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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, March 3

Time: 7:30 pm

Program: Max Neiden B-24 gunner, Rollie Woodruff and friends.

Place: Duncan Aviation Engine Shop
5000 NW 44th St

President's Message Tom Henry



I hope everyone has submitted his or her comments to the TSA regarding the LASP. Now more than ever we need to work to preserve and protect our freedoms that have been paid for by the sacrifice of so many. In fact, by the sacrifices of a few of our own members. We will have the opportunity to listen and talk to Max Neiden at our next meeting who fought for our freedoms along with the rest of the "Greatest Generation". This promises to be a very interesting program. Thanks to Rollie Woodruff for arranging it for us.

Well another month has flown by without any flying, at least by me. I plan to change that state of affairs as soon as I can. How about you? I know tax season is upon us but it is never too soon to start planning for the upcoming flying season. I have a new wing for my flying machine and a list of work to do to it that seems to get longer every time I look at it. (Kind of like a house but this list doesn't bother me.)

Remember the public comment period for the proposed changes to the FAA 51%

rule? You can now read all the thousands of public comments on line at www.regulations.gov/search/index.jsp. You have to search for docket numbers 2008-0797 and 2008-0823.

Now, where are all the suggestions for Chapter strategic planning? Remember you get what you give.

Calm winds and clear skies,

Tom Henry

Scouts in Space: The Final Frontier!

The Cornhusker Council will be holding a Council wide "Scouts in Space" event on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Outdoor Education Center in Walton, NE.

This event is oriented for Cub Scouts (Tiger through WEBELO II), Girl Scouts (Daisy through Junior) and their families. Sibling of all ages and adults are also welcome to come out and participate. Please note that registration will be limited for this event.

Come out to learn, experiment and build. Available events will include building and launching a model rocket, paper airplane building, balloon races, water bottle rockets, space slime station, learning demonstrations and displays. There will be fun times for all.

Many requirements for Cub Scout and Girl Scout Science and Astronomy awards may be completed at this event.

Each registered participant, Scout or

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I CAN FLY ...

(This article originally appeared in the July, 1988 issue of EAA Sport Aviation.)

By **PAUL HARVEY**, Paul Harvey News,
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Hours of my youth were spent lying on the ground, plinking walnuts from a tree with my b-b gun while watching and listening for the thrilling sight and sound of an airplane overhead.

Now I can fly.

In gigantic airports I watch men and women herded casually aboard enormous flying freight cars where they sit benumbed with their noses in a paperback while they are hauled from here to there and I think, what a waste!

The yearning for wings is as old as humanity. The prophet Isaiah recognized that our spirits were made to "Mount up with wings as Eagles." David, in his 55th Psalm, lamented, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove to fly ... "

I have.

Leonardo da Vinci, for all his phenomenal gifts and accomplishments, was most fascinated by flying. He designed a flying machine which would have worked except that his dream predated the combustion engine.

But I can fly. I have been licensed to fly single and multi-engine aircraft, land and seaplanes. I'm working on a helicopter rating.

I will not pretend that there is any pragmatic justification for my fascination. It is an expensive hobby, nothing more nor less noble than that.

But in our national and international preoccupation with reducing aviation to nothing more than transportation we have forgotten how to have fun at it.

With one notable exception.

Home based in Oshkosh, Wisconsin is the Experimental Aircraft Association. Once each August there converges on Oshkosh the doggondest conglomeration of birdmen ever assembled anywhere.

Men who can fly.

Most of them made their own wings - in a garage or makeshift workshop. Wings of all shapes and sizes and silhouettes.

And these birdmen fly just for fun!

For now.

Already the ocean of air which is their adopted habitat is criss-crossed with prescribed flyways and posted with "keep out" signs.

And while well-intentioned environmental crusaders anguish over the several vanishing species of wildlife, few seem to note or care that birdmen are similarly endangered.

What a myopic and selfish attitude, you say. After all the pleasure of a few must be sacrificed for the common good.

Well, whatever "ism" that is, it's not the American-ism.

In this country our right to the pursuit of happiness was intended to be inalienable, unrevokable and for everybody.

Yet, bit by bit, in the name of protecting us from ourselves our government has regulated and regimented and restricted and restrained us and clipped our wings and confiscated our sky.

So I cannot know how many more Augusts there will be in Oshkosh. Every year, through the legislative haze and the bureaucratic maze, it is more and more difficult to freely fly-in.

Tomorrow's sky belongs to mechanical puppets on strings.

To which we must add...if we sit back and let it happen.

"Overnight Program" at Strategic Air and Space Museum – by Dennis Crispin

Lately I've been helping with the "Overnight Program" at the Strategic Air and Space Museum. There are "overnights" that are geared specifically for different age groups and for boy scouts, cub scouts, girl scouts, etc. They also do special programs for groups like the Make-A-Wish Foundation. The kids do a bunch of fun activities and take tours of the museum (the part I do) on Friday evening. They then sleep under the SR-71. A few lucky small groups get to sleep in the C-119 and C-47 aircraft. On Saturday morning they get juice, doughnuts and a chance to spend some money in the gift shop.

One of the dads did a really neat slideshow.

