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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 will be held on Thursday, April 19th at the CAP Building – Quad City International Airport, and will be primarily a Wannabe organizational meeting to discuss the event structure and set up committees.

The 10th Annual Wannabe is scheduled for June 6th & 9th

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“16 Left, 16 Right”

“16 Left”

It wasn't a glamorous program, nor did it highlight a local aviator, but a group of about 25 aviation enthusiasts watched two very interesting films.

The first one was “16 Left,” and it is about the making of “16 Right.” From the conversations I heard I wasn't the only one a bit confused!

A young man named **Brian Terwillager** produced the films. He has a passion for aviation that many of us have, and decided against advice to film the story of **Van Nuys Airport (VNY)**.

Brian Terwillager went from dreaming about flying to building models to learning to fly at VNY. The filming of “16 Right” was a “love story” according to Brian. **Kevin LaRosa** was their camera man/photographer, **Kim Furst** was their film editor, **Alain Chamberlain** did the visual effects, and **Nathan Wang** was the music composer. These people did a great job.

Chamberlain used a multiple of still pictures to fade to and from VNY of old to the modern airport, from 10,000' to close in, and did it as though it was seamless. It was a beautiful piece of work.

“16 Left” had loads of anecdotes such as how they filmed in secret so they could capture the mood of the airport without acting.

(see: www.onesixleft.com)

“16 Right”

Many personalities were interviewed in the making of the film, including **Phil Boyer**, **Clay Lacy**,

Barry Schiff, Hank Smull, Barbara Ceaser, Jan Wood and many others.

VNY has a magnificent history. It started out as Los Angeles Metropolitan Airport in December 1928. It went into disrepair during the Great Depression, and the L.A. airport was moved to its current location.

But people began to have a vision of what could be. Aviation related manufacturers were brought in, and a lot of "barnstorming" established some of the first aviation records.

Many famous names operated out of VNY such as **Amelia Earhart** and **Bobby Trout**. "**Casablanca**" was filmed on site there in 1933.

Then suddenly the activity stopped when Pearl Harbor was bombed. The aircraft were all grounded, and the airfield became an Army Air Force base.

After the war the airport became the "San Fernando Airport," and then in 1957 it finally became the Van Nuys Airport.

A longer runway was built after the war when the Air National Guard began using the jet F-86 Sabre.

The "Guppy" was built there, Learjet was based there, and many VIPs flew in and out of Van Nuys.

Barry Schiff noted at the end of the film that pilots and GA people don't do enough to spread the word about the importance of General Aviation. America is losing aviation infrastructure and airports such as Meigs Field in Chicago.

I learned a lot about aviation by watching the film. I got to see some real historical airplanes, and people who did their part to grow aviation in America as we know it. After all, there isn't anywhere else on the planet that pilots can exercise such freedom to fly, which also makes me think of the responsibility we have to pass along that tradition and freedom to our successors.

I also got to look around the room, and witness the many in attendance who have done so much to contribute to the GA tradition in the Quad Cities. You should have been there.

(Editors Note: Our production staff was **Pat Rynott, Bill Swaim, and Gary Rasso**.)

Still Looking...

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

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 Dahl would present a 35 to 40 minute Power Point presentation,

talking about aviation history and careers in aviation, convey personal stories, and then have 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 to attend. The event will be held in the Gold Room of the Moline Library. It is open to the public, so spread the word.

Notables

- Our heartfelt sympathy goes to **Dwayne Trautman** who lost his wife **Karen** in early April. Dwayne and his wife have been stalwart aviation people for a very long time.
- Anyone else notice what a good job **Bruce Carter** is doing representing the airport in the TV ads? Another passenger boarding record was set by QCIA. Now if we could just increase our GA operations...!
- It's interesting how **Marion Blakey** can change her mind so fast about user fees. Now she is pushing for user fees. Hang on for a tough ride, and make sure your **AOPA** membership is up to date!
- **Jim Smith** and **Bob Olds** showed up for the March meeting. It was good to see those fellows again.
- How about a "Fly-out?" The Bahama's Fly-out 2007 is set to leave Wheeling, IL (Palwaukee?) April 28 and runs through May 6th. Call Lou Nistler at 847-823-6713. Sounds like fun, but I'd rather do it in January.

