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Meeting Announcement

Date: Sunday, December 2nd

Time: Social Hour – 6:00pm
Buffet Dinner – 6:30pm

Program: Christmas Party

Place: The Knoll's Restaurant
2201 Old Cheney Road
Lincoln, NE

President's Message Cristi Higgins



First of all Happy Holidays to everyone! I am thankful for my family, friends and the experience of flight. I meet a lot of people that tell me they wish they could or would have got their pilots license. I don't get to fly much these days due to the cost but that will never be my story. I have flown and do hold a private pilot license so if I never get to fly again I don't have to live in regret. Don't worry I will still fly. I think I am on Santa's good list this year so it will happen.

In the past I have heard about flying clubs being a bad idea. I gotta tell you though I was in one and know of quite a few around here that are doing well. At the November breakfast I even met 3 guys that share a nice Cessna since it was new. That was the first time they all 3

flew together in quite some time but they have had a great experience over the last 23 years I think it was. Several of our members are in these type of flight clubs. Sharing an airplane is easier now days thanks to internet. If you want to reserve the plane you can do it at 0300 hours in your pajamas. The biggest complaint I hear is will the plane ever be available though? In my experience it was there when I wanted it. Buy into a small group if that is a big worry to you. All the costs can be split up and shared. Hangar, insurance and maintenance all sharable costs. We have a lot of good people in our group so if this is something you're considering talk about it to someone. I wanted to share this because I feel the biggest obstacle these days is the cost. It is also legal to share costs of a flight even when you don't own the aircraft. Get together and go flying folks because life is short and you can't take it with you!

I hope everyone comes to the Christmas party! We have lots of nice door prizes this year. Don Shoemaker is giving a ride in his Camair 480, Pam Eisenhower is giving away a massage just to name a couple. Johnny Cash (Luke Peterson) is going to be there to sing for us! Which reminds me of another way I plan to fly someday.... he is gonna sing One Piece At A Time and I might just have to build an airplane that way!

Happy landings to all and to all a good night!

Cristi Higgins

**Minutes of the Club Meeting
November 6, 2012**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Cristi Higgins.

The scheduled program, Gary Redding was a no show. Bob Chambers kindly stepped in and talked about his experience being a photographer during the Vietnam War. He worked with correspondents from ABC, CBS and NBC and had some pretty good stories to tell.

Matt Olson does not want to run for a 2nd term as Chapter Treasurer. Mark Werth expressed an interest to fill the vacant seat and was nominated by Tom Henry. It was seconded by Erick Corbridge and the nomination was carried by the vote of the membership.

Dean Hoy motioned to retain the remaining officers for another year. They are:

- President – Cristi Higgins
- Vice President – Keith Gomon
- Secretary – Doug Elting

The motion was seconded by Erick Corbridge. The motion was carried by the vote of the membership.

The October 13th Young Eagles event at Crete was cancelled due to inclement weather. It was rescheduled for November 17th. It will start at 9:00am and 24 – 30 kids from the ROTC will get rides.

Ed Siudzinski repaired the pipes to the Chapter’s canopy. It was damaged in a wind storm this summer.

The Chapter Christmas party will be Sunday, December 2nd at the Knoll’s. A Johnny Cash impersonator will provide the entertainment. Lots of great door prizes have been donated.

The meeting was adjourned by President Cristi Higgins at 8:47PM.

Respectfully Submitted
By Doug Volkmer for
Doug Elting, Secretary,
Chapter 569

Thank You from Diane

“ Thank you for the invitation and warm reception at the EAA meeting last month. I thoroughly enjoyed it.”

Diane

(A thank you from Diane Bartels who spoke at our October meeting. – Ed.)

“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.)

“Here is the last piece of the puzzle for the First Solo Sculpture. The teddy bear sits in the pedal airplane and is about to go for a ride.”

- Mark Kuzara



Members of the ROTC who received Young Eagle rides at the Chapter breakfast on November 17th.

2013 Dues are Due

By Doug Volkmer

Believe it or not, it's time to renew your Chapter dues. The amount remains at \$20.

Whether you are a new member or renewing your membership we are encouraging members to go to the Chapter website (www.eaa569.org) and fill out the online form. To get to the form, select Members on the Chapter website home page and follow the instructions on the page. After submitting your form, you will be instructed on where to mail your \$20.

For those members who prefer to fill out the paper form, we have included a copy of the form below.

