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	<b>WHEN:</b>	<b>WHERE:</b>	<b>PROGRAM:</b>
<b>OCTOBER MEETING</b>	<b>Thursday the 10th 7 pm</b>	<b>KMIW EAST FACING HANGARS</b>	<b>PANCAKE DAY</b>

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

Join us at our last airport meeting of the year as we flip the pancakes and roll the sausage. Come early and do some flying. At the moment, it looks to be a good flying day! And even warm!

Need to mention here that we will be having our Christmas Dinner in November again. Seems we are doing well missing the snow events by holding the dinner a month early. Preliminary plans are being made and we will probably be at the Grimes Farm and Conservation Center again. If you have any ideas, thoughts or comments about the dinner, please let Prez Paul know soon.

## WHAT FLEW BY !!!

Les Risius hosted our last meeting in his Cavalier hangar. It is really coming together. The wing and fuselage were on display and Les described some of what he has been working on and showed all in attendance his covering system. The Stewart System is very easy to work with and the work so far on the Cavalier looks great.

## Member News

**Larry Lukehart** sold an airplane, then bought another one! He sold his Corby Starlet, then bought a Thatcher CX-4 with just 3 hours on it. We may get a look at it during our October meeting.

**Lorin Miller** still has his AirCamper for sale. He's had some tire kickers, but nothing definitive yet. Maybe he will have news by the meeting.

**Carroll Altman** is having some bad luck getting his airplane lessons. Back in July the airplane, a Flight Design CTLS, was down for an annual. Three days after it was back in service, it had a hard landing and damaged a gear by another student. It was down quite a while with them having to get a new gear from Europe. Got that fixed and they had a radio issue. So Carroll has not been in the airplane since July. He has been getting some lessons in a C-172, but his instructor is taking sabbatical starting last weekend. AND, the CT was crunched hard again just last week. Broken gear (again) and bent motormount. Now, Carroll is on hold with lessons until everything is ironed out.

**Corey Butcher** is MOVING!! Come to the meeting to hear about how the "homebuilt" project is going. (It's the reason this newsletter is a short one.)

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# AIRPLANES AND SIPPY CUPS

## Young, Younger, Youngest Eagle Event

Our EAA chapter in Marshalltown, Iowa receives many requests to support local events. These requests include activities such as talks, schools, and occasionally hosting tours at the local airport. Last September we received what we believe was one of the most unusual requests, that being hosting eleven day care kids at the airport to include a discussion of airplanes and flying. The kids ranged in age from fifteen months to four years. To say the least, we were at first in wonder as to what activities would be appropriate. After some thought the morning event was great. Here is how it went.



The requested day to hold our outing was a Thursday. It so happens Thursday is the same day many of our members of Chapter 675 participate

in another activity, a morning flying outing for breakfast at one of many small Iowa town's favorite diner. The group is known as the FOGZ, which is an acronym for the "Flying Old GeeZers". Therefore an activity for the kids was arranged that upon the return of the FOGZ they would taxi by on a distant taxiway and wave at the kids. The hosting pilot threw in a little narration and the kids got their own ground based airshow or should we say "taxi-by".

Ashley Johnson, the lady in charge of the day care, asked if we would also conduct some small discussions about the planes. It turns out that once we agreed to host the airport event, the day care conducted some classes covering airplanes and flying. Our goal was to support these original discussions with some real hands on. After the tour of three homebuilts each kid was given the chance to do a little stick flying and listen and talk using the aircraft headsets. AWOS didn't get many giggles but the conversations between the two onboard kid pilots did have some fun moments. The host EAA pilot even received a request for a second "flight" which was gladly agreed to.

The final planned activity for the morning was their "Youngest Eagle Flight". Of course due to their ages an airborne flight was not in order. A chapter member a few years back had built a pedal plane. An earlier phone call had made sure it was available. All eleven future pilots took their turn at the controls as plenty of propulsion was provided by their fellow ground crews. Fun was had by all, including their parental hosts, as we watched their "flying".

Watching the kids enjoy the morning at the airport was great. We all enjoyed ourselves and just maybe we planted an early seed for that aviation passion.

The 675 chapter members received a nice surprise later that day. The whole event was filmed by the Ashley and we were sent a link to the film which today resides on Facebook. We have placed it on our chapter Facebook page and a link on our chapter web page for all to enjoy. You can see it directly at the link below

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-X-h2y11Jds&feature=youtu.be>

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