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# EAA Chapter 569 Newsletter

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## Meeting Announcement

No August meeting.



**President's  
Message  
Tiffany  
Thompson**

Hello EAA Chapter Members!

As summer progresses, I hope you're all enjoying clear skies and smooth flights. I trust everyone who attended AirVenture had a wonderful time! I have genuinely enjoyed seeing the Facebook posts and sharing in the excitement. If you're still riding the highs of the AirVenture experience and not quite ready to face reality, don't worry—August brings many more aviation events and fly-ins. These are perfect opportunities to connect, learn, and celebrate our shared passion for aviation.

### Safety Tips for the Month:

1. **Pre-Flight Checks:** Always perform a thorough pre-flight check. A few extra minutes on the ground can prevent in-flight issues and ensure a safe journey.
2. **Check NOTAMs:** It's essential to check NOTAMs during flight planning. With construction season in full swing, you never know which airports may have closures or other updates. Staying informed is crucial for a safe flight. Let's all commit to making safety our top priority.

Thank you for your ongoing support and participation. Together, we make EAA Chapter 569 a vibrant and dynamic community. I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events and meetings.

Blue skies and happy flying!

## Minutes of the Club Meeting

Members assembled to hear from Paul Muhle an account of his restoration of Todd Duncan's Super Cub. The aircraft, now better than new, was available for viewing.

The July 2, 2024 business meeting was called to order at 7:58 by President Tiffany Thompson. The meeting was held in the Duncan Aviation flight department hangar. Fifteen members were present.

There was no Treasurer's or Young Eagle's report.

Jerry Mulliken reported no changes in the membership roster this month.

Tom Trumble said that applications are open for one or two EAA air academy youth. Our Ray Scholar, Toby Jordan, soloed with 19 hours of flight time. \$4,400 has been received from scholarship funds, with \$3,800 paid to Oracle Aviation. Toby is now eligible to be funded with a second \$4,400 payment. Total funds payable is \$11,000.

Applications for the 2025 Ray Scholarship are due in November.

The next flight breakfast is July 6 to avoid conflicts with AirVenture activities later in the month.

The Christmas Party is being planned for December 1, from 5 to 8 pm, at the Lincoln Antelope Park picnic shelter. Cost will be \$25 per person. Tom Trumble reserved the space at a cost of \$120. Tom proposed that costs over \$25 per person be borne by the chapter. This proposal was not voted upon.

The next meeting will be a picnic at Shoemaker's in early September. Details forth coming in the September newsletter.

Tom Trumble moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Mulliken, Secretary





### Paul Muhle

Paul Muhle was the guest speaker at the July 2<sup>nd</sup> EAA Chapter 569 meeting. Paul does amazing work out of his Muhle Aviation Works shop in Columbus, NE. He has built 3 Oshkosh Gold Lindy Winners:

- 1994 – Grand Champion Custom Built (Plans) – Paul Muhle, Richland, NE, Acro Sport II, N42690
- 2000 – Grand Champion Plans Built – Paul Muhle, Richland, NE, One Design, N515PM
- 2007 – Grand Champion Plans Built – Paul Muhle, Columbus, NE, Pitts S1-SS, N557PM



### Confab2024

*By Tom Winter*

Ten years ago at the Cessna 150 "Confab in the Corn," I won the big door prize, an iFly GPS. It was a huge difference-maker, and it spoiled me. To power it I had a cigaret lighter outlet added right under my panel. Its suction-cup mounting meant it lived in the lower front corner of the pilot window. Soon the iFly showed a message that my charts had become obsolete. I could reply "ok" and get on with business. Finally this spring, though, the iFly had had enough - or maybe I touched the "Update" button by mistake. It started refusing to find airports! So for this year's Confab in the Corn, preparation for the flight began with buying charts. Charts? You can't buy them in person anymore! We have a local flight school and even they don't stock them. Had to order from MyPilotStore.

There is a huge table in my hangar that used to be an HO gauge train layout. It is spacious. In student/baby pilot days I used to lay out charts on it, and now I'm back to it: I laid out the Omaha chart, ruled a highlighted line from Lincoln, NE to Pella, IA, and folded the chart to suit the route. Then same for the Chicago chart, highlighting from Pella to Clinton. Of course, the clock on my panel doesn't work, so there is no dead reckoning: just hold heading until you spot the next landmark. And every now and again, reset the heading indicator. Finally, there's the winding Wapsipinicon River, whose serpentine squiggles generally point the way: thread between DeWitt IA and the Wapsipinicon, and Clinton is smack dab in front of you.

Once at the Confab in the Corn, AKA Brigadoon for Cessna 150 pilots, I met three others from Eastern Nebraska: Lyle and Pam Eisenhauer, and Cameron Walther. Pam modeled a corn dress-up costume that amused all, and Cameron demonstrated his patroller door mod. I'd



been dubious before about patroller doors, but having just found my way by looking down through the left window, I was convinced. He tells me this can be done at BIE!

