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Meeting Announcement

No meeting in August.



**President's
Message
Harold Bickford**

As people know who have been there, EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh can be a whirlwind of activity.

The One Week Wonder is in full swing; an RV-12 is being built in a week! All you need is dedicated build crew and a couple thousand volunteer rivet pullers and you too can build an airplane in a week.

The key of course is to use a CNC manufactured kit with all of the parts cut, formed and drilled. The RV 12 certainly exemplifies the evolving industry standard for kit production. It does appear that the not too distant past of building only from plans and materials is giving way to the future. Simply put aircraft homebuilding has embraced modern production techniques resulting in shorter build times. Might that result in more planes being built?

The range of exhibitors always amazes. Products both in and out of aviation proliferate at Oshkosh. Everything from aircraft parts to specialty automobiles is there to be perused. Choices, choices.....where do you want to start?

The daily airshows always make a great crowd draw. The demonstrations of

aerial excellence come off in a rapid, organized format. The pilots who perform are the best at what they do. It is always interesting to talk with people who are awed and inspired after an aerobatic routine whether during the day or the Wednesday and Saturday night shows.

The capstone to all of this is that the people you get to meet make AirVenture a must do activity. This especially comes about when in subsequent years the connections are renewed and people make new friends in unexpected ways.

EAA founder Paul Poberezny had it right when he said people come once for the airplanes and come back for the people.

Remember, no meeting this month as the first Tuesday is two days after AirVenture ends.

Harold Bickford,
Chapter President



A pretty full ramp of planes for the July Chapter 569 breakfast. One of them, this nice-looking Cessna 195 from Plattsmouth, NE.

Cessna People Stories

By Tom Winter

There are seminars here (Cessna 150-152 Fly-In, Clinton, IA) and they are educational and all qualify for Wings credit (Whatever Wings is). I just heard an IA speak for an hour on typical problems for my airplane. And of course, I find the planes a delight. And Tuesday at dawn, having the sky all to myself, I flew along the Mississippi admiring the river islands where Huck Finn and Tom Sawyer played pirate. But this year the essence was touring neither the planes nor the landscape, but the people. A few vignettes:

A North Dakota farmer, who keeps his Kitfox, wings folded, in his garage, paid off his farm with oil pipeline easement money: \$500 a rod. There are 320 rods to the mile. The easement for bigger diameter pipe, 20 inches, is \$800 a rod. And if there are five lines crossing your fields, it comes to serious money. It's a one-time payment to cover a 20-year easement. What about consequential damage? I ask. Making good for damage, after some haggling, is on the company. In his area, "you can't see a section without some bulldozers on it."

Today I attended Alan Core's engine and airframe seminar, and David Rowland's presentation on making the switch to a 150-150. John and Lori Cox stopped on their way to where daughter Jamie is interning in Missouri. John and Lori stayed for lunch. They toured the 150s hand-in-hand. The sight

touched my romantic heart. I took pictures.



John and Lori Cox

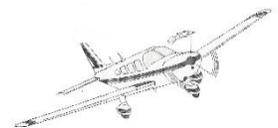
Local farmer Dave Paarmann stopped by to visit. I met Dave last year at the morning farmer Kaffeeklatch at Low Moor, Iowa (population 277). He was interested, so I showed him our planes, and finally said "Enough looking. Hop in and we'll fly over your farm" And we did. Now we are good friends. Nice chat about farming. He worked for a farm equipment dealer, and learned the machinery, then got a job working for Farmland Coop and learned the business side, and then was ready to farm for himself. Now his son is 24, and John will retire after he teaches his son the art of farming. He delights that his son asked to come back to the farm. John bought his grandmother's farm and will receive recognition for a farm that's been all in the same family for 150 years.

After the seminars, I glad-handed a newbie, Clair Pečinovski with my best ice-breaker: "I don't know your name. Let's fix that right now!" Clair is retired and now is airport manager (minimum wage, 8 hrs a day) at Cresco, IA — "Ellen Church

Field," named after the first airline stewardess. Ellen Church was a registered nurse, and a licensed pilot, but hireable then only as a stewardess, a job she had to sell: "Don't you think that it would be good psychology to have women up in the air? How is a man going to say he is afraid to fly when a woman is working on the plane?")

I used my laptop to find Cresco, and closed in on Cresco so he could show me his house (I just love our modern age!). Just a hoot and a holler from Spillville, where my musical hero Antonin Dvorak spent the summer of 1893. I demonstrated my folding bike.

Bob Tidd is 82, and his son makes a living as a pilot. Bob nursed his wife through her cancer. A full-body scan showed white dots all the way from her toes to the hair of her head. The M.D. said "the cancer shows up as the white dots." And "Nothing more to do. Just take her home and see to her comfort." His wife died of cancer in his arms. He told me her last words: "Go to our son and finish your pilot's license."



You say it's your birthday?

Wayne Woldt celebrates a birthday on August 13th. Wayne (in his Cessna 152) took 1st place in his class in the AirVenture Cup Cross County Air Race this year.

