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# EAA Chapter 569 Newsletter

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## Meeting Announcement

**Date:** Tuesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Program:** Dennis Duling

Dennis will talk about drilling in Antarctica and the aviation assets used to get there and back.

**Place:** Duncan Aