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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, June 6

Time: 7:30pm

Program: BasicMed

Tom Winter will share with us his experience going the new BasicMed certification route.

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



President's Message Harold Bickford

At this writing, it is almost Memorial Day; a time when we remember those who have given that last measure of devotion and courage in the defense of freedom. Among the many freedoms we enjoy is that of flight and flying. It is also worth noting that our June meeting will be on June 6 which as the 73rd anniversary date of D-Day. We will remember.....

This year summer will be a bit of a hiatus for the club in that the July and August meetings will be foregone owing to July 4 being the first Tuesday in July and the first Tuesday in August being right after Oshkosh. Of course, our 3rd Saturday fly-in breakfasts will continue. Closing out the summer our next club meeting will be the annual picnic at Shoemaker Field on September 10, first Sunday after Labor Day.

For those desiring to do so the Bickfords will be hosting a 4th of July bbq at their place by Auburn, NE. Start time will be from around 1pm on. Auburn does have fireworks for anyone wanting to stay into the evening. Directions from Auburn at the

intersection of highway 75 and 136: head south on hwy 75 for 3.5 miles turning right or west at 725 Rd. Then continue west for 1 mile to 638 Ave. turning right or north for just under ½ mile to 72544 638 Ave. on the east side of the road. The ranch style brick faced house is the gathering place. This is also the same location where the Bickfords will have a gathering for observing the total solar eclipse on August 21. The eclipse will be about 1pm with a totality of a little less than three minutes. Since it is an open area just about central to the sun's path, observation should be quite spectacular. For both events, the Auburn airport (K01) is a short drive and the Bickfords can shuttle anyone wanting to fly in.

Remember too that those of us headed to OSH are planning on a chapter dinner at TJ's Harbor Restaurant on Lake Winnebago, next to OSH. The address is 7098 US-45, Oshkosh, WI 554902. The meeting date is Friday July 28 at 6pm.

Cristi Higgins daughter, Paige, got quite the High School graduation moment when she was able to fly to school on the last day. Not the car, not the bus but by helicopter! Kudos to Larry Geiger for providing and flying the aerial transportation!

At our June meeting Tom Winter will recount his experience in obtaining medical certification under what is known as basic med. This should be an informative and interesting presentation as Tom is among the first people in the program which became effective on May1, 2017.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the June 6th meeting, 7:30pm at the Duncan MPI shop.

Harold Bickford,
Chapter President

Life is better with The Little Things Under Control

A live and learn collection

By Tom Winter

In the pre-flight, you see that your oil is a quart low. Baby Pilot bikes to the FBO (there is a bike in the hangar) and buys two expensive quarts, one for spare. Finally, I stopped at Whitehead Oil — it's right on my way to work at the corner of Randolph and Capital Parkway. "Do you sell aviation oil?" "Sure. How much do you want?" Now I buy it there by the case. In February, I paid them \$54 for a case of 100wt aviation oil. (Harry Barr told me once "100 weight and preheat. Those 0-200s love it") Now there is always spare oil in the hangar, and a spare quart in the plane.

Want to blow your fuse? Get to the airport without your hangar key! It's a mistake that you make once. Imagine the dismay: Here I am at the gate, and oops! (Or stronger language!) Now I have to drive back home and get the key. Or perhaps worse: "Darn it! I can't go fly, I can't find my flight bag! (and it has the hangar key in it!) Misplacing your flight bag (that you keep the hangar key in) is also a mistake that you make once. Now, of course, the flight bag has a Sacred Spot. And The Sacred Spot is where it is.

No end of the little misadventures: "Well darn," you realize as you are already airborne, "I didn't bring the bike lock. Hope nobody in [name of small town] steals my origami bike!" Note to self: Make a before-leaving-home checklist. Put "Bike lock" on it.

Or you have landed, and you have the folding bike out from behind the seats. The glorious sun is shining, making it the perfect day for the flying-biking small town tour. And there's no hat. Maybe somewhere in the plane, there might be a hat. No. Well, I'll just get

sunburned. And you bike into town anyway. Arrive back home pink. Note: Put "Hat" on the before-leaving-home checklist.

Or you land and the bike tires are so soft that the ride is squishy and you hope there is an air bubble there at the FBO. Now there is a bicycle pump back there with the folding bike. Or you are aloft, and there is something down below so beautiful — the whole point of Cessna 150-ing — that you must take a picture. But you left the camera home — or just as bad — in the car. Almost as bad: You're wearing a white shirt (retired pros have endless white shirts) and all the white brightness reflects on the windows. Either open the window or have your white shirt reflected in the picture, or hold the camera so close to the glass... I wear dark shirts. Blue is nice.

