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Meeting Announcement

No meeting in August.



**Greetings
from
President
Tom
Trumble**

AirVenture

For several seemingly good reasons I canceled my 2026 pilgrimage to Oshkosh in March. I'm now at home watching the AirVenture live feeds. I can't imagine what those reasons were. Lesson learned. Make plans early and no matter what happens don't cancel.

I have talked with my friends that I typically meet up with who are there. I was happy to reconnect with them by phone, but it only reinforced my remorse for not attending.

I am ready to make my reservations for 2027.

Chapter Picnic / 50th anniversary celebration

The EAA Chapter Picnic / 50th anniversary celebration is scheduled for Sunday September 20th, Shoemaker's Airfield (NE40), Denton, NE. Holly, Helen, Dwana, Cristi, Tiffany and Lori have been hard at work planning a 50th anniversary celebration at our September picnic. In addition, they have spent hours cleaning out the hangar at Crete discovering chapter history records as well as reducing the stored materials. Watch for an email soon with information on making a reservation for the catered meal on the chapter website. EAA569.org.

Young Eagles Rallies

August 15: Beatrice

August 22: Fremont

August 29: Fremont (optional event if needed)

We have over 90 kids signed up.

Please check with Cristi Higgins (402-217-9763) if you would like to fly.

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Wahoo Breakfast

July 11th turned out to be a clear day with lots of fly ins. This was the first 2026 breakfast with nice flying weather. I think I counted 19 aircraft. I missed some who had come and gone so the count was a guess.

We hosted an award ceremony for Doug Pollock who received his Master Pilot and Master Mechanic awards. Mark Gaffney and Owen Grimm, from the FAASTeam, were the presenters. Doug is now one of 3 people in Nebraska to hold both the Master Pilot and Master Mechanic awards.

2026 50th Year Christmas Party

The date is December 18th. In honor of this being our 50th anniversary, current members and one guest can attend free of charge.

The location will again be St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6111 Morrill Ave, Lincoln, NE.

Final approach

I found a hat and sunglasses after the June meeting. Jerry Clinch has it now and will bring it to the next meeting.

There will be no August meeting. The September meeting will be the picnic on September 20th.



Clear skies, calm winds were the formula for a great turnout at our Wahoo fly-in breakfast on July 11th. It was great to see a ramp full of planes. Doug Pollock (above right) received the Master Pilot and Mechanics Awards during the breakfast. Presenting Doug his award is Owen Grimm from the FAASTeam.

Minutes of the Club Meeting

The EAA Chapter 569 July 7, 2026 member meeting was called to order by President Tom Trumble at 7:00 pm in the conference room of the LNK terminal building. Sixteen members and one guest were present.

Monty Perry started us off with a presentation on his distinguished career in the Air Force and in civilian aviation. Among his many assignments, Monty was responsible for ferrying senior US government civilians and service personnel aboard Gulfstream aircraft and eventually Air Force One.

After Monty's talk, everyone enjoyed pizza and cookies provided by Jerry Clinch.

In lieu of minutes from the June meeting (which with apologies have gone missing 🐾) the published meeting agenda including financial report were published in the June newsletter.

Treasurer Mark Gaffney approved the following financial report for July:

Item	
Interest on CD	\$30.16
Breakfast Income (June)	\$525.00
EAA 569 Checking Account	\$7,221.62
EAA 569 Breakfast Account	\$6,740.02
Cash in Checking Accounts	\$13,961.64
EAA 569 Certificate of Deposit	\$10,000.00
Total Cash Assets	\$23,961.64

Total cash assets last report: \$ 23,700.95

After discussion, Tom Trumble moved and Lyle Bender seconded a motion that \$5,000 be moved from the breakfast account to the checking account, then a \$8,000 CD be purchased using funds in the checking account. Mark Gaffney recommended a 3-month maturity with dates offset from the existing CD in case a withdrawal is needed. The motion passed.

