



# Experimental Aircraft Association

## Chapter 135

### News



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## Presidents Position

by Dave Kalwishky

It's that time of the year again, election time with the following positions up for election. Dave Kalwishky (President), Ralph Briggs (Vice President), Secretary (Donna Bocox), Treasurer (Donna Bocox), Newsletter Editor (Marc Broer), John Kennelley (Board Member), Richard Milburn (Board Member) and Joel Severinghaus (Board Member). We currently have two open board member seats.

If you are interested in running for any of these positions please let me or another other Officer / Board Member know. The elections will be held during the October meeting.

I've been the Chapter president for six years now and while I've enjoyed my time as your President I can't help but wonder if it's time for a change. I know that I speak for everyone that's up for re-election that if someone would like to step up and fill their spot they wouldn't mind.

The chapter is for the membership and without new blood and leadership I fear the organization will grow stale and none of us wants that to happen, we cannot grow without fresh ideas.

**Board Meetings are every 4th Monday at 6:45 p.m. at Exec 1 Aviation They are open to all members**

## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING

will be held

**Saturday - September 11, 2010**

**POT LUCK**

**Grill fires up at 5:00 p.m.**

**In Chapter Garage**

**In the Charlie row on the North West side**

**See map on page 2**

*Condiments, drinks, plastic wear provided, bring meat for grill and a dish to pass around*

**Program 6:00 p.m.**

**Scott Smith**

**Insuring your homebuilt aircraft**

## Flight Breakfast Report

By Ralph H. Briggs

The weather this year seems to be conspiring against flight breakfasts generally, and ours was no exception. What looked to be a beautiful morning at IKV turned out, for the second year in a row, to be foggy everywhere else.

We had a great help from Mike Beckett of the Altoona Kiwanis who shared his vast experience with pancake breakfasts and was very helpful in helping us both to find ways to cut expenses over last year and to keep everything working efficiently. The shift to the other end of the ramp was a good move. The more "intimate" surroundings and more compact event area made for a better experience for our guests and a more manageable experience for us.

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# Pilot unhurt in emergency landing

By Chris Engle, HT Staff Writer for the Gaylord Herald Times  
Tuesday, August 24, 2010 9:47 PM EDT



*Pilot Dan Kovaric was unscathed after an emergency landing in a cornfield Tuesday caused his plane to flip. HT - Chris Engle*

LIVINGSTON TOWNSHIP — A pilot was unhurt when his plane flipped upon making an emergency landing in a cornfield north of Gaylord Tuesday evening.

Pilot Dan Kovaric, age 28, of Huntington Woods, was the lone occupant of the Cessna 150 single-engine plane.

According to Kovaric, the airplane lost power at about 3,000 feet. As he prepared to land on a grass field the plane's engine restarted at approximately 500 feet, causing Kovaric to try flying his plane to Gaylord Regional Airport rather than make the landing. The engine cut out once again, forcing Kovaric to land in a cornfield.

"I touched it down in the corn and tried to keep the nose up as long as I could," Kovaric said, explaining how he wanted to keep the front landing gear from digging into the soft dirt. Once it did, the airplane tipped tail up and paused before falling onto its top.

"It looks a lot worse than it was," he said.

"We emphasized emergency landings, and when it came time he did everything right," said Kovaric's flight instructor, Wally McCoy, who came to the scene after Kovaric's hard landing.

The plane, built in 1971, belongs to Mike Head of Traverse Lakes Aviation, based at Gaylord Regional Airport.

Kovaric is in town for a golf outing and had been flying to log hours on his pilot license.

The National Transportation Safety Board had been notified of the crash and was planning on sending a crew to investigate Wednesday morning.

Responding to the scene were the Michigan State Police, Otsego County EMS/Rescue and Otsego County Fire Department.

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It was a great learning experience, but again it wasn't a money maker. We served about a hundred paid guests; we needed to serve about 200 to cover all expenses.

Two years into the event is a good time to review our criteria for it. How can we better reach and involve the local community? Should we be linking this to some other event? Like, what? Should we be considering a different weekend?

If you have some ideas and enthusiasm and/or would like to help plan next year's event. please contact me at 515-554-8187 or email me at rbriggs55@gmail.com.

## Shirts

*We have a selection of grey polo shirts and grey T-shirts embroidered with the stylish Chapter 135 logo. Polo shirts are \$20, T-shirts \$15 (blonde co-pilot not included.) Come to a monthly meeting at the chapter garage at the Ankeny airport to buy a shirt from the display rack.*



## Airport restaurant to reopen under new management

By JOHN SKIPPER,

*from the Globe Gazette August 10, 2010*

MASON CITY — The restaurant at Mason City Municipal Airport will reopen Sept. 1 with an emphasis on providing patrons breakfast or lunch during all working hours.

“If you want bacon and eggs at 2 o’clock in the afternoon, you’ve got it. If you want a hamburger at 7 in the morning, you’ve got it,” said Robert De Los Santos, who will manage the restaurant with his daughter Maria.

De Los Santos has been in the restaurant and food service business for 20 years.

The restaurant will serve traditional breakfast items — eggs, toast, bacon sausage, hash browns and pancakes — and typical lunch items such as hamburgers, hot dogs and corn dogs.

In addition, said De Los Santos, the menu will include some Native American specialties in honor of his ethnic background. Desserts will also be served.

Restaurant hours will be 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday through Friday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays.

He said the restaurant will continue to be called the Airport Cafe.

“That way, everyone will know where it is. The name says it all,” said De Los Santos.

Hanna Bolinger operated the cafe from March 2001 until Memorial Day weekend this year, according to Pam Osgood, airport manager.

