

The QC Aviator



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The Quad City Aviators Association is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting general aviation in Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois.

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QCAA is open to anyone interested in aviation. That includes spouses, non-pilots, pilots of all levels (ATP, Commercial, Private, Instructors, fixed, rotary wing, balloon, ultralight, and glider), air traffic controllers, mechanics, technicians, parachutists, and those who want to be any of the above. Remember: Hanger flying can be fun and informative too.

Please Note that there will not be a February Meeting

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speaker is Mr. Terry Myers, Transportation Security Inspector for TSA. Terry is the primary Illinois GA point of contact outside of the Chicago-Rockford area, has been with TSA since 2002 and was a Public Safety Officer at QCIA prior to that.

Please mark your calendars for the 20th. The Board will meet at 6:30 with the program commencing at 7pm. We will send out another meeting announcement in March.

March 20th Program

Just wanted to give you a head's-up for the March meeting. We will meet at the QC Int'l Airport terminal building conference room (in the hallway near the restrooms). Our guest

Upcoming Programs

We are fortunate to have a promise from **Captain Susan Kohr**, to speak at a "to be announced" Spring meeting. Susan is a new QCAA member, has CFII, ATP and SES ratings

and currently flies **Deere & Company's** Citation X. Captain Kohr received her ratings at **American Flyer's** and went back to **American Flyer's** to instruct for 5 years. She then flew a DC-9 for **Wisconsin Air** for 2 years. More soon....

We are also currently looking into the possibility of inviting AOPA President Phil Boyer to speak at a Fall meeting, but no promises on that as yet. We will let you know as soon as we get a yes or no on that one.

From the President

QCAA Members:

It is with great pleasure and pride that I accept the nomination and position as the 2008 President of the Quad City Aviators Association. The success, tradition, and camaraderie of the club helped me achieve my life long dream of becoming a private pilot. Congratulations to the other 2008 board members. I'm looking forward to working with you and I'm looking forward to getting to know the rest of the club members.

As president, I have one goal for this year. And that is to give back to an industry, and in particular this club, a debt of gratitude and my appreciation. There have been a number of key individuals that unselfishly shared their interest and love for flying. That contagious enthusiasm is what I would like to call upon in every member of this club. We are all here for that one special reason, which is different for each and every one of us. All of those reasons are what binds us together as a club and a nation of flying enthusiasts. Your club has a number of events on a tentative schedule for 2008 and we need your help. We all have full time jobs and responsibilities and never enough time to get it all done, but if everyone were to help with just one event – the pressure, problems, and satisfaction of a successful program is shouldered by many rather than a few. Be sure to visit your website often. Since our newsletter will be published every other month, this web site will be the vital link for 'News and Events' and instructions of how you can participate.

Finally, I'd like to share a vision for the 2008 Wannabe Program. The Wannabe Program is where it all came together for me. That first introductory flight in 2003 cemented my dreams and gave me focus of what I had to do. Being in control of my first airplane and seeing the Quad

Cities from a different perspective is an experience I would like to share. Please send your pictures from the air of the Quad Cities and surrounding area to intheair@netins.net . I would like to put together a slide show for all of our visitors and friends and show them what we see each and every time we take flight. Be sure to include your name and the location of each picture.

Warm regards,
Gary Rasso

Thank You All!

Quad City Aviators,

It's been a pleasure and privilege to be involved in this organization the last few years. It's all about the people in any organization, and this one has a lot of great people. A lot of great people who it just so happens fly airplanes.

There have been many successful events in the last ten years since the rebirth of the QCAA. One of them, as many of you know, is our "Wannabe A Pilot Program."

As a former Wannabe, It's very gratifying to report that the 2008 Wannabe chair and QCAA president also came to us as result of the "Wannabe A Pilot Program" in 2003. He started flying in 2005, got his private ticket in the spring of 2005, and now is a member of the Flying Country Club, Inc. I do want to thank our new President Gary Rasso for stepping up and taking this on as well as being on the board last year. I know he is anxious to give back to the QCAA (just as I was) and is going to do a great job.