The overnight program last Friday was the one specifically geared to the requirements of the Boy Scout Aviation Merit Badge. The kids got some time in the simulators, had a chance to crawl through some of the larger planes, and had classes on aerodynamics and the four forces that act on an airplane in flight. There were 250 in this group – one large slumber party! There were scout troops from Waterloo, Des Moines and both the Kansas and Missouri sides of the Kansas City area in addition to Nebraska kids.

If you haven't been to the museum lately you have missed one of the Midwest's finest historic and educational facilities. You don't have to take a bunch of boy scouts to spend a very enjoyable hour, or day, at a museum that displays the artifacts of one of the most significant eras of American history, the Cold War. Learn more at www.sasmuseum.com.

Minutes of the Club Meeting

Meeting called to order on February 3, 2009 by Tom Henry at 7:33pm.

A few visitors attended the meeting.

Tom encouraged members to voice their opposition to the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) proposal of stringent scrutiny and restrictive limits on the operation of all aircraft exceeding 12,500 pounds. If it happens, it could someday be expanded to include all general aviation aircraft. The deadline is February 27, 2009, to weigh in on the proposal.

Membership dues for 2009 are due. Around 40+ members have paid.

John Schwery provided a Treasurer's report. A suggestion was made to invest some money into a CD. The Chapter will look into this.

Some strategic planning ideas were discussed. One suggestion was coming up with a place where the Chapter can call 'home', ideally with a clubhouse and landing strip. The consensus was we would have to venture outside Lancaster County.

Tom Trumble gave a Young Eagles report. The Chapter is looking to sponsor a student for a Young Eagles camp. Contact Tom Trumble or a board member for more details or if you have someone you would like to nominate.

A couple representatives from the Cornhusker Council were on hand to discuss a "Scouts in Space" event in May at Walton, NE. If the Chapter can help them out at all, they would appreciate it.

The meeting ended with Builders' Reports from various members: Rev. Charles Van Vliet (Corby Starlet); Mark Gaffney (Teenie Two); Doug Volkmer (RV-7) and Andy Lahr (Pelican) all

gave progress reports on their projects.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37pm.

Kermit Wenger,
Vice President

Minutes of the Executive Meeting

No meeting in February.

Classifieds

Want to learn to fly? Time for a BFR? Or want to just polish up your skills? John C. Cox of rural DeWitt is a Certified Flight Instructor and would be glad to help you out. John can be reached at 402-239-3953.

Interested in becoming an EAA 569 member?

If you are interested in becoming an EAA 569 member or simply want to attend a meeting, please contact President Tom Henry at 402-791-2116.

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family member, will build, launch and recover their own model rocket at the event, and will be able to take it home with them when they're done! Registered participants may additionally build a commercial Rocket kit at home and bring it with them to launch. Rocket Engine size is limited to size "A" and Rocket must use a 1/8" diameter launch rod. No outside engines will be allowed.

We will supply rocket kits, and ALL engines, igniters, wadding and launch facilities. Please note that for safety reasons, all Rockets, whether built at the event or brought from home, must pass a pre-launch safety check and will not be allowed to launch until they have passed inspection.

The event will start at 9:00am and will continue until the last rocket has been launched. Please allow at least 2 hours to check in, build the rocket kit, allow adhesive to cure, complete the safety check, load chute and engine and launch. Check-in will cut off at 3:00pm to allow time to launch all rockets before it gets too dark.

Early Bird registration pricing in effect until Friday, February 27: \$13.00.
Regular pricing until May 8: \$17 no discounts; \$15 one discount; \$13 both discounts.
Day of event pricing: \$20, IF space is available, as registration is limited for this event.

If you have questions or would like to help staff at this event, please contact:
Jeff Ifland, (402) 304-8764 or email: jifland@cse.unl.edu
Kurt Kruse, (402) 467-3651 daytime, (402) 475-5571 evening, or email kurtk@spectronics.com

Have any old magazines ???

If you have any old aviation magazines that you no longer want, Diane Bartels, Aviation Historian, may just take them off your hands. She's particularly interested in AOPA, EAA Sport Aviation, Air & Space and Air Force. She'll even come pick them up.



If you can help Diane out, she can be contacted by any of the following means:

Home: (402) 489-3059
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If you email Diane, please put **EAA Magazines** in the subject line.

Events

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

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

May 14 – 16, Parade of Planes, Olathe, KS

Parade of Planes is a sales expo featuring the new personal aircraft ranging from light sport to light turbine. A Buyer's Resources team of finance, tax and insurance specialists is available to answer questions.

<http://www.paradeofplanes.com>

Contact: Susan at (218) 525-6228

June 6, 2009 Nebraska State Fly-in and Air Show, Fairmont, NE

Fly in breakfast hosted by EAA Chapter 1055. Static aircraft include: P-51 "Mustang," P-38 "Lightning," AC-47 "Spooky Gunship," C-45 "Bamboo Bomber." Young Eagles flights available in the morning (hosted by EAA Chapter 1055). Air show in the afternoon. Come visit the historic Fairmont airbase!

<http://www.nebraskastateflyin.com>

Contact: Aaron Schardt at (402) 759-8114

July 27 – August 2, AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI

<http://www.airventure.org/>.

August 29 – 30, Offutt AFB, Blue Angels

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Membership Renewal

The time has come to pay your dues and renew your membership for the 2009 year.

In 2006, we made a concerted effort to update our membership lists with correct address and phone numbers. Please fill out the Membership Form on the Chapter website at www.eaa569.org and mail it to John Schwery. His address is

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