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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, July 11th ← Note one week later than usual

Time: 7:00pm

Place: Duncan Aviation Engine Shop

Address: 5000 NW 44th St – Lincoln, NE

Program: Tiffany Thompson

Introduction to FAA 14 CFR Part 77 Airspace Surfaces and how they help prevent or minimize the adverse impacts to the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace.



President's Message Tiffany Thompson

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer so far. With summer comes many aviation events and airport construction. Make it a habit to always check NOTAMs before your flight for any closures or restrictions, as these can change daily. And as always, stay safe and alert.

On another note, I'm working on a pet project about airports in Nebraska. As part of this project, I would like to hear from you about which Nebraska airports are your favorite and why? For example, is there a restaurant at the airport or within walking distance, an attraction worth flying to, or does the pilot's amenities stand out above the rest? Please send emails to my work address at: tiffany.thompson@nebraska.gov

Have a great Independence Day!

The Edge of Age

By Tom Winter

Too Old? The question has been coming up.

1. "I hope you'll have the wisdom to know when it's time to quit." It was my brother-in-law's advice. I nodded quietly, and realized that his sage advice was also a bit of an insult.

2. And when I asked Aerospace Partners why there were two different prices for my insurance coverage, this was the answer: the higher price is with AIG, you've been with them 18 years, "and they have a good record for insuring elderly pilots. They even insured a 92-year-old."



That was the first time age has come up on the subject of insurance.

When it comes to insurance, I just get liability, and count it as the price for the privilege of leasing my hangar at LNK. It meets their requirement. So, I realize losing insurance on account of age would be as bad as losing the medical - it would write FINIS.

3. And I've got a postcard here inviting me to join the League of 80-year-old Pilots. They're ready for me.

Too old? Well, there's age and there's age. Six months from now, I turn 80. But of course, that is a lie. I count my age like I count my blood pressure: 102 over 68 for the one, and 79 over 19 for the other. There's no modest way to say this darn it, so I'll just brag: In antiquity, the way to wealth was transporting goods by ship from where they were common and cheap, and then sail them to where they are beyond price. What do I mean? This: I have taken my college-boy physique from where everybody had it, all the way into now, into those fabled "golden years." And I've kept my weight the same for more than 50 years. Beyond price? Yes. This cannot be bought. If you want my secret it's simple: Break a sweat every day.

The recent spur to hanging it up was not age, but accident: an unexpected Evel Knievel. I landed it okay, and rode away, but soon after realized I had done myself a mischief: a double groin pull and two hyperextended knees. Here I have to confess that age did enter in: the 19-year-old would have recovered in a month. I am still recovering eight months later. Working at recovery: physical therapy, water aerobics, and - as soon as I was able, daily bike rides.

The unplanned jump has changed my life. I have learned to accept help. These days, I say “Yes, please” and “Thank you!” a lot.

Yesterday, I got out of bed and walked to the john without a cane. Yesterday, Doug Volkmer let me skip the electric tug, and pulled the plane out of the hangar for me. Yesterday, getting in and out of The Bluebird of Happiness was easier than before. I flew to Beatrice for an ice cream. And today the knees did not hurt when I bicycled.

My wisdom is that this is not yet the time to hang it up.

Yes, please! Thank you!

RV-7 Update

By Doug Volkmer

Well I have 86 hours on the plane now and it has not disappointed me one bit. It's been a blast.

The engine has been running great. With a fixed pitch prop, I've been locking it in at 2400 rpm. Without the gear leg fairings on, I was seeing a TAS of 162 mph. After finally getting them installed a couple weeks ago, I'm now seeing 170 mph, exactly what Van's says you'll gain.

I thought I had a heavy wing issue. Hands off, it had a tendency to want to turn left. But after having someone in the passenger seat, that seems to balance things out. I do have a manual aileron trim kit I may install anyway, for those situations when I do need it.



Gear leg fairings on. Wheel pants next!

We just took the plane on its longest trip yet, to Ankeny, IA. What is normally a 3 hour drive was just a 1 hour flight. These things are truly time machines. We met my stepson and his wife for lunch. They conveniently live just 5 minutes from the airport. We'll be doing that trip again.

Paint or polish? I gave that some serious thought and decided to go the paint route. In January, I'll be taking it to [Hayes Aviation](#) in Akron, CO to get that done. It gives me some time to come up with a paint scheme. If you want to help, feel free to design something by [using this template](#) and returning it back to me. I just may choose it! P.S. Blue is my favorite color. 😊

For those you still building, keep at it. It's definitely worth it!

Get 'em flying. Keep 'em flying.

Minutes of the Club Meeting

The June 6, 2023 meeting of EAA 569 was held at the Nebraska Air National Guard headquarters. President Tiffany Thompson called the meeting to order at 1902 hours.

The Treasurer and Young Eagles reports were unavailable because of illness.

Secretary Jerry Mulliken reported 39 paid members, significantly less than a year ago. Since many members are accustomed to paying bills online, several options for doing this were discussed. Some of those available are not suited for non-profits, or they are not recognized by our bank. Tiffany feels that VENMO is the most viable option. That service deducts 10% of transactions when used for non-profit organizations.

Doug Volkmer reported a good turnout at the May Crete breakfast with over \$1000 collected.

No update was available on the solo flight status of Noah Philson.

Preparations for the Lincoln Air Show which will be held August 26-27 were discussed. Ten volunteers for the event are needed, with 4 badges issued at a time. Friday night volunteers will be able to attend a BBQ and DJ event in the Haymarket. Some of our members' aircraft will be displayed. Contact Tom Trumble for requirements. Chad Johnson is the Air National Guard contact for the show.

Harold Bickford moved, Dennis Crispin seconded a motion to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1916 hours.

