

Newsletter



Happy New Year!

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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, January 8
Time: 1930 hrs
Program: Rich Boelts will discuss his trip to Canada to see Emil Berberov.
Place: Duncan Aviation Engine Shop
5000 NW 44th St

EATING BREAKFAST CAN BE 'PLANE' FUN

President's Message

Don Shoemaker



Don Shoemaker is the Chapter 569 President for 2008. For the January newsletter, Don has asked Roger Aspegren to write a column on the monthly Chapter breakfast.

Many of you probably do not know what it takes to put on our monthly breakfast so let me enlighten you. On Thursday before the breakfast one or two of the committee goes to Crete and inventories the supplies, then a trip to the store to buy the needed items. If onions and peppers need chopping that is usually done Friday night. Saturday morning we roll out of bed about 6:00 am, load things up and head to Crete. Pat is trusting enough to let us have a key so we can get in, turn on the lights and heat if needed. Then we

have to carry the supplies and cooking utensils down from upstairs, set up the tables, set up the chairs, cover the tables with paper, start the grill, start the coffee, start the warmer for the sausages, hash browns and scrambled eggs, then start cooking the sausages, hash browns, scrambled eggs and omelet ingredients. Pancake batter has to be made. Eggs cracked for the omelets. Syrup, orange juice and peanut butter put on the tables. Now we are about ready to serve the 30-40 breakfasts. After the breakfast we shut down and clean up the grill. Clear the tables and put them away. Roll up the electric cords. Put the tables and chairs away. Pack away the supplies and carry back up the stairs. All the dirty pans and utensils then are sent home with some unlucky individual to clean and return to Crete later.

This story is not to complain, we have a lot of fun doing the breakfast. Just thought you would like to know the procedure. If you have not attended this fun event lately, or ever, then here are a few things you are missing:

1. A lot of airplane talk
2. On nice days many neat airplanes to look at, coming from Fremont, Plattsmouth, Omaha, Hastings, York, Kearney, Beatrice and other points around the country.
3. Watch Roger scream at Kevin to not pat the pancakes
4. A great Menu – Scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausages, orange juice, coffee, pancakes, omelets and peanut butter.
5. Watch Kevin try to sneak some cheese into Roger's omelet.

O.K. guys and gals, your part is easy. Chapter 569 is the host of this event and we need all of you to come down and greet our guests, 3rd Saturday of every month, 8:00 am to 10:00 am., rain or shine, we never cancel. If you would like to be on the committee we might consider letting you in on the fun. Call Norm Sell and beg.

We want to thank all of you who attend regularly and support our breakfast and a special thank you to all who help clean up after the breakfast.

The committee: Norm and Joyce Sell, Roger and Charlotte Aspegren, Kevin Rock, Larry and Diane Geiger

A Message from the Past President
Dennis Crispin



Don and Doug asked me to write one more column for the newsletter. So here goes - even though I have pretty well run out of things to say.

We had a great year in 2007 and we are off to a good start for 2008. We are starting the year with the largest group of new members that we have had for several years. Within this bunch there are some that impress me as high energy, take charge kind of individuals. I think that we can expect great things from the “new blood” in our club.

We had a meeting a week ago to turn the flight controls over to the chapter’s new officers. New president Don Shoemaker outlined his objectives for the coming year. He has some great ideas on the course that he would like to see the club follow.

I won’t steal Don’s thunder by revealing his plans except to comment on the subject of participation. Don – like several presidents before

him – is quite concerned about the level of participation of our members.

We have members that we see only at the Christmas party or picnic. We have members that we see only at a rare meeting. There are a few that come to breakfast but almost never participate in other club activities. It is as if we were several separate clubs – the meeting group, the Technical Counselors, the breakfast bunch, the Young Eagle guys – who steer totally different courses.

Of course we have that small core group who are regular precipitants in all of the club activities, but their numbers are not nearly large enough. We have had some great meeting programs which were marked by a rather disappointing attendance.

A key part of the participation problem is the long standing difficulty of finding members who are willing to serve as chapter officers and leaders.

This EAA chapter is composed of a fine group of people who have much to contribute to the individual members, the club as a whole and to sport aviation in general. We must find a way to spread the benefits of local chapter involvement to all of our members.