The annual EAA 569 picnic will be September 20th at Shoemaker airfield. The time will be earlier than the past to allow extra time for a program celebrating our 50th year as a Chapter. Tiffany Thompson has designed t-shirts. Holly, Lori and Cristi have cleaned out memorabilia from Colby Osborn's hangar at Crete (formerly Dean Hoy's). Items to be dispersed will be brought to the July breakfast. Items of historical interest will be on view at the picnic. Tom Trumble moved that \$2,000 be made available for catering the picnic and for other expenses relating to the celebration. Jerry Clinch seconded the motion, and the motion passed. An email will be sent out soon to RSVP for the picnic. Volunteers for preparing the hangar are requested, by arrangement, around September 18th.

The June 27th Young Eagles event in Beatrice was canceled due to IMC.

Chapter 569 has a Young Eagle rally scheduled at Beatrice Municipal Airport (KBIE) on August 15th, 9:00am - noon. There is also a Young Eagles rally scheduled for August 22nd (9:00 am – noon) at the Fremont Airport (KFET), assuming the taxiway project going on there does not interfere.

The Central City EAA Chapter 1571 is inviting volunteer pilots for their Young Eagles rally at Red Cloud (7V7). The rally is August 2nd 8:00 am - noon. If interested in flying, contact Jeff Jensen at (402) 759-0552.

EAA has presented Chapter 569 with a banner commemorating 5,000 Young Eagles flown.

The July breakfast will be July 11th 8:00 am to 10:00 am at the Wahoo airport. Workers should arrive by 7:30 am. On behalf of the FAA, Mark Gaffney and Owen Grimm will be presenting Master Pilot and Master Mechanic awards to Doug Pollock.

Tom Trumble suggested our chapter consider sponsoring two students aged 14-18 for EAA summer camps. Chapter reservation admissions begin September 1, 2026. Final selection is due March 1, 2027. There is a required \$200 deposit per reservation. Some of the cost may be offset by Young Eagle credits. Prices for the 2027 camps are not published yet, but in 2026 the June camps were \$1300 and the July camps were \$1650. Lyle Bender moved, Monty Perry seconded a motion to put out requests for two campers. The motion passed. We did not sponsor any campers in 2026. Volunteers to help with this will be needed. Tom Trumble suggested John Cox at Pius and Amanda Woodward at North Star as possible resources for the campers.

The 2026 EAA 569 Christmas party will be Friday, December 18th at the St. Patrick's church, catered by Ricky's Cafe. Doors open at 6:00 pm, dinner is at 6:30 pm. Suggestions for entertainment are welcome.

The Tarkio Wing Nuts airshow will be on July 11, 2026. This is likely the last airshow at Tarkio.

There will be no August EAA 569 meeting due to Oshkosh / AirVenture.

Chris Stokes flew his A-37 three times in a week.

Monty Perry moved, Mark Gaffney seconded motion to close the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Mulliken, Secretary

EAA Chapter 569's 50th Anniversary Update

By Holly (Shoemaker) Dixon

50th Anniversary t-shirts are available! We're doing this a little differently for this event. You can stop by the print shop Brandedfx, (business card on right) and tell them you are an EAA member. Then choose your own type of shirt, color, size and where you [want the graphic](#). They have some shirts in stock or they can order what you want in a couple of days. It's easy to get to and the staff are very helpful. You can even try them on for size!

Prices are "a la carte". For example, t-shirts run \$6-13.00 plus a single graphic front or back is \$10.00. So, the total is \$23.00 + tax. They can also do a front shoulder and if you order 2 you get 10% off! Open M-F 9:00-5:00pm



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EAA CHAPTER 569's 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

*Please join us as we celebrate
a review of our first 50 Years!*



DATE: Sunday, September 20th
Rain Date: September 27th

TIME: 2:00 pm

LOCATION: Denton Airfield (NE40) (CTAF 122.8)
 11215 W Yankee Hill Rd, Denton, NE
Fly-in or drive-in!

DETAILS

2:00 pm Review of 569 Memorabilia
 3:00 pm Presentations
 4:30 pm Catered BBQ meal by 'Hog Wild'

COST

Adults: \$10
 Kids: \$5 (10 and under)

RSVP: Please RSVP now at www.eaa569.org
 You can pay cash or check at the door.

NO PETS PLEASE. While we love pets, we kindly ask that you leave your furry friends at home.

We look forward to seeing you!

"Brigadoon," 2026

By Tom Winter

Cessna 150, Iowa, the Brigadoon-like land that exists every July, is history again. The Confab in the Corn suits me. We call it "the Confab in the Corn" since the Clinton airport is surrounded by fields of tall corn. Noticeable this year by their absence: No turboprop cropdusters putting on the annual airshow, nearly on the deck. Learned why at David Hintz's FAA presentation: drones! Drones now outnumber agplanes three to one in use by aerial applicators. That feeling of being Cary Grant in NORTH BY NORTHWEST is gone!

Colonels, Doctors, and ATCs

Lots of new people to get to know. You just don't know who you're standing next to. All kinds of people end up flying our little two-seat Cessna. So help me, I got to know two retired Air Force colonels and a retired Doctors Without Borders M.D, plus plenty of ordinary civilians who, one way or another, found their way to a pilot license and a little Cessna 150 all their own. Last year the FAA awarded Mark Buchner, retired airline pilot, the Master Pilot Award, but this year was a topper: The FAA presented Ron Twente both the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award and the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award. You learn as much from such people fully as much as from the seminars.

Fun and Games

All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy: there are flying contests: a nerf drop, a spot landing challenge, and a flying treasure hunt. Once around the pattern, your pax tries to "bomb" a kiddie pool with a nerf, next time around the pattern, you do a touch and go, trying to touch within an 75' space. These touches are judged 1-10 for "style and grace" and a touchdown outside the markers is a zero. Best cumulative score in the three contests wins the Top Gun prize. This year a young woman, Zoe Krohne, was Top Gun! One evening after the burgers 'n' brats supper provided as a fundraiser by the local scout troop, the airport manager Marlana Nass and her husband Mike were in the FBO late, like a quiet evening at home: Mike brought out an electric guitar plus an acoustic guitar. Ed Pataky played the electric and Mike joined in with the acoustic. House in New Orleans, for instance. I sang. There's no competing with some of these pilots, so I leave my guitar home. Unforgettable evening to cap an unforgettable day.

The Sauna and the Melted Chocolate

The week, though shorn of the usual thunderstorms, was still challenging: outdoors, or trying to sleep in the tent, or taking in a seminar in the event hangar, I kept cheerfully telling myself "Okay, just enjoy the sauna, enjoy the sauna." Then, recovering in the FBO, I'd put on a sweater in the cold indoor AC. One presenter's shirt was drenched with sweat - just like mine - by the time his presentation was over.

The seminars are good for WINGS credit, and there are door prizes at every seminar. Eleven years ago, I won a 5-pound Hershey bar. Won one again this year. To little avail: "Keep away from excessive heat," says the back of the package. Ha! My five-pound Hershey bar was a saggy bag when I got back home at hangar C3. Unpacking the Bluebird of Happiness, I just counted myself lucky that no chocolate had oozed out past the cellophane wrapper. At home, I pushed the mushy chocolate back into a flatter shape and put it in the cool of the basement. Not really very appetizing - the first listed ingredient is sugar. I may poison my bratty little beagle with it. (Just joking. I love the little pirate. As I scribble, Ollie is my easy chair armrest.)

