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Meeting Announcement

No business meeting scheduled for August



**President's
Message
Tiffany
Thompson**

By the time you read this, a lot of our members will be returning from AirVenture. I hope everyone had a safe and fun time and I look forward to hearing all the stories and looking at all the pictures.

There are also several summer aviation events happening in August that will be a great opportunity to fly around the country side.

And lastly, once again, be sure to regularly check NOTAMs since there is a lot of airport construction right now and closures change frequently.

Month		EAA Chapter 569 Calendar
August	5	8:00am - 10:00am York Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 1055 - KJYR
	19	8:00am - 10:00am Crete Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 569 - KCEK
	26	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI
	26-27	Guardians of Freedom Airshow featuring the Blue Angels - KLNK
September	2	8:00am - 10:00am York Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 1055 - KJYR
	16	8:00am - 10:00am Crete Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 569 - KCEK
	24	4:00pm Chapter 569 Picnic, Denton Airfield (NE40)
	30	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI
October	3	7:00pm General Meeting - Duncan Aviation Engine Shop Program: Jeremy Borrell, Director of Aeronautics
	7	8:00am - 10:00am York Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 1055 - KJYR
	21	8:00am - 10:00am Crete Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 569 - KCEK
	28	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI

ENJOY OSHKOSH FOR ME!

By Tom Winter

The hangar neighborhood is empty and lonely, but I know where my neighbors are, and I'm awash in FOMO. FOMO is not short for Ford Motor Company (that's FOMOCO). FOMO is Fear of Missing Out. I learned the term from my students, and now I've been ready to use it, because I am missing out! First, I gave the Confab in the Corn a pass. That's Brigadoon for Cessna 150/152 pilots. It's held the week before Oshkosh in Clinton, Iowa (CWI). And now, to make matters worse, you're in Oshkosh, and I'm not!

Camping with my plane and living on an airport for a week was always heaven, and at CWI, I got around the grounds on a skateboard. Or on my trusty Downtube Nova folding bike. Why skip it this time? I simply could not see myself getting around instead with a cane. I could not see how I could make it work. Another month of recovery might have done it though, as I am making great progress.

Faute de mieux, I've been aerially surveying the Platte. Today the sand patterns in the sand-braiding Platte have never been more striking. As you know, I taught Latin and Greek at the University of Nebraska, and I can tell you rivers were gods. Local gods, maybe, but powerful. The thought comes to mind seeing the flat Platte Valley where the River has forced its way through the hills of Pleistocene glacial till, and utterly leveled them.

To fly the Platte is to fly history, and not just geology. That arrowhead of land upstream of where the Loup joins the Platte marks the highwater mark (get it?) of Spanish expansion, and also of French expansion. It's where, one June dawn in 1720, Otoe and Pawnee Indians, and French from New France, surprised the expedition of Sir Pedro de Villasur, who was there to check the French! Pedro was killed instantly, and those with horses at the ready escaped and made it back to Santa Fe by September. French forces, apparently satisfied, never established themselves in Nebraska. No word about the French getting back to their base in Illinois. Battlefield historians have surveyed the area, without success. The Indian painting of the event makes it clear that it happened upstream of the Loup-Platte confluence, but rivers wander, and who knows where the Loup met the Platte in 1720?

But let's get back to Oshkosh. That's where I saw Bob Hoover, in person, and watched him do his energy management performance in that famed Shrike Commander. Want to be that good? Most of us will never get there. I also witnessed the Corsair run into and chew up the Bearcat that was at a standstill on the runway. That was in 1999, and is seared in my memory. Later I looked up the report, a long read, but at the end, this: "A factor relating to this accident was the area of restricted visibility in front of the pilot when the airplane sits on its tailwheel." No S-turns, as the Corsair had started its take-off run.

I pray that all my airport neighbors witness only sights related to the joy of flight. Anxious to hear from you when you get back!



Minutes of the Club Meeting

The July meeting of EAA Chapter 569 was held in the Duncan Aviation Engine Shop. Twelve members attended, including new members Chuck Lewis and Paul Selivanoff. Chuck is building a Nieuport 17 using modern materials and parts. Paul is owner of a 2014 RV7A, and recently attained a seaplane rating with an Alaska based operator.

