

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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www.qcaa.org

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.

September 20th Program: Light Sport Flying, 7:00 p.m.

Tim Baldwin's Hangar, South Side - MLI - Board Mtg at 6pm

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airplanes. Tim Baldwin is hosting the meeting at his hangar on the south side of MLI. The program starts at 7 p.m.

There will also be a brand new Gobosh G-700 LSA at the hangar for your inspection!

While the program will not be advertised to the general public you are all encouraged to bring a friend.

September Program

Our September 20th program will feature Gobosh Aviation's own Dave Graham who will talk about the Light Sport Aviation scene including licensing &

Also, the QCAA Fall Wing's Banquet is scheduled for November 10th at "The Lodge" in Bettendorf.....more later.

Pat Rynott, QCAA President

Thank You!

Notable

- On June 25, 2007, a **North American Navion**, flown by a non-IFR, private pilot, was destroyed on impact with terrain near Colona, IL. IMC prevailed at the time of the accident. The private pilot and private pilot rated passenger were killed. The flight departed from Waterloo Regional Airport (ALO), and was destined for Georgetown, KY (27K).
- Flying gets a boost as **Nick McManus**, a recent student pilot graduate from the Flying Country Club was celebrated on page one of The Dispatch "Life" section July 28th. Nick was also running in the Bix, graduated from high school this month, and got handshakes and back slaps from the **Thunderbird** pilots for his efforts.
- As American Airlines adds a direct route from ORD to **Beijing, China** the Quad Cities benefits through the ORD connection.
- Long time Elliott Aviation, aviation mechanic **Robert Leigh** passed away July 24th at 81.
- The **ad-hoc pilot luncheon** usually held at "Joe's" in Coal Valley has migrated to the Milan Hy-Vee. Apparently "...smoke gets in your eyes" had something to do with it.
- Two **P-51 Mustangs** collided at the south end of runway 18/36 at OSH on Friday afternoon, July 27th. One pilot was killed. They were landing after a series of fly-bys.
- **Richard James** was killed in his Mustang (P-51) 10 miles north of Fond Du Lac, WI during a formation flight over the area during AirVenture. He was in formation with 3 other P-51s when they suddenly realized he had dropped out of formation.
- **John "Bob" Vance Jr.**, a CFII and charter pilot for Elliott Aviation, and brother of Joe Vance, long time Elliott Aviation Line Supervisor passed away July 30, 2007 in Ocala, FL after a battle with cancer.
- **Mike Nightingale's** RV-10 flew for the first time on August 17th, and from the report things went pretty smoothly. Congratulations Mike on N194WE!
- Anyone interested in more information regarding a **fractional ownership of a Gobosh G-700 LSA**, joining or forming a club with a New G-700 LSA. Please contact **Dave Graham** 563-529-2044, or **Tim Baldwin** 309-781-7686.

Ralph Stephenson thanks everyone who participated and donated to the "**Birdies for Charity**" during the **John Deere Classic** golf tournament.

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!

GA Supports Sensible ATC

In a recent issue of "ePilot," AOPA stated it was in favor of H.R. 2881, the FAA funding bill now in the House of Representatives.

AOPA does NOT like the senate bill, because it includes user fees.

At Oshkosh this past month AOPA, EAA, NBAA, and GAMA all came out of conference against user fees.

Marion Blakely, the FAA head, is still stumping for user fees even though the issue is before Congress and out of her hands for the period.

What the public doesn't understand is that the "congestion" forcing the FAA to update has been caused by the airlines, and it is projected airline use that the FAA says it needs the money to prepare for. It is NOT increased use of the system by GA that is the problem.

Also, specifically, it is airline use of airports and airways at exactly the same time

periods that causes difficulty. Passengers on business expect to be able to travel at similar times, and airline competition drives the congestion.

