



January 2025

WHEN:	WHERE:	PROGRAM:
JANUARY SATURDAY MEETING the 10TH 1:00 pm	L3 SKUNKWORKS KELLOGG, IA	BRUCE GAPSTUR L3 PROJECT

WHAT'S FLYIN' THIS WAY !!!

Bruce Gapstur is restoring his L3 Birddog for display in the Iowa Aviation Hall of Fame museum in Greenfield, IA.

We will have our next meeting at his shop located between Kellogg and interstate 80.

Gathering time will be 1:00 p.m. and a map to the location is located on the last page of this newsletter. Car-pooling is encouraged from Marshalltown and we expect the weather to be fair.

This is an historic project and of great interest to all aviation history buffs.

So join the group next Saturday, the 10th and don't hesitate to ask questions about location or transportation.

See you there!

WHAT FLEW BY !!!

First, apologies for the omission of an official December newsletter. Your newsletter editor was working overtime to get a magazine job done. It was nearly two months late and extra effort had to be applied to get it to the printer by the end of December.

Our Christmas Dinner was another great one with good food from Smokin' G's and good fun with aviation trivia questions.

Our December meeting was held at the KMIW terminal building and we watched a video about the newly introduced Spirit Engineering SE-1 airplane. If you haven't seen it, or don't know about it, you can see the video on YouTube here...



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Pn1jlxhQ958>

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CALENDAR

2026 EAA Chapter 675 Calendar of Events

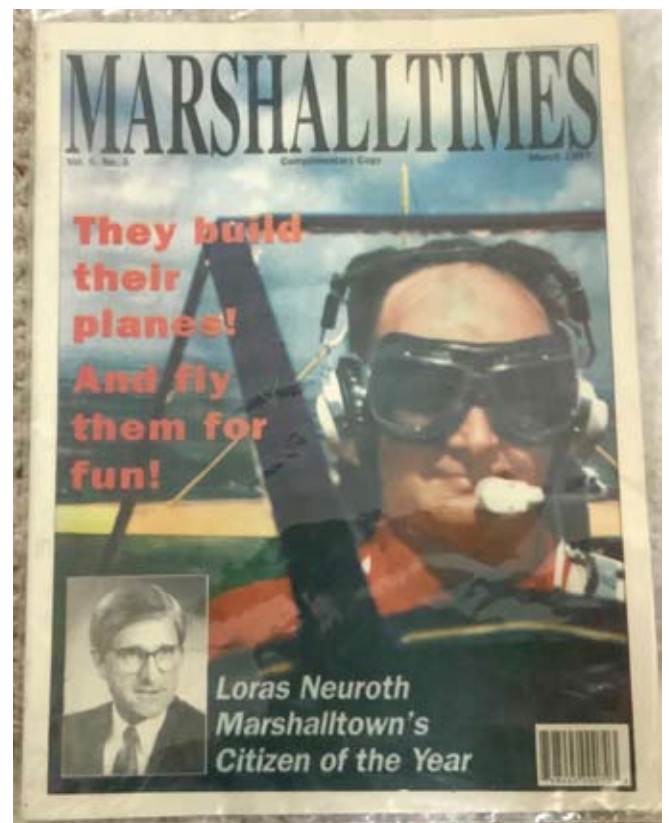
Jan 10 -	Saturday - 1:00 pm -	Dennis VanDeVeerdt workshop near Kellogg - View L3 project and MOSIAC video
Feb 14 -	Saturday - TBD -	Ankeny airport - Joint meeting with EAA chapter 135
Mar -14 -	Saturday - 1:00 pm -	Rays Workshop - David Hintz - Safety seminar
Apr9 -	Thursday - 6:00 pm -	KMIW - Don Feld's hangar - U2 video
May 14 -	Thursday - 6:00 pm -	KMIW - Pot Luck
May 30 -	Saturday - 8:00 am -	KMIW - Pancake feed
Jun 11 -	Thursday - 6:00 pm -	KMIW - Ice cream social
Jul 9 -	Thursday - 6:00 pm -	KMIW - Hot dog and corn feed
Aug 13 -	Thursday - 6:00 pm -	KMIW - Barbecue
Sep - 10 -	Thursday - 6:00 pm -	KMIW - Movie night
Oct - 8 -	Thursday - 6:00 pm -	KMIW - Pancake supper
Nov 12 -	Thursday - 6:00 pm -	Smoking G's Restaurant Marshalltown - Christmas Dinner

A Walk Through Marshalltown Aviation History

By Paul Adams

I find it amazing sometimes how things occur. Here's one. I go to my church's Wednesday morning coffee each week I am in town. It is a blast with lots of stories and laughter. On October 14th a fellow church member brought in this Marshalltown magazine as pictured below.

