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WHEN:WHEN:WHERE:PROGRAM:FEBRUARY<br/>MEETINGThursday the 10th<br/>7 pmFISHER<br/>COMMUNITY<br/>CENITEDThe B-25<br/>Mitchell

## WHAT'S FLYIN' THIS WAY !!!

Jim Jones will be sharing some of the North American B-25 history with us at our next meeting. I'm not sure exactly what Jim will be presenting, but I believe he has a personal connection with the airplane. Nearly 10,000 of this type were built for WWII and were used in every theater of the war. Famous for the Doolittle raid on Tokyo and infamous for being the only airplane type to crash into the Empire State building in New York. Come to the meeting to find out more! And don't forget our pre-meeting get together at Taco Johns on Center Street at 6pm!



Picture stolen from the web

## WHAT FLEW BY !!!

I lost my pictures from the last meeting, but it was a good one! Garry Brandenburg brought a great video of bush planes landing on extremely remote river beds in western Washington state. It was amazing to see these planes land on sand bars and small clearings surrounded by trees. The narrator covered the basic procedures for landing in these remote rugged areas. After the video we went to the auditorium where Don Feld demonstrated his new high tech toy, a Quadracopter called an AR Drone. It's controlled by WiFi from an iPad or iPhone. It has

cameras on board that you can use on the controller. Don simply tilted his iPad to make it hover around the auditorium. There are multiplayer games available that use the Drone's capabilities of hovering and 'seeing'. Everyone had a lot of fun and we hope you will join us at our next meeting.



# CALENDAR

For those of you on the internet, all of the information for aviation events are available in many places. Links to the websites that have all the info you need are listed below. If you do not have internet access, and a specific event you are interested in is not listed in the newsletter, just call me and I will be happy to look up the info for you.

The following is the tentative Chapter 675 meeting schedule for 2011

Chapter 675 Meeting Fisher Community Center B-25	7pm	02/10
FAA Safety Team Close Calls Lessons Learned Clarion Hotel & Convention Center Cedar Rapids, IA 7 p.m. 301-695-2175 (Robin Sharitz) E-mail: Robin.sharitz@aopa.org	7pm er	03/08
Chapter 675 Meeting Fisher Community Center Vintage Aero Museum Dawn Pat	7pm trol	03/10
Council Bluffs Municipal Airport Commemorative Air Force Muser Free Chili Fly-In		03/19
Gary Nablo Skunkworks Taylor Monoplane Project	7pm	04/14
Dubuque Regional Airport Fly-in / Drive-in Breakfast Hosted by the University of Dubu 630-660-6413 (Matt Metelak) E-mail: MMetelak@dbq.edu	7am-noon ique Flight Team	04/17
Red Oak Municipal Airport Flight breakfast 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 712-623-6523 (Gail Ernst) E-mail: nrdk@live.com	7am-11am	05/01
FLY IOWA 2011 Newton Municipal Airport 641-485-7219 (Jim Jones) E-mail: Meyers67@mchsi.com Web site: www.flyiowa.org		9/17

More to come after more definite plans are made.

www.eaa.org/calendar www.FunPlacesToFly.com www.flyins.com www.iawings.com/calendar/yearly.htm

## MEMBERS NEWS

**Gary Nablo** - Chad told us about Gary's fall with resultant broken leg at our last meeting. Ice was the culprit. He had to have a titannum pin put in the big bone just above the ankle. Chad mentioned that Gary was kind of depressed but he figured Gary would be back working on the Monoplane as soon as he could. Well, Chad was right. Gary is just now allowed to put up to 25 lbs on the leg, so of course, he is out doing little things on the project. He hates what's on TV, so he is working on some models and he has an RC car to chase the cat and dog around with. He is tentatively scheduled to host our April meeting, so we will see how he is doing by then.

**Dave McCurry** is on a camping caravan trip down along the Rio Grande. He sent a note saying he was attending the Chapter 595 meeting and would let us know what went on.

**Doug Boyd** - January and early Feb spent working on cowling and interior side panels which, though factory made, need much modification. Cowling will need added fiberglass, disappointing but apparently do-able. Les stopped by and gave a Tech Counselor look see. Thanks, Les!

**Lorin Miller** - Am currently fitting the canopy onto the Waiex. It really does look like a plane with the canopy on! Official name for the Waiex will be "Aluminum Drag'in" - a spin on "Aluminum Dragon" - the name my 10 yr old came up with since he thought it looked like a dragon originally with the v-tail and I told him it had a really hot "fire snort-en engine" in it. He thought I was serious :). Making steady progress on her. Did a lot of misc. work on the Pietenpol last month, did a thorough inspection - identified a small brake fluid leak on right brake caliper(will fix when slightly warmer...), cleaned her up, changed oil for storage, and covered it for the winter. Have been turning the prop over every week or two.

**Charles Kuhlman** - was able to get the Q2 out during one of our relatively recent nice days and flew for 1.5 hours. Les Risius and passenger, Duane Backen, were also out at the same time in the C-150 so they did some "loose" formation flying for a bit.

**Garry Brandenburg** is dreaming of an EAA Summer including the Float Plane Base at Oshkosh!



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## THE GREENFIELD CHILI FLY-IN

A few Chapter 675 members made it to the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame Chili Fly-in at Greenfield. Garry Brandenburg and Doug Boyd arrived in the 172, and Dan and Paul Adams flew down in the Colt. I drove down with the Chapter 135 VP, Ralph Briggs. We were going to fly down in his Tripacer, but the weather scared us off. I had two grandkids with me who had not flown before and we didn't want to take the chance of having a bad flying experience for them. The weather was good enough to have quite a few planes fly in. I checked out the sign in sheet as we were leaving and saw well over 150 names. Many lines had more than one name on it. And there was still over an hour to go.

They had a variety of different chili flavors to try, including buffalo chili, and a good dessert tray for the sweet tooth. The airplanes on display were in good shape and the meal tables set up right down the middle of all of them.

If you have never been to the museum, it is



Food and Airplanes...doesn't get much better than this!





Dan Adams with the museum's Ryan PT-22 (Photo by Garry B.)

Dan and Paul Adams arrived in Dan's Colt just about the same time this Tripacer arrived.

My favorite airplane of the museum is this 1931 KariKeen. Made by the Sioux Airplane Company of Sioux City, Iowa



Doug Boyd poses by the Ryan PT-22 (Photo by Garry B.)





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Some Fabric, a little paint, a new set of spark plugs...good as new!



Looks like maybe a J2. Sitting at the Greenfield airport