The ignition key slips and falls and becomes invisible. (And is never seen again!) No worry, because you have a spare. And when the spare becomes the regular, you get another key made at the hardware store. The key actually is a filing cabinet key. When I was a prof, I had one exactly like it that would

lock/unlock all three of my office cabinets. It starts the Cessna. The spare Cessna key lives in a little envelope in the flight bag.

Then there are little things that don't stem from your forgettery: The starter handle pulls so hard you use two hands to start the engine. Finally, the T-handle comes off. Then you use the small size vice-grip to pull the starter cable. Then you lubricate the cable housing on both sides of the firewall with some magic lube you borrowed from Tom Trumble. Thanks, Tom! It pulls so easy now! The T-handle gets stuck back on with cyanoacrylic glue. The T-handle, by the way, is a Studebaker part. I started my 1951 Studebaker Champion by pulling on the same handle!

So there is a before-leaving-the-house checklist:

- ✓ Flight bag! (with the spare key)
- ✓ Bike lock
- ✓ Camera
- ✓ Hat

Now what have I forgotten?



Tom, pictured here at the York EAA breakfast in May, is now certified under the new BasicMed process.

Photo courtesy of Mary Shortridge

PAIGE HIGGINS WENT TO HER LAST DAY OF SCHOOL BY HELICOPTER!

By Dennis Crispin

For most of us, the last day of high school has some specific memories – year books to autograph, lockers to vacate, friends and classmates to say “goodbye” to. For Norris High School senior Paige Higgins, the last full day of school will always have a unique memory – it was the day she went to school by helicopter.

The consolidated Norris School System serves several communities in southeast Nebraska. The large campus is about 20 miles south of Lincoln.

Paige doesn't drive and had requested that she be driven to school on her last day so that she wouldn't have to ride the bus. Paige's mother, Cristi Higgins, is a lady with a rare ability to manage unusual situations and she

conspired with fellow EAAer, Larry Geiger, to surprise Paige with a ride to school in his helicopter.

The flight flew over Paige's Lincoln neighborhood, went past the State Capitol, and looked down on Memorial Stadium. There were many waves and shouts from the ground as the aircraft orbited the Norris campus. Paige's reaction was “awesome!!!”

Some critical childhood diseases set Paige on a path of delayed development. Now that she has completed the special programs in the Norris School system she will move on to a state vocational rehabilitation program. Paige participates in the basketball and bowling events of the Special Olympics. She notes with pride that she is the youngest dues paying member of EAA Chapter 569.

EAA Member Larry Geiger has owned and flown a number of aircraft and recently upgraded his

skills by getting his helicopter license. He flies the Robinson R-44 helicopter for the enjoyment of it.

Carla Schroder, who lives on an acreage adjoining the school property, was excited to offer her pasture as a temporary helipad. Her horse just retreated to the far corner of the lot, then ignored the helicopter and the people around it.

Cristi Higgins, Paige's mother, is a licensed pilot and a lifelong aviation enthusiast. She is the Young Eagles Coordinator and a past president of Chapter 569 of the Experimental Aircraft Association.

Paige was probably the only student transported to school by helicopter in Nebraska this year and, as far as it is known, the only kid ever to go to Norris by air. It will be a wonderful, lasting memory.



Larry, Paige and Cristi upon arrival at Norris High School.



Paige cutting the cake at her graduation reception a few days later. Congratulations Paige!

Photos courtesy of Dennis Crispin

First Flight!



On April 22nd, John Schwery made his first flight in his RV-10. Congratulations John!

Trial Fitting the Wings



Derek Schroeder trial fitted his wings Memorial Day weekend. He's building a Challenger 1 Clipped Wing by Quad City Aircraft. Below is his instrument panel. The empty hole is for his MGL engine monitor. Nice work Derek!

News from



EAA Headquarters

Theater in the Woods Preliminary Schedule Announced

As always, EAA AirVenture Oshkosh attendees will be able to wind down from an eventful day at Oshkosh with nightly programming at Theater in the Woods, sponsored by M&M's, after many other events are done for the day.

- Sunday, July 23 - An Evening With Champions
- Monday, July 24 – Bob Hoover Tribute
- Tuesday, July 25 – Bill Barber Award and Founders Innovation Prize
- Wednesday, July 26 – Doolittle Raid
- Thursday, July 27 – NASA



- Friday, July 28 – Blue Angels and Salute to Apollo Program
- Saturday, July 29 – Bombers, 8th Air Force 75th Anniversary and United States Air Force 70th Anniversary

More events for Theater in the Woods will be announced in the coming weeks, as the event schedule fills out for the World's Greatest Aviation Celebration leading up to Oshkosh 2017.

