



December 2013

	WHEN:	WHERE:	PROGRAM:
DECEMBER MEETING	The 12th at 7 pm	FISHER COMMUNITY CENTER	2013 WRAP-UP SHOW'N'TELL

WHAT'S FLYIN' THIS WAY !!!

Now that the cold has caught up with us, we will once again be meeting at the Fisher Community Center. For what is becoming an end of year traditional event, bring some pictures, an update on your project, a part to show off, or a story to tell from the past year for our 'Show 'n Tell' meeting. And as usual when we gather at the Fisher Center, we will have our before-the-meeting meeting at Taco John's at 6.

WHAT FLEW BY !!!

Our Christmas Dinner was again, a great success. The catered food was excellent as always, and the conversation was just as good. The White Elephant gift exchange was the main program of the evening with Dave Cheung emcee'ing the festive fun. Thanks to all who helped make it a success

The White Elephant Gift Table



IT'S DUES TIME!

The first of the year brings up our biggest expenses to maintain our EAA Chapter. Your dues help. AND STILL ONLY \$10!

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CALENDAR

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2014 Meeting Events Schedule

Date	Where	What
Jan 9	FCC/T	A1 Skyraider role in Vietnam Don Feld
Feb 13	FCC/T	Les Risius Trip and Aircraft Museums
Mar 13	FCC/T	3D Printing/Manufacturing Dan Adams
Apr 10	FCC/T	CFR 43 Part D Review and Discussion Lorin Miller
May 8	FCC/T	Video P38 Checkout
May 31(S)	KMIW	Saturday Pancake Fry and Fly
Jun 12	KMIW	Potluck
Jul 12 (S)	KMIW	Ice Cream Social
Aug 14	KMIW	BBQ and Oshkosh Stories
Aug 23 (S)	KMIW	Saturday Pancake Fry and Fly
Sep 11	KMIW	Braut Fry Bring a dish Gary Nablo - Brauts
Oct 9	KMIW	Evening Pancake Fry and Fly
Nov 13	Grimes	Christmas Party
Dec 11	FCC/T	2014 Review

FCC – Fisher Community Center

T – Taco’s Johns at 6:00 before the meeting

(S) - Saturday Meeting

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.

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

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Double Eagle Progress

by Paul Adams

Here are a couple of pictures of my latest activities on the Double Eagle. I continue work on the assembly of the right wing (still have the left wing to start assembling). I have started putting the 1/16th inch plywood on the leading edge. If you look to the left side of the picture, a portion of the 28 nose ribs can be seen. Over these nose ribs I will put a total of four individual pieces of plywood placed end to end, three 4 foot pieces and one 30 inch piece. The jigging shown is of course my own creation, no one else would claim it. Over the false ribs I used some simple T-shaped pieces that are used to stretch rubber bands over the plywood. Then I used some dowels to concentrate the load. Over the full ribs I cut some templates the shape of the nose and, as you can see, have some weight holding them down. So far, only one piece is glued at present. The system, although not pretty, seems to work. Of course prior to gluing the inside areas require varnishing and I prebend the nose area of the plywood after it has been soaked in water. Thus, the process of putting one piece of plywood on takes three days, although there is a little overlap in activities from one piece to the other. Once all the plywood is applied I will come back and scallop the upper and lower trailing edges between each rib.



The next picture shows the pre-bending. Not fancy but effective. Even though the plywood is only 1/16th of an inch thick it needs pre-bending to go around the most curvy part of the nose.



Marshalltown – the Mighty Eighth – and a Local Hero

Last month I reiterated that story of Hollis Hills and the Baxter Iowa born P51 pilot. This month it is a little closer to home, the story is of Marshalltown, Iowa. I found a book at the library entitled “Iowans of the Mighty Eighth” by Charles D. Taylor. It is a book about Iowa people and some of their stories from WWII when they were assigned to the 8th Air Force in Europe. I was amazed to find so many from a small town such as Marshalltown. The book lists 22 from Marshalltown out of the approximate 2000 from the entire state of Iowa. One must remember these are just the airman of the 8th AAF and does not include the soldiers, sailors and other airman from other areas of the US military during WWII.