Again, whether you are a new member or renewing your membership we ask that you fill out the form.

Questions from the Private Pilot Test Exam

- 1. A stable air mass is most likely to have which characteristic?
 - A) Poor surface visibility.
 - B) Turbulent air.
 - C) Showery precipitation.

- 2. Wingtip vortices are created only when an aircraft is
 - A) developing lift.
 - B) heavily loaded.
 - C) operating at high airspeeds.

- 3. Which condition would cause the altimeter to indicate a lower altitude than true altitude?
 - A) Air temperature warmer than standard.
 - B) Air temperature lower than standard.
 - C) Atmospheric pressure lower than standard.

Answers: 1.(A) 2.(A) 3.(A)

EAA Chapter 569 Membership / Renewal Form
Include your \$20 check made out to EAA Chapter 569
 Mail to: Mark Werth, 2110 Spring Meadow Circle, Lincoln, NE 68521

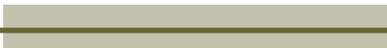
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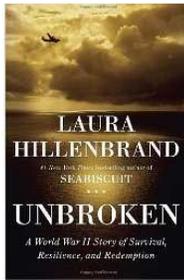
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UNBROKEN



Book Review *By Dennis* *Crispin*

Unbroken, the biography of Louis Zamperini, was published two years ago; it at once rose to the top of the best seller lists and became a subject of many book clubs. Recently it has been a featured promotion of the big book outlets.

There are four stories here, each, by itself, could be the subject of a compelling book.

Story 1: The dead end kid becomes an Olympic star.

Louis Zamperini was born in 1917, the son of Italian immigrants. His defiant attitude and penchant for mischief soon propelled him to the title of the most accomplished juvenile delinquent in Torrance, California, the kid that every cop on every beat knew well.

In junior high he discovered that he could run and he quickly moved from the police notices to the sports pages as he began setting California high school track records. His specialty was the mile.

Moving on to college, many NCAA records fell beneath his magical feet. Preparing for the 1938 Olympics, he found that all of the popular team slots were taken, so he had to settle for the 5,000 meter run.

Running the 5,000 meter final in Berlin Stadium, he prudently stayed in the middle of the pack until the last lap. He then

sprinted to a tie for the win in a record time. Adolf Hitler, watching from his private box, was so impressed that he asked that the young American athlete be brought to him for a personal meeting.

Louis began in earnest to prepare for the 1942 Olympics. His coaches were convinced that he would be the first runner to break the four minute mile, but a war got in the way.

Story 2: Men against the sea.

He soon found himself a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Air Corps and a bombardier on B-24 bombers.

Flying a search mission in the South Pacific in a B-24 that had a reputation as a jinxed airplane, they went down due to mechanical problems.

Zamperini found himself on a rubber raft with another officer. They survived starvation, dehydration, shark attacks, leaks in the boat, a typhoon and strafing by a Japanese airplane.

When a ship finally picked them up, they had set a record for survival at sea in an open boat. Louis was down to almost half of his 165 pound athletic weight.

Story 3: The terrible prison at Ofuna.

But the ship was a Japanese naval vessel. Recognizing Zamperini as an athletic celebrity, and therefore having propaganda value, he was saved from immediate execution and put into the notorious Japanese prisoner of war system. He ended up in the Ofuna camp near Tokyo, the toughest lockup in the war.

Also in this prison was Marine pilot Gregory “Pappy” Boyington, although he doesn’t appear in this narrative.

The prison featured unheated barracks and rampant disease. The prisoners were fed on boiled seaweed considered unfit even for animal feed. Zamperini gave up his privileges as an officer and joined the work crews as that allowed a bit more food.

The camp commandant was likely a little deranged and subjected the prisoners to continual sadistic abuse. Louis’s to-hell-with-the-consequences attitude and rebellious personality singled him out for more than his share of the beatings.

The commandant’s treatment of the prisoners earned him a high ranking on the list of Japan’s war criminals. After the war he escaped and was never brought to justice.

After a little more than a year and a half in the prison camp, the war was over and Louis Zamperini was liberated.

Story 4: From the depths of despair to salvation.

Returning to California, his athletic fame and new war hero status put Louis on the front page of every newspaper. He married and for a while enjoyed the life of a celebrity.

In World War One it was called “shell shocked”. World War Two gave it the name “combat fatigue”. In the modern world it is known as PTS or “post traumatic stress syndrome”. Whatever the nomenclature, it hit Zamperini very hard. The experiences on the raft and in the prison left mental scars

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that seemingly could not be overcome.