Of course the overriding question is: just what do the members expect from the chapter? Don will be bringing his thoughts and ideas before the membership. He solicits your input.

We had a great time at the Christmas party. The Bell Ringers from Piedmont Park Church presented a fine program that was enjoyed by all.

The Christmas party is our awards night in which we say thank you to all who have aided in the success of the club. We will say it again here. Thank you one and all for a great year at Chapter 569.

Hats off to Doug Volkmer for his selection as 2007’s Sparkplug Award recipient. The annual Chapter 569 Sparkplug Award is our way to

recognize someone for their effort and dedication to the improvement of the club. Several members submitted a nomination for Doug, citing his work on producing the great new club website.

Now a personal note: I was absolutely speechless when the club presented me with the TriMotor model. Very few times in my life have I not known what to say.

For those of you who weren't there I'll explain. The club gave me a large (19" wingspan), highly detailed model of the EAA's Ford TriMotor aircraft. A brass plaque on the stand base thanks me for my efforts on the Lincoln TriMotor Tour stop.

I am totally overwhelmed by this award. It will be one of my most cherished possessions. Thank you all very, very much.

Dennis Crispin
Past President
EAA Chapter 569

Remember.

The most useless things in aviation:

1. *The altitude above you.*
2. *The runway behind you.*
3. *The fuel left back at the pump.*

Minutes of the Executive Meeting December 12, 2007

Meeting was attended by: Don Shoemaker, Eric Corbridge, Dennis Crispin, Doug Volkmer, Rich Bolts, Tom Henry, and Dave Zichek

Topics Covered:

Member dues paid and unpaid, Tom Henry will be publishing in the EAA 569 newsletter an overview of money made by chapter events for the 2007 calendar year.

Program content for January meeting discussed suggestions were, Ray and Rich Canada trip, Lori Novak commercial pilot, and various building tips

for aircraft construction techniques; any member suggestions let Don Shoemaker know!

Name tags: We are going to be offering name tags at regular meetings. (Just in case you forgot yours---just kidding!)

Club Projects: Anyone interested in starting a club project?

Young Eagles Program: Need to let members know through newsletter and e-mailer Notams about up and coming YEP events, also volunteers are regularly needed for these events from pilots & planes to ground operations. (So please don't be shy)

Saturday Breakfast Fly-in's: Volunteers needed for cooking cleaning and hanger flying. (No clearance needed for hanger flying) bring your family!

Dave Zichek (aka Z-MAN) tip of the month: When checking weather if you're a little rusty on those weather short hand notes go to the NOAA web site and get metars and taffs translated. (<http://adds.aviationweather.gov/tafs/index.php>)

Don't forget the real reason for the season and we will see you in 08.

Look what Santa brought!

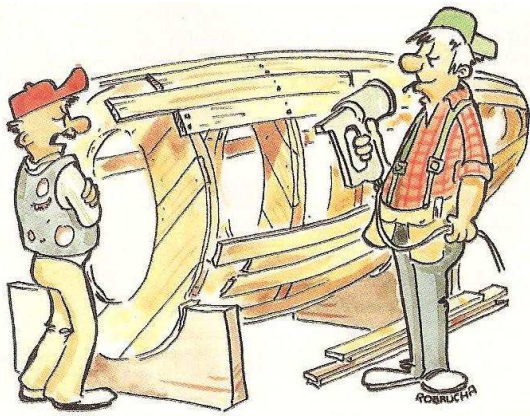


John Cox Sr. recently took delivery of a fuselage kit for a Titan Tornado SS. Not all good things come in small packages!

Things to Do

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

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



“Been building airplanes long?!”

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**EAA Chapter 569 Christmas Party
Knolls Country Club
December 2, 2007**



Linda Dovel and Judy Straw greeted everyone.



Entertainment provided by the Bell Ringers from Piedmont Park Church.



Doug Volkmer was the recipient of the 2007 Spark Plug Award for his work with the newsletter and chapter website.



(More Christmas Party photos at www.eaa569.org. Just click on Photo Gallery.)



President Dennis Crispin received a replica of the Ford Tri-Motor for his success in coordinating the Ford Tri-Motor tour stop in Lincoln.



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