

Newsletter



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Meeting Announcement

Note that we will meet on Tuesday, July 11th because the July 4th holiday conflicts with our usual meeting date.

Program: Builders Tour

The builders tour will begin at 1900 hours with everyone meeting first at Al Spaulding's place, 21111 SW 14th, Martell, Nebraska.

Directions: From Lincoln go south on HW 77 to HW 33 (The road to Crete). Turn right on HW 33 and go to SW 14th (The road to Sprague). Turn left on SW 14th and proceed to Sprague. Al's place is 1.5 miles south of Sprague on the west side of the road. Look for a brick house and two barns.

After seeing Al's Tailwind and Flying Saucer we will travel to the Crete airport where the following people have agreed to display their airplanes:

Roger Aspegren – RV-9
Andy Lahr – Pelican
Roger Tracy – titan Tornado
Gary Peterson – Waco & Cessna 195
Rich Boeltz – Avenger

Presidents Message

Here we are half way through the year with still a lot of "EAAing" to do.

This year's project tour will be more of an open hangar event as most of the club's active projects are now at the Crete airport. Seeing the progress our members are making is always one of the highlights of our year.

A fine time was had by all at the June breakfast. We had a great crowd, aided by our hosting an antique car club. We never see some of our members on the third Saturday of the month. They are certainly missing a great event.

The next big event is the annual trek to Oshkosh for AirVenture 2006. There will likely be some empty seats coming and going. Let's try to make arrangements to fill them. Let me know if you have room to take someone or if you would like to find a ride.

Shortly after Oshkosh comes the Chapter picnic. Plans are well underway, but we could still use some help in getting ready. Here is your chance to step up and volunteer.

We are still waiting for the word from the Air Guard on what level of participation we might be offered in the fall air show.

One of our members has suggested that we should plan some flying events before the summer-fall flying season gets away from us. One idea is a poker run. Bring your ideas to the next meeting.

They met us at the Mall

The display at Westfield Gateway Mall was a rip roaring success by any measure. We talked to hundreds of people ranging from the merely curious to old time aviators with their own story to tell. We ended up with a lengthy list of potential members.

Comments were often heard like “You can actually BUILD your OWN airplane! Really?” and “That looks like LOTS of fun!!” There are probably a hundred people in Lincoln, Nebraska who now understand what clecos are for (because Andy has patiently explained it to them).



Rich Bolts crafted wooden wing ribs for interested onlookers all weekend. Here he demonstrates how to make tight glue joints to John and Jamie Cox

A big thank you to Rich Bolts, Andy Lahr, Steve Davey, and Tom Henry for the tremendous effort it took to prepare, transport and demonstrate their projects. Of course, it was obvious that they were the ones that were having the most fun.

A Special Invitation to our New Friends from the Mall Show

Thanks for taking the time to visit with us at the Mall. We hope you enjoy this courtesy copy of our monthly newsletter and that you will join us at one of our upcoming meetings or breakfast events. See what we are all about. What ever your interest in aviation, you will find a fine level of camaraderie at EAA Chapter 569.



Tom Henry's Power Parachute and Andy Lahr's (fully assembled) Pelican are sights that you rarely see in an indoor shopping mall.

Minutes of the June Club Meeting

Announcements by President Crispin::

A Young Eagles event will be held on June 17 at Wahoo, for the SAC Museum Camp.

Norm Sell's Model "T" club has been invited to display their cars at our Crete breakfast on June 17th. .

A restaurant gift certificate for \$40 has been given to Create Aviation to express our appreciation for hosting our monthly breakfasts.

The Christmas Party Committee has two volunteers, Dwana & Judy. Other volunteers are needed.

Volunteers are needed to help with the summer picnic.

We have received a thank you letter for our donation to Ace Camp.

Steve Davey is working on a new website. The one Emil Berberov built is still in operation, but his host site arrangement will expire in a few months.

The evening program was an excellent presentation by Rich Jaworski, an Omaha area Ballonist and world record holder.

Rich Boelts, Secretary

Executive Committee Meeting June 20, 2006

Attendance: Dennis Crispin, Tom Henry, Rich Boelts, Steve Davey, Andy Lahr and Ray Supalla.

