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JULY 1983 NEWSLETTER

JULY MEETING: Our July meeting will be held on SUNDAY AFTERNOON JULY 17th, at Bongers Skyranch field in David City, Ne. You may fly or drive. We will have lunch around 12:30 or 1:00. It will be a pot luck type of affair so please bring something if you can and also some lawn chairs and folding tables if you have them.

Lonny Davis has arranged for us to view a whole barn full of old antiques owned by Mr. Bongers of David City. It will be a very fun meeting so please try to be there. David City is only a 45 minute drive from Lincoln and this will be educational as well as entertaining.

Please Note! Unlike the past fly-ins or picnics, if it rains and/or the weather is skunky, we will cancel out. Call Jim Fix 470-2346, or me at 466-2660 if there are any questions or if the weather looks threatening.

Before I forget, Mary Woodruff reports that someone left a cake pan and a spatula at the picnic in Denton, so if you're missing them, contact Mary.

The field, Bongers Skyranch, is just west of David City Municipal and you may land there. If you're driving, just follow the signs.

The Great Plains State Fly-In was held June 11th and 12th in Seward. The weather god must have been angry those days as he urinated all over us both days. Even though the weather didn't cooperate, we did have around 20 airplanes show up and everyone enjoyed themselves.

On Saturday we held the spot landing and sponge drop contest. Bob Harvey from Omaha won the spot landing and nobody won the sponge drop as the wind played havoc with the sponge and it couldn't be caught. For a few hours on Saturday afternoon, the skies lightened up a bit and we had a few arrivals, 2 of them being antiques. A 1940 Piper J-4 Cub Cruiser and a 1935 vintage, radial engined Porterfield which came from Gothenbers. The J-4 belongs to fellow member Lonnie Davis. We even had an immaculate T-34 fly in which is owned by Hastings member Jim Berk.

On Saturday night we had a regular gourmet feast at the Dandy Lion Inn in Seward. The buffet was around 150 feet long and had everything one could possibly want and then some. We had a very good turn out for the banquet and I appreciate everyone who attended as they needed at least 200 people to break even.

After the feast we took in the film, Wings On Dreams and collected almost 00 toward the EAA museum in Oshkosh. After the film we had our hanger party which featured Tony Bennet, a few polka bands, and a few country-western bands all supplied by Jim Stephens and his record player. We who are not good dancers were entertained by watching the movie "Cloud Dancer" which was a terrible movie

but at least 1 hour of the 1 hour 45 minute movie concentrated on aerobatic flying and a few interesting chase scenes involving a P-51 Mustang. The other 45 minutes was your standard run of the mill, stomach turning soap opera type dribble. Can't have everything.

Sunday morning dawned grey and dismal. However, we did manage to have a few die hard pilots fly in. Among them was Ed Garner and his Garner Toot. When someone asked Ed what the ceiling was, Ed commented that he didn't know as he never flies much over 100 feet anyway. Between all the chapter members and the citizens from Seward, the flight breakfast turned out to be pretty fair in attendance.

The last event of the day was the Judging. Two Judges from each chapter tallied the scores and they are as follows:

Best Composite - Steve Bennet of Omaha for his KR-1
Best Homebuilt - Jim Stephens' RV-3
Best Classic - Jerry Herbster, Wahoo, Ne., J-3 Cub
Best Paint Job - Jim Berk, Hastings Chapter, T-34
Best Antique - Gothenberg, Ne., Porterfield
Ladies Choice - Mel Grims for his kiddy tricycle designed as an airplane. Quite ingenious!
Windiest Pilot - Ed Wach of Aurora
Worlds Best Host - Blue Sky Corp., Seward Ne.

Because the weather wasn't cooperating, we didn't have a spot landing or a sponge drop contest on Sunday and after the Judging, people were wanting to get home so our fly-in ended much as it had begun, in wind, rain, and generally marginal conditions.

As I reflect back on it, I am extremely disappointed the weather was so lousy. On the bright side though, we were all together for the banquet and had a good chance to renew old friendships and make new friends. No matter how hard it blows or how much it rains, you can't totally dampen the spirits of us EAA'ers.

