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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, July 1st **Time:** 7:00pm

Program: Steven Becker will discuss his 1946 Stinson 108 project.

Place: Duncan Aviation, Hangar I

3831 N Park Rd, Lincoln NE 68524

Parking is west and south adjacent to Hangar I.

Enter the building at the southwest corner. Click [here](#) for a map.



**Greetings
from
President
Tom
Trumble**

I am writing this before our first breakfast at Wahoo on June 21. Please note the serving hours for the fly in breakfast are from 8:00 to 10:00am on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

In anticipation for the annual pilgrimage to AirVenture in Oshkosh, WI (officially 7/21-7/27), please bring any announcements for Chapter events at Oshkosh to the next meeting. This will be the first year that I will not be able to attend after many years. I will look forward to the reports and pictures. I'll start my planning for 2026.

Thanks to all of you who have brought your membership up to being current. The new on-line pay system has received positive feedback and is working like a charm. I am looking forward to using it for our Christmas party reservations.

The Dirt on KBIE

By Tom Winter

On hearing “100 low lead full service not available” on the BIE AWOS, I turned around and told Approach that I was coming back. I imagined it meant Dennis Schmitt was sick today. Good news: Dennis is just fine. It’s the spill tank on the full-service side. It did not pass the Fire Marshall inspection, and is sealed: no more fuel can be received there. Dennis assures me that de facto full service is still available: during business hours, someone will come assist at the self-serve pump. And he will keep the ice cream coming. (Where to fly today? Well, at Beatrice, there’s ice cream....)

Current BIE status: BIE will run out of fuel in July or August. The Self-Serve tank has 17,000 gallons yet, perhaps 15,000 useable, and outgo is running 7,000 gallons/month. So, BIE will be likely to run out of fuel end of August. “We’re in unknown territory; the fuel tanks have not been drawn down before.” So it is not certain when the pumps won’t draw anymore. I had not known the SS and FS were separate tanks. The tanks were scheduled to be torn out in September, but since the project is running behind, perhaps November.

The underground tanks will be replaced with a single 12,000 gallon above-ground tank at the southeast side of the apron. The plan is to completely re-do the apron, and shift the runway access, so you can’t go straight to the runway from the apron. An FAA study of runway incursions led to a safety rule: planes must make at least one turn before getting to the active runway. Until this project, it was possible to taxi straight to 18-36 and do a mid-field take off. (Who? Me?) Today (June 19) the passageways between the main runway (18-36) were all torn up. See photo.

Back in January, it was envisioned that construction on a ten-unit T Hangar would begin in June or July, and take 100 days. Senator Fischer secured a nearly \$3 million grant for this. “Barring unforeseen circumstances” the press release said, one runway will always be open and there will always be access to 100LL fuel.

AND, Dennis assured me, there will always be ice cream in the freezer.



Photo by Cameron Walther

Minutes of the Club Meeting

The June 3, 2025 7:00pm regular meeting of EAA 569 was held in the Duncan Aviation, Hangar I conference room.

Mark Gaffney, FAASTeam Program Manager, headlined the meeting with a great presentation on how to transition to your experimental, homebuilt, or light sport aircraft.

The business meeting was called to order by President Tom Trumble at 8:09pm. One guest was introduced, Dennis Miller.

The minutes of the May meeting as published in the June newsletter were approved.

Treasurer Mark Gaffney approved the following financial report:

Interest on CD \$ 28.77

EAA 569 Checking	\$10,637.33
EAA Breakfast Acct	\$3,866.07
EAA CD	\$10,000.00
Total Cash Assets	\$24,503.40

The above accounting includes \$440 for an EAA Air Academy expense. Also, there are two \$500 checks outstanding for summer camp travel expenses.

President Trumble requested the Chapter compensate 02 Management (not exceeding \$500) for their assistance in the development of the online pay feature on the Chapter's website. Mark Gaffney moved to proceed with Harold Bickford seconding the motion. Motion was carried.

