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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, June 2nd **Time:** 7:00pm

Program: Anthony Dudas, Executive Director of the Lincoln Airport

Anthony will discuss his experience developing a new airport at Williston, ND and provide an update on the Lincoln 18/36 runway project.

Place: Lincoln Airport Terminal – 2nd floor meeting room

Take your parking ticket to the information booth to get free parking.



**Greetings
from
President
Tom
Trumble**

Please wear your name tags at Chapter meetings and events. It makes our events more inviting. If you need a name tag, contact Paige Higgins.

When you read this Memorial Day will have come and passed.

My class reunion (60 years) was held. I have been so fortunate to have classmates that have remained friends for all these years. Kindergarten through high school graduation in Fairmont, NE gave me the life skills to negotiate the future.

I also have been truly blessed to have 50 years of association with EAA 569.

Midwest Aerobatic Championships – Midwest Aerobatic Club (IAC 80)

The Midwest Aerobatic Championships were held in Seward, NE on May 1st and 2nd.

There were 9 aircraft and 16 competitors from Colorado, Nebraska, North Dakota, Iowa, and Canada. The University of North Dakota brought one Decathlon and 7 competitors.

The weather was a bit cool but for the most part better than average. We did not have any weather delays. Only a few competitors were unable to make the trip due to weather at their location.

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Young Eagles Rally.

We have a rally planned for June 27 at the Beatrice Airport.

Topeka Philip Billard Municipal Airport (KTOP)

On Wednesday, May 20 I took a trip to Topeka with my neighbor to eat breakfast. It was a wonderful smooth flight with a few high clouds and light winds.

I took the time to do an instrument approach to learn a few more features of the glass panel. Arrival at TOP, we told the tower that we were going to the restaurant. The FBO manager chimed in and informed us that the restaurant had closed on Monday. Bummer. I almost always call ahead, but on this day, I didn't as I had called a couple of weeks ago and talked to them.

It all worked out. The FBO gave us a courtesy car to go downtown for a good breakfast.

Moral of the story, "call ahead".

2026 50th Year Christmas Party.

The date is December 18th. In honor of this being our 50th anniversary, current members and one guest can attend free of charge.

The location will again be St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6111 Morrill Ave, Lincoln, NE.

Minutes of the Club Meeting

The May meeting of EAA 569 was held in the Lincoln airport terminal conference room at 7:00 pm Tuesday May 5, 2026 with 21 members and 2 guests present.

Ed Sabata and Troy Hyberger of Duncan Aviation took questions and presented information on practices in storing and vending 100LL fuel. Low-lead alternatives to 100LL such as UL94 are not available in Nebraska, and are years off as final approvals have not been issued. The coastal states will be the first to offer alternatives, and the changeover will proceed slowly.

Duncan sells 8,000 to 15,000 gallons of 100LL per month. Ed and Troy emphasized the importance of a complete fuel order including N number, type of fuel, volume per tank, and tanks to be filled. Look for the 1203 logo on the truck when filling with 100LL. Most of the questions from the group concerned quality controls that Duncan uses for receiving and storing fuel.

After a pizza break, president Tom Trumble called the business meeting to order at 8:32 pm. Mark Gaffney moved, Tom Winter seconded a motion to approve the April minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion carried.

Treasurer Mark Gaffney approved the following treasurer report:

Item	
Interest on CD	\$30.15
Breakfast Income (April)	\$790.00
EAA 569 Checking Account	\$7,175.26
EAA 569 Breakfast Account	\$5,899.08
Cash in Checking Accounts	\$13,074.34
EAA 569 Certificate of Deposit	\$10,000.00
Total Cash Assets	\$23,074.34

Total cash assets last report: \$22,475.15

Cristi Higgins reported Young Eagle activities as follows:

St John's middle school students were flown at Seward, NE on April 20th.

State fly-in is June 20th at Fremont, NE. Volunteers will be needed for a booth to sign up Young Eagles for a future event.

A Young Eagles rally will be held June 27th at Beatrice municipal airport, 9 AM.

The Harlan County Camp Out weekend has been canceled due to low water in the reservoir.

The next EAA 569 breakfast will be at the Wahoo airport May 9th. Workers should arrive by 7:30 AM.

