



Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, May 6

Time: 1930 hrs

Program: Sun 'n Fun

Larry Geiger flew to Sun 'n Fun 2008 in his RV-10. He'll be talking about his trip to this annual Fly-In.

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

Note: I apologize to those of you who were hoping to hear Shane Osborn speak at our April meeting. We are working with him for another date.

Sun 'n Fun 2008

(On a very short notice, Larry Geiger was kind of enough to submit a short column on his trip to Sun 'n Fun. To hear more about his trip, please come to the May meeting. Thanks Larry! – Ed.)

Roger Aspegren & I make the annual pilgrimage to SnF in an RV-10 and I'm happy to report a successful mission. We left about 0645 from KCEK on April 7th and met up in the air with Mike Howard, Omaha, flying his RV-6. Weather was VFR except for 100% lower cloud cover for about 200 miles around Alabama so we stayed on top at about 9,500' MSL with a nice tailwind. Lakeland, FL lived up to its name having had 5" of rain the day before we got there. The grass was pretty wet so I needed to add more power than normal to taxi to our tie down spot in the RV parking area, but all went well. We made it to SnF!

We spent the next 5 days attending forums, seminars, hands on workshops, and lots of hanger flying catching up on the latest and greatest innovations for experimental aviation. I also spent time renewing old friendships of other RV drivers from around the world. RV's people are really a great bunch. The Thunderbirds were the highlight of the daily airshows followed by an impressive night airshow with lots of fireworks, sparklers, and flares.

Returning home on Saturday we encountered a huge storm that made the trip "interesting". The in-flight XM Weather allowed us to pick our way through the storm fronts safely, but we battled 50-60 MPH head winds most of the 2 day trip home. We stayed over night in Harrison, AR which we found out after tying down was a "dry" county. After flying with yours truly as PIC for 10+ hours Roger could have used an adult beverage or two. Instead, we ended up doing laundry in preparation for an early departure and uneventful trip back to Crete. Make sure you do your flight planning and check out where you are going to stop for the night. Your passengers will greatly appreciate it, I know mine would have!



Roger Aspegren with Kermit Weeks, Aerobatic Champion and founder of the Fantasy of Flight Museum in Tampa, FL.

Meet an EAA 569 Member



Mark Gaffney was chosen for this month's "Meet an EAA 569 Member". Here's what he had to say:

Family ? Spouse's name ? Anne Schutte

Kids names ? No children

Date you joined EAA Chapter 569 ? 2005

Employer / Occupation ? FAA Safety Inspector

Do you own a plane ? If so, what planes have you owned and/or currently own ?

My wife and I just purchased a 1978 Cessna 152

Do you have a desire to build ? If so, what plane(s) are you interested in ?

I am currently building a Teenie Two

Favorite airplane ? Voyager, because it did something no other airplane in the world could do, and it was built with homebuilding technology.

Favorite aviation book ? Spirit of St Louis

Favorite aviation movie ? The Right Stuff

Finish this sentence: When I'm not building, flying or thinking about aviation I like to ...
kayak and mountain bike.

My first experience with aviation and EAA coincided. I always had an interest in things that flew, but it wasn't until I attended the 1985 Oshkosh Fly-in that the bug bit and bit hard! I was 12 years old, and up to that point I had never even seen an airplane up close. Suddenly I was surrounded by war birds, homebuilts, classics, and, that year, the Concorde. On the drive home I promised myself someday I would build an airplane of my own. Since then I have made it back to Oshkosh every year except one.