Back to the seminars, my favorite was by international ferry pilot Ed Brown, with photos from Greenland, Iceland, New Zealand, Kenya - all with route maps. Interesting note: modern nav aids make it practical to use the Azores for a refueling stop to Europe. No risk of missing the islands! Reminded me of Lindbergh being asked why he didn't choose to compete in the 1927 Dole Pineapple air race to Hawaii: "Well, it was impossible to miss Europe." Come time to leave, Ed Brown's ocean-going example gave me the courage to fly all the way across Iowa :)

Cutest experience of the trip was discovering that my 2014 iFly GPS still works - in reverse! I won it at the 2014 Confab. Now I turn it on and get the warning that the charts expired in 2015. Two years ago it stopped finding airports ("NOT FOUND"). The moving map still works though, so I still use it. And messing around with the menu, I found out the FIND NEAREST function still functions. So on the flight back, about 40 miles out from my fuel stop at Pella, I hit FIND NEAREST, selected Pella, and the old familiar magenta line guided me in! Then, launching from Pella, I turned on the iFly, to use the moving map, and soon realized the FIND NEAREST was still trying to guide me to Pella: Distance: 33nm, Turn: L 177°, and ETA: blank. [See photo](#). The rest of the 200-mile flight, I amused myself watching the iFly tell me I was getting farther and farther off. Since Pella is smack on my course line, I had guidance all the way home, just had correct a degree or two so that Pella would stay 180° away. When I entered the pattern at LNK, the poor iFly said I was 181nm away. And still no ETA!

From the  Gmail

- Chapter 1571 Young Eagle Rally Email – [Click here](#)
- Chapter 1571 Young Eagle Rally Flyer – [Click here](#)
- For Sale - 2007 KOLB MK III Classic N108GA \$25,000 OBO – [Click here](#)



News from EAA Headquarters

Graham: 2.5 Millionth Young Eagle 'Has the Aviation Bug'

By Barbara A. Schmitz

Jimmy Graham may have been joking after taking 10-year-old Hazel Schaefer, of Wausau, Wisconsin, on a flight in his Extra 330 at AirVenture making her the official 2.5 millionth Young Eagle since the program began.

But once you hear of Hazel's passion for aviation, you have to wonder if Jimmy, the Young Eagles chairman since 2018 and NFL retired tight end, was joking at all when he said Hazel would be taking *him* flying soon.

The flight in Jimmy's Extra 330 was the 43rd different type of airplane that Hazel has flown in. (Her favorite flight was in the Bücker Bü 131 Jungmann, a classic German biplane trainer introduced in the 1930s, but she said Jimmy's Extra is "near the top" of her list of favorite airplanes she's taken a flight in.) At 10, she already has over 40 hours of flight time with "many, many pilot friends."

So how did Jimmy fly? "Very good," she replied, admitting that she was "a little bit nervous, but it was awesome."

Wearing her own flight suit, Hazel said she became interested in aviation through her mother, Jessica, who shared her passion with her children. Hazel is active in EAA Chapter 640 in Wausau and volunteers with the group, helping out with food at events. She is also involved in Learn Build Fly, an aerospace education program in Wausau that provides aviation, STEM, and leadership education to youths and families.

Jimmy said Hazel made a great co-pilot and that he hoped to fly with her again. "She has the aviation bug," he said.

"When I see a smile on a child's face after their flight, it reminds me of how I was at that age," he said. "I wish I had this type of experience when I was young."

He also said it was an honor to be involved in the Young Eagles program, and that EAA has "a special place in his heart" for the work they do.

After a photo of Jimmy, Hazel, and some Young Eagles volunteers was taken, Jimmy shook hands and talked to many of the volunteers.

When Young Eagles began, some people questioned if they could meet their goal of flying 1 million children using volunteer pilots. But with each new goal set, EAA continues to hit that target.

Making the 2.5 million mark in 2026 was an "ambitious goal," Jimmy said, only possible because of the "many EAA volunteers who really made a push over the last two months." Still, he said he was looking forward to flying the 3 millionth Young Eagle in the not-too-distant future, and that flying "has filled the gaps" that football left.