The reach of our Wannabe A Pilot Program is probably impossible to fully measure. Forget that we have exposed well over 1,000 people to flight in GA Airplanes. We flew over 500 young Eagles. We have sent a half dozen young people to "Air Academy" in Oshkosh, and some have gone on to start careers in aviation. No, the most appealing part of all of this to me is how many new pilots we have started. We don't have a hard number, but I'm estimating there are around 20, including a very nice young man, who approached me two years ago at the QC Air Show while I was working the QCAA table. He walked up to me with his father in tow, and said, "All-right QC Aviators!" He said he remembered me, and went on to tell me how three years earlier he attended our Wannabe. He was inspired attending the Wannabe ground school, and took an introductory ride with one of our

CFI's. He's now an A&P for the Air National Guard, has his Private Pilot's License, and is living somewhere in southern Illinois. I got the impression that his life might have been lacking direction prior to the Wannabe experience. Well not any more!!

I found myself momentarily speechless, and for those of you who know me, that is kinda rare....!

So, this "now very confident" young (Pilot, A&P) man emphatically shook my hand and thanked me one more time. His also appreciative father followed suit, and the two of them promptly dashed off to enjoy more of the air show. It was a very good feeling! A proud moment for me and the QCAA!

Turning base....

So, as I wrap up my tenure as President of the QCAA it's with a heartfelt appreciation for all the good people who helped get this organization and the Wannabe up and going. There are so many people that deserve recognition and I can only list a few here.

Dwayne Evans, the very first winner of the QCAA's Wing's Award, who put the wheels in motion to get the QCAA back together eleven years ago.

Thanks to Ralph Stevenson for all his help over the years along with the other "47J" guys, Ron Ehrecke, Dan Murphy. Diane Beauchamp, thanks for flying people every year along with helping with everything else, including taking on another stint on the board. Jim Goetsch and the Quad City Flying Eagles, the folks at the Flying Country Club, Dean Maupin, former Wannabe's Ed Payton, Ron Morton, and Tony Gimble. Thank you Dave Skinner. A huge thank you to Kent Johnson for not only his tremendous help and support of the Wannabe, but his always helping out with programs and his "from the tower updates" To Tim Baldwin for the use of his hangar every year for parties, meetings and helicopter rides at the Annual Hanger Party.

Thanks to Dennis English for his excellent work with the newsletter. Thanks to Leigh Egger for doing an awesome job as secretary last year and accepting the VP nomination for 2008.

Last and certainly not least...the QCAA's MVP, (in my book anyway) goes to Bill Swaim. The time and energy Bill has put into this organization the last ten years, would fill a C-130. I believe Bill has held a board position for most if not all of the ten years of the QCAA's history, and has just been elected to a second term as treasurer. Bill was one of the handful of individuals that started the Wannabe. Since then,

Bill has done a mountain of "behind the scenes" work. The Wannabe A Pilot program, monthly programs, newsletter, database, historian, checkbook...you name it, Bill's done it! So the next time you bump into Bill Swaim, make sure you say.... thank you Bill!

I'm sure I'm missing a few people, but there have been so many good people it's hard to remember them all.

Turning final.....

I got a lot from QC Aviators...a license to fly an airplane and many good friends! I hope I gave something back to the QCAA in the past couple of years, and I wish I could have done more.

Here's to continued success to the Quad City Aviators!

Wishing you all smooth air.

Pat Rynott

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November Wings Banquet

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About fifty people attended the QCAA Annual "Wings" Banquet held at "The Lodge" in Bettendorf on Saturday, November 10th. Social hour began at 6 p.m., and people enjoyed spending time talking with others they haven't seen in the normal course of activity.

QCAA President Pat Rynott started the evening off with introductions of new members and guests. He commented on recent QCAA activities, especially the success of the past "Wannabe a Pilot Weekends." Since Wannabe began over 1,400 people have flown with QCAA aviators, and at least 12 people have become pilots after the experience.