I grew up in Dubuque, Iowa, and with the help of my paper route, I began taking flying lessons when I was 14 years old. By taking a lesson every month, I was able to solo on my 16th birthday and later earned my private certificate at the age of 17. I went to college at the University of Iowa, where I earned a degree outside of aviation. I decided after college to put everything I had into my flying hobby, and in one year earned my Instrument, Commercial, CFI, and CFII. I worked as a flight instructor for the University of Dubuque for 2 years and then moved out west to Salt Lake City, Utah. I was an Assistant Chief Flight instructor for Westminster College for a year and then moved back to Iowa the summer of 2001. I took a job flying part 135 charter for Monticello Aviation in eastern Iowa and continued to flight instruct under Part 61. It was while I was in Monticello that I met my wife, Anne Schutte. Like most of the major events in my life, even meeting my wife involved flying. She came to the airport for an airplane ride with one of my instrument students, and he introduced us. After 3 wonderful years working for a small FBO, I took a job with Pinnacle Airlines (Northwest Airlink) when my wife accepted a position as an assistant professor at UNL. In February of this year, I left Pinnacle as a captain on the CRJ and started as an Operations Inspector at the Lincoln Flight Standards District Office (FSDO).



Capt. Gaffney, first week on the line.

I am looking forward to working with general aviation again. Anne and I have recently purchased a 1978 Cessna 152. We are enjoying owning our own plane (a first for us). Now that I work for FSDO I have time to fly for fun, and my

wife caught the bug on her first trip to Oshkosh five years ago so I am teaching her to fly. I am keeping the promise I made to myself after my first Oshkosh trip, and have been working on a plans built Teenie Two for ten years. Someday I will fly it to Oshkosh, but for this year the Cessna 152 will have to do.

Interested in becoming a member ?

If you are interested in becoming an EAA 569 member or just simply attending a meeting, please contact President Don Shoemaker at 402-797-7200 (home) or 402-475-4800 (work).

Classifieds

FOR SALE - Graco HVLP paint sprayer in very good condition. Complete except for paint, talent and motivation. \$300.00 OBO Contact Doug Prange at 432-0774 or dprange@neb.rr.com

FOR SALE - BUSHBY MUSTING II KITPLANE Folding wings, completely unassembled, 25 gallon fuel tank, can accommodate an engine up to 210 hp. \$9000 Aviation tools pertinent to this kit are available and can be purchased separately. Contact Bev Streba at 493-2198

Minutes of the Club Meeting April 1, 2008

Meeting called to order by Don Shoemaker at 19:30.

New member Christy Higgins has graciously volunteered her time to be communications chairperson for the B-17 visit. Way to step in there and go! We will be needing volunteers for the two days the B-17 is at KLNK. Contact Dennis Crispin @ 402 862-2892.

Tom Henry gave a Treasurer's report.

We are donating money to send one lucky student to ACE Camp.

Young Eagles: The date for YE flights is as follows;

May 12, 16, 25 and June 14. Contact Tom Trumble for information @ 402 464-3089

Dick & Karen McConnell 402 643-2640 will be having their 50th anniversary celebration on May 25th from 14:00 to 17:00 (subtract 12 if you forgot) at Harry Barr's hanger KSWT and have invited you to come if you would like!

Program for the April meeting was an Oshkosh video. Thank you Tom Henry and Erick Corbridge for putting this on!

Meeting Adjourned 21:30

Dave Zichek, Secretary

Minutes of the Executive Meeting April 9, 2008

Meeting was attended by: Don Shoemaker, Erick Corbridge, Dave Zichek, Tom Henry and Doug Volkmer.

Topics Covered:

Program for May meeting: As discussed at the Board Meeting Eric C is tentatively setting up an SR71 pilot for our May meeting; we also have some really good second and third choices as well; so you don't want to miss the May meeting!

We are putting together a builders tour again. If you have a project that needs to be viewed come to the May meeting to get on the list!

The Dick Miller fund is all setup and ready.

Thunder Storm Avoidance is a real informative course. Go to www.aopa.org and then to the training section.

Dave Zichek, Secretary

Accident Report

Accident occurred Wednesday, July 04, 2007 in Johnson, NE

Probable Cause Approval Date: 3/31/2008

Aircraft: Piper PA-22-135, registration: N3737A

Injuries: 1 Fatal.

