

The QCAA Aviator

Quad City Aviator's Association



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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, 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.

Our Regular Meeting is the 3rd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 15 Program: "16 Right" Van Nuys Airport Documentary

Terminal Building – Davenport Airport, Davenport, IA

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I don't know about you, but it's been a while since I've heard..."You're cleared for takeoff!" Well, the good news is that spring is only 3 weeks away, and Daylight Savings Time is only 2 weeks away.

I want to thank **Kent Johnson** for doing a great job at the February meeting. It was interesting, informative, and there were a lot of good questions and answers. I was

especially gratified to not only see some new faces at this meeting, but we also had four former Wannabe's attend! I think that says a lot!!! We don't just give rides and promote GA: At the Wannabe...we make pilots.

Speaking of the Wannabe...the date has been set for June 9th, the Saturday after the **Quad City Air Show**.

Our new VP and former "Wannabe," **Gary Rasso** is chairman of the event. I know he shares my appreciation for this event, and is excited to be involved. I want to thank Gary for stepping up and taking on this very worthy program. If you have volunteered in the past, I want to say "Thank you!" and we need your help again. If you can help in any way please give me or Gary a call. June will be here before you know it and as many of you know...for this program to continue, it takes volunteers. The QCAA's "**Wannabe a Pilot Program**" has become a **Quad City** tradition. Let's keep it going!

Have you seen our website at www.qcaa.org lately?" It's very good looking, and informative. Go ahead and take a peek. Our very own (and my CFI) **Diane Beauchamp** is the webmaster, and is doing an excellent job! *Thanks Diane!* It only takes a few seconds to tell a friend to take a look at QCAA.org. It's a great resource for flying information and coming events.

Speaking of coming events, we have two great programs in the following months.

At the March 15th meeting at the Davenport Airport we'll show an outstanding aviation video, "**One Six Right.**" If you haven't seen it yet here is your chance. It's a one hour movie that will start at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Larrie Dahl, the **Director of John Deere Aviation**, will be our guest speaker at the May meeting. Please note that this meeting date is **Wednesday**, May 16th. Mr. Dahl has had a life of flying experiences that include flying the **Citation X**, the world's fastest non-military jet. Among many other aviation roles, Larrie's been a crop duster... and, ya gotta love a guy who has a grass strip next to his home. This program is open to the public, so please spread the word.

— *Pat Rynott* —

Still Looking...

We have the position of *High Flight Pilot Program* to fill. If you are interested in helping out please contact Pat Rynott at pryno@sbcglobal.net

Kent Johnson Discusses MLI

Our February program featured our favorite ATC guy, **Kent Johnson**. Kent told us what was being considered and what operational changes were in store at **Quad City International Airport (MLI)**. Of course, Kent used his terrific conversational style of presenting, which made it seem personal.

Taxiway C will be permanently closed. Since the revised taxiway construction, taxiway C becomes too confusing for pilots. It will be removed next summer.

Runway 5 will have a temporary relocated threshold due to dirt that is piled up higher than 5 feet off the end. It's that high to allow

settling before final grade is created. Once actual runway and taxiway extension construction begins, probably this year, speculation is that our use of the runway may be limited to runway 5 departures and 23 arrivals so flying over the men and equipment involved in the construction is prevented.

There is a planned **300 foot extension** to the southeast end of runway 13/31, which will be constructed to add runway length for air carriers. The current displaced threshold on 31 will remain the same due to the trees and bluff, so there is not any added landing length to runway 31, just added departure length to runways 31 and 13, and added landing length to runway 13 only.

During the recent construction on runway 5/23 it was discovered the **intersection pavement** for all the runways was in worse shape than expected. It's now hoped the intersection can last another 5 years before it must be replaced. This reconstruction will pose formidable problems for the airport, since closing that intersection negatively impacts all runways. Some solutions being discussed:

1. **Move runway 31**, which would also move its intersection with the other runways.
2. **Build a parallel 9/27**, which would allow closing the existing 9/27. This would be very expensive, and would not likely be spaced far enough from the existing runway to allow for simultaneous IFR approaches (There must be 3,500' separation for simultaneous IFR operations.), but it would allow simultaneous VFR landings or take-offs.
3. Build a **new runway 7/25** west of the control tower.

The current **radar set/antenna system** was installed in 1975. It needs to be replaced, and a new antenna will likely go very near the current one. This means the current radar must be shut down while the new one is constructed to prevent workers from being exposed to microwave radiation from the old antenna. This may happen late this year. While the airport is without local radar they could use Long Range Radar (LRR) from a Chicago Center radar site located near Peoria. This would require an increase from 3 to 5 mile

separation since the LRR is more than 40 nm from most of Moline's airspace. Also, by using LRR aircraft below 3,000 feet would not be visible. There would not be any primary radar available during this time without the local radar system in operation.

