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# EAA Chapter 569 Newsletter

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## Meeting Announcement

### No meeting in August.



### President's Message Harold Bickford

At this writing, it is almost time for AirVenture 2017 at Oshkosh. Edi and Harold will be at both Brodhead, WI for the annual Pietenpol/Hatz reunion then on to Oshkosh. They are two totally different events but both are immensely enjoyable. There will be lots to share at the September 10 picnic at Shoemaker Field.

Though we won't have an August meeting (which would be two days after AirVenture) the Bickfords are having an eclipse party at their place on Monday, August 21. For this gathering, we might become the Experimental Astronomical Association as we observe a total eclipse of the sun. Safety, as in flying, is paramount here so definitely plan to observe safe practices for solar eclipse viewing. Excellent information is available at: <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety>.

Proper eye protection is a must for safe viewing; ISO certified glasses are available for low cost through many vendors. The time period for the eclipse runs from about 11:30 to 2:30. The period of totality begins just after 1:00 and will last about two minutes. The drive is normally around 90 minutes from Lincoln though traffic might be

heavier than normal; so, do plan accordingly.

Bickford's address: 72544 638 Ave., Auburn, NE. Directions: Take Nebraska 75 south from Auburn app. 3.5 miles to 725 road. Then turn right or west for one mile then north or right onto 638 avenue just under a half mile to 72544 638 ave. Then turn right or east down the driveway to the ranch style brick-front house. There is plenty of parking. Phone numbers are cells: 402-274-8038 and 402-274-7530.

Since the event occurs right around lunch, snack food and drinks will be available. The plan is to have hot dogs, hamburgers and whatever else folks want to bring for a late afternoon lunch at 4pm. People are welcome to stay as long as they want. Please RSVP by email to [habickford@gmail.com](mailto:habickford@gmail.com) or text to cells above.

Keep 'em flying!

Harold Bickford,  
Chapter President

### Happy 150th, Nebraska



Diane Bartels captured this crop art southeast of Minden, NE.

## Camping with the plane planning

*By Tom Winter*

You may have read "Cessna Iowa: A 150 Pilot's Brigadoon (<http://www.aero.nebraska.gov/OctNov16PIREPS.pdf>, scroll down). The time has come around again, and I'm hoping to launch for Cessna, Iowa (known 51 weeks of the year as Clinton) early on Monday, July 24. It will be a week of living with my plane, camping in a tent, and sharing Cessna 150 and Cessna 152 lore with the other 150 and 152 pilots.

But now it's the planning. Once I got there with only the clothes on my back and the tent, having thoughtfully put my luggage in the hangar the night before, and, in the excitement of launching for a week's vacation with my aluminum mistress, failed to get it into the plane!

In the air, almost 200 miles along, I realized: Oh, my! Did I pack the luggage bag? And the answer was no! Had to go to downtown Clinton and buy sox, etc... And there was another time I got there without a towel. Another 150 pilot, Bob Simmons, gave me his spare towel. I've still got it.

Okay, so what to pack? First, make a list early, so you can add to it when you think of something, like a towel:  
Socks, 5 pair. Underpants, 5 pair. Money (stop at the ATM). Toothbrush, dental floss, razor, sunscreen, toothpaste, Aha! towel! Glad I thought of it, and just now. Shampoo (There is always a shower

set up just for the event) (Excuse me while I run get the shampoo). Presentable pants and dress shirt (there will be a banquet). Walking shorts, two pair. T-shirts, two (a third awaits me on-site) long-sleeve shirts, three. Oh, I'll have sweaty armpits. Well there's a reminder: what about deodorant?

The folding bicycle has replaced the skateboard — I used to get around KCWI on my skateboard — and the bike is always in the plane, and so is the tire pump. Patch kit? Bike tools?



**Tom's plane as seen through his tent.**

Flight planning: There was one time I left myself just a one-day window for the flight there, and was stopped by lowering clouds. (You've heard me say it before, "when we die and go to heaven we get to fly the forecast") I did a Pirep about the cloud bases, turned around, got on Lincoln Approach asking "Is LNK still VFR? and scooted back just as fast as the Mighty Bluebird would take me. And missed the Confab in the Corn that year. Ever since, I give myself a three-day window for getting there. And speaking of forgetting, what have I forgotten?

## AirVenture 2017

*By Doug Volkmer*

After a weekend in Minneapolis, MN visiting my brother and his family, my son and I headed over to Wisconsin to take in opening day of AirVenture.

The weather was spectacular with sunny skies and temps in the 70s. Much relief from the triple digit heat index we left in Nebraska.

We started the day by taking a ride in the Bell 47 helicopter. The ride takes you on a short circuit around the grounds. It was interesting to have a bird's eye view of the grounds.

After attending several opening days of AirVenture, it was our observation that this was one of the least crowded opening days. The lines weren't as long and the buildings not as crowded. There were even some vacant exhibit spots in some of the hangars.

There really wasn't anything I needed to shop for this year. Back home at the hangar, I'm getting ready to dive into some fiberglass work. I'm installing the windscreens and fiberglass is laid up joining the windscreens to the front skin. After that, on go the wings and tail.

One of the highlights this year at Oshkosh is the appearance of "Doc", the recently restored B-29. "Doc" and "Fifi", the other flying B-29 are expected to fly together at some time during AirVenture.

If you made the trek to Oshkosh this year and have some pictures or a trip write up you'd like to share, please send them my way.

## AirVenture 2017



A bird's eye view from the helicopter. Acres and acres of airplanes.



It's incredible how big these Ag planes are. This is an Air Tractor 802. Engine SHP: 1,295 @ 1,700 RPM. Wing Span: 59.2 ft. Hopper Capacity: 800 US gallons.

**Minutes of the Club Meeting  
July 4, 2017**

No meeting due to the holiday.

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## Events

**York Airport (JYR)**, EAA Chapter 1055 Fly-in breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. 0800 - 1000. Free will donation.

**Crete Airport (CEK)**, EAA Chapter 569 Fly-in breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. 0800 - 1000.

**Jul 24 - 30**, AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI <http://www.airventure.org/>

**Jul 29**, Cozad, NE (KCZD) Fly-in breakfast. 0800 - 1000. More info: 308.784.3868.

**Jul 30**, Genoa, NE (97Y) Annual Fly-in breakfast, 0700 -1100, Fly-ins eat free. Just a short flight from everywhere so come join the fun, runway 11-29, 2500' turf. More info: Don Pearson, 402.948.0067. Sponsor: Genoa Airport Authority.

**Aug 19**, Loup City, NE (OF4) Fly-in breakfast. 0700 - 1000. More info: 308.383.0352.

**Aug 26**, Seward, NE (KSWT), Chapter Antique Airplane Association Annual Fly-in. Breakfast (biscuits/gravy/eggs) and noon lunch (burgers and chips). More info: Todd Harders 308.380.5079.

**Sep 10**, Denton Airfield (NE40), Chapter 569 Annual Picnic. 1600 (eat around 1700). Fly-ins please use 122.9.



### How to become an EAA 569 Member...

Becoming an EAA Chapter 569 member is very easy to do! We have an online registration system which helps make the registration process easier and faster. If you would prefer not to register online, we also have a form you can print off, fill out, and mail in. For more information about these options and how to become a member, go to [www.eaa569.org](http://www.eaa569.org) and select **Join**.

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