The externally braced high wing airplane impacted terrain following an in-flight separation of the left wing while maneuvering during a ferry flight. A post impact ground fire that engulfed the airplane in flames occurred 10 -15 seconds after impact according to a witness. A witness who was an acquaintance to the pilot said that the pilot "was in the process of purchasing the plane." The witness reported that the owner advised the pilot that the airplane had not flown in about four years and that the engine had not been started in about six months. The pilot flew the airplane for about 30 minutes and parked the airplane in a hangar. The witness reported that the pilot was aware that the airplane did not have a current annual inspection. The witness said that the pilot came back on the day of the accident to fly the airplane to another airport for an annual inspection. The witness saw the airplane depart in the direction of the pilot's home. Another witness saw that "a portion of the planes wing broke away from the plane." Airworthiness Directive (AD) 99-01-05 was accomplished about four years prior. That AD contained a section for repetitive 12 calendar month inspections of the wing's lift struts. The AD was issued to "prevent in-flight separation of the wing from the airplane caused by corroded wing lift struts or cracked wing lift strut forks, which could result in loss of control of the airplane." An on-scene examination of the wreckage revealed the left wing's forward strut separated about eight inches above its fork bolt. The inside of that strut was corroded. No other pre-impact anomalies were detected. No airplane logbook entry was found for the required special flight permit to ferry the airplane for its annual inspection.

The National Transportation Safety Board determines the probable cause(s) of this accident as follows:

The failure of the left wing's lift strut, which resulted in the separation of the left wing, and the subsequent airplane control not being possible. Factors were the overdue annual inspection, the overdue compliance with an Airworthiness Directive on the lift strut, the corroded lift strut, and not following required procedures for ferry permits by the owner/pilot.

EAA 569 members spouses are invited

We would like to invite any wives of EAA members who would like to get better acquainted to join ladies at the regular EAA 569 meetings. We meet in the lunch room on first floor during Chapter meetings at Duncan Aviation. We normally don't meet if the meeting isn't at Duncan.

For the May meeting, please bring your favorite recipe (6 copies please).

For more details please call Yvonne at 797-7200 or Charlotte 797-5825 or Joyce at 797-7333.

Hope to see you at the next meeting. Thanks!

Things to Do

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

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

B17 tour – June 27 – 29, Plattsmouth Airport
July 1 – 2, Lincoln Airport

Information at www.b17.org or www.eaa569.org.

Omaha contact – 402.271.1111

Lincoln contact – 402.219.0111

2ND ANNUAL FLYING CONESTOGAS HOMESTEAD DAYS

FLY IN SATURDAY - JUNE 14TH, 2008 BEATRICE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

✈ EAA YOUNG EAGLE RIDES

✈ 10 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

Youths 8 - 17 have the opportunity to enjoy their first flight aboard a private airplane free of charge. Over 1 million youth have had the privilege of taking part in this program. Parents must be present.



✈ FLY IN LUNCH

✈ 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

* Free Will Donation * Free to those that fly in *

✈ Aircraft Static display

✈ 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

✈ TRANSPORTATION

To & From: Homestead National Monument & Homestead Days Activities @ Chataqua Park



✈ **The Great Plains Region - Porsche Club of America**
Will be doing a "Show & Shine" at the Beatrice Airport starting at 11:00 a.m. Come and view the cars and talk to the owners about Porsche Club Drivers Education Programs.

Great Plains Region
Porsche Club of America

THIS FLY IN IS HELD IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE HOMESTEAD DAYS CELEBRATION. THE PARADE BEGINS DOWNTOWN BEATRICE AT 9:00 A.M. COME FOR THE FUN - ACTIVITIES ALL DAY. IF YOU NEED TRANSPORTATION TO THE PARADE - HOMESTEAD NATIONAL MONUMENT or HOMESTEAD DAYS ACTIVITIES @ CHATAQUA PARK - CALL THE AIRPORT IN ADVANCE AND WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH A CAR OR A RIDE. (402) 223-5349

FOR MORE IN INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:
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