

# ***EAA CHAPTER 569***

## **NEWSLETTER**

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**MEETING:** *Sunday, December 3, 1995 Christmas Party*

**LOCATION:** *The Knolls*

**TIME:** *Happy Hour 6 - 7 p.m. with Dinner at 7*  
(Piano tunes by Mary Woodruff)

**PROGRAM:** Clyde Peters, internationally known flyboy, will entertain us with a special slide program and commentary about touring Russia in his mysteriously rare Cessna 147.

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Our Christmas Party will complete the Chapter activities for 1995. It has been a rewarding year for me and I want to thank everyone who helped out during the year, with a special thanks to the officers and Board members.

I would like to ask each of you to participate next year. You could be a committee chairman, Young Eagles pilot or Ground Crew, or help plan and organize a fly-in. If everyone did just a little, it would take the burden off the overworked 6 or 8 people that usually carry the load. Please let me know if you are available and when.

Happy Holidays - See you at the Christmas Party!

Roger Aspegren

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## **State Patrol to Purchase FLIR**

Nebraska State Patrol Trooper Robert Stivers, a pilot with the State Patrol Airwing, has indicated that the Forward Looking Infa-Red (FLIR) system they have been working toward purchasing will soon be a reality. Stivers said enough money has been raised to make the purchase and bids have been taken from several companies. Chapter 569 donated \$120 to the cause in 1994. The system will cost approximately \$150,000.

The FLIR system is state of the art technology that uses aircraft mounted infra-red equipment to detect differences in surface temperature of all objects on the ground. It can be used during daylight or at night. Objects with a higher temperature are indicated on a monitor in the aircraft as white, with lower temperatures being dark. The exact shape of a person laying on the ground at night will show up on the screen as a white silhouette against the darker background of the earth, which has a cooler temperature than the persons body.

We can be proud that even our small donation helped make this system available for search and rescue, and manhunt type operations.

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## **Coming Plane Stuff**

**December 3** - Chapter 569 "Christmas Party" 6:00 p.m., The Knolls Restaurant, Lincoln

**December 5** - Pilot Safety Seminar, 7-10 p.m., Millard South High School, 14905 Q St., Omaha

**December 7** - Pilot Safety Seminar, 7-10 pm, S.E. Community College, 8800 O St., Lincoln

**January 25,27, 1996** - Nebraska Aviation Council's Fourth Annual Nebraska Aviation Symposium. Ramada Inn, Kearney.

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## **Congratulations**

Our congratulations go to these Lincolniters for reaching the following FAA Certificate milestones.

Curtis Staab - Private Pilot Rating  
Michael Mann - ATP Rating  
Kevin Jorgensen - Instrument Rating  
Andrew Malousek - Instrument Rating

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## **New Beatrice FBO**

Tony Koehler owns the new Fixed Base Operation in Beatrice. You are invited to stop in and get acquainted when you're in the area.

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## **1996 EAA Calendars**

*1996 is almost here!!*

We still have a limited number of calendars to sell. Pick one up at the next meeting, or give Mark Lucey a call to reserve yours. When these are sold, there won't be another order made. **Member Special \$6.00. Non-member \$9.00. Pick some up to sell to your friends.**

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## **ACCIDENTS**

***FLYING SAFETY*** with Larry Craig

Let me start this month's article with some good news for a change--NO reported accidents for the past 30 days. Congratulations folks!! Now for some bad news I just got through compiling FY95's accident data for Nebraska.

<b><u>Accident Categories</u></b>	<b><u>FY94</u></b>	<b><u>FY95</u></b>
Personal/Pleasure	11-50%	8-47%
Training	2-9%	2-12%
Agricultural	3-14%	3-18%
Air Taxi	2-9%	0-0%
Business	4-18%	4-23%

### **Accident Types**

Takeoff	1-4%	5-29%
Landing	4-18%	3-18%
Stall/Spin	0-0%	1-6%
Mechanical	7-32%	6-35%
Low Flying	3-14%	1-6%
Go Around	1-5%	0-0%
Weather	3-14%	0-0%
Fuel Exhaustion	2-9%	1-6%
Aircraft Misfueled	1-4%	0-0%
Mid-Air	0-0%	0-0%

The personal/pleasure category continues to dominate the accident scene. Folks, if you fall in this personal/pleasure category, take a good self-analysis of your flying proficiency, habits, etc. This is an area where we definitely need improvement.

The takeoff type accidents really took a jump. We had a rash of people running off the left side of the runway which is a good indication of pilots not using enough rudder to correct for torque and p-factor. Takeoffs & landings will be a special subject for the upcoming safety seminars sponsored by the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics.

Accidents caused by mechanical type problems continue to test pilots emergency landing skills. As noted in last month's article, some of them have been successful and some have not. Maybe our engines are just getting worn out from so many overhauls. The maintenance side of the FSDO is trying to see if there is a trend they can put their finger on.

Fortunately for the first time since I have had this job, there were no "vertigo" weather accidents.

Larry Craig - PIREPS

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## **A Note from Doug**

Technical Counselor Douglas R. Hill sent me the following note.

Terry,

I see my volunteering as Tech Counselor to be a benefit to the members of the Chapter. I am happy to share my experience.

The activity requirement for currency is visiting three projects per year. To provide this benefit I must have the need and the cooperation of the membership.

See the insurance saving sentence in the attached letter.

"This past summer Avemco Insurance Company recognized the EAA Technical Counselor Program by announcing **premium discounts on any aircraft that was inspected by an EAA Technical Counselor three times during the building process.**"

--Doug Hill

As a homebuilder and Chapter member, I do appreciate the fact that a very busy man with great talent and many years experience is willing to provide this valuable service to our Chapter. I hope that our members will support Doug by requesting him to visit building projects for technical advice. You know the old saying, "if you don't use it, you lose it".

Let's not lose Doug!!

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## **My Time is Up, Thank You for Yours!**

**I would like to say thanks to all of you Chapter members who have furnished me with writing material for the newsletter over the last year. Although it's not an easy job, it's been a great experience being editor. If it wasn't for having too many commitments for my time, I would stay with it.**

**All of you deserve an award for actually reading this stuff!! This will be my last edition. Mark Turner will become the Newsletter Editor starting with the January 1996 issue.**

**Thanks again,**

**Terry Carlson**

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# **EAA Aircraft Finance Program**

**Spread The News!!** The EAA Aircraft Finance Group would like to express our appreciation for the support many EAA members have given us by using the finance program.

We noted that some of you have expressed interest in financing engine upgrades or refurbishment. We would like to emphasize that the EAA finance Program will finance all types of engine upgrades and restoration projects.

Also, the EAA Finance Program is NOT limited to the experimental and sport aircraft. Many members own or operate all types of singles, twins and turbine aircraft. The EAA Finance Plan covers all these aircraft with equally good rates and terms for the membership.

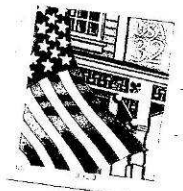
Thanks for spreading the news,

Tom Harvell  
EAA Aircraft Finance Plan

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