



November 2017 Number 11
Experimental Aircraft Association
Chapter 135
News



Next Chapter Meeting ✦ Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017

Board Meeting: 5:00 pm ✦ Chapter Meeting: 6:00 ✦ Exec 1 Upstairs

**Election of Officers ✦ Visit to Dave Schuler's
Hanger to See His Lindy Award-Winning RV-14**

Letter from the President:

This is a rerun of last month's message, but it is important enough to bear repeating. And if you didn't read it last month, please read this now.

This Saturday is our election of officers and board members for calendar year 2018. This may be the most important election Chapter 135 has had in years as the very future existence of our chapter is at stake. In the 55 years since our chapter started, aviation, especially the path of experimental aviation, has changed dramatically. Our chapter hasn't really kept up with the changes in the interests of our membership and it has shown up in the falling attendance at our meetings.

It doesn't have to be that way. Ours is the only aviation club of its type in the Des Moines area for general aviation pilots and enthusiasts. Pilots are by nature strongly individualistic in the air but love to flock when grounded. We have opportunities to serve pilots through educational experiences, social events and project support, but right now we aren't reaching all that we could. The opportunity for this lies with the board and the officers.

At a regular meeting this spring we discussed possible things we could do to inspire greater participation and there were a number of great ideas suggested, some of which we have implemented. There is much more that we can do, but we need good people to do it.

Pretty much everything is up for reconsideration. Maybe we need a different meeting night/ start time/ location. Maybe the flying months should be flying events and winter months indoor programs. Maybe we could find some more hands-on activities. Maybe we could get involved with other organizations' activities. Maybe we should try to get the B-17 or the Tri-motor back. Maybe you have an idea

for something completely different. The sky is the limit! (Maybe not for us.)

Terms are for 2 years. 6 board positions are open. The Vice President and Secretary positions are open. I would rather serve on the board, so the President position could be open if someone would like it, especially if they want to put together a team. There is a lot of opportunity and a lot of possibilities for taking our flagging chapter out of the doldrums for people with vision and motivation. If it is going to happen it will be because members who care step up and take responsibility for the future direction of the chapter. Are you one of these?

If you might be interested, please contact me or any current board member, or just show up to either our November meetings and let us know of your interest. The future of our chapter is up to you.

Although all our chapter activities and meetings are open to everyone, only current paid both national and local members may hold office or vote. If you need to pay your dues there are three ways:

1. Mail \$20 to our treasurer, Dave Kalwishky, at 4224 Grandview Ave., Des Moines, IA, 50317.
2. 2. Paypal \$20 to Dave at dave@kalwishky.com. Use the friends and family option and there are no charges.
3. 3. The best option is to just show up for our meeting with your checkbook this Saturday, Nov 11, 6:00 (earlier if you would like chili), at the conference room above Exec 1 at KIKV

Ralph



1ST ANNUAL POKER RUN



WHERE: KIKV, KIFA, KBNW, I75, KOXV

WHEN: Saturday November 11, 2017

Time: 12:00PM - 5:00PM

Meeting at: 6:00 PM (5:30 Pm Socializing)



GUIDELINES

- Fly or drive to all of the airports listed above in any order you like.
- Pick up an envelope which will contain a playing card
- Bring your envelopes (total 5) to the monthly meeting where they will be opened
- The best or highest poker hand will have the title of winner
- Camaraderie with likeminded people
- You do have to be a member of Chapter 135 to participate
- Invite another pilot or friend to fly along



Disclaimer, this is a chapter event not tied to any national function – fly at your own risk and expense, maintain VFR Flight

EAA CHAPTER 135 CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday December 8th

Smokey D's same location as last year

Socialize 5:30 Dinner 6:00

Meal menu will follow at a later date.

Most likely this same as before.

We have the room till 9:00; if longer they won't kick us out

Gift exchange same as in the past - about \$20.00
male for male, female for female, or gender neutral

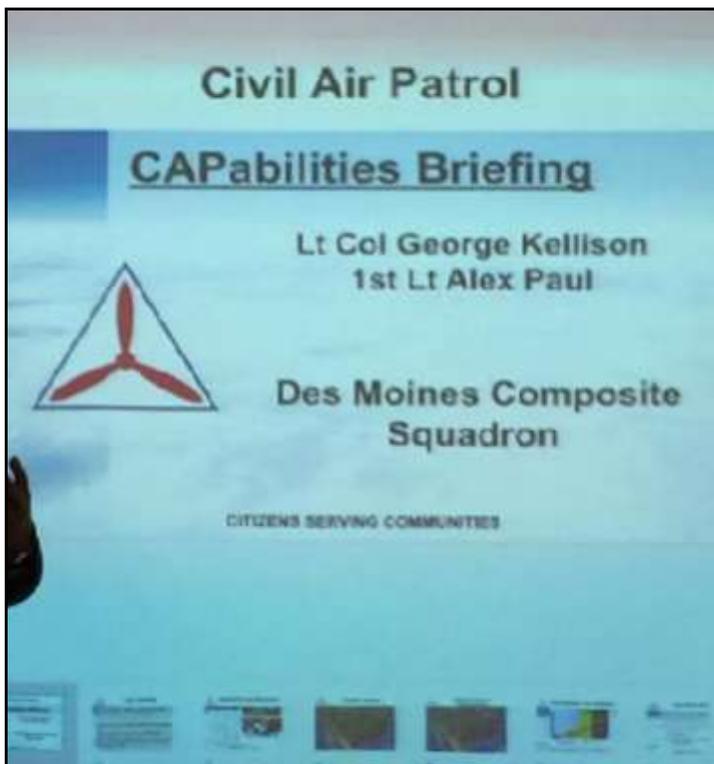
Contact Alan Hummel if you're planning to attend

We will need a head count

no later than two weeks prior to the party

Last year we had 20 so let's exceed that number this year.

Come enjoy the fun!



SPEAKERS AT THE OCTOBER EAA MEETING

Iowa Department of Transportation
Office of Aviation Calendar



NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

Muscatine Municipal Airport (MUT)
Iowa 99's monthly meeting
11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Phone: 563-650-0342 (Jenny Myren)
Email: owa@ncsids.org
Website: owa.ncsids.org



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.

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 Craig Martin at 515250-3124 or email to cmartindsm@gmail.com

Scales are kept at Wisecup Willow Aviation (Craig Martin) Nash Field, Indianola.

Membership Dues

Name:

EAA No.:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Dues are \$20.00 per year. Dues are due July 1 and run through June 30. After January 1 you may pay \$30.00 for 1½ years.

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE \$200.00 You must be a member of the National EAA

Mail dues to: Dave Kalwishky 4224 Grandview Avenue Des Moines, IA 50317



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