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# EAA Chapter 569 Newsletter

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## Meeting Announcement

**Date:** Tuesday, July 7th

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Program:** Business Meeting Only (unless we can get Shoemaker to tell a few stories).

**Place:** Duncan Aviation Engine Shop  
5000 NW 44<sup>th</sup> St – Lincoln, NE



### President's Message Harold Bickford

It is almost time for EAA AirVenture at Oshkosh. As an event the experience covers virtually everything in aviation. For many it is an annual meeting with friends new and old sharing a love of flight and camaraderie. Along similar lines the Thursday, Friday and Saturday before AirVenture there is the Pietenpol/Hatz reunion at Brodhead, WI. Before heading back to the future this event affords people a chance to step back in time to around 1929; the Pietenpol was the original popular homebuilt and continues to find a place in building and flying over 85 years later. As the motto says, "low and slow, since 1929".

Meanwhile, back at the future - new and innovative? You might see it first at Oshkosh. Old and familiar? You might see it yet again at Oshkosh. Want to learn about building and flying? You will certainly find that too at Oshkosh. The list is long and every year there are hundreds of forums and events (yes, all

totaled hundreds) to choose from.

Thousands of airplanes, hundreds of thousands of people and for the most part all of this happens because several thousand volunteers take some time to help with a myriad of jobs. From parking to pavillions they are there to make the event as enjoyable and hospitable as possible. In many ways it is "home, home on the range.....where seldom is heard a discouraging word" even if the skies do get cloudy some days.

If you have never been, put it on the bucket list. If you are returning then you know the way. Either way you'll not be disappointed.

Elsewhere in the newsletter there are photos of our Builder's Tour from May 30. We toured Lincoln and then south to Auburn looking at what folks in our chapter are building. One day we might be able to stage a Ch. 569 fly-in to Oshkosh or at least a gathering of eagles at Crete. Quite a collection it will be too with RVs, Zeniths, Pietenpols, a Teenie, a Cozy now all in various stages. To cast a vision forward, how about setting 2019 as a goal to have our magnificent flying machines ready for ADS-B and beyond.

Don't forget our chapter meeting is July 7 at 7:30, Duncan maintenance hangar on Cuming; hope to see you there!

Harold Bickford,  
Chapter President

**Nebraska State Fly-in**



**Congressman Sam Graves from Tarkio, Missouri performed an aerial demonstration in his P-40B Warhawk at the Nebraska State Fly-in in Hebron, NE on June 6.**



**Doug Roth greeting youngsters after his aerobatic performance in his Staudacher. Inclement weather in Colorado kept the Rocky Mountain Renegades from attending the Fly-in.**

**Chapter 569 Breakfast**



**Al Lux from Minden flew to the June Chapter 569 breakfast in his 1941 Interstate Cadet. Around 320 were built with only around 160 still flying. Also flying in were Tom Winter and his co-pilot Steve Nast.**

Hangar Chatter



Congratulations to Steve Nast. He recently retired from Computer Systems, Inc. Maybe a tail kit is on order for Mr. Nast?

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If you haven't flown in to Beatrice lately there is some serious runway reconstructing going on involving partial closure on 18/36 and total closure on 14/32. Be sure to call ahead or check NOTAMS.

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Chapter 569 is planning a get together at Oshkosh this year. A reservation has been made off airport at TJ's Harbor Restaurant (7098 US-45) for Wednesday evening, July 22nd at 5:30pm.

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Speaking of Oshkosh, if you have photos from Oshkosh or another flying adventure you have taken this summer, feel free to share them in the newsletter. You can email them to me at [rv7doug@gmail.com](mailto:rv7doug@gmail.com).

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Clayton Anderson will be in Nebraska signing copies of his new book "The Ordinary Spaceman: From Boyhood Dreams to Astronaut". He'll be at:

Lincoln, NE.: University of Nebraska Book Store, July 23rd, 7 - 9pm

Ashland, NE.: Strategic Air and Space Museum, July 25th, 2 - 4pm

Lincoln, NE.: Indigo Bridge Bookstore, August 20th, 7 - 9pm

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It was announced that Clint Eastwood will direct and produce a film that will chronicle Chesley "Sully" Sullenberger's personal history before his famous "Miracle on the Hudson" landing in 2009. "Sully" along with Jeff Skiles were chairmen of the EAA Young Eagles program from 2009 to 2013.

On the flight deck of the "Spruce Goose"



Dennis Crispin, wearing Howard Hughes' hat and his daughter Cheryl on the flight deck recently of the "Spruce Goose" at the Evergreen Aviation & Space Museum in McMinnville, Oregon.

Builders' Tour Recap



A crowd gathers around Dave Eloge's Zenith CH 701.