Jerry Clinch is organizing a tour of building projects in the Lincoln hangars for June 6th. Six people and 7 airplanes have signed up so far. We will be entering at Gate 25. It was suggested to let airport management know of the activity.

Jon Sullivan gave a report on his RV-8 project. Jon found a good project in Arizona that was 60% finished and only 90% to go. Parts included a good Lycoming IO-360, 150 hrs SMOH, a Hartzell prop, and Dynon HDX 1100 panel. Jon worked on it for a year and sent it to the paint shop March 7. It came back in April. First flight is on the horizon.

Tom Trumble reported several members received spam emails purportedly from him. Some of these emails asked the recipient to purchase gift cards for spurious uses. If you receive an email like this, check the sender's email before replying. Better yet, do not reply. Mark Gaffney suggested saving the email as a file and sending to phish@office365.microsoft.com. One sender of these mails is now sorry he or she sent anything to Mark. Their exchange could be described as a shaggy dog adventure.

Contact Tom if you know of an aviation handheld receiver or transceiver, as he has a request from a friend for the same.

The June meeting will be June 2, 2026, 7:00 PM at the Lincoln Airport Terminal. Airport manager Anthony Dudas will describe building a new airport at Williston ND. He will also give an overview of the runway project at Lincoln.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM on a motion by Tom Henry, and a second by Lyle Bender.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Mulliken, Secretary

The Aviation Community

By Jon Sullivan

A friend of mine and President of EAA Chapter 569, Tom Trumble, once told me that going to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh was like hanging out with 250,000 of his best friends — the Aviation Community.

A few weeks ago, I had an experience that reminded me exactly of what Tom meant. I was flying to Wahoo for fuel. As I approached the airport, I could hear and see the STOL pilots practicing on the grass strip. When I called in to land, they assured me they would clear the way while I landed on the orthogonal paved runway. It was fun watching them take off and land as I flew the pattern.

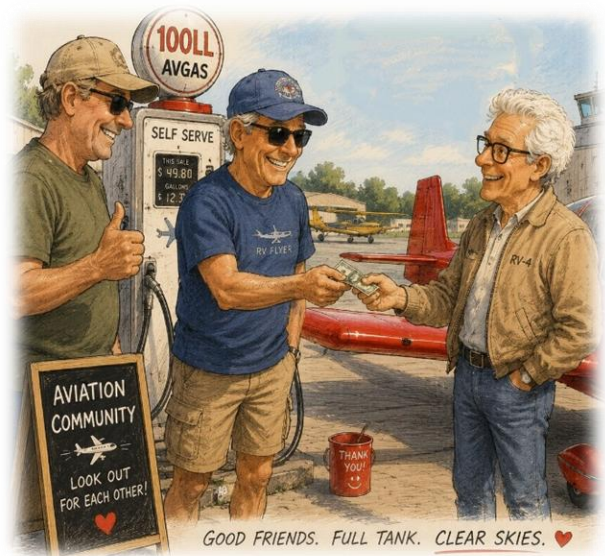
One of the Cubs was getting ready to refuel as I pulled up to the pump. He asked if I wanted to go first, which I thought was very courteous. I told him I could wait until he was finished, and we talked while he fueled up. When he finished fueling, he handed me the nozzle so I could fill my airplane. That was the moment I realized I had left my wallet back in Lincoln.

Embarrassed, I started to hang the nozzle up and explained that I thought I still had enough fuel to make it home. His response was immediate:

“I’m not going to let you risk it.” And insisted on paying for my fuel.

I did get his name and paid him back later through Venmo, but as he taxied away there was no guarantee he would ever be reimbursed.

In a world where everything seems transactional, that simple act of concern and kindness was refreshing. It reminded me how fortunate I am to be part of the Aviation Community.



Panic on the Ground - including an insurance reco

By Tom Winter

It was July 14. My insurance would lapse July 28. Still no quote, even though I had applied seven weeks earlier. Are they dropping me? One hears horror stories of elderly (Me? elderly? Hell no!) pilots aging out of insurability. Were they quietly dropping me because I was 81?