President Trumble suggested we consider increasing our Chapter Liability Insurance coverage. After some discussion, it was decided to leave it as is.

A Young Eagles rally for around 17 kids was held at David City on May 17th.

Our EAA Air Academy attendees are Axel Anderson and Andrea Krzycki.

Mark Basel has applied to EAA to host the Ford Trimotor the first week of May 2026.

The Chapter 569 breakfast fly-in has finally landed at a new location. Wahoo!! The first breakfast at KAHQ will be June 21st. Since the breakfast crew has been out of training for a few months, they are planning a setup/walk-thru on 6/20. Volunteers are needed. One change from Crete, the monthly breakfast will only be held during a typical fly-in season, April thru October.

It was requested the Chapter purchase some carts to stow away the tables and chairs used for the breakfast. Having said carts would greatly expedite the setup/tear down time. A motioned was made by Tom Winter to pursue this acquisition and seconded by Dave Fritz. The motion was carried.

Yours truly reported the new online pay feature has been working well. Several members have been using it to pay their 2025 dues. Along with that, members are encouraged to get their dues paid by June 30 as the Chapter is planning to push out a directory to all active members sometime in July.

The 2025 EAA Christmas Party will be Friday December 12, 2025 at St Patrick's Catholic Church, Finnegan Hall, 6120 Morrill Avenue, Lincoln, NE. The event will be catered by Ricky's Café from Hanover Kansas. Cost \$25.

The Chapter 569 picnic is tentatively scheduled for September 7 at the Denton Airport (Shoemaker's).

The July 1 meeting will be held at 7:00pm in the Duncan Aviation Hangar I. Steven Becker will discuss the rebuild of his Stinson 108 project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

by Doug Volkmer for

Jerry Mulliken, Secretary

From the  Gmail

- AirPower History Tour - [Cedar Rapids Iowa, July 30 – August 3rd](#)
- AirPower History Tour - [DesMoines Iowa, August 6-10](#)
- AirPower History Tour - [Kansas City Kansas, August 20-24](#)

Local 100LL prices

100LL prices as reported by Airnav FBO on 5-17-25				
Prices subject to change without notice				
		Dist (NM) from KLNK	/Gal.	Service
Lnk	Duncan	0	\$ 6.67	FS
Lnk	Atlantic	0	\$ 6.73	FS
KSWT	Seward	16	\$ 5.50	SS
KAHQ	Wahoo	24	\$ 5.75	SS
KBIE	Beatrice	33	\$ 5.30	SS
KFBY	Fairbury	44	\$ 4.85	SS
KAFK	Nebraska City	43	\$ 4.96	SS
KVMP	Plattsmouth	39	\$ 5.46	SS
KJYR	York	39	\$ 5.00	FS
KAUH	Aurora	56	\$ 5.25	SS
KFMZ	Fairmont	40	\$ 5.40	SS
KOLU	Columbus	45	\$ 5.69	FS
KCEK	Crete	16	No Rpt	
93Y	David City		\$ 4.70	AS

(No price changes from May)

Month		EAA Chapter 569 Calendar
Jul	1	7:00pm General Meeting - Duncan Aviation, Hangar I
	19	8:00am - 10:00am Wahoo Fly in Breakfast, EAA 569 - KAHQ
	21	AirVenture begins!!! Click here for more info
	26	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI
Aug	5	7:00pm General Meeting
	16	8:00am - 10:00am Wahoo Fly in Breakfast, EAA 569 - KAHQ
	22-24	Nebraska Chapter Antique Airplane Association Fly in - KHSI Click here for more info
	30	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI No Fly in. Moved to 8/23.

And finally ...

569 fly-in breakfast



Chapter 569 kicked off their first fly-in breakfast at Wahoo on June 21st. The heat, combined with gusty winds kept the attendance down. However, Merlin Barr and son Grant from Clarinda, IA did make the trip over in their Comanche 180.

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Safe travels to Oshkosh!