It was a pair of airliners colliding over the Grand Canyon in VMC that brought us the current ATC system. A couple decades ago it was the air traffic controllers who brought the airlines down to their knees by going on strike. I recall having no problems at all flying IFR between Tulsa International and Moline during the strike, but airliners were sitting on the ramps for hours waiting for take off clearance.

It was airline laxity in instituting and enforcing security rules for passengers boarding 4 airliners in Boston, MA that brought another tragedy to the airline industry and to the nation. The taxpayers bailed the airlines out. Even though they were 4 airliners crashing into buildings, the airlines were allowed to fly before GA was allowed in the air.

Now the airlines want GA to pay their way to a new ATC? What am I missing?

Reality of Despair

Two men crashed in their private plane on a South Pacific Island. Both survived.

One man brushed himself off and then proceeded to run all over the island to see if they had any chance of survival. When he returned, he rushed up to the other man and screamed, "This island is uninhabited, there is no food, there's no water. We are going to die!"

The other man leaned back against the fuselage of the wrecked plane, folded his arms and responded, "No we're not. I make over \$250,000 a week."

The first man grabbed his friend and shook him. "Listen, we are on an uninhabited island. There is no food, no water. We are going to die!"

The other man, unruffled, again responded. "No, I make over \$250,000 a week."

Mystified, the first man, taken aback with such an answer again repeated, "For the last time, I'm telling you we ARE

doomed. There is NO one else on this island. There is NO food. There is NO water. We are, I repeat, we are going to die a slow death."

Still unfazed, the first man looked the other in the eyes and said, "Do not make me say this again. I make over \$250,000 per week, I am a (sic: Pick your religion) and I tithe. MY PASTOR WILL FIND US!"

Sectional Web Site

<http://skyvector.com>

Enter a town or airport name, and get a frame of a current sectional chart for the area. If you enter a town, a drop-down menu will ask to select a nearby airport. You can move the map around by clicking and dragging. Printing it is not a problem if you use your browser's print capability. Be aware that the print will not likely be to scale, but it will be current.

Another Way to Fly

Thanks to Cy Galley for the tip...

BEND, Ore. (AP) - Last weekend (July 7 2007), Bend gas station owner Kent Couch settled down in his lawn chair with some drinks and snacks - and a parachute.

Attached to the lawn chair were 105 balloons of various colors, each 4 feet around. Bundled together, the balloons raise three stories high.

Couch carried a global positioning system device, a two-way radio, a digital camcorder and a cell phone. He also had instruments to measure his altitude and speed and about four plastic bags holding five gallons of water each to act as a ballast - he could turn a spigot, release water and rise.

Destination: Idaho.

Nearly nine hours later, Couch was short of Idaho. But he was 193 miles from home, in a farmer's field near Union, having crossed much of Oregon at 11,000 feet and higher.

Couch, 47, is the latest American to emulate Larry Walters - who in 1982 rose three miles above Los Angeles in a lawn chair lifted by balloons.

Walters surprised an airline pilot, who radioed the control tower that he had just passed a guy in a lawn chair with a gun. The weapon was to shoot balloons and descend. Walters paid a \$1,500 penalty for violating air traffic rules.

Eleven years later, he committed suicide at age 44.

Why would Couch try such a flight? "When you're a little kid and you're holding a helium balloon, it has to cross your mind," he told the Bend Bulletin. "When you're laying in the grass on a summer day, and you see the clouds, you wish you could jump on them," he told the Bulletin. "This is as close as you can come to jumping on them. It's just like that."

It was Couch's second flight. In September, he got to 15,000 feet on a six-hour trip. Like Walters, he used a BB gun to pop the balloons, but he went into a rapid descent. He jettisoned his goods, including food, drink and BB gun. Eventually, he parachuted to safety.

This time he was better prepared. The balloons had a new configuration, so it was easier to reach up and release a bit of helium instead of simply cutting off a balloon.

To fly, Couch dressed in shirt, sweater, jeans, work boots and sunglasses handed him at the last minute.