Classifieds

EAA 569 2018 Christmas Party News

By Edi Bickford

NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM?

We need to hear your dinner location preferences asap for our EAA 569 December dinner. At our last EAA 569 meeting Cristi Higgins presented the opportunity of having our EAA569 December dinner at the SAC and Aerospace Museum in Ashland. The majority of paper surveys returned indicated people would like to go to the night at the museum. We can get a significant discount because Cristi works there.

Check one of the options below:

I prefer our annual dinner at:

- ___ the SAC and Aerospace Museum
- ___ Misty's in Havelock
- ___ the Cornhusker
- ___ Rosie's
- ___ DaVinci's

Please reply to habickford@gmail.com ASAP!

Oshkosh

By Doug Volkmer

Did you make it to Oshkosh? I didn't. If you have any pictures or stories you would like to share, please send them my way. Following it from afar, it appeared to be another successful show. The weather looked fantastic.

Between mass arrivals and the weather, it looked pretty hectic trying to fly in on Saturday and Sunday. An RV builder / flyer posted this picture (right) of what his tablet was showing upon his arrival at around 2:30 on July 22nd. After holding for more than hour, he decided to land elsewhere and take an UBER.

This year, the goal was to build a Van's RV-12 in one week. And they did it! The plane was a box of parts on opening day and one week later it took its maiden flight. Check out the [video here](#).

Prange Photography



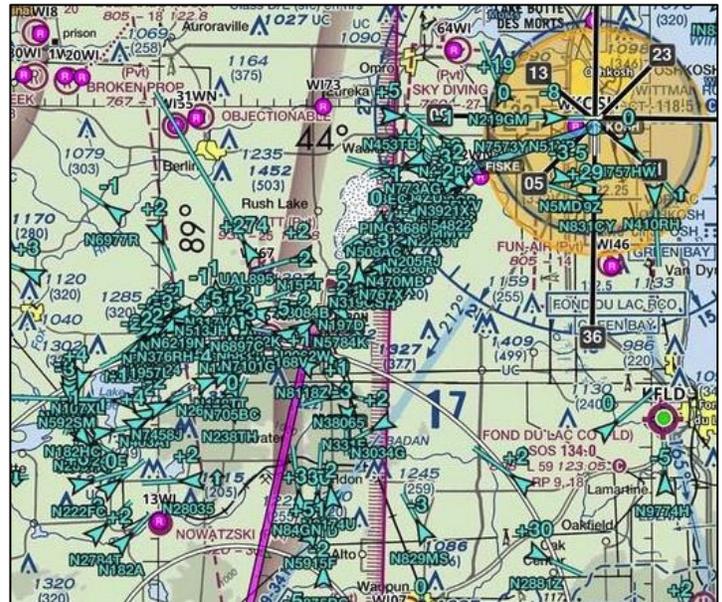
“Memorial Thunder”

October 22, 2016 | Nebraska vs. Purdue

Two F/A-18F Super Hornets from the "Flying Eagles" of VFA-122 at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California streak across the sky at the conclusion of the National Anthem.

Size: 18” x 24” - \$24.00

Check out Doug Prange’s Aerial Photography work at www.prangephotography.com.



Events

York Airport (JYR), EAA Chapter 1055 Fly-in breakfast on the 1st Saturday of every month. 0800 - 1000.

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

Aug 11 - 12, Bellevue, NE (KOFF), Defenders of Freedom Open House, 0900 - 1700. <http://www.offuttairshow.com>

Aug 25, Seward, NE (KSWT), Chapter Antique Airplane Association Annual Fly-in. Starting at 11:00am lunch burgers plus an evening chapter banquet. More info: Todd Harders 308.380.5079.

Sep 3 - 9, National Stearman Fly-in, Galesburg, IL (KGBG) <http://stearmanflyin.com/>.

Sep 9, Denton Airfield (NE40), Chapter 569 Annual Picnic. 1600 (eat around 1700). Fly-ins please use 122.9.



News from

EAA Headquarters

EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018 Facts and Figures

Comment from EAA Chairman Jack Pelton:

“A ‘perfect’ event may be unattainable, but AirVenture 2018 came about as close as one could imagine. The combination of outstanding programs, aircraft variety, a robust economy, and good

weather combined to complement the efforts of our staff and 5,000 volunteers throughout the grounds. The week was upbeat, exciting, and filled with many ‘Only at Oshkosh’ moments.”

Attendance: Approximately 601,000, nearly two percent above of 2017’s record total.

Total aircraft: More than 10,000 aircraft arrived at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh and other airports in east-central Wisconsin. At Wittman alone, there were

19,588 aircraft operations in the 11-day period from July 20-30, which is an average of approximately 134 takeoffs/landings per hour.

Total showplanes: 2,979 (second straight year over 2,900): 1,160 homebuilt aircraft (5 percent increase), 1,094 vintage airplanes, 377 warbirds (7 percent increase), 185 ultralights and light-sport aircraft, 75 seaplanes, 22 rotorcraft, 52 aerobatic aircraft, and 14 hot air balloons.

[AirVenture 2018 Photos](#)

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