## John And Martha King Held At Police Gunpoint (Really)

*By Russ Niles, Editor-in-Chief*

*AVFLASH NEWS, August 29, 2010*

Aviation’s most prominent husband and wife team is calling on government agencies to keep their databases up to date and warning pilots and aircraft owners they could be next to be surrounded by heavily armed police, handcuffed and detained because of a bit of miscommunication. John and Martha King say there’s a lesson to be learned after they spent about 30 scary minutes in the custody of Santa Barbara, Calif., police at the Santa Barbara Airport Saturday. Authorities thought their leased Cessna 172 was a Cessna 150 that had been stolen eight years previously in Texas. The 172, which is owned by Cessna Aircraft, was assigned the N-number of the stolen 150 in 2009, years after the FAA had cancelled that registration on the 150. Apparently no one told the El Paso Intelligence Center, an arm of the Drug Enforcement Agency, and other government departments that keeps tabs on, among other things, flights of stolen aircraft. When the Kings filed IFR for their flight from San Diego to meet friends in Santa Barbara, the local police were alerted to intercept the aircraft when it landed. As Martha King told us in the accompanying podcast, what followed was, in her opinion, unnecessarily dangerous and uncomfortable.

King says they were approached by police prepared for the worst, with guns drawn and others taking cover behind the doors of the four police cars that responded. Although anyone who has met the Kings would describe them as anything but threatening in appearance and demeanor, the police took no chances and maintained their aggressive stance through the ordeal. “I would have thought at that point when they got us out it would have ratcheted down quite a bit because I don’t think we exactly look like your typical airplane thief,” she said. The Kings were not hurt and the airplane was not damaged. The police did not apologize but did justify their actions by saying it was a report that had to be checked out, King said. The Kings said they went public with their experience in hopes that law enforcement agencies will double-check stolen aircraft reports and to warn pilots that there’s a chance their N-number could come up under similar circumstances.

*Volunteer helper at flight breakfast*





## Membership Dues

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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:  
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Granger, IA 50109

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

from the Iowa Department of Transportation Office of Aviation web site

## September 2010

Saturday, Sept. 11

### Oelwein Municipal Airport

**Fly-in / drive-in**  
Air Show & Sky Diving  
Breakfast 7 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Pilot in command free  
319 283-5089 (George Tegeler)

Saturday, Sept. 11

### Knoxville Municipal Airport

**Fly-in / drive-in**  
7 a.m – 11: a.m.  
Fly-Ins eat FREE  
641-842-4423 (Dan Van Donselaar)

Sunday, Sept. 12

### Dubuque Regional Airport

**EAA Chapter 327 Fly-in / drive-in breakfast**  
7 a.m. - noon  
Pilots in command eat free  
815-747-2594 (John Eink)  
E-mail: jeinck@jcwifi.com  
Web site: [www.eaachapter327.org](http://www.eaachapter327.org)

Sunday, Sept. 12

### Carroll Municipal Airport

**Fly-in breakfast**  
7 a.m. - noon  
712-792-4980 (Don Mensen)  
E-mail: [carrollaviation@dybb.com](mailto:carrollaviation@dybb.com)

Sunday, Sept. 12

### Winterset Municipal Airport

**Fly in breakfast**  
7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  
515-462-1811 (Greg Harrison)

Saturday, Sept. 18

### FLY IOWA 2010

**"Celebrating 100 Years of Iowa Powered Flight"**  
Burlington Regional Airport  
319-759-4935 (Al Ourth)  
Web site: [www.flyiowa.org](http://www.flyiowa.org)

Saturday, Sept. 18

### Southeast Iowa Regional Airport (Burlington)

**Accident review and WINGS Pilot Proficiency Safety Seminar**  
Hosted by: Iowa Aviation Promotion Group  
8:00 a.m.  
515-240-7153 (Joel Severinghaus)  
[www.FAASafety.gov](http://www.FAASafety.gov)

Saturday, Sept. 18

### Webster City Municipal Airport

Accident review and WINGS Pilot Proficiency Safety Seminar  
Hosted by: Storm Flying Service  
10:00 a.m.  
515-832-3723  
[www.FAASafety.gov](http://www.FAASafety.gov)

Sunday, Sept. 19

### Algona Municipal Airport

**"Celebrating 100 Years of Iowa Powered Flight"**  
Algona Rotary's Annual Flight Breakfast  
Pancakes by: Chris Cakes  
7:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.  
Fly-in pilots free  
515-320-5501 (Greg Mullins)  
E-mail address – [gregmullins@netamumail.com](mailto:gregmullins@netamumail.com)  
Web site: [www.algonarotary.org](http://www.algonarotary.org)

Saturday, Sept. 25

### Grinnell Regional Airport

**Fly-in / drive-in breakfast**  
7 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
Pilots in command eat free  
641-236-8007 (Bill Owen)  
E-mail: [incredibill@hotmail.com](mailto:incredibill@hotmail.com)

Saturday, Sept. 25

### Green Castle Airport, North Liberty

**Fly-in / drive-in concert**  
6 p.m.  
Please call ahead if flying in.  
319-545-2101 (Rick Treiber)  
E-mail: [N92tv@aol.com](mailto:N92tv@aol.com)  
[www.Greencastleaeroclub.com](http://www.Greencastleaeroclub.com)

Tuesday, Sept. 28 -  
Wednesday, Sept. 29

### FAA Central Region Airports Conference

**Westin-Crown Center**  
Kansas City, MO  
816-795-6616  
E-mail: [eventplanz@sbcglobal.net](mailto:eventplanz@sbcglobal.net)

## 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](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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