As most of us are aware, the current **CAP building** will be torn down to make way for new car rental space. A new CAP facility will be constructed inside of Cargo Building #2. Construction on that facility is expected to start in June this year.

In addition to all these activities, Kent cautioned pilots to **stay alert** to runway operations:

- Pay attention to hold short lines, etc.
- No more position and hold operations will be allowed due to ATC manpower requirements.

The QCAA thanks **Kent Johnson** for a fantastic presentation, and an advance glimpse of what is going on at the Quad City International Airport.

Looking Ahead: May

At the January 18th meeting **Ralph Stephenson** reported the spring program he and **Dwayne Trautman** have been planning, featuring **Larrie Dahl**, Chief Pilot for Deere & Company. That program has been confirmed for 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 16th.

Ralph reported that Mr. Dahl would present a 35 to 40 minute Power Point presentation, talking about aviation history, careers in aviation and personal stories, with a question and answer period afterwards. Ralph told the group that Dahl has had a wonderful career in various aspects of aviation, and is a good story teller. It will be a great program, so please plan on attending. The event will be held in the Gold Room of the Moline Library. It is open to the public, so spread the word.

Notables

- **HondaJet** will be built in Greensboro, NC according to an announcement by Honda Aircraft on February 9th. The company headquarters will also be established there.

- One of the founding members of EAA Chapter 75, **Willis Luallen**, was honored on his 80th birthday. Willis lives in Woodhull, IL, and has been very active in local organizations. QCAA wishes Willis a Happy Birthday!
- The Quad City area lost two aviators recently. **Gary Smith** passed away on February 14th. Gary was a charter pilot for Elliott Aviation and corporate pilot for HRB Aircraft and Carver Aero Corporation. **William Meyers** also died on February 14th. Meyers lived in North Carolina, but was a longtime area resident. He was a pilot and belonged to the EAA and the Blackhawk Soaring Club.
- Although the Cirrus SR20 & 22 have come under certain scrutiny, a study found that the type had a 4.1 accident per 100K hrs compared to the GA average of 6.2 per 100K hrs. The type had a 1.4 fatal rate compared to 1.2 for the GA fleet per 100K hrs.
- **ADS-B** which will revolutionize how aircraft are separated and controlled in airspace has been approved for deployment by the FAA. However, just like most things the FAA gets involved in, there are hundreds of details to be worked out. It also means thousands of dollars more for equipment for aircraft to use the system.
- **Tower tours** can be arranged as long as they are during normal business hours, and people go through the tower management. This was mentioned by **Kent Johnson** during our February meeting.

Fly-in Community Interest?

This was sent to us by QCAA Member and aviator, **Tim Baldwin**. "We're contemplating the development of a 'fly-in' community somewhere in upper Rock Island County," Tim said. "This concept is in its early stages, and we're looking for feedback from the flying community and prospective buyers."

"The initial thoughts are something along these lines: 2500' grass strip, and possibly lighted," he continued.

He added, "Around 50 home/hangar sites of 1 acre in size with the ability to build a home and hangar, or a separate area on the field to build only a hangar."

A club house and rental hangars would be available to owners/members, and association dues of around \$100 per month are being

considered. The dues would cover well maintenance, lawn care, snow removal, and that sort of thing.

Tim and his associates are "...looking for any and all feedback on this project, but most specifically, we're looking for the interest level and (for) lot prices."

Please email your feedback/input to Tim Baldwin at tpbaldwin@gmail.com.

CAP Benefit March 7th

Playcrafter's Barn Theater is presenting a play to benefit the **Civil Air Patrol**. The play, "**Catfish Moon**" will be presented Wednesday, March 7, 2007. The reception starts at 6:30 p.m., and the performance starts at 7:00 p.m.

There is a \$10 ticket donation to benefit the **CAP Youth Program**. You can get tickets from any CAP member, or call the CAP at 309-797-1588. If you haven't been to a **Playcrafter's Barn Theater** production you are missing a treat.

As QCAA members and pilots we may not appreciate the value of having the CAP here at MLI until we need them. It's also pretty nice having the CAP members give us ground support at the various fly-ins and air shows. The CAP building has had the welcome mat out for years for flying groups to utilize. This is your opportunity to give them your support.

