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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, January 8th

Time: 7:30pm

Program: Sea Fury Test Flight

Tom Trumble will show a video of a Sea Fury test flight after a rebuild. Tom Dwelle of Visalia, CA raced this Sea Fury as "Critical Mass" then decided to have son Ken restore it to stock except for the engine. The original Bristol Centaurus were not very reliable.

Place: Duncan Aviation Engine Shop
5000 NW 44th St – Lincoln, NE



**President's
Message
Harold Bickford**

Christmas and New Year's greetings! 2018 comes to a close and we start off 2019 with plans and goals for the coming year. Certainly, activity in the various projects underway in the chapter will fit in with that. While those projects reflect the EAA motto, "learn, build, fly", they are not the only expressions of activity. Virtually every aviation activity we involve ourselves in can fit in the EAA concept.

For 2019 resolutions some of the following could be goals. We all have dreams and aspirations; why not make them happen in 2019?

- start flight training in the new year

- ✓ add a rating or endorsement
- ✓ start an airplane project
- ✓ make progress on an airplane project
- ✓ attend or participate in an aviation event that is on your bucket list
- ✓ start someone else on the path to flying or building an airplane

Our Christmas/holiday party was at the SAC museum this year. Originally scheduled for December 2, we had a weather hold so rescheduled to December 16. The venue area, situated under the SR-71 by the entrance, provided for plenty of space to accommodate dinner, visiting and some music and dancing. The vista outside the window tiled wall made for great viewing of the half-moon shining throughout the night.

Cristi Higgins sister, Jacki, was our DJ for the evening. Her playlist included holiday, rock and country favorites with more than a few people taking the dance floor. Many thanks also to Dennis Crispin for giving two guided tours with compelling commentary about the various exhibits. Dennis also took lots photos of those in attendance. All in all, quite a lot of activity was had for everyone's enjoyment.

The first meeting for 2019 will be Tuesday, January 8 as the first Tuesday is New Year's Day. February will resume the first Tuesday meeting schedule.

At the January 8 meeting Tom Trumble will have a presentation about the restoration of a Hawker Sea Fury known

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Retirement Party

By Tom Winter

Ronnie Mitchell, director of the NDOT Division of Aeronautics, retires this week after a long career in aviation, the last 16 of them at the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics. An open house was held to mark the event. Your reporter got an invitation, and it was a great time. Andre Aman, the Division's legal counsel, was pouring our coffee, (and she spilled mine!) and I met lots of old friends and new people. I begin with the Davids: David Moll, the Senior Aviation Specialist who now edits PIREPS, and David Morris, Deputy director of Operations. Many an Airport manager was there, e.g, Diana Smith, Beatrice, and Sandi Decker, Fairbury, and Skylar Steffes, familiar from his years at Columbus, and who now manages



Your reporter congratulates Ronnie Mitchell for his years of service to aviation in Nebraska.



Kyle Schneweis waits his turn as the governor makes Ronnie Mitchell an Admiral of the Great Nebraska Navy.

the State-owned Scribner Airfield. In the meeting room which served as the reception hall, there's a prominent picture of him shaking hands with the governor. Turns out he was awarded Employee of the Year. Belated congrats to Skylar! Eventually an advance person said the governor was on his way. Soon all was quiet. The governor and (burly!) entourage showed up to proclaim Ronnie an [Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska](#). Kyle Schneweis, head of the NDOT, presented a plaque. Diana Smith, of the Nebraska Aviation Council, presented a gift from the council, a crystal decanter (empty!) and a set of engraved glasses. The Council's main project is the annual Aviation Symposium (January's will be the 27th!). They also do the annual Maintenance Seminar, and the State

Fly-in and Airshow. The FAA and the Nebraska Association of Airport Officials also were represented and made presentations expressing their appreciation.

It was natural to ask who will be the new director, so I put the question to David Moll. Nobody knows: it will be up to the NDOT. But the lawyer (Andre Aman) will be interim director...