The meeting began with a presentation titled "FAA 14 CFR Part 77 (Imaginary) Airspace Surfaces" by our president, Tiffany Thompson. These surfaces generally protect a 3 mile area around a runway from obstructions that could interfere with flight operations. There was a lot of discussion about local zoning or the lack thereof that makes enforcement of the standards challenging.

At 2050 hours, President Tiffany called the business meeting to order.

Treasurer Cristi Higgins, reported \$7077.24 in the general account, \$3630.45 in the breakfast account, and savings in a \$10,000 CD.

Young Eagles Coordinator Cristi Higgins announced plans for an event at the August 19 breakfast. Thirteen or 14 Boy Scouts will be present for flights, beginning at 9AM. Cristi will recruit pilots from those present.

Secretary Jerry Mulliken reported 42 paid, legacy, and young eagle members. Several options for an online payment option were discussed. All options incur some expense, but the consensus was that more people would stay current on dues if payment were more convenient, and that any expense should be absorbed in the budget rather than charging a fee to those using an online system. Tom Trumble moved, Jerry Clinch seconded a motion to publish at the end of first and second quarters a list of paid members with contact information along with information about individual flying and building interests. After some discussion about expanding the list to a brochure, the motion was passed as originally stated. The task of developing a brochure will be explored.

Toby Jordan will be attending the EAA Air Academy July 28-August 5. His airline ticket cost \$540, which is \$40 over the amount allotted. Tom Trumble moved, Tom Henry seconded a motion to approve the extra amount.

Doug Volkmer reported that a crew for the next breakfast has been arranged. Tiffany offered to make signs to guide people through the line.

Tom Trumble reported that Noah Philson soloed on June 21. This frees up \$4,000 of Ray Scholarship funds. Noah is studying for his written exam, and has used up funds dispersed so far. He will be pursuing other scholarship funding. Tom has suggested Toby Jordan as our 2023 Ray Scholarship candidate. Toby is undecided about accepting. Trent Townsend is also interested.

The Lincoln Air Show will be held August 26 and 27. EAA 569 members will provide static displays of their aircraft, including Derek Schroeder and his Sonex, Jon Sullivan and his RV-4, and Lyle Bender and his RV-10. A couple of 10' x 10' shade tents are needed. Four event badges will be issued. Six volunteers

are needed for both days to monitor the exhibits. Cristi has Young Eagle banners that can be repurposed. Traffic cones and tape are needed.

The next regular meeting will be October 3. There will be no August meeting due to the close proximity of Oshkosh.

A chapter picnic at Shoemakers has not been scheduled as of yet. Cristi Higgins will reach out to Jon and Holly to discuss.

Meeting was adjourned at 2150 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Mulliken,
Secretary



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to enlarge.*

Tires / Wheels and Brakes – 4.10 / 3.50 – 4
Make offer.

Experimental Sensenich Metal Prop – 64"
diameter, 51 pitch.

Contact Ed Bowes – 402-730-3396



Jon Sullivan experimenting with a GoPro camera mount on his RV-4. Click picture to enlarge. Cool stuff!

Around the pattern



Tom Trumble flew Young Eagles Gina Jordan, Tobias Jordan and Marcus Richter on July 19th.



Noah Philson received a Zulu 3 headset in recognition of his solo flight. This is a benefit of the Ray Scholarship program provided by Lightspeed Aviation.



Clara Jordan received her first Young Eagle ride at the Crete Breakfast (right). Brothers Caleb, Joshua and George (above), experienced Young Eagle rides also. Clara, Joshua and Caleb helped with the breakfast as well.



Noah with his parents Greg and Kim Philson.

And finally ...

F4U-4 Corsair



Jim Tobul's F4U-4 Corsair on display in Fightertown at AirVenture 2023. Click picture to enlarge. Jim gave a very nice walkaround tour of his plane at AirVenture last year. Click [here to check it out](#).

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