The Sniff Dog -

A man had just settled into his seat next to the window on the plane when another man sat down in the aisle seat next to the man.

The first man looks very quizzically at the dog, and asks why the dog is allowed on the plane. The second man explained that he is a DEA agent, and the dog is a "sniffing dog."

"His name is Sniffer, and he's the best there is. I'll show you once we get airborne, when I put him to work."

The plane takes off, and once it has leveled out the agent says, "Watch this." He tells Sniffer to "search." Sniffer jumps down, walks along the aisle, and finally sits very purposefully next to a woman for several seconds. Sniffer then returns to its seat, and puts one paw on the agent's arm.

The agent says, "Good boy," and he returns to the man and says, "That woman is in possession of marijuana, so I'm making a note of her seat number and the authorities will apprehend her when we land."

"Say, that's pretty neat," replies the first man.

Once again, the agent sends Sniffer to search the aisles. The Lab sniffs about, sits down beside a man for a few seconds, returns to its seat, and this time he places TWO paws on the agent's arm.

The agent says, "That man is carrying cocaine, so again, I'm making a note of his seat number for the police."

"I like it!" says his seat mate.

The agent then told Sniffer to "search" again. Sniffer walked up and down the aisles for a little while, sat down for a moment, and then came racing back to the agent, jumped into the middle seat and proceeded to poop all over the place.

The first man is really grossed out by this behavior, and can't figure out how or why a well-trained dog would act like that, so he asks the agent, "What's going on?"

The agent nervously replied, "He just found a bomb!"

Cirrus SR-22 Share(s) Available.....

Davenport based Cirrus SR-22 is an eight member group with great availability, low monthly fees, and low hourly operating fees. There's an opening for one, possibly two more members. Contact **Tim Baldwin** for more information at 309-781-7686 or tpbaldwin@gmail.com.

Aviator, Or Wannabe, QCAA Is For You!

- **You don't have to be a pilot.**
- **You MUST be interested in aviation.**

You, the Quad City Aviator, have a great organization here, but your support is vital. We'd like to increase the number of members. Support for QCAA means numbers. That's the strength of the organization. Numbers also means more consistent quality programs and activities.

We'd like to encourage you at this time to support the QCAA by paying dues. Dues are only \$25 per year, and are not wasted. A membership form is attached.

Thank You!

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Things To Do...Places To Go... What's Happening in 2007

Mar 6	AOPA Safety Seminar, Kirkwood College, Cedar Rapids (CID)	319-398-7189
Mar 21	Wings & Things Lecture Series - Col (Ret) Wolfgang Samuel, www.wpafb.af.mil/museum	
Mar 22	GA Exhibit & Seminar, Lewis Univ. Romeoville, IL	Mike Streit 815-836-5431
Apr 15	U of DBQ Ann Fly-in/Drive-in Brkfst; Dubuque, IA	Mike Glynn 563-589-3277
Apr 17-23	Sun 'n Fun Fly-in; Lakeland, FL (LAL);	www.sun-n-fun.org
Apr 26	U. of IL Flying Team's Fly-In/Drive-In Pancake Breakfast; Rantoul, IL	815-405-4215
May 5	Tulip Time Flight Breakfast, Pella, IA (PEA) 7-10 am; S. Vande Voort	641-628-9393
May 5-6	Midwest Regional Fly-in; Cahokia/St Louis, IL, 9 am - 4 pm	618-337-6060
May 6	EAA Ch 22 Fly-in Breakfast; Courtesy, Rockford, IL (RFD) R Voss	815-398-5907
May 12-13	IL Pilots Assoc Ann Mtg; Urbana, IL (C16) Paul Zerkel	217-626-2236
May 18-20	5 th Ann. Midwest Aeronca Festival; Kewanee, IL (EZI) Jody Wittmeyer	309-883-0749
May 19	Beloit Pancake Breakfast & Biplane Fly-in, Beloit, WI (44C) Jim	608-290-9549
Jun 1-3	Quad City Air Show, 8 am - 5 pm; Davenport, IA (DVN)	563-285-7469
Jun 1-2	EAA SW Regional - The Texas Fly-in; Hondo, TX (HDO)	www.swrfi.org
Jun 8-10	Airfest, Janesville, WI (JVL) 9 a.m. Julie Dacy	608-754-5405
Jun 9	10th Annual "Wannabe A Pilot" - Moline, IL (MLI) Diane Beauchamp	309-764-4210
Jun 17	Ann. Fathers Day Fly-in/Drive-in, Geneseo, IL (3G8) Kent Johnson	309-944-8126
Jun 22-24	Rocky Mtn EAA Regional Fly-in; Watkins, CO (FTG)	www.rmrfi.org
Jul 1	Friends of 8C4 Fly-in, Tipton, IA (8C4) Max Coppess	563-212-3308
Jul 20	River City Air Expo 2007 - Prairie Air Show, Inc.; Peoria, IL; (PIA)	309-697-6757
Jul 23-29	AirVenture, EAA Convention & Fly-in, Oshkosh, WI (OSH)	www.eaa.org
Aug 5	Hiawatha Valley Pilot's Assoc Brkfst, Bay City, WI (RGK) Red Wing, MN	715-594-3999
Aug 18	7 th Ann. Fly-in Pot Luck; Danville, IA Meat/drinks provided Rex Ott	319-750-7683
Aug 19	EAA Chapter 368 Fly-in, Monona, IA (7C3) Sharon Desotal	563-539-2561
Aug 24-26	Luscombe Fly-in; Matton/Charleston, IL; Coles County (MTO) Jerry Cox	217-234-8720
Aug 25	7 th Ann Abel Island Fly-in/Float-in (GAA) 12 - 3 p.m., Gary Fisher	319-480-0913
Aug 25-26	EAA Mid-Eastern Regional Fly-in; Mansfield, OH (MFD)	http://merfi.info
Sep 8	QC Challenger 25th Anniversary, Erie, IL Jim Robinson	309-659-2721
Sep 10	EAA Chapter 327 Fly-In brkfst, Dubuque, IA (DBQ) D Schares	563-582-4150
Sep 16	Iowa Chop Fly- In, Oelwein, IA (OLZ) Chuck	563 920-2692
Sep 16-17	North Central EAA Fly-in; Whiteside Cty (SQI) Dolores Nunteufel	630-543-6743
Sep 24	Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, Freeport, IL (FEP) Angie Janssen	815/232-1078
Oct 12-14	Southeast Regional Fly-in; Evergreen, AL (GZH)	www.serfi.org
Jan 17-20	U.S. Sport Aviation Expo; Sebring, FL	www.sport-aviation-expo.com

