



Associated Pilots of Iowa

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January's Speaker at Monticello API Meeting



Ernie Rairdin entertained the Monticello group by chronicling his flight to the West coast and to New York (around the Statue of Liberty) in his LSA aircraft. Ernie and his son are both pilots and when Ernie decided to “go the Light Sport route” his son decided to sell his airplane and go into partnership with his father. They fly together on these long flights and both enjoy the time spent together flying around the country.



Pictured on the left is Ernie's LSA plane at the Manchester Donut Sunday last October. The plane may be light and only carry two people but it excels in comfort and economy.

Ernie is looking forward to many years of flying around the country.



New Shirts Considered

The supply of API shirts and sweatshirts is gone. It has been discussed at the meeting and a sample shirt was presented to consider. The new shirts will have the API official logo which is the wings with a middle circle with “Associated Pilots of Iowa” around the edge and the shape of the State of Iowa inside the circle.

We will be discussing how many if any (if any) we should order. A quality polo shirt will run about \$25, sweatshirts \$16 - 17 and Denim shirts \$20-25

If you want input into this decision, it will be discussed at the next Monticello Meeting and Cedar Valley meeting or call Dave Kramer 563 875-8590 or Chuck Wehage 319 378-4104.

Events Calendar 2011

Jan 29	13 Annual Chili Fly In		Greenfield, IA (GFZ)
Feb 25	Buffet Lunch every	Noon	Iola WI (68C)
	Friday thru Nov.	Come early watch planes	
Feb 28	Chili Dinner	11:00 – 2:00	Northport, WI (38WI)
March 19	FAA Safety	7:00 p.m.	Cedar Rapids, IA – Clarion Hotel
	“Close Calls Lessons Learned”		
May 14	Lumberjack Breakfast	7:00 – 11:00	Sparta, WI (CMY)
May 15	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Spring Green, WI (LNR)
June 3	Friday Night Cookout starts	5:00 – 6:00	Clinton Airport
June 9	Flight Breakfast	6:30 – 10:30 a.m.	Audubon Airport (ADU)
June 17-21	Air Race Kickoff		Iowa City, IA
June 18-19	Quad City Air Show	Noon – 4:00 p.m.	Davenport, IA
June 19	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 12:30	Mineral Point WI (MRJ)
July 25-31	EAA Airventure		Oshkosh, WI
Aug 21	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – Noon	Monona, Iowa (7C3)
Aug 28	Annual Wings Fly-In		Greenfield Airport (GFZ)
Aug 28	Flight Breakfast	7:00 – 12:30	Iowa City, IA (IOW)

API Cedar Valley Meeting



Grant Brammel was the speaker for the January meeting. Grant was a WWII fighter pilot serving in Italy. He had 44 missions accumulating 140 hrs in a P51.

Pictured are Mike Wilson on the left, Grant Brammel standing and Jim Meade on the right.

Photos by George Konkowski

Don Robinson (seated at the end of the table) had a lot to talk about to Grant. Don also flew in Italy in WWII. Seated at the table with Don are Harley and Karen Noe, Chuck Wehage and Greg Wilson



Pilot Thoughts

You define a good flight by negatives: You didn't get hijacked, you didn't crash, you didn't throw up, you weren't late, you weren't nauseated by the food. So you're grateful.

You know they invented wheelbarrows to teach FAA inspectors to walk on their hind legs.

Monticello Chapter Meeting

Tuesday February 8, 2011
6:30 p.m.

Wagon Wheel
Monticello, Iowa

Business – New Shirts, etc

Cedar Valley Chapter Meeting

Tuesday February 22, 2011
6:00 p.m.

Olive Garden
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dave Pearson and Jim Meade will give a briefing on the Iowa Aviation Museum at Greenfield or a Wings Orientation.