Kent Johnson was invited to give remarks. Kent mentioned the continuing effort by local aviators to establish a fly-in community in Iowa or Illinois near the Quad Cities. Interested people can contact the group by going to www.qcairpark.com. Spence and Amanda Gray were present, and they have been instrumental in forging the proposal.

Kent also talked about different incidents that add to the ATC work load, and at this point in time they are short of people. Kent asked pilots to pay attention to their radios. He recalled an incident when aircraft with call numbers "2EJ" got confused with instructions for "Truck 2." Another time a pilot didn't have his transponder on, made his turn on course without permission, and almost collided with a regional jetliner.

Kent also commented on his opportunity to fly a GOBOSH 700, and summed it up with "It's a neat airplane."

President Rynott recognized his 2007 staff, and also Otto Stender, for his contributions to aviation.

Vice President Gary Rasso told the group that the QCAA needs your photos for a project he's working on. He is creating a slide show to run during the next Wannabe Program. The idea is to gather pictures from his fellow pilots in the Quad Cities and surrounding areas. If you submit photos, be sure to label them as to what and where the picture(s) was taken. Gary wants to show the 'land lovers' what pilots see when we go up. He'll send out a future e-mail to let people know where to send the digital and/or paper pictures.

Gary also introduced the guest speaker for the evening, Richard (Dick) Asbury, Lt. Colonel USAF, retired. Col. Asbury is a highly decorated WWII Ace who flew the P-51 Mustang in two combat tours. He has 30 years in the US Air Force including service in the Korean conflict and Vietnam. He retired in 1970, and lives in the Quad Cities.

Dick was born and raised in Southern Maryland on a tobacco farm. After high school he held several jobs, and then worked in the Civil Conservation Corps (CCC) in Baltimore. Then the attack on Pearl Harbor happened, and he signed up for flight training.

After passing all the tests he waited and waited for an assignment, but it wasn't until he plied his sergeant with whiskey that he finally got assigned. He flew P-39 Aircobra's, P-51 Mustangs, and on his third or fourth mission flew to Berlin and became an Ace.

He got out of the Air Corps after the war, and held an IRS job until the Korean conflict. He got called up and went to Enid, OK. He got to Korea late in the war, and came home in 1955. He went to the University of Illinois, and then became an ROTC instructor at Purdue.

He flew B-52 Stratofortresses in South Dakota, and there is a story. He had a friend who, wanting a fighter assignment, was assigned to the B-52 in South Dakota. He was consoled, yes, and even laughed at. Two weeks later, Dick was assigned to the same fate as his friend.

Dick talked about flying 24 hours on B-52 missions. They would fly to Hudson Bay, meet a tanker, refuel, fly to the North Pole, turn around, fly back towards the states, refuel, and head back

to the base in South Dakota. He talked about how he'd see the sun go up and down several times while they were near the pole because of how close they were to the Earth's axis.



B-52 Stratofortress with Armament

Col. Asbury served a year in Panama, and was then assigned to the Pentagon. One thing he learned in the Pentagon: avoid the boss on Friday, or you could get weekend work for a Monday presentation!

In the Philippines he flew the T-39 Sabreliner. Dick described it as an F-86 with a cabin on it. Once on a trip from Saigon to the Philippines his air speed went to zero. His pitot heat was off!



T-39/CT-39 Sabreliner Jet Trainer

In Viet Nam he flew a Cessna O-2 Skymaster on forward air control duty. He was also base commander at Pleiku, and one time inbound rockets broke up a meeting he was having.



Cessna O-2 Skymaster

After Viet Nam he returned, and served in Great Falls, MT before retiring.

In summing up his flight experience Col. Asbury noted he had 1,100 hours in B-52 bombers, 760 hours in T-28's, 500 hours in T-6's in addition to hours in P-51's, P-47's, T-39's, and the O-2.

Then he told us about meeting Erica, the daughter of a German pilot he shot down over

Europe. She called him, and asked him questions about his experience in the war, and then told him he had shot down her father in his FW-190. After that, they corresponded, and then met. They are good friends now.