Minutes of the Club Meeting May 2, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by President Harold Bickford.

Vice President Buddy Smith introduced the speaker for the evening, Aaron Schepers.

Aaron has been in the aerial photography/image processing business since 1997. He utilizes 3 aircraft for his work: Piper Saratoga, Cessna 206 and a Cessna 210. His business covers a good portion of the Midwest, from the Dakotas, to Indiana, down to Lubbock, TX and over to the Rockies.

Some of the things he'll capture from the air (2,000ft – 12,000ft pending on the work) –

- Infrared Aerial Photography
- Tree Health
- Wetland Mapping
- Thermal Infrared Mapping
- Engineering Grade Work
- Rooftop Mapping

Harold and Edi extended an invitation to the membership to attend a 4th of July party at their home. They also invited everyone to view the solar eclipse that will occur on August 21st at 1:00 PM.

September 10th has been set for the annual Chapter 569 summer picnic at Shoemaker International Airport.

Kristy Busse is the B-17 and Ford Trimotor event coordinator. The Chapter expressed an interest in having the Ford Trimotor available, however appropriate hangar space must be provided.

Tom Trumble offered to pick up the Air Academy attendee from Oshkosh.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Doug Elting, Secretary, Chapter 569
Doug Volkmer, Program Reporter

Classifieds

Help Wanted

Looking for fabric covering help and anyone who has experience using latex paint on fabric.

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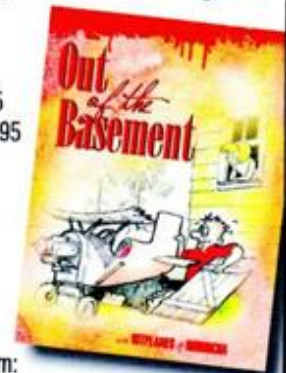
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Events

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

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

Jun 4, Columbus, NE (KOLU), CAP Fly-in breakfast, 0800 – 1100. Hot dog & hamburger lunch, 1100 – 1430.

Jun 10, Hastings, NE (KHSI), Hastings Airport Association Fly-in breakfast, 0700 – 1100. www.flyhastings.com

Jun 24, Nebraska State Fly-in, Norfolk, NE (KOFK), 25th Anniversary of the State Fly-In!

Jun 24-25, Seward, NE (KSWT), Midwest Aerobatic Championship. Practice and registration on Jun 23rd. More info: lynn.bowes@hotmail.com

Jul 4, Seward, NE (KSWT), Free 4th of July Airshow 1100 - 1230, Fly-in's welcome, airport/runway closes promptly at 11 a.m. More info: Greg or Terri Whisler 402.643.2125.

Jul 7-9, Tarkio, MO (K57) 14th Annual WingNuts Flying Circus Air Show and Fly-in. Friday the 7th, dusk aerial demonstrations by Aeroshell Aerobatic Team, Matt Younkin and Gary Rower followed by a celebration that evening with plenty of food, beverage and music. Sat. 8th, Aviation town hall meeting to discuss issues facing general aviation today.

High quality 4000 x 100 feet grass strip available next to the concrete runway if desired. More info:

wingnutsflyingcircus.com or Sam Graves 816.262.8500 or the airshow coordinator/airport manager, Brookes Hurst, 816.244.6927.

Jul 8-9, Wayne, NE (KLCG) Sat. 7-9am coffee and rolls. Free transport to/from omelet feed 7:30-9am Main Street downtown. Free Young Eagle airplane rides 8:30am-2pm. On Sunday, food served 9am-1pm, fly-ins eat free. Discovery flights available on Sat. if interested in flying lessons. More info: Nancy 402.375.1733 or Becker Flying Service 402.375.1984.

Jul 30, Genoa, NE (97Y) Annual Fly-in breakfast, 0700 -1100, Fly-ins eat free. Just a short flight from everywhere so come join the fun, runway 11-29, 2500' turf. More info: Don Pearson, 402.948.0067. Sponsor: Genoa Airport Authority.

Aug 26, Seward, NE (KSWT), Chapter Antique Airplane Association Annual Fly-in. Breakfast (biscuits/gravy/eggs) and noon lunch (burgers and chips). More info: Todd Harders 308.380.5079.

The Barnstormers restaurant at the Norfolk airport (KOFK) is now open!!! [Click here](#) for their menu.

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