I read one story that I have summarized. I occasionally see the individual from the story in town. I have left his name out of the story, but he is listed later after the story along with the other 21 in the list of all those from Marshalltown that gave while serving in the Mighty Eighth.

Our flyer enlisted in the Aviation Cadet Program of the Army Air Corps in 1942. Later he attended navigation school and he was eventually assigned to a B17. After a flight to England he was assigned to a Bomb Group. He eventually flew a total of 32 missions. Twenty-five of his missions were flown as wing leader for the entire formation. This position was an area within the formation that the German fighters often concentrated in order to force this lead aircraft off of their target run. Therefore his plane received plenty of opportunity to sustain damage. On one mission significant damage did occur. The mission was to the submarine pens at Bremen. In his words “we got the hell shot out of us”. He got hit in the leg by shrapnel. The Pilot was killed and the Co-pilot severely wounded. With guidance from the wounded Co-pilot, he and the tail gunner were able to safely bring the stricken plane and its crew home. For this heroic effort he was awarded the Silver Star.

In support of D-Day his B17 flew early to France and dropped a man and a woman out with their supplies. Later that same year his plane was shot down. The crew parachuted from the spiraling plane and was later rescued from the frigid channel after thirty minutes. Much longer and they all would have died from over-exposure.

If this wasn't enough service for his country he next volunteered for a one way mission. He and a pilot flew a derelict B17 on a mission to destroy a bridge behind enemy lines. They would fly the B17 close to the target and after bailing out another aircraft and aircrew would remotely guide the plane to the target. After bailing out instead of meeting up with the French

resistance the two were captured by the Germans. After two weeks however they found an opportunity to escape and eventually made it to the American lines.

To our Marshalltown flyer, we salute you.

Here is a list of the crew members I found in the book that flew with the Eighth. I am sure the list is not complete, but at least we can remember these few brave men.

Everett Dexter, Aerial Gunner, B24, 406th BG
Earl Fouts, Waist Gunner, 457th BG
Hjalmar Hellberg, Ball Turret Gunner, 379th BG
James Mairs, Navigator, 398th BG
Robert Finkle, Aerial Gunner, 491st BG
Bruce Bavendor, Navigator, 491st BG
Joe Mitchel, Killed in Action, 492nd BG
Dale Leaf, Killed in Action, 4th FG
Jack Peck, Killed in Action, 92nd BG
Frank Whitehead, Prisoner of War, 390th BG
Arnold Smith, 490th BG
Alfred Nelson, 466th BG
Carl Owens, 390th BG
Paul Pace, 389th BG
Allen Packer, 78th BG
Charles Bowman, Evadee, 445th BG
Max Adkins, 398th BG
William Baltisburger, Evadee, 452nd BG
Clyde Bates, 487th BG
Marion Gard, Prisoner of War, 492nd BG
Norman Adams, 94th BG
Earnest Pohle, 389th BG

To the entire 22 flyers of the Mighty Eighth from Marshalltown, Iowa we salute you.



Christmas Dinner Party Fun



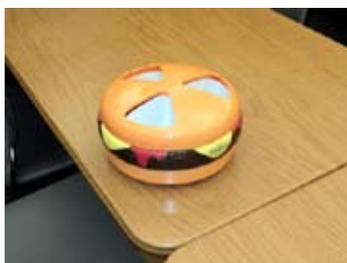
The men-folk talking



The women-folk talking



I finally got a picture of the food line with food still in the pans.



Most...um...prominent gift, the talking cheeseburger



Most coveted gift, RC helicopter



Most apropos gift...Santa in airplane



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Gary Nablo brought the picture below to the Christmas Dinner to show us how he is doing with his Taylor Monoplane project. Cover and paint are all that remain. Should be ready to fly in 2014!