This was getting serious: without insurance, I can't lease a hangar. Without a hangar, I'd sell the Bluebird of Happiness rather than leave her out in the WX on some tie-down! Starting to sweat, I did two things: a) asked the Cessna 150/152 club for advice, and b) sent a personal letter (email) to the guy named on the prior year's AOPA insurance deal:

Jonathan,

Is there going to be a quote for 2885S? I applied over the telephone on June 2. In past years a quote has come long since. If age is problematic, there's 81 and there's 81. I've never been out of shape in my life. I attach a recent photo. [Photo was of a white-haired athlete holding a javelin.]



It matters: without insurance, I can't lease my hangar. Without insurance, I have to sell my 150. I don't mind admitting that I'm becoming uneasy. I love to fly, I love my Cessna 150, and hope to keep flying.

The appeal to the club panned out: a member told me to call Lucy Butler at Marsh McLennan. So I did.

Lucy Butler, bless her, got back to me the same day, and, with my information, came right back with a quote. I am still grateful to her for ending the mounting anxiety. I learned you don't have to wait a month or more. But then, my guy at AOPA, on Monday of the next week, replied, viz:

Good afternoon Tom,

Yes sir, understood and no worries about a thing.

I did some digging for us and found that the primary reason for the delay was that the underwriters approved the quote on their website; but they did not send it to us.

I found it on their site and I am emailing it over to you now.

Thank you so much!

Hmmph! If I hadn't written, the quote would have stayed right there in system-constipation. The Assured Partners quote was slightly less than the one from Marsh McLennan. I stayed with them. After all this was their first screw-up in a quarter century. Sent a nice - and quasi-apologetic - thank you note to Ms Butler. She replied sweetly:

No problem! I'm happy to hear coverage has been renewed. I just wanted to make sure there was no lapse in coverage.

Safe flying and if there is anything I can do for you in the future, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Thank you!

*Lucy Butler
Client Manager | Aviation Insurance*

So we have more than one string to our bow about aircraft insurance: EAA, AOPA, and Lucy Butler at Marsh McLennan.

This year, no problem: I applied May 4, and had the quote May 19. If you're curious, \$377, liability only. Why just liability? "Hull insurance is expensive," Wally Peterson told me once. Wally, the renowned Professor of Economics, didn't carry it, so I don't either. YMMV.

100LL prices as reported by Airnav FBO on 5-18-26				
Prices subject to change without notice. NL=not listed				
		Dist (NM) from KLNK	/Gal.	Service
Lnk	Duncan	0	\$ 8.23	FS
Lnk	Atlantic	0	\$ 7.61	FS
KCEK	Crete	16	\$ 5.49	SS
KSWT	Seward	16	\$ 5.80	SS
KAHQ	Wahoo	24	\$ 5.75	SS
KBIE	Beatrice	33	\$ 5.35	ss
KFBY	Fairbury	44	\$ 5.25	SS
KAFK	Nebraska City	43	\$ 4.96	SS
KPMV	Plattsmouth	39	\$ 6.13	SS
KJYR	York	39	\$ 5.75	FS
KAUH	Aurora	56	\$ 5.55	SS
KFMZ	Fairmont	40	\$ 6.10	SS
KOLU	Columbus	45	\$ 6.56	FS
KFET	Fremont	38	\$ 6.73	ss
OG3	Tecumseh	44	\$ 5.80	SS
K08K	Harvard	62	\$ 5.10	SS
93Y	David City	29	\$ 6.05	SS

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Builder's Tour

JUNE 6, 2026, 9:00 AM

Lincoln Airport, GA Area, Gate 25 (North Park Drive & Superior)

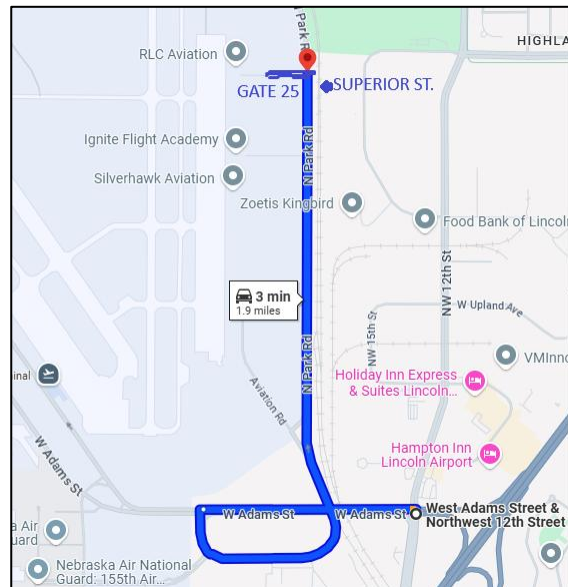
After going thru Gate 25, everyone will Park on the West Side of the "C" Hangers.