He took off at 6:06 a.m. Saturday after kissing his wife, Susan, goodbye and petting his Chihuahua, Isabella. "See you in Idaho!" he said.

As he made about 25 miles an hour at altitudes of 11,000 feet to 13,000 feet, chase vehicles followed. A three-car caravan filled with his friends, family and his dog followed Couch as he traveled from below.

Even at two miles high, Couch said, he could hear cattle lowing and children talking. He heard gunshots, which worried him. A black butterfly flew past. He passed through clouds. He said they were fluffy.

Couch stopped when he was down to a gallon of water and just eight pounds of ballast. Concerned about the rugged terrain outside La Grande, including Hells Canyon, Couch decided to come back to earth.

This time, he was able to pop enough balloons to set the craft down, although he suffered rope burns. But once he was down, he jumped out, and the wind grabbed his gear, chair and remaining balloons, sweeping all aloft

Afterward, Couch said he's thought about ways to improve the trip, especially the landing, but whether he'll take a third trip is up to his wife. "I'm not saying I won't do it again, but I told her I'd let her decide if I did it again," he said.

Susan Couch said she's thinking about saying no. But she said she was willing to go along with last weekend's trip. "I know he'd be thinking about it more and more, it would always be on his

mind," she said. "This way, at least he's fulfilled his dream."

ELT Reminder

Tom Nielsen asked us to remind our pilots that when an ELT is removed from an aircraft to please remove the battery. The ELT can go off even when the switch is "OFF." He referred to this as the "Low Battery Syndrome."

The reason for the reminder at this time is because he has already handled (Air Force Missions) two incidents in the first half of July, and one was at Moline.

Keep in mind that a false actuation will mask an actual distress signal for a large area.

Wet Vacuum Pump Feedback

Dry vacuum pumps are the components most aircraft owners love to hate, and wet pumps are considered the more refined alternative. But are they really? "Aviation Consumer," is seeking owner feedback on wet vacuum pumps. If you're flying one, tell us (Avweb) about it. Send an e-mail to (<mailto:aviationeditorial@comcast.net>) and we'll reply with a questionnaire.

It's Time For Nominations!

Once again it's time for QCAA board nominations. You may nominate any QCAA member, including yourself. We desperately need 'new blood' in the organization, so don't be shy. This is an informal group with a shared passion for everything Aviation.

Gary Rasso has accepted the position of President, so we will be accepting nominations for VP, Secretary and Treasurer. Please 'Reply' to this email with your nominations as soon as possible. We need your help to keep the organization healthy, so please send in your nominations!

Also, please reply with your nominations for our "Wing's Award" recipient. The individual must stand out as having made a significant contribution to Aviation in our community, but need not be a QCAA member.

The Award will be presented at our Fall Banquet.

Area Flight Instructors

Diane Beauchamp	309-764-4210	Gene Fildes	309-269-0517	Brandon Frazier	563-391-5650
Ranier Frazier	563-391-5650	Jim Goetsch	309-799-3251	Brian Johnson	563-391-5650
Scott Kashmarek	563-391-5650	Sam Kupresin	563-391-5650	Tim Leinbach	309-787-4233
Gyan Ray	563-508-1141	Jim Robinson		Otto Stender	563-386-1775
		Kevin Strong	563-391-5650		