A peek inside the cockpit.

### Builders' Tour Recap



**Kerm Wenger examines the firewall forward work while Boomer checks out what is in Kerm's hand. The RV-7 will soon be heading to the airport for final assembly.**



**The Pietenpol fuselage hangs from the ceiling in Harold Bickford's shop (left) while work commences on the Zenith STOL 750 (right).**



**The Teenie Two sits on its landing gear in Mark Gaffney's garage.**

*(Thanks to Harold Bickford for sharing his photos. – Ed)*

**Minutes of the Club Meeting  
June 2nd, 2015**

**Accident Report**

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 PM CST by President Bickford.

Chapter member Steve Nast retired from Computer Systems, Inc. on May 29th. He showed the audience the gift his coworkers gave him, a styrofoam airplane with mugshots of him and his better half in the pilot and co-pilot seats, respectively and various other people in the seats behind.

Chapter members felt the Builders' Tour was a success with anywhere from 10 - 20 people at various stops on the tour.

The State Fly-in is this coming weekend, June 6 in Hebron, NE.

The MAC 80 IAC West Open will be held in Seward, NE on June 26 & 27. If any Chapter members would like to help, they should just simply show up early either day.

A Chapter get together is planned at Oshkosh this year. We are planning to meet off airport at TJ's, July 22nd @ 5:30pm.

The Christmas Party will be held at Wilderness Ridge again this year. A reservation has been made for Sunday, December 6th.

Upon conclusion of the business meeting, President Bickford shared with the Chapter his PCT (Pilot Confidence Training) at Tutima Academy of Aviation Safety in King City, CA. While there, he logged 6.0 hours of ground school and 3.2 hours of air time in a Pitts S-2B. He's planning to do it again.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

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

Accident occurred Saturday, June 30, 2012 in Glenwood Springs, CO

Probable Cause Approval Date: 02/03/2014

Aircraft: CESSNA 172S, registration: N917SA

Injuries: 1 Minor.

A pilot with 56 hours of pilot-in-command time was on the return leg of a cross-country flight over mountainous terrain. The pilot did not note any airplane anomalies during the startup, engine run-up, or takeoff. The pilot reported that it was a clear, calm morning, and he made the decision to fly on the left side of a canyon. The pilot indicated that when he wanted to climb out of the canyon, power increases did not seem to help, so he slowed the airplane to 70 knots indicated airspeed to minimize the turnaround radius to exit the canyon. He stated that he slowed the airplane a little more to make the turnaround and remembered feeling/seeing the airplane hit a tree. A postaccident examination of the wreckage revealed no anomalies with the flight controls or engine. A camera in the cockpit, which recorded video of the accident flight, also revealed no airplane or engine anomalies. The airplane was observed impacting trees on rising terrain. Warmer-than-standard temperatures on the day of the accident resulted in a high density altitude and reduced climb performance of the airplane.

An FAA publication, "Tips on Mountain Flying," indicated that pilots should carefully consider their experience and background before beginning a flight into mountainous terrain. It urged pilots to consider attending a recognized mountain flying course to attain the knowledge and skills needed for safe flying. The publication further stated that pilots should wait until they have at least 150 hours of pilot-in-command time before taking mountain training, as more experienced pilots have had time to become more familiar and comfortable with the airplane and with flight planning.

The pilot stated that he had received instruction on assessing canyons from a previous mountain flight. The pilot did not indicate that he attended a recognized mountain flying course.

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

The pilot's decision to fly into a mountainous area where conditions were such that the airplane was unable to climb above rising terrain. Contributing to the accident was the pilot's insufficient pilot-in-command experience and inadequate training in mountain flying.

## Events

**York Airport (JYR)**, EAA Chapter 1055 Fly-in breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. 0800-1000. Free will donation. *(100LL \$3.95/Gal as of 06/23/2015)*

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

**July 4**, Seward Airport (SWT), Free Airshow - 11 a.m.

**July 11**, Tarkio, MO (K57), Tarkio Air Show, <http://wingnutsflyingcircus.com>

**July 12**, Norfolk (OFK) EAA 918 Fly-in breakfast, 0700-1100am. All you can eat. Pilots eat free. More info: Bruce at [zman@conpoint.com](mailto:zman@conpoint.com).

**July 20 - 26**, AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI, <http://www.airventure.org/>



### How to Become a Member...

Becoming an EAA Chapter 569 member is very easy to do! We have an online registration system which helps make the registration process easier and faster. If you would prefer not to register online, we also have a form you can print off, fill out, and mail in. For more information about these options and how to become a member, go to [www.eaa569.org](http://www.eaa569.org) and select Join.

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**Happy Independence Day!**