The Young Eagles program was discussed. More people are needed to organize and host Young Eagle events.

The July 11th builder's tour was discussed. See page 1 of this newsletter for details

Summer pot luck picnic is scheduled for August 12th at Shoemaker's Airfield, beginning at 6:00. The club will supply the meat and drinks. Program will consist of Oshkosh stories and pictures and may also include a radio control precision aerobatics demonstration. Volunteers are needed for hanger cleaning and setup.

Andy Lahr presented several Christmas party ideas for discussion. Location options include the Rococo Theater Party Room, the Air and Space Museum and the Fremont Dinner Train. Meal cost at the Rococo would be \$17 to \$19 and for an additional cost those who wanted to could stay and see a production of Mulberry Lane. Entertainment options discussed for the other locations included a magician, which would cost about \$600, or a USO type show for \$300 or more. Club members will be polled at the next meeting for ideas and preferences.

Rich Boelts, Secretary



Getting Steve Davey's Velocity through the door was an adventure in it's self. After several tries and some creative positioning we made it with nearly three quarters of an inch to spare.

THE BOMBER JACKET FROM OSHKOSH

Not that the chapter needs money -- thanks to the dedicated efforts of the two B 17 committees and of the dauntless breakfast crew, we're in great shape.

And we're grateful to them. But we've got this bomber jacket, see, and somebody's got to wear it. So who?

So it's a raffle. \$5/ticket, \$10/3 tickets.

Andy Lahr was in charge, but Andy won't be at the next two meetings or breakfasts, and so he turned the raffling over to me. I'm bashful! I don't want to collar you and try wrenching cash out of you. So when you see me looking wan and forlorn, and holding a roll of raffle tickets, come right up, hand me money, and get a raffle ticket or two.

Then when the rest of us are shivering, you might be the one warm and resplendent in a spanking new leather bomber jacket autographed by what's his name, and with a Young Eagles patch already on it. --Tom Winter

In the Company of Eagles

A Review by Tom Winter

"There is no frigate like a book to take us lands away," writes Emily Dickinson. My letter to Santa, mentioning that I didn't have enough aviation books (I gave him a list!), was nearly ignored, so I've been in the library, voyaging.

You can, too. Civilians can use the University of Nebraska Library, and boy, has it got Dickinsonian frigates to carry pilots away.

I recently spent a week of evenings "In the Company of Eagles," reading the Ernest K. Gann historical novel of that title. As you already know, Gann is a master. Once you put yourself in his hands, he'll put you right there in the cockpit. It's early morn. You arise from your cot; your mechanic (whom you come to know very well) assures you the plane is safe to fly.

You hear the engine; your wheels leave the mud. You're flying (and no ME can ground you!!).

And there's the ham. What a luxury. It was sent to us -- at great cost -- from the German home front. (We're on the German side alternately). The party at which the ham will be the centerpiece is ruined by a crash of a returning wounded pilot; the ham is removed -- no pilot is in any mood to party. And on the German side, several of the incidents are tied together by who swipes the precious ham next, and who finally gets to eat it. It's a hoot, and all very real; the incidents tied in by the adventures of the filched ham parallel the Germans' growing knowledge of the coming huge and stupidly wasteful Verdun offensive. How did Gann put the smell of ham in the printed page I do not know. But it's there.

The story line manages to link two enemy pilots, Allied and German; you feel with both; you fly with both, you see the war from their planes, and when Gann ties the story up at the close, you wish two things: that the book were longer, and that the war which served as the panorama for the book had been imaginary.

Get the book. Borrow it from the library; buy it used on-line. If you're a pilot, you've got to spend a week In the Company of Eagles.

Young Eagle Events

July 25, 6:30 p.m. at Silverhawk: All Girls
All Math Camp. 28 high school girls.

Aug. 5, SAC Museum Camp, ~8 a.m. at
Wahoo.

Things To Do

EAA Chapter 569 Meeting
First Tuesday each month
Chapter 569 Breakfast
Third Saturday each month
Chapter 1055 Breakfast
First Saturday each month
York, Nebraska
Commemorative Air Force Open House,
Council Bluffs Airport, Saturday,
July 15th, 10000 to 1400 hours.

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