For more events go to www.eaa.org/events, www.flyins.com, www.FunPlacesToFly.com,
www.iawings.com

“Wing Tips”
Apparel with the QCAA logo from Land’s End



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Please SHOW Your Support for the QCAA in Our Community....Wear the Wings!

Contact Bill Swaim: bill@midwesteq.com

Local and National Aviation Organizations

AMC Corporation	Dwayne Trautman	MRDDT@mchsi.com	309-796-2680
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Carver Aero, Inc.	Sandra Barrett	www.carveraero.com	563-391-5650
Civil Air Patrol (Moline)	Tom Neilson		309-797-1588
Civil Air Patrol (Dav.)	Mike McCoy		563-386-6506
Clinton Municipal Airport	Michael Nass	flycwi@clinton.net	563-242-3292
David’s Flying Service	Don David		563-582-1293
EAA Chapter 75	Richard Lowe, President	http://members.tripod.com/~EAA_Chapter_75	309-949-2771
Erie Airpark	Jim Robinson		
Elliott Aviation www.elliottaviation.com	Jace Stone – General Mgr Rick Kent – Line Manager		309-799-3183
Flying Country Club, Inc. www.netexpress.net/~flyingcc	Gene Fildes, President Dennis English, Secretary		309-269-0517 309-799-7522
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47 Jay’s	Dan Murphy		309-496-2561
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Monticello Aviation		www.monticelloaviation.com	319-465-5488
Quad City Air Show	Ken Hopper	www.quadcityairshow.com	563-285-7469
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Radio Ranch	Ron Hammer	www.radioranchinc.com	815-622-9000
Quad City Aviators Association	Pat Rynott	www.qcaa.org	309-737-3435
Quad City Ultralight Aircraft Corp		www.quadcitychallenger.com	309-764-3515

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

Clinton, IA	563-243-8934	Davenport, IA	563-388-2154
Moline, IL	309-799-7096	Muscatine, IA	563-263-0902

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QUAD CITY AVIATORS ASSOCIATION

2007 Association Dues Statement & Ballot

Dear fellow Aviators and Aviation enthusiasts,

If you have not done so already, please remit Membership Dues for 2007. 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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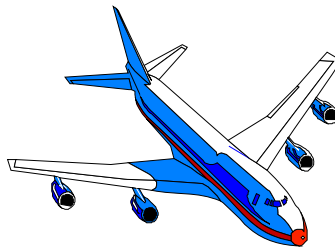
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