th Avenue - Des Moines.

**When:** Friday, December 5th, 2008 Cocktails (open cash bar) 6:30-7:30pm, Dinner 7:30-8:30pm, Chinese Gift exchange to follow dinner.

**What's to Eat:** This year we are doing something a bit different, we are having the all you can eat Pasta and Pizza buffett. This includes Pasta, Pizza, onion rings and non-alcoholic beverages

**Cost:** \$19/per person. Must be paid in advance. Please cut out and mail to:  
Donna Bocox, 10746 NW 103rd Court, Granger, IA 50109.

**DEADLINE TO Reserve your dinner is 12/1/2008. You must call or send your reservation by then.**  
**Payment must be included with this form.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of meals: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$19.00/ea = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(enclosed)

*Don't forget your Chinese Gift exchange gift. Bring gift to exchange for male or female (husband brings male gift, wife brings female gift). We try to limit the gift to no more than \$20. We will exchange them like we normally do. If you've never done this before, you're in for a treat!!*

## Membership Dues

Name \_\_\_\_\_

EAA No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Pilot Training Website

Here's a link to a website that has a lot to offer for pilot training and ongoing things. Check it out and register now and it will be free for us for life. If enough guys don't get online, it will eventually have a registration fee for new pilots.

<http://PilotWorkshops.com>

### *Iowa Aviation Promotion Group*

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The event has been approved as an FAA WINGS safety seminar, so please plan to attend. We know you will enjoy the evening and hope you will join us in helping to grow aviation in Iowa by joining IAPG. Feel free to forward this invitation to other Iowa aviation groups. We would love to see a packed house.

There is no charge for the event. Food and drinks will be supplied. Please RSVP via email to Chuck McDonald at [chuckdsmcc@aol.com](mailto:chuckdsmcc@aol.com) if you plan to attend.

### **Paul Berge Bio** © 2008

Paul Berge is a flight instructor, vice-president of the Iowa Aviation Promotion Group and serves on the Board of Directors of the Antique Airplane Association.

A former FAA air traffic controller he began moonlighting as an aviation writer for IFR magazine in 1990 and left the FAA in 1997 to become the fulltime editor of IFR until 2005. Paul writes a monthly column, in the Pacific

Flyer magazine.

Paul Berge has written several books and collections of short stories, many with aviation themes. A novel, *Bootleg Skies*, is set in 1929 Iowa and spins a tale of barnstorming adventure during Prohibition. Another, *Inside the Circle*, is set in 1937 Ottumwa, Iowa.

He also hosted the drama series, *Rejection Slip Theater*, which aired on news radio WHO 1040 from 1993 through 2003.

Radio led to TV when Morgan Halgren, a regular on *Rejection Slip Theater*, invited Paul to host a travel series called *Side Roads* on Iowa Public Television.

Paul lives in Indianola with his wife, Kathy—a veterinarian—and his daughter, Emily, plus their four dogs, two cats, one horse, and two airplanes—a 1946 Aeronca Champ and a Marquart Charger biplane. The Champ is still used for teaching tail wheel transition.

Paul Berge is an FAA Safe Team Safety Representative and recently lost his bid for the White House, something he attributes to negative advertising.

## Update

*By Joel Severinghause*

I have not been flying anything, but my weekends still seem to be busy.

Drove up to Hap's yesterday to drop off my straightened cowlings (back from my restoration mechanic in Wichita) for repainting, then drove out to Jefferson to work on the plane's now-naked firewall. Spent about three hours cleaning up the bare aluminum with Scotchbrite pads.

The engine shop in Omaha called with good news, bad news: no crankshaft damage from the prop strike, but several journals were worn beyond service limits, so it's off to Tulsa for grinding undersize and nitriding. Tappets were getting rusty, and main bearings and rod bearings were wearing out, so probably a blessing in disguise to get insurance to pay for an overhaul at engine TT 1619 (TBO is 1800). Have a new wood climb prop coming from Sensenich, special-ordered with their old-fashioned decals underneath the varnish. Maybe I'll be flying again in December...

## 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 three 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 email to [ppcmike@hotmail.com](mailto: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.



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