Dick also told us about his grandson asking for his squadron insignia. Dick found it, and sent it to him at art school. It turned out his grandson had the insignia, the "Red Ass Squadron," tattooed on his butt! He also charges to see it. We all got a good laugh about that.

By Dennis English

Air Safety Foundation on PIREP'S

Please take some time to check out the Air Safety Foundation's on line mini courses made available at AOPA.org. The one I just finished was for Sky Spotter, "PIREP's Made Easy". You can take it yourself at: <http://flash.aopa.org/asf/skyspotter/swf/flash.cfm?>

Pilot reports are very important to aviation because they are the real weather in areas that may not have weather reporting. It is not just for IFR flight. Weather forecasts are guesses at best and we all know how many times the weather is not as predicted. PIREP's (Pilot Reports) are always requested from the flight briefer when you get your weather briefing, but this tool is vastly underused. A PIREP is easy, you can tell the Air Traffic Controllers or to get it into the system quicker, you can call Flight Service directly from the air. The frequency 122.2 works in most of the United States, and 122.0 is Flight Watch.

Flight Watch is available between 6AM and 10PM local time and usually above 5,000 feet. Or look on your sectional and find the closest VOR legend box. The Flight Service frequency is on the top of this box. The information needed for a PIREP is:

- Nearest VOR or Airport and distance from it
- Zulu Time
- Altitude
- Aircraft Type
- Cloud Coverage and Type, Bases and Tops
- Visibility

An easy way to remember is Who, Where When and What?

You can download a copy of a PIREP at the site above.

By Diane Beauchamp

SHARE A PHOTO



A reminder to continue to take pictures of Cities and surrounding area from the air!! Some pictures are starting to come in, but we'll need everyone's efforts and contributions to make a successful slide show for the 2008 Wannabe. So, use that new Christmas gift next time you go up and snap away. We'll let you know where to you're your pictures in the next news letter.

*Gary Rasso
2008 Wannabe*

Elliott Goes BP

In an effort to improve delivery and cost factors **Elliott Aviation** has switched to **BP** fuel services. **Mick Harrison**, Elliott President and CEO, explained the situation to a group of GA pilots recently at an Elliott Aviation open house.

Mick explained that BP refineries are located closer to us in the Midwest, which reduces transportation costs and uncertainties. BP also has a more dependable source of petroleum, and that makes them more dependable as a supplier of aviation fuel.

He assured the group that the 30 cent ramp discount would continue. The BP credit card offering through Chase Bank gives 5% cash rebates at all BP locations, plus additional lower rebates for other select purchases. A representative from BP was present to expound on the credit card and answer questions about BP.

The open house offered delicious burgers and brats with appropriate trimmings. Facility tours were offered by Elliott operations management.

I am optimistic that we may be entering into a more friendly relationship with our FBO at Quad City International, and that is a good thing.

Happy Birthday to Don Grundstrom !!

Mr. Grundstrom recently celebrated his 85th Birthday at a surprise party held in Coal Valley. Don was greeted by more than (130) friends and family at a surprise party hosted by Dean and Cathy Maupin in his honor, and a surprise it was. It is difficult to imagine just getting Donald Grundstrom to attend a party in his honor, but keeping it a surprise as well, rates right up there with.....well, the impossible.

Because of the bitterly cold forecast for the evening, Don even commented to Dean that maybe it would be best if he and Betty stay home! In the end, it all went off without a hitch. Don thought he was attending a small party for Dean and when he walked in the door, it took him several minutes just to come to the realization that it was all for him!

Thanks for just being You, and may you have many, many more!



photos by Bill Swaim

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Did you ever wish you knew the weather locally *before you flew?*

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QUAD CITY AVIATORS ASSOCIATION

2008 Association Dues Statement

Dear fellow Aviators and Aviation enthusiasts,

If you have not done so already, please remit Membership Dues for 2008. Remember that dues are for the current calendar year and help continue the support of General Aviation, Education, Young Eagles, Wannabe, Special Programs/Speakers, Mailings, Activities, Etc.

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