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# EAA Chapter 569 Newsletter

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## Meeting Announcement

**Date:** Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Program:** Larry Bartlett

Larry is a parachute jumper, flight instructor and pilot for Duncan Aviation. He is excited about coming to our meeting and has some stories to tell.

**Place:** Duncan Aviation Engine Shop  
5000 NW 44<sup>th</sup> St – Lincoln, NE

## President's Message Cristi Higgins



I am so excited about being the first female president of this chapter! I have always wanted to be the first girl to do something and there isn't much left for a gal these days however you guys and gals have made it possible for me to make history serving Chapter 569.

In my reign of presidency I plan to make sure we all have a lot of fun and get to know each other better. Anyone interested in a poker run or aerial scavenger hunt? I think we could get a lot more members and youth involved if we show them what a good time we have hanging out and flying together. Send me an email or give me a call with your ideas on how to have more fun or educate our members. Just because you're not an officer doesn't

mean you don't have some really good ideas and I want to hear them.

I know I have said it before but I am always amazed with the talent and brains we have within our chapter so don't be shy.

One fun event coming up is our chapter picnic at Shoemaker Field in Denton September 8th at 5:00pm. This is a beautiful place to hangar fly with friends and not to mention watch the airplanes and pilots fly in and out on a bit of a challenging runway. I got to fly in last year with Matt Olson and we had so much fun as it almost makes you think you're a bush pilot! Taking off the hill reminded me of my dirt bike jumps as a kid in the field next to where I grew up minus the hard landing and replacing it with the magic of flight! We have a Young Eagles event that day too in Fremont at 9:00am so it will be a full day of flying.

For some immediate fun come to the East ramp in Lincoln August 3rd and 4th and check out The Flagship Detroit DC-3 aircraft. Talking to the crew it sounds like a great bunch of folks for us to get to know and they are certainly bringing a beautiful old airplane for us to check out up close. Rides are only \$150 and if you're interested give me a call. 402-798-0230

I really hope you're all doing your best to stay cool and if you went to Oshkosh you're coming home with some great memories and stories to tell.

Happy Landings, Cristi

## Meet an EAA 569 Member



**Tom Winter**

Back in the good ol' days even your neighborhood drugstore carried an assortment of balsa model airplane kits. Yeah, there were neighborhood drugstores. Starting in 1952, I built lots of Comet Struct-o-speed balsa models. A

favorite was the all balsa Curtiss Robin. Balanced with a chairglide stuck on the nose, it made a wonderful glider. Unforgettable: the Robin gliding south over Deerfield Avenue; the car coming fast, north on Deerfield Avenue. I was sure the steel chairglide on the Robin nose would smash into the car's windshield -- but no! A foot in front of the glass, the Robin got in the rising air flowing over the car and and slope-soared over the windshield ridge! My Comet Ercoupe won a prize in a junior high science fair. Ten years later, I built another one that became one of my most dependable flyers. Secret: enlarge the horizontal stab!

Summer of '68, I did nothing but build and fly model airplanes. These were hand-launch gliders, and rubber-powered scale models or endurance models. And why not? I had my Ph.D. in hand, and a good job already lined up to start

that fall. Every nice day that summer I was there at Eks Field (three baseball diamonds) on the north edge of Chicago. I still have a scar on my left wrist where the towline from a Comet Phantom Fury -- which I had converted from rubber power to towline glider -- paid out over the flesh instead of over the reel. Got a nice flight though. Lost the plane; kept the scar.

In all this early aviation enthusiasm, I skipped over some minor stuff. In college, spring of



**Tom Winter and Cessna 2885S fly a Young Eagle.**

'63, I met a very smart girl in Physics 357, proposed to her that fall (at age 19!). We, Joanna Fink and I, got fellowships for grad school and took them to Northwestern. Eager to provide a home and have family, I went through grad school lickety-split. (24-year-old Ph.D!) First teaching job was University of Hawaii. No Hawaii modeling, but Ruth, now a P.E. (Professional Engineer), was born there in 1970; Landed in

Lincoln September of '70, with an office in Andrews Hall. (Still there teaching Latin, Greek, and such other courses as Classical Mythology) Rose, M.B.A. and RPCV (Returned Peace Corps Volunteer) was born here in 1972.

Back to the important stuff: Spring of '71, I took a \$5 Cessna coupon to Arrow Airport here in Lincoln and got my introductory flight lesson. Realized lots o' stuff, like family responsibilities, had to happen before I'd be a pilot: Get the daughters raised, get them through

college, get them married off, and quick, right there, get a pilot's license before they start buying houses! It was a close race. My ticket came March 17, 2000. A daughter closed on a house with help from First National Bank of Mom and Dad March 31. That summer Wally Peterson, of blessed memory, gave me a

chance to go halves with him in his Cessna 150. When Wally lost his medical, buying him out was the most natural thing in the world.

Thank you's: This aviation scribble was made possible by the help, encouragement, and support of Chapter 569, with spurs from Roger Aspegren, and with live mentoring from Wally Peterson and Chuck Oden. I wouldn't be a pilot without this chapter and these people. Thank you.