Coffee and Donuts will be available at Hanger C-05 at 9:00 am.

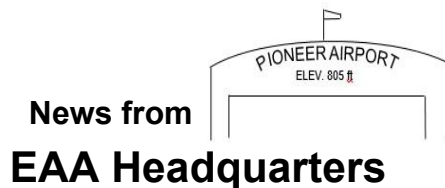
We will begin the Tour in the Order Below at 9:30 am:

Doug Volkmer	RV-7	C-05
Jon Sullivan	RV-4	C-07
Jon Sullivan	RV-8	C-07
Mark Basel	RV-8	E-01
Monty Perry	RV-10	E-05
Lyle Bender	RV-10	S-09
Bruce Holtmeier	RV-10	V-02
Dave Fritz	Cessna 172	W-07

When we go to hangers S-09, V-02 & W-07 we plan to carpool so that we do not have a lot of vehicle traffic driving thru the airport.



Directions to Gate 25



AirVenture Oshkosh 2026 Notice Includes Important Procedure Updates for Pilots

EAA is hosting a webinar on June 17 at 7 p.m. CDT regarding [flying to AirVenture 2026](#) and changes in this year's Notice. Pilots are encouraged to participate to build their knowledge prior to their flights to Oshkosh.

Pilots can download a digital version of the Notice at EAA.org/NOTAM, or order a free printed copy via that website or by calling EAA Membership Services at 800-564-6322.

New York Proposes Statewide Ban on ADS-B Landing Fee

New York joined the growing list of states proposing legislation to ban ADS-B derived landing fees. Introduced by State Senator John Liu (D-16), NY [Senate Bill S10490](#) would prohibit the monetization of ADS-B information, including the billing of landing fees, for aircraft weighing 12,500 pounds or less and operating under 14 CFR Part 91 rules.

If ultimately passed, New York would join Montana and Florida in successfully banning ADS-B derived landing fees statewide. Similar bills are being considered in several other states and at the federal level via the Pilot and Aircraft Privacy Act (PAPA) and the Airspace Location and Enhanced Risk Transparency (ALERT) Act.

Month		EAA Chapter 569 Calendar
Jun	2	7:00pm General Meeting
	6	9:00am Builder's Tour
	13	8:00am - 10:00am Wahoo Fly in Breakfast, EAA 569 - KAHQ
	20	8:00am - 2:00pm Nebraska State Fly in - Fremont (KFET)
	27	9:00am - 12:00pm Young Eagles Rally - Beatrice (KBIE)
	27	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI
Jul	7	7:00pm General Meeting
	11	8:00am - 10:00am Wahoo Fly in Breakfast, EAA 569 - KAHQ
	20	AirVenture begins (Jul 20 -26)
	25	11:30am - 1:30pm Hastings Hamburger Fly in Lunch (rain or shine) - KHSI



From the Gmail

- Free jugs of corrosion treatment – [Click here](#)
- "Beyond Blue Sky" documentary on Spaceship 1 – [Click here](#)
- Lincoln Sky Knights R/C Club Fun Fly – [Click here](#)
- For Sale 1946 415-C Ercoupe – [Click here](#)
(Contact Tom Henry if interested)

And finally ...

RV-10 update



Bruce Holtmeier recently recruited a few of us to help pull the table out from underneath his RV-10 now that he has finished the landing gear installation. He also recently powered up his instrument panel. The setup is all Garmin, featuring dual 10" G3X displays, a 750xi navigator, an audio panel, autopilot, a G5 backup, and IBBS backup battery power. Next up is engine install.

Bruce is going to have one nice plane when he's finished.

Click any picture to enlarge

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