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Chapter Meeting Tuesday, January 6th

Time: 7:30 p.m.
Place: Cobbler Inn
Program: Larry Craig
Aviation Safety

Duncan Aviation Learjet t-shirts, Duncan
t-shirts and caps
Hillaero Drink coozies and
caps
Aircraft Spruce
and Specialty \$25 and catalog
Sporty's Pilot Shop Video and catalogs
Van's Aircraft t-shirts, caps and
mugs
Kolb Aircraft t-shirts and caps
Leading Edge
Air Foils Catalogs

Christmas Party a Joyful Bonanza

On Sunday, December 15th Doug Hill, with the able assistance of Roger Aspegren, Wayne Fisher and Mark Lucey, hosted our annual Christmas party at the Knolls. In addition to a great deal of planning, they must have spent most of the day decorating and preparing for a marvelous evening. The place sparkled with holiday spirit from an aviation perspective and a good time was had by all. Many thanks to the Christmas Committee and to all others who helped out.

A special touch to this years party was distribution of an extensive array of door prizes, most donated by club members, local businesses or aviation vendors. Many thanks are extended to following donors:

Lester David	Bottle of wine
Mark Lucey	ZAM Books, Mugs
Capitol Aviation	\$50 Gift Certificate
Silver Hawk Aviation	Single and double headset bags, AOPA FBO Directories, and Acuquick Directories

Young Eagle News

Submitted by: George Myers
Young Eagle Coordinator

The Sparkplug Award

A very big thank you. This is a thank you that includes many of you. It includes my wife Virginia, for the many calls she took and the questions she answered while I was out making contacts. It includes the 30 persons who helped as ground crew. It includes the 17 pilots (flight leaders) that flew the 386 Young Eagles in 1997. Based on 70 members, we flew 550 percent of our membership.

Note to Young Eagle Flight Leaders:

One Flight Leader mentioned a personal goal for the number of Young Eagles he would attempt to fly this year. It occurred to me that it would be good if we all thought about personal goals for this season and then

examined what it means for a club total. Perhaps we can talk about this at the January meeting.

Young Eagle Aviation Camp Credits:

When I last spoke with Michele at the Young Eagle office in Oshkosh, this is what she said:

1. After January 1st each Flight Leader with 10 or more Young Eagles will get a personal report of their credits.
2. Use of the credits for aviation camp will be assigned to youths as determined by the chapter and the pilots.
3. Applications for aviation camp should be made by the award recipients as soon as the awards are made.
4. Camp information details will be supplied when the credit information is sent out.
5. We have 364 chapter credits.

President's Message

On behalf of the Chapter, I sent this letter to the Mayor and the Lancaster County Planning Commission, with a more vocal version to the FCC. Your individual involvement as a Chapter member or an aviator is a must if we want to protect our flying freedom. Please do the same.

Yes, I'm an eternal optimist. I still believe that each small voice makes a difference and if you do not make an effort to protect yourself, no one else will do it for you.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

Industry trade publications are alarmed with information about a Notice for Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) filed by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC). The

NPRM initiated by a petition on behalf of the National Association of Broadcasters and the Association for Maximum Service Television would let the FCC preempt local and state zoning and other land use regulations; and permit construction of TV towers just about anywhere the broadcasters want to put them.

The FCC is requiring the broadcasters to accomplish digital TV tower construction on an accelerated basis and the broadcasters respond that local and state zoning laws are slowing progress toward meeting the FCC deadlines. They want the FCC to have full authority to let the broadcasters build wherever they want to.

I represent an interest in the sport aviation contingent in this area and I am biased to our cause; that being flying safety. Irresponsible tower placement definitely affects flying safety. Without regard to my special interest, please be informed that this legislation is pending. If it is enacted as proposed, it will affect each of us, because we will lose control of our input in tower placement.

I urge you on behalf of the sport aviation community, as well as the community as a whole, to exercise the authority within your means to prevent this potentially abusive legislation. Information is available from the FCC in Washington, D.C. 20554. Refer to docket No. 97-182.

Thank you again on behalf of Lincoln and Lancaster County sport aviation enthusiasts for your continued support.