Following the meeting, SMSGT Mathew Ellison presented some history of the Nebraska Air National Guard and explained their mission. This was followed by a tour of one of the KC-135 tankers.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Mulliken,
Secretary



Missed Approach!

Historic Homebuilt Aircraft Anniversaries Part of EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2023 Activities

A number of iconic homebuilt aircraft designs will be celebrating notable anniversaries this year at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh, which annually brings together the world's largest gathering of amateur-built aircraft. The 70th edition of EAA's fly-in convention is July 24-30 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

"Homebuilding has been at the core of EAA since the first meeting in Milwaukee in 1953 with homebuilt aircraft continuing to represent a substantial percentage of the 10,000-plus aircraft that fly into AirVenture every year," said Charlie Becker, EAA's homebuilt community manager. "As we celebrate our organization's 70 years, several popular designs are celebrating their own anniversaries, and we invite all owners of those aircraft to come to Oshkosh to help commemorate the occasion."

Anniversary aircraft owners are encouraged to pre-register so they can receive updates on special events, parking, and other activities connected to their airplane type. Among the aircraft designs reaching important anniversaries in 2023 are:

- Midget Mustang 75th anniversary – Single-seat aerobatic sport airplane designed by David Long
- Wittman Tailwind 70th anniversary – A two-seat, high-wing monoplane designed by legendary designer and racer Steve Wittman
- Thorp T-18 60th anniversary – All-metal fully bubble canopied aircraft, well-known for being the first homebuilt aircraft to successfully circumnavigate the world
- Hiperbipe 50th anniversary – A two-seat aerobatic biplane designed by Sorrell Aviation
- Sonex 25th anniversary – A kit manufacturer based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and founded by EAA Homebuilders Hall of Fame member John Monnett
- Van's RV-10 20th anniversary – A four-seat, low-wing plane designed by Dick VanGrunsven, part of the world's most popular series of homebuilt aircraft

Pre-registration is available online at <https://www.eaa.org/airventure/features-and-attractions/featured-aircraft-anniversaries>. Anniversary aircraft will be featured throughout the week at Oshkosh in flying demonstrations, forums, displays, and other events.

AirVenture Commemorates 30 Years of Women Flying Combat Aircraft During EAA WomenVenture on July 26

Celebrating women advancing in aviation, including 30 years of flying active-duty combat aircraft, will be part of EAA WomenVenture on July 26 during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. The 70th edition of EAA's fly-in convention is July 24-30 at Wittman Regional Airport in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

[EAA WomenVenture](#) has become an annual gathering point for women involved in aviation, from the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) of World War II to teenagers involved in [EAA's GirlVenture](#) day camp that week. The programs are designed to encourage and inspire women who want to pursue their dreams of flight.

"What we've seen over the 15-plus years of EAA WomenVenture is that it has become an unforgettable annual reunion of all women engaged in aviation," said Margaret Viola, an EAA-member pilot who is the

volunteer chair of the event. “We are inspired by those who came before us and, in turn, are enthused to share the world of flight with others who want to become part of it. It’s a celebration that happens in a unique way at Oshkosh.”

Events will be held all week, with an emphasis on July 26 activities, including commemoration of 30 years of women flying combat missions in the U.S. military.

More information is available at EAA.org/WomenVenture, including how to register for this year’s free commemorative WomenVenture T-shirt, designed by EAA member Leticia Williamson.

Vietnam vets attending AirVenture: Honor Flight opportunity

This year, Vietnam-era veterans attending EAA AirVenture Oshkosh can apply for a unique opportunity to be part of the annual Yellow Ribbon Honor Flight that creates an unforgettable experience and welcome home for these vets. A limited number of seats are still available for the American Airlines flight on Friday, July 28, from Oshkosh to Washington, D.C., and returns at the end of that afternoon’s air show.

For more than a decade, EAA has been proud to host the Old Glory Honor Flight organization as part of our annual Salute to Veterans Day at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh. Hundreds of northeast Wisconsin veterans have been part of this memorable day and the welcome home at The World’s Greatest Aviation Celebration. Now there’s an opportunity for other vets at AirVenture to apply!

If you or a Vietnam-era veteran you know is already planning to attend AirVenture 2023 and would want to apply for a seat on this year’s flight, please go to the [online registration link](#) to apply by June 30. Available seats will be filled by a random drawing until they are gone. (NOTE: Applicants must be already attending AirVenture 2023 to be eligible. No transportation, lodging, or admissions to the event are provided to take part in the Honor Flight.)

Chapter 569 May Breakfast



Corvettes and airplanes were the theme at the May breakfast. Thanks to Dennis Crispin for sharing his photos. More are in the gallery at [EAA 569.org](https://EAA569.org).



EAA Chapter 569 Calendar		
Month		
July	1	8:00am - 10:00am York Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 1055 - KJYR
	4	Independence Day - General Meeting moved to July 11
	8	Wing Nuts Flying Circus - Tarkio, MO (K57)
	11	7:00pm General Meeting - Duncan Aviation Engine Shop
	15	8:00am - 10:00am Crete Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 569 - KCEK
	29	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI
	24-30	AirVenture - Oshkosh, WI
August	5	8:00am - 10:00am York Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 1055 - KJYR
	19	8:00am - 10:00am Crete Fly in Breakfast, EAA Chapter 569 - KCEK
	26	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI
	26-27	Guardians of Freedom Airshow featuring the Blue Angels - KLNK

And finally ...

Congratulations Noah!



A big shout out to Noah Philson, our Ray Scholarship recipient, who soloed on June 21st. Pictured above are Greg Philson (father), Noah and Tom Trumble (Scholarship Coordinator). Noah will be a Senior at Lincoln Pius X this fall.

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HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!