What first got my attention was my memory of my picture being on the cover of the same magazine complete with my flying goggles. Here it is.



The coffee group story went this way. My church friend said he was visiting a friend of his at his home and his friend showed him the above first magazine. Eldon, my coffee group friend, immediately asked if he could borrow it for a week, stating he had a friend, me, that would probably like to read it. And that I did. I found the article was a historical walk through of the Marshalltown aviation scene. Finding this history very interesting I will try to relay some of what I read by paraphrasing the article.

The article starts when Central Iowa was deep in depression during the 1930s. There were three brothers, Harry, Bob and Glen Niederhauser from Marshalltown that got the flying bug. Their start was barnstorming. I had never thought where the name "barnstorming" came from, but the article states that in those early days flyers traveling around the country side selling rides for a buck would keep their airplanes in barns over night. From this barnstorming start Glen Niederhauser developed the first Marshalltown Airport. The first Marshalltown airport was located on West Summit Street and I believe that location wasn't to far from Dave McCurry's present home.

A student at that time was a lady named Jean Russell-Larson who Deanna knew later in Jean's life. Eventually Glen Niederhauser became a full time aviator and as a result moved his airport from the Summit Street location in 1939 to the flatlands north of the Iowa river just west of highway 14. Yep, I believe it's that flood plain. The airport remained at that location from 1939 through 1946, the year I was born. This was an important time in Marshalltown aviation history as World War II was going on. Between 1942 and 1943 the Niederhauser brothers with the help of 20 flight instructors and 17 mechanics and 5 secretaries helped train military pilots. Groups of 100 would take an 8 week course in primary flying. It was mentioned by Glen in the article even a B24 made an emergency landing at the field. The Airport was then moved to its present location from which Glen Niederhauser operated as the FBO. Glen had a very successful 46 year career in aviation. Included in that career was a stint in the Navy as an instructor and a forced landing caused by an engine failure over Marshalltown with an eventual crash on Lynn street. Glen eventually moved on to start the Waterloo airport.



Harry, Bob and Glen Niederhauser, from left to right, are shown during their early Barnstorming Days at the first Niederhauser air strip on West Summit Street in Marshalltown.



Glen Niederhauser walked away from this fatal air crash, although he received burns on his left arm, neck and shoulder.

The 6th annual Homebuilders Week is coming up January 26th to January 30th.

This online event features 30 free webinars, 6 per day, on all aspects of homebuilding from getting started to construction techniques to first flight.



Homebuilders Week Schedule January 26 - 30, 2026

Homebuilders Week Schedule of Events

To sign up: EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek

Time CST	Monday 1/26/2026	Tuesday 1/27/2026	Wednesday 1/28/2026	Thursday 1/29/2026	Friday 1/30/2026
11:30-12:45	Building an Aircraft: What You Need to Know - Charlie Becker	Wiring Basics - Dick Koehler	Flight Testing 101 - Paul Dye	Amateur-Built Aircraft Certification Process - Joe Norris	Staying Alive: Analysis of Homebuilt Fatal Accidents - Dan Berry
1:00-2:15	Composite Construction Basics - Scott VanderVeen	Fabric Covering Basics - Austin Jones	TIG Welding - Charlie Becker & Shaun Walker	Insuring Your Homebuilt - Jim Stewart	Fly the Wing: AOA Demystified - Mike Vaccaro
2:30-3:45	EAA Advocacy Update - Jack J. Pelton, Sean Elliott & Rob Hackman	Sheet Metal Basics - Mike Dooley	Hardware for Homebuilts - Dick Koehler	Sonex Aircraft Update - Mark Schaible	Zenith Aircraft Kits & Plans - Sebastien Heintz
4:00-5:15	Getting Your Project Finished and Flying - Vic Syracuse	Dynon Avionics - Michael Schofield	Advanced Flight Systems - Rob Hickman	Garmin Experimental Avionics Solutions - Brad Brensing	Weight & Balance - Joe Norris
5:30-6:45	Panel Planning and Wiring - Marc Ausman	Painting Your Plane: DIY or Use an Expert? - Craig Barnett & Ken Reese	Condition Inspections: Who & How - Brian Carpenter	Buying a Used Homebuilt - Vic Syracuse	Can Homebuilt Accident Rates Be Fairly Compared? - Ron Wanttaja
7:00-8:15	Van's Aircraft RV-15 Update - Marc Cook & Rian Johnson	Propeller Selection for Homebuilts - Steve Boser	Lessons From 200,000 Borescope Images - Mike Busch	Lycoming Engine Installation - Judson Rupert	Common Builder & Maintenance Errors - Vic Syracuse

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***The L3 Project is North of the Kellogg exit about a half mile.
Address is... 10185 S 12th Ave E. Kellogg, IA***