The cake!

EAA 569 Christmas Party

By Doug Volkmer

The EAA 569 Christmas Party was held on December 16th at the SAC Museum. This provided a great venue for such an event. Consideration is being made to hold it again there next year. The party committee (you know who you are) did a great job planning the event and executing the plan.

The evening started off with a social hour. People mingled and some hangar flying took place. Some were expressing hope Santa will bring them some new aviation gadgets.

Dennis Crispin then took a group on a tour of Hangar A. He shared with them some great stories of the planes on display in there.

After about an hour tour, it was back to the party to eat. The menu consisted of beef tips, chicken Cordon Bleu,

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as "Critical Mass". Previously used as a Reno racer by Tom Dwelle, the aircraft went through a restoration to "stock" condition by his son Ken. Though most folks won't have a Sea Fury in their hangar the process involved applies to any airplane build or restoration.

We look forward to seeing you at the Duncan MPI shop on January 8, 7:30pm.

Harold Bickford,
Chapter President

green beans, roasted baby potatoes and tossed salad.

President Bickford then took to the podium and recognized the individuals who carried the Chapter in 2018 and those who will take over some positions in 2019. Among them:



A BIG thanks to Andy Lahr for crafting the award!

Vice President – Tom Trumble
Treasurer – Keal Bockelman
Secretary – Jerry Mulliken

Before President Bickford could move on with the agenda, Cristi Higgins presented him with the Spark Plug Award for 2018.

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 Join on the

Behind every good engine are good spark plugs and Harold has provided good spark for the Chapter. He epitomizes what we as a Chapter are all about. Heck, he's building three planes right now and owns a couple others. He and Edi both have volunteered their time

with the One Week Wonder projects at Oshkosh. Harold, thanks for your leadership and continuing the role as President in 2019.

The evening concluded with another tour (Hangar B) by Dennis for those interested. Some elected to shake a leg and dance to the music

provided by DJ Jacki Lea.

Also, a big thanks to all who contributed to the door prizes.

More photos from the Christmas party are on our website at <http://eaa569.org/gallery/>. Thanks to Dennis Crispin for sharing his photos.

Time to Pay 2019 Chapter Dues

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 on page 6.

News from



EAA Headquarters

EAA Studying Proposed Piper AD Impact

The EAA advocacy team is reviewing an [FAA proposal](#) for an airworthiness directive (AD) to be published in the Federal Register on Friday, December 21, which could affect a large segment of the Piper Aircraft single-engine fleet.

This proposal will be open for a 45-day public comment window. The FAA action proposes recurring lower wing spar cap inspections on a number of Piper PA-28 and PA-32 models.

EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board Jack J. Pelton immediately contacted Piper Aircraft CEO Simon Caldecott to discuss the background and impact of the proposed AD and to share technical information in the weeks ahead. Pelton also offered to relay any essential information to EAA members regarding any action needed by those members who own Piper aircraft named as part of the proposed AD.

“As this is still a proposal for an airworthiness directive, it is very important to carefully review the FAA’s proposal to see if it first properly meets any safety considerations, while at the same time ensuring that it does not unnecessarily burden affected aircraft owners and operators,” Pelton said. “We will be closely working with experts on these aircraft in the coming weeks to review the proposal.

After that review, EAA can knowledgeably determine if specific comments should be made to the docket on behalf of our members.”

EAA members who have reviewed the AD proposal may comment to the FAA docket and, if they want to do so, copy those comments to EAA’s advocacy team at govt@eaa.org.

AirVenture Celebrates 50 Consecutive Years in Oshkosh at 2019 Fly-In

World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration seeks people and aircraft that attended in 1970

EAA is marking the 50th consecutive year of its annual EAA AirVenture Oshkosh fly-in convention in Oshkosh in 2019 with a full schedule of activities for arriving aviators and residents of EAA’s hometown.