He tried business ventures that failed. He was cheated out of his military back pay by con artists. He was prevented from returning to professional athletics by the physical damage received in the prison. His marriage went on the rocks..

He sank into mental illness and alcoholism. He hit absolute bottom.

Then, when it looked as if there was no hope, he found his way back. By his own heroic efforts, he recovered his mental health and became an exemplary citizen, and a fine husband and father.

We won't spoil the book for you by giving the details here, except to say that it is one of the most uplifting and inspiring stories that you will ever read.

Louis Zamperini went on to found a camp and out reach program for troubled youth. He gave back to the community by providing help for the kids that were starting out bad in life, as he himself once had done.

He lives in California and still participates in missionary work and youth causes. At age 95, Louis Zamperini is still unbroken.

Laura Hillerbrand, whose previous success was *Seabiscuit*, wrote this book with an unusual level of skill and clarity. She let the tale tell itself without editorializing or embellishment. The honesty of her approach makes the stories of the raft and the prison camp all the more terrifying. I predict that this book will be considered one of the great biographies to come out of WW2.

If you only read one book this year, it should be *Unbroken*.

Dennis Crispin

Classifieds

FOR SALE (price reduced) 1996 Van's RV-6



RV-6 with 185 HP Titan engine (210 smoh by Nevada Engines)), TT 820. New Sterba prop, King KY96 com, Apollo SL60 GPS-com & Apollo 360 moving map, Narco AT50 Txp mode C, RST-504 audio panel, electric flaps, manual pitch and aileron trim. Strobe, nav, taxi & landing lights. Digital Tach & Hobbs. New altimeter, oil temp, tires, brakes and seats. Built by an AP. Great short field performer and fast cross country plane. Bought last December and flown 120 hours since but have decided to go Sport Pilot. Based in Seward, NE. 402 643-3464 or Cell 402 540 5679. Asking \$ 50K obo. • Contact Charles H. Krutz, Owner - located Seward, NE • Telephone: 402.540.5679 . 402.643. 3464

FOR SALE Ercoupe 415-C

Light Sport qualified (fly without a medical). About 2300 TT, with zero time on rebuilt Continental C-75 engine. Engine has new Titan ECI nickel cylinders and new slick mags. Propeller rebuilt by Fix Prop Shop. Wings rebuilt by Skyport. Rudder peddle STC. All logs and paperwork since new in 1946. Call Wayne at 402-450-6170 if interested.

“Battle Tested”

A new picture is available from veteran aerial photographer Doug Prange. This awesome picture shows two US Navy E-18G “Growlers” flying over Memorial Stadium before the Wisconsin game on 09/29/2012. The 18” x 24” poster is \$24.00.



To view some of Doug's other wonderful work, visit his website at

<http://www.prangephotography.com>.

FOR RENT

Nice Cessna 152 available for rent out of Beatrice. \$89/hr includes all fuel and oil...you provide the fun! Complete checklist and radio script always handy. No instructor charge for rental checkout. Call John Cox 402 239-3953

Want to own a 1/4 share of a 2007 Van's RV-9A ???



This is a strong running airplane that can go anywhere right now. Runs on auto gas with a very economical burn rate. Cruise speed is 170 MPH and the prop and engine combination is smooth as silk. More information at http://www.geicodevelopment.com/rv_9a1. Please contact Andy Lahr at 402-423-1722 or Tom Henry at 402-417-8558.

Events

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

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

July 29 - Aug. 4, AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI, <http://www.airventure.org/>

It's Party Time!

EAA Chapter 569
Annual Christmas Party

The Knoll's Restaurant
2201 Old Cheney Rd., Lincoln NE

Sunday December 2, 2012

Social Gathering 6:00pm
Buffet Dinner 6:30 pm

Walk ins are welcome!

*Johnny Cash impersonator!!
Great Door Prizes!*

Happy Holidays!!!!

Mail Below Portion With Payment

EAA Chapter 569 Christmas Party Reservation

\$20.00 per buffet meal, includes non-alcoholic beverage, tax & gratuity
(Cash Bar Available)

Send your reservation & payment to:

Matt Olson
3641 NW Michael
Lincoln, NE 68524

Please enclose payment of \$20.00 per meal with your reservation

Make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 569

Dinner Reservation for # _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Make Nametags For:

1. _____
2. _____

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