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

PICEF = Pilot Eats Free PIC&PEF = Pilot & Passenger Eat Free

Sep 1	Labor Day Weekend Fly-In; Mauston/New Lisbon, WI (82C);	608-565-2136
Sep 1	Annual Fly-in/Drive-in; Reedsburg, WI (C35); 1000 – 1800; John Kolar	920-478-1543
Sep 2	21st Annual Log Cabin Airport Fly-In; Mondovi, WI 44-34-29.8700N, 091-32-49.5600W	715-287-4205
Sep 3-9	National Stearman Fly-in , Galesburg, IL (GBG)	309-343-6409
Sep 7	Friday Night Cook Outs; Clinton, IA; (CWI) Michael Nass	563-242-3292
Sep 8	QC Challenger 25th Anniversary, Erie, IL Jim Robinson	309-659-2721
	Midwest EAA Chapter's Poker Run; Racine, WI (RAC); Pancake Brkfst; no phone listed	
Sep 9	EAA 327 Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast; Dubuque, IA (DBQ) John Einck	815-747-2594
	Ann. Rotary Flight Breakfast; Algona, IA (AXA); 0700-1200; Jim Kohlhaas	515-295-7492
	Masonic Lodge Flight Brkfst; Carroll, IA (CIN); 0700-1200; PIC&PEF; D Mensen	712-792-4980
Sep 10	EAA Chapter 327 Fly-In brkfst, Dubuque, IA (DBQ) D Schares	563-582-4150
Sep 14	Friday Night Cook Outs; Clinton, IA; (CWI) Michael Nass	563-242-3292
Sep 15	Midwest Stinson Fly-in; Jacksonville, IL (IJX); Suzette Selig	630 904 6964
	Pancake Breakfast; Burlington, IA (BRL); 0700 – 1030; Sharon Leeper	319-754-1414
	Midwest EAA Chapter's Poker-Run; Oshkosh, WI (OSH) Jim Beckman See website	
	Kankakee Valley Pilots Assoc. Annual Hog Roast; Kankakee, IL (IKK); 3 p.m.	815-932-4222
Sep 16	Iowa Chop Fly- In, Oelwein, IA (OLZ) Chuck	563 920-2692
	Illinois Valley Flying Club Fly-in Breakfast; Peru, IL (???) IVFC – Matt Krug	815-433-3650
	Fly-In Breakfast; Taylorville, IL (TAZ) 0700-1100 3 rd Sun/month;	217-820-5354
	Fly-in/Drive-in Breakfast; Neillsville, WI (VIQ); 0800; Joan Scaletta	715-743-3293
Sep 16-17	North Central EAA Fly-in; Whiteside Cty (SQI) Dolores Nunteufel	630-543-6743
Sep 21	Friday Night Cook Outs; Clinton, IA; (CWI) Michael Nass	563-242-3292
Sep 24	Fly-In/Drive-In Breakfast, Freeport, IL (FEP) Angie Janssen	815-232-1078
Sep 28	Friday Night Cook Outs; Clinton, IA; (CWI) Michael Nass	563-242-3292
Sep 29	St Louis Reg. A/P13th Annual Wings & Wheels; East Alton, IL (ALN) G Helmkamp	618-530-6821
Sep 30	Annual Fly-in/Drive-in Brkfst; Boscobel, WI (OVS); 0830-1300; Arlie Harris	608-375-5001
	Fly-in Lunch; Freeport, IL (C86); 1000 – 14000; Mike Lehman	815-232-1078
Oct 6	Billy Robinson Fly-In Breakfast; Grinnell, IA (GGI); 0700-1100	641-239-8007
	Fall Colors Fly-in & Classic Car Dive-in; Richland Center, WI (93C); 0800; Matt Keyes, no phone	
Oct 7	Fall Color Chili Fly-in; Iola, WI (68C); 0800-1430; William Kinsman	920-244-7808
Oct 14	Fall Fly-In, Palmyra, WI (88C); Rick Martin	See Website
Oct 21	Fly-In Breakfast; Taylorville, IL (TAZ) 0700-1100 3 rd Sun/month;	217-820-5354
Nov 10	QCAA Fall Wing's Banquet	To Be Announced

For more events go to

www.eaa.org/events, www.flyins.com, www.FunPlacesToFly.com, www.iawings.com



Gobosh G-700 (LSA)



It's a Stearman Week!