Upside Down?

A blind man went to the airport to fly in a small plane and the pilot asked him, "If you're blind, why do you want to fly?" And the blind man said, he just wanted to have the experience. So off through the skies they went!

The pilot had a heart attack and passed out and the blind man felt around and found the mike and keyed up and said, "Help, help, I'm a blind man flying upside down in a small plane and the pilot has passed out!"

A voice came over the speaker that said, "If you are a blind man, how do you know you're upside down?"

The man said, "Because something is running out of my collar!!!!"

CAP Benefit March 7th

Anyone who missed the **Playcrafter's Barn Theater** presentation of "Catfish Moon" this past month missed an enjoyable night. My wife and I attended, and found it very entertaining. We expected to see more aviators in attendance, but also know that people are very busy..... Please support our CAP!

Bad for Aviation

A pilot flies his rented airplane into his ex-mother-in-law's home. He and his daughter are killed, and a perfectly good airplane is lost.

Investigators are treating an airplane crash on Monday as a murder-suicide. **Eric Johnson**, 47, of Bedford, Ind., a student pilot, rented a single-engine Cessna from his local airport, took his eight-year-old daughter, Emily, with him, and crashed into the roof of his ex-mother-in-law's house. Nobody in the house was hurt. Johnson and his wife had divorced last year. The "Indianapolis Star" reported that he had taken the girl on a vacation to Cancun, and was supposed to drop her off at school Monday morning, where her mother would later pick her up. Instead, he called his ex-wife and said he planned to keep the girl, the ex-wife's mother told reporters. "I've got her, and you're not going to get her," he reportedly said.

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. 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!

Air Force National Museum

You want to see military airplanes? Go to Dayton, OH. On March 28th my two grandsons, Brandon and Cameron, headed for Dayton. We stopped three times, otherwise it was straight through on Interstates. Driving time was about 6 hours for the 450 mile trip.

Friday morning we went to the Air Force National Museum, the largest aviation museum in the world. This place is spectacular! The main displays are in three hangers 500 x 2,000 feet connected by smaller buildings. There are also connected buildings such as the one with the ICBM display.

We went to see the old Air Force One airplanes in a special building on the main base. That required some security details and a bus trip. It was worth it. On display was the DC-6 used by Truman, the Columbine, a Super Constellation used by Eisenhower, and the first jet presidential plane, a Boeing B-707. These airplanes are surrounded by smaller airplanes also used by past presidents such as a Lockheed Jetstar.

Back at the main museum the aircraft are organized by historical period. There was WWI and prior, WWII, Korean War, Asian Theater, and Cold War periods. Everything from an observation balloon, B-36, B-52, all the fighters of the Century Series, a C-5, a Globemaster, C-141, a C-133, SR-71, B-1, B-2, F-22, and I could go on and on.

This is a wonderful trip for those of us who are in love with airplanes. The museum is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week, and is free of charge.

Takes Guts

A man boards an airliner, takes his seat, and is surprised to find a large purple parrot in the seat next to him. The aircraft takes off and a pretty flight attendant walks down the aisle past the man and his seat mate.

"Hey, witch," says the parrot, "bring me a whiskey and soda, and make it snappy!"

The FA looks annoyed, but walks on. A minute later, she walks back up the aisle, and the parrot pipes up again:

"Gosh darn-nit you lazy snake, Where's my whiskey? Hurry it up!"

Visibly flustered, the FA hurries up the aisle and returns quickly with the parrot's drink.

Impressed with the parrot's technique, the man decides to get some quick service for himself.

"Hey, slut, " says the man, "get me a dry martini and don't drag your sorry butt. I want it right now!"