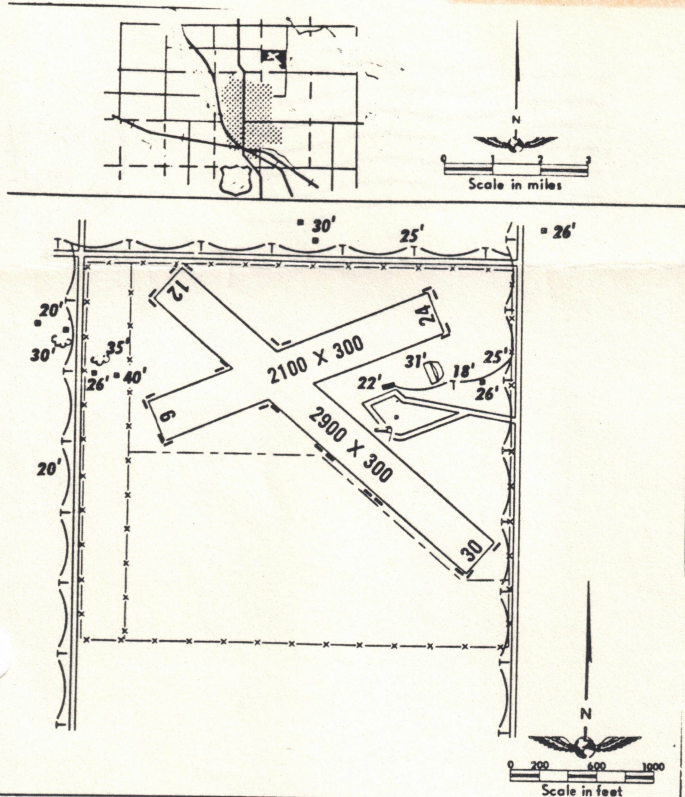
Many thanks to all of you for your efforts toward putting this fly-in together. Next year will be bigger and better so please give me your ideas on how to improve it. Thanks again! By the way, if anyone knows any good weather prayers, let me know as we just might make you our chapter chaplain.

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1946 Taylorcraft BC-12-D, 850 Hrs TT Airframe, 365 Hrs SMOH on 75 Cont. engine. Good fabric, New annual, 24 Gal. of fuel. Nice little tail dragger. Call Jeff at 466-2660 or Jim at 464-0891.

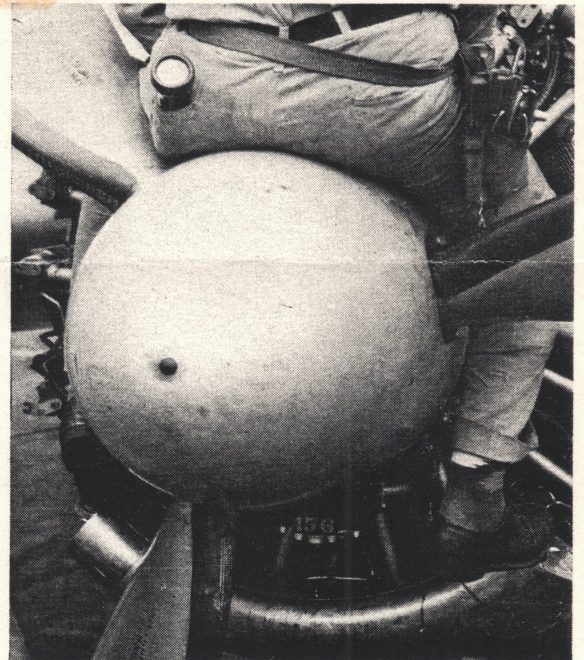
Jeff Clausen

6. Well for this month we were wondering around and my ol buddy Fast Eddy sed drop in for a hamburger some time. So we'll take him up on it but we got to watch our P's and Q's. They say theres a grouchy ol CM flight Examiner down there the cotton picker will nail ya for anything. Where are we.



LAT. 40°	LONG. 95°	FUEL: 80 oct.
ELEV.	CITY POP.	ATTENDED: Full time
FROM CITY: 1.3 MI. NNE		WEATHER SERVICE: Tel. Jackson 0677
OPERATOR:		USWB Omaha
MANAGER:		REST ROOM FACILITIES: Modern
		OVERNIGHT: None at airport
RUNWAY SURFACE: Turf		MEALS: Snack bar in summer only
MAINTENANCE: Mowing, snow removal		TRANSPORTATION: Taxi, car
LIGHTING: Lanterns (Prior Request)		REMARKS:
STORAGE: Hangar, tiedown		Charter service and flight training available. Fishing and boating 10 miles east.
Hangar fee: night: \$1.50, mo: \$15.00		DAMI & Flight Examiner.
Tiedown fee: Free		
REPAIRS: Major: Yes Minor: Yes		

ANSWER NEXT MONTH



I said switches off! Switches off!



"Now, Lieutenant, would you mind showing me just how you managed to back into the hangar?"