A few years back, the owner of the Cessna 150 Club quit organizing the Confab. In response, some regulars plus a lawyer formed the Cessna 150-152 Foundation, and the Foundation bought the club! It always reminds me of the glorious day that Harley Davidson bought itself back from AMF. So much better now! No more commuting via rental vans for breakfast. Breakfast makings are set out each morning by foundation volunteers. Meals except for the annual banquet, are a fundraiser for the local Boy Scout troop. No need to leave the airport!



There are educational seminars that get Wings credit. There are flying games: treasure hunt, nerf drop, poker run, and spot landing. I always skip them and concentrate on the people. This year there were two very interesting newcomers, Stewart Jacobs, retired arson investigator, got his ticket at age 60: his daughter, now an ATP, kept her training 150, lets an aspiring pilot train in it every year, and finally snared her father! She lets him fly it! Upside down from the usual! Aaron Hann was there in a Luscombe with his teenage son Dominic: Hann looks like he just got out of boot camp (fit!) I asked him for his story: he makes a living investigating medical fraud. He used to be in the Secret Service which he is not proud of. Son Dom has a ham radio license.

Back to the Foundation: The club awards two scholarships, one for A&P training, another for pilot training. \$5k each. These are funded by raffle tickets on a restored 150. For me, seeing these two awards given was the highlight for the year. So inspirational that I'm thinking when the time comes to pack it in, The Bluebird of Happiness will be a future source for more such scholarships.

Month		EAA Chapter 569 Calendar
August	17	8:00am - 10:00am Crete Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 569 - KCEK
	31	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI
September	15	Chapter 569 Picnic - Shoemaker Airfield 4:30pm
	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
October	1	7:00pm General Meeting
	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



## AirVenture 2024 Opening Day



B-52 on display at Boeing Plaza.



Chapter 569 directional sign at the Blue Barn!



Richard VanGrunsvan, Van's Aircraft Founder, at the Van's tent. He was signing a few hats.







Virtual paint booth at the PPG Paints exhibit.



1971 Sonerai built by John Monnett in 8 months. It is part of the EAA Aviation Museum collection.



Dave Hock (Littleton, CO) and his RV-7. I told Dave he'll probably go home with some hardware. And he did, a Bronze Lindy. He did an outstanding job on his build.



AOPA's 1958 [Cessna 182 sweepstakes plane](#).



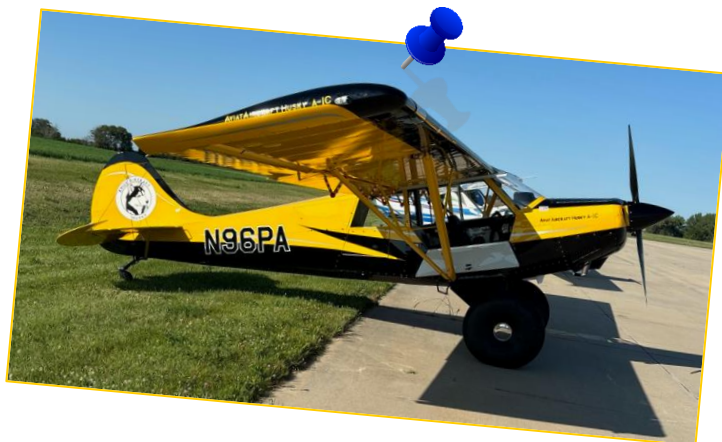
## Chapter Breakfast

*Next Chapter  
569 breakfast -*

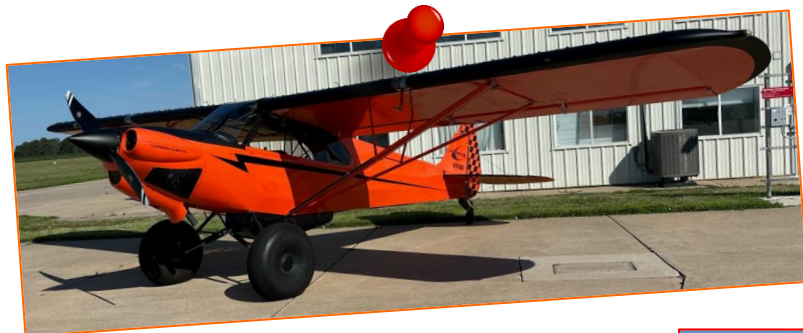
*August 17th*



**Nathan Wakefield's Zodiac CH601XL**



**Duayne Muhle's Christen Eagle II**



*Great turnout at our July breakfast!! Thanks to Mark Basel (RV-8 builder) for sharing his photos. Click any picture to enlarge.*



**After Larry Bartlett, perhaps not quite as flexible as he once was, wiggled himself out of 33L, a young 11-year-old lad observed his struggle and informed him, "that's why old people shouldn't fly Cubs".**

And finally ...

## July breakfast



Arriving in style at 6:29am for breakfast duty are George Carr (omelet guy), Tom Trumble (pancake man) and Helen Mercurio (all the above) in George's Cessna 182S.

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