Cordially,

Douglas R. Hill
President, EAA Chapter 569

Program Planning for 1998

At our last board meeting we discussed the need for broader input from the Chapter regarding desired programs and activities. Russ Kelsea then took the initiative to prepare the following survey for your consideration. **Please mark your top five choices for each category (Monthly Meetings and Special Activities), by placing a number from 1 to 5 in the boxes provided.** Bring the results to the January meeting or return them by mail to Russ Kelsea, 7211 Cedar Creek Circle, Lincoln 68516. If you do not find your favorite idea on the list, please write it down somewhere on the form and share it with us.

Monthly Meeting Programs

- ☐ **Maintenance Matters:** An overview of aircraft maintenance, including preventive maintenance performed by pilots, annual inspections, record keeping, and certification of airframe and powerplant mechanics, authorized inspectors, and repairmen.
- ☐ **Buying and Selling:** Insight into how aircraft are bought and sold, including common misconceptions, prudent practices, current market conditions, and all the legal requirements.
- ☐ **Medical Matters:** An overview of health concerns for builders and mechanics working with solvents, resins, paints and other potential health hazards.
- ☐ **Aeromedical Matters:** Insight into the medical certification process and the meaning of FAR Part 67. What we can do to keep ourselves healthy and safe.
- ☐ **Installing and Using GPS:** GPS is the latest technology, but is it right for you? Learn from the experience of others about installing and using GPS.
- ☐ **Adventures Near and Far:** A report by one or more of our members on trips, adventures, or interesting happenings from here in Lincoln or anywhere in the world.
- ☐ **Warbirds:** History, restoration, maintenance, and activity of local warbirds. Information about warbirds division and other warbird organizations.
- ☐ **Aerobatics:** Tales of the exciting world of international aerobatics competition with Patty Wagstaff, Diane Hakala, or Sean Tucker. Hey, it could happen!
- ☐ **Insurance Matters:** An overview of the personal insurance picture, including disability and life, pilot and builder liability, and aircraft damage.
- ☐ **Aviation Politics:** Update on local, regional, and national issues affecting general aviation, including a possible visit by AOPA's Regional Representative.
- ☐ **The Manufacturer's View:** A presentation by factory representatives from one or more popular manufacturers, including Van's, Lancair, Murphy, Glasair, or SkyStar.
- ☐ **Engine Overhauls:** A discussion about overhauls, rebuilding, and factory remanufacturing of Lycoming, Continental and possibly other engines.
- ☐ **Airframe Materials:** An overview of the advantages, disadvantages, and tricks of the trade related to working with wood, metal, fabric, or composite materials. You pick the material, we'll try to find the expert.

Special Activities

- ☐ **Family Picnic:** Enjoy a cookout, precision landing contest, flour bomb drop contest and games for everyone.
- ☐ **SAC Museum:** A trip with family and friends to the new Strategic Air Command museum at Mahoney State Park.
- ☐ **Pinch Hitter Course:** The highly regarded AOPA sponsored course for non-pilot flying companions.
- ☐ **Technical Workshops:** Get your hands dirty! Help someone with an aircraft building, repair, or maintenance project. A great chance to learn.
- ☐ **Grand Eagles Day:** Enjoy a ride with one of our member pilots to five local airports. Pick up a poker playing card at each airport and return to the starting airport.
- ☐ **Hangar Sale:** It's like a garage sale with an aviation twist. The Chapter offers tables and space for a fee and advertises the event, you bring the stuff and keep the earnings.
- ☐ **Flying Start Program:** Bring your airplane to the ramp and introduce an interested adult to the world of general aviation. We'll coordinate a seminar about learning to fly.
- ☐ **Young Eagles Program:** Participate in the well established EAA program coordinated locally by our own George Myers. Ground crews and pilots are always needed.
- ☐ **The Ultimate Fly-In:** Oshkosh tips from experienced members about what to plan for, when to go, where to stay, how to get the most out of your visit.
- ☐ **Fly-out for a Day:** Share a ride with one of our member pilots and visit a local attraction. Possibilities include the Greenfield Aviation Museum, Pioneer Village, Cessna Factory, or even a trip to Kansas City for a ball game or shopping.

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