## Nelson passes checkride!



EAA 569 member Travis Nelson braved 102° temperatures on July 6 to pass his private pilot checkride. Congratulations Travis!

## Minutes of the Club Meeting July 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

The evening presentation began at 7:30 PM by Ms. Anne Schutte PhD, UNL Dept. of Psychology. Anne provided a great presentation outlining the application of memory to aircraft pilots. The exercises with the chapter members accentuated the limitations and shortfalls experienced by pilots in the normal course of flight activities. By recognizing the limitations of the mind, we can compensate by using basic routine processes to scan our instruments and the airspace around us for other traffic. The education and helpful information provided by Anne will help to keep us all safer and more diligent. with short term memory.

The business meeting was called to order by Vice President Cristi Higgins at 8:46 PM.

Cristi noted that the Collins Foundation would be bringing a B17 to Lincoln on July 17th. The DC3 will be coming to Lincoln on

August 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th. This is a true "Flagship Detroit" aircraft and has been beautifully restored. Please note that this is not an EAA sponsored event but members are welcome to assist at the event and will be covered by American Airlines insurance policies. The cost of each flight will be \$150.00 for a 45 minute excursion.

It was reported that the Young Eagles flight at Beatrice was successful with 55 kids participating. Chapter 569 earned \$136 in lunch receipts for the Chapter treasury.

A motion was made to donate \$150.00 to help establish the new Gage County Composite Squadron of the Civil Air Patrol. The motion was seconded and carried by vote of the membership.

The next Young Eagles event will be held on September 8th.

A motion was made to elevate Cristi Higgins to the position of President of Chapter 569.

The motion was seconded and carried by a vote of the membership. Keith Gomon was nominated to fill the position of Vice President of the Chapter. The motion was seconded and carried by a vote of the membership.

The meeting was adjourned by President Cristi Higgins at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Doug Elting, Secretary,  
Chapter 569

**"First Solo" Project Update**  
*(Here is an update from Mark Kuzara on the sculpture he is working on for the Lincoln Children's Museum and that we are supporting. – Ed.)*

"The clay of the life size pedal airplane has been completed and is at the foundry in Loveland, CO. The mold has been made and the foundry is now working on the bronzing process. The rest of the enlargement is also progressing along and should be at the foundry by mid-August. I've attached a couple of photos and will send some more as I near completion."

- Mark Kuzara



## Other news

*From John C. Cox*

The scuttlebutt around the Beatrice airport is that Pawnee City is on track to get a paved runway. Surveying is being done now, apron and taxiway this fall, runway later.

Beatrice is adding 400 feet of additional length to the end of runway 36.

Also, hangar Alpha has been moved to its new location at the Lincoln airport.

**AirVenture 2012**

*By Doug Volkmer*

Hot. That's a good way to describe the 1<sup>st</sup> day at Oshkosh. The temperature peaked out at 100 which turned out to be a record high. Thankfully there was nice breeze which helped alot



Tom Henry repairing a compass from an F1 Rocket. It's the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emergency Aircraft Repair Barn, sponsored by EAA Chapter 75 (Davenport, IA).



Jim Fix and his wife Janice in Exhibit Hangar A. They travel all over to fly-ins selling their Hi-Tech Foams. Jim said business was good on opening day.



Chris Droege and Nan Holmer from Boise, ID after just landing at AirVenture. They were at the Beatrice Airport recently and commented how nice it was and were very pleased by the help of our very own President Cristi Higgins. Way to go Cristi!



Van (Dick VanGrunsven) arriving in the RV-1 and then later giving the key to EAA President Rod Hightower, formally donating it to the EAA AirVenture Museum.

**AirVenture 2012**

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The U.S. Customs and Border Protection Agency gave a canine demonstration. As you can see, Murdock, a beagle/basset hound mix does not seem real enthused. He's one of four that work the O'Hare Airport looking for agricultural products. Their sense of smell is 44 times better than that of humans.



Dick Koehler presented a good forum on working with aluminum tubing. I've done some of this on my RV-7 and I still have a little more to do. There's definitely a little trick to it.



It's the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Cub. Lots on the field. Did you send in your EAA Cub Sweepstakes coupons?

**Classifieds**

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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.

**Aug 4, Ellsworth, KS (9K7)**, 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cowtown Fly-in, 0700-1300. Plenty of good hangar pancakes and coffee. A great grass roots aviation experience. More info: Dale Weinhold: 785.472.4309

**Aug 18, Chillicothe, MO (CHT)**, EAA Chapter 944 Fly-in, Breakfast 0700-1000, BBQ lunch 1100-1300 More info: Jim Summerville: 660.707.3387

**Sep 8, Shoemaker Field (NE40)**, Chapter 569 picnic, 1700, Dinner at 1800. Chapter provides loose meat sandwiches and hotdogs. Others bring a dish that starts with the first letter of your last name. Such as: Volkmer - Vegetable Tray.



### How to Become a Member...

Becoming an EAA Chapter 569 member is very easy to do! We now 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).

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