Celebrate the Stearman! September 3-9, 2007, at the National Stearman Fly-In at Galesburg, IL, (GBG). It's the 36th anniversary of the must-attend event for Stearman enthusiasts, & for those who appreciate the contributions to America's freedoms made by these World War II-era biplane trainers & the people who flew them. Go to: <http://www.stearmanflyin.com/>

And.....as in past years, the Geneseo Airport will host a Stearman lunch & Acro contest on Thursday, Sept 6th from 11am till about 2pm. Good food, neat planes & great people! The Stearman will fly in from Galesburg & everyone is invited & encouraged to attend!

Unless you are in a Stearman, please drive in, as we need all the space we can scrounge to park Stearman!

And.....on Saturday, Sept 8th, WQPT-TV, Blackhawk College is sponsoring a WW-II commemorative pancake breakfast fly-in at the Davenport Airport (DVN). Stearman will fly a "Dawn Patrol" to DVN from GBG to participate. There will be WW-II displays & WW-II vets are invited to share their stories. WQPT will film the event & air the program as a promotion to the Ken Burns documentary series on WW-II. The public is invited to attend. For info, go to: <http://www.wqpt.org/events/dawnpatrol/>

Attendees from the 36th Annual National Stearman Fly-In (which takes place September 3-9 in Galesburg, Illinois) will be flying in for this special breakfast. The 2007 theme of the Stearman event honors the women pilots of WWII. The planes will take off at dawn from the Galesburg Municipal Airport and land at the Davenport Municipal Airport. There is a \$5 charge for breakfast served until it is gone.

And.....LAST BUT NOT LEAST!

Saturday, September 8th, in addition to the Stearman at DVN event, the Geneseo Chamber of Commerce is hosting a 2nd annual Planes, Trains, & Automobiles event in downtown Geneseo. We could use some airplanes to help us fill out our parade of flight. If you need an excuse to fly that Saturday, go to DVN early, then come out to Geneseo. To participate in the parade of flight, be at 3G8 by 9:30am, briefing at 9:40, launch at 9:55 & fly a race track oval pattern over downtown Geneseo (car show below) from 10am to 10:30am. Land at 3G8 afterwards if you wish to swap stories: there I was, inverted on the ILS!

Anyone who wants to fly in the parade of flight, please call or e-mail Kent Johnson ASAP, but prior to the weekend. (309) 944-8126, airport1@geneseo.net.

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



Please note: As of 2007 ALL Land’s End catalog items are available with Our Logo in ANY quantity. In the past, we were forced to order a minimum quantity, which created many problems for us. Go to www.landsend.com/business, Make a selection and email me for a quote. We will ship directly to you!

Contact Bill Swaim: bill@midwesteq.com

Local and National Aviation Organizations

AMC Corporation	Dwayne Trautman	MRDDT@mchsi.com	309-796-2680
Blackhawk Soaring	Al Langasek	langasek@netexpress.net	319-391-9590
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
Flying Eagles	Diane Beauchamp	rdaviation@sbcglobal.net	309-764-4210
Gen Air, Inc.	Kent Johnson	www.airport1@geneseo.net	309-944-8126
47 Jay’s	Dan Murphy		309-496-2561
Jet Air Galesburg	Harold Timmons	www.jetairinc.com	309-342-3134
Monticello Aviation		www.monticelloaviation.com	319-465-5488
Plane Clean	Cheryle Johnson	cherylejohnson@msn.com	563-242-3375
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

For items of interest for members of the QCAA, omissions, or corrections, please email Dennis English at englishdj@mchsi.com (Editorial Deadline for "The QC Aviator" is the 30th of the month.)



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.

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

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

Please make any updates or changes below and return

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E-mail address: _____
Pilot Certificate Type/Rating(s): _____
(1) Aircraft Type/Tail #: _____
(2) Aircraft Type/Tail #: _____
Flying Club if Applicable: _____
Date of your Private Pilot Cert _____ Other Interests _____
Hanger or Club Location _____ Military Service _____

QCAA 2007 MEMBERSHIP DUES ENCLOSED \$ _____



*A UFO...also known as a Van's RV9A - N194WE...flew for the 1st time in August!
Our congratulation's to Mike & Roger Nightingale*