100LL prices as reported by Airnav FBO on 7-18-26				
Prices subject to change without notice. NL=not listed				
		Dist (NM) from KLNK	/Gal.	Service
Lnk	Duncan	0	\$ 7.72	FS
Lnk	Atlantic	0	\$ 7.99	FS
KCEK	Crete	16	\$ 5.49	SS
KSWT	Seward	16	\$ 6.75	SS
KAHQ	Wahoo	24	\$ 6.50	SS
KBIE	Beatrice	33	\$ 5.90	ss
KFBY	Fairbury	44	\$ 4.95	SS
KAFK	Nebraska City	43	\$ 5.24	SS
KPMV	Plattsmouth	39	\$ 6.41	SS
KJYR	York	39	\$ 5.75	FS
KAUH	Aurora	56	\$ 5.80	SS
KFMZ	Fairmont	40	\$ 6.10	SS
KOLU	Columbus	45	\$ 7.23	FS
KFET	Fremont	38	\$ 6.73	ss
OG3	Tecumseh	44	\$ 5.80	SS
K08K	Harvard	62	\$ 6.00	SS
93Y	David City	29	\$ 6.05	SS

(Thanks for the list, Jon!)

Month		EAA Chapter 569 Calendar
Aug	4	No Meeting
	8	8:00am - 10:00am Wahoo Fly in Breakfast, EAA 569 – KAHQ
	8 - 9	Offutt AFB Defenders of Freedom Air & Space Show (www.defendersoffreedomairshow.com)
	15	9:00am - 12:00pm Young Eagles Rally – Beatrice (KBIE) – Info here
	16	8:00am - 12:30pm Hartington (0B4), NE, "BEST sausages in a 100 miles." Benefits from breakfast go to Holy Trinity Elementary School. PIC & co-pilot FREE, 5th Grade to adult \$8.00, 5 years old to 4th Grade \$6.00, 4 years old and under free. Served by Holy Trinity Grade School. Sponsored by Becker Flying Service. Featuring a variety of pilots and airplanes, LifeNet Helicopter, Moonwalk Bounce House, Antique Tractor, Hartington Volunteer Fire Department Firetrucks, Hartington Ambulance. Contact Marisa Rolfes cmrolfes87@gmail.com
	22	9:00am - 12:00pm Young Eagles Rally - Fremont (KFET) – Info here
	29	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) – KHSI
Sep	1	No Meeting
	12	8:00am - 10:00am Wahoo Fly in Breakfast, EAA 569 – KAHQ
	13	8:00am - 12:00pm Vermillion (VMR), SD., Free-will donation to Lions Club for breakfast – fundraiser for the Main Street Center in Vermillion. Contact Denny Martens at 605-677-8159 or dmartens@vyn.midco.net (Harold Davidson Field, 1300 S. Dakota Street, 57069)
	20	2:00pm Chapter 569 Picnic / 50 th anniversary celebration – Denton Airfield (NE40)
	20	8:00am - 12:00pm Chan Gurney (YKN), Yankton, SD, PIC FREE, adults \$10.00; kids 5-10 \$5.00; under 5 free. Fund-raiser for aviation scholarships. Sponsored by Yankton Regional Aviation Association and City of Yankton. Contact Jacob Hoffner at 605-661-7525 (700 East 31st Street, 57078) (always the 3rd Sunday in September)
	26	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) – KHSI

And finally ...

Monty Perry



Monty Perry kindly stepped in to headline the program for the July Chapter 569 meeting under a short notice. Monty, who was a Lincoln native, recently moved back from California. Monty had an incredible 24-year stint in the Air Force flying such planes as the KC-135, C-5 Galaxy and the Gulfstream V. Monty completed his military career with the 89th Airlift Wing located at Andrews Air Force. Their purpose is to provide airlift support for the President, Vice President and other important officials. Some typical passengers were Barack and Michelle Obama, Joe Biden and Nancy Pelosi to name a few.

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Bob Bounds was featured in the 7/21/2026 edition of AirVenture Today. Click the banner to read the article. Bob says he'll sign your copy for a small fee. 😊