The FA turns red with anger and runs to the front of the plane. In a moment she returns with the First Officer and two burly male flight attendants. The crewmen seize the passenger and the parrot, jerk open the emergency door, and hurl them both out of the airplane at 20,000 feet.

As the two hurtle out the door, the parrot says to the man, "Ya know, I gotta hand it to you. For someone who can't fly, you got a lotta guts."

Area Flight Instructors

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		Kevin Strong	563-391-5650		

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

Apr 14	Midwest RV Fly-in, Marion, IA, Breakfast 8 am, rain date 15 th , R. Carter	618-534-5387
Apr 15	U of DBQ Ann Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast; 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	EAA 838 Pancake Breakfast, Racine, WI (RAC) 7-12 noon Bob Helland	262-886-8577
May 12-13	IL Pilots Assoc Ann Meeting; 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 2-3	14 th Ann. Charlie Wells Fly-in, Springfield, IL (SPI) Jerry Coleman	217-483-3201
Jun 8-10	Army Wings & Wheels, Poplar Grove, IL (C77) Tom Murray	815-964-8610
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 17	Father's Day Fly-in/Drive-in breakfast, Mineral Pt, WI (MRJ) Kevin King	608-987-9931
Jun 22-24	Rocky Mt. 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 6-8	EAA 1159 Fly-in/Pig Roast, Kankakee, IL (IKK) Jim Leon	815-529-3000
Jul 20	River City Air Expo 2007 - Prairie Air Show, Inc.; Peoria, IL; (PIA)	309-697-6757
Jul 20-21	Sauk Valley Fly-In & Hangar Dance, Dixon, IL (C73) Joey Frey	815-440-3006
Jul 23-29	AirVenture, EAA Convention & Fly-in, Oshkosh, WI (OSH)	www.eaa.org
Aug 5	Hiawatha Valley Pilot's Assoc Breakfast, 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; Mattoon/Charleston, IL; Coles County (MTO) Jerry Cox	217-234-8720
Aug 25	7th 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 3-9	National Stearman Fly-in, Galesburg, IL (GBG)	309-343-6409
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

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Local and National Aviation Organizations

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Carver Aero, Inc.	Sandra Barrett	www.carveraero.com	563-391-5650
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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
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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
Quad City Seaplane Base	Jim Goetsch	www.flyfloats.com	309-799-3251
Quad City Skydiving	Dennis Jenson	www.qcskydiving.com	309-944-0363
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

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.

Send to: QCAA PO Box 9202 Moline, IL 61265.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES are \$25.00
(Family membership dues option is \$30.00)**

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"Take over while I check the cabin!"



The Quad City Aviators Association Presents:
The 10th Annual 'Wannabe a Pilot' Weekend

Have You Ever Wanted to Learn to Fly?

Join us on June 9th for a flight with the Pilots and
Flight Instructors of the Quad City Area.

Expand Your Horizons. Come Fly With Us!

An Open House and 'Ground School' will be held on Wednesday, June 6th 2007, in the center cargo building (Cargo #2), just east of the QC Airport main entrance drive (Intersection of I-74 & Route 6). We welcome all from ages 8 to 108. A Parent or Guardian must accompany those ages 8 -17. The Open House starts at 4 PM with planes on display. Registration for Saturday's flights is from 6-7 PM, followed by a short flight introduction and Ground School. Attendance and registration on Wednesday are required to fly on Saturday.

The Flight Day will be Saturday, June 9th (weather permitting) and will again be held at the Cargo Building #2. A rain date will be announced, if required.

Aircraft rides for those under 18 years of age are free. For all others a \$20 donation is required. An introductory flight lesson including a logbook & ground school session is also available for a \$60 donation, but is subject to instructor availability. A portion of all donations is tax deductible and will go to our High Flight Education Fund, an affiliate of the Moline Foundation.

This event is held in conjunction with the EAA (www.EAA.org) Young Eagles Program. Young people ages 8-17 will receive a certificate commemorating their first flight and their names will be entered into the world's largest log book!

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Please Join us.....we love to fly!