The EAA fly-in convention was first held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in 1953. In 1959, the event moved to Rockford, Illinois, where it was held annually through 1969 before coming to Oshkosh. EAA moved its permanent headquarters from the Milwaukee area to Oshkosh in 1983.

“A half-century ago, EAA founder Paul Poberezny saw Oshkosh as the perfect place to bring together aviation enthusiasts,” said Rick Larsen, EAA’s vice president of communities and member programs, who coordinates AirVenture features and attractions. “Oshkosh has become synonymous with the World’s Greatest Aviation

Celebration so it’s a natural that we commemorate 50 consecutive years here with events that involve those who attend and those who have made the city such a welcoming place for aviators.”

EAA is seeking any of the showplanes that were present at the 1970 EAA fly-in convention and inviting the current owners to bring them to Oshkosh next summer. They will be featured in exclusive parking areas on the grounds. In addition, EAA is seeking members and volunteers who will be attending their 50th consecutive fly-in in 2019, and unique memorabilia and stories from the 1970 event that will add to the history of what has grown to be the largest annual fly-in in the world. In 2018, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh welcomed more than 600,000 people from 87 nations, along with more than 10,000 aircraft.

As a thank you to Oshkosh residents for welcoming the aviation world to their city for the past half-century, there will be special offers for community members and additional ways to engage in this historic milestone. Those details and others are still in development and will be announced as they are finalized.

“Over 50 years, nearly every significant aircraft type in the world has landed on the runways at Wittman Regional Airport to be part of the EAA fly-in,” Larsen said. “More important are the stories of the people who have come to be a part of this event and the legacy of what is now known simply as Oshkosh. That is what we will be celebrating in 2019.”

Accident Report

Accident occurred 07/22/2016, 1020 EDT, Hogansville, GA
 Aircraft: Cessna 182, Registration: N9072X
 Injuries: 2 Minor

Analysis

The pilot reported that prior to the flight the fuel tanks were "topped off with fuel" and after being distracted, a second walk around the airplane was not properly conducted. The pilot further reported that after about an hour of flight the engine lost power and he was forced to maneuver for an emergency landing. During the emergency landing, the pilot reported that his initial approach was to an interstate, but due to thick traffic he made a turn towards a landfill and impacted terrain.

The airplane sustained substantial damage to the fuselage.

The pilot reported that after the impact the passenger received a telephone call from the departure airport fuel service attendant stating that the airplane's left fuel cap was on the airport ramp. During a post accident examination by the pilot, it was revealed that the left fuel cap was missing.

The pilot reported that there were no preimpact mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airframe or engine that would have precluded normal operation.

Probable Cause and Findings

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident to be:

The pilot's failure to replace the left fuel cap following the preflight inspection, which resulted in fuel exhaustion, a loss of engine power, an emergency landing, and impact with terrain.

Robert Pribil Update

Robert has asked to let his EAA 569 friends know why he hasn't been to any club functions for a while. He had surgery to amputate part of his left leg and has been recovering at Madonna since Halloween (Room 209). He can be reached on his cell phone at 402-440-7452 and would welcome visitors.

For Sale

25% share in Beautiful RV-9A N678RA

- IFR equipped including ILS EFIS with synthetic vision and highway in the sky
- 2 axis autopilot, GPS and ILS coupled
- ADSB out and in equipped
- 6 GPH cruise at 150MPH
- LED position, strobe and landing lights

This airplane is ready to go anywhere, any time. \$18,000

Contact Tom Henry @ 402-417-8558



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For Sale

Pristine 1946 Cessna 120

\$29,500

This airplane has won many trophies including "Ladies' Choice" at the national convention of the Cessna 120/140 association. [See attached equipment sheet.](#)
 To receive a photo album by email contact:

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Events

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

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

EAA Chapter 569 Membership / 2019 Renewal Form
Include your \$20 check made out to EAA Chapter 569
Mail to: Keal Bockelman, 2717 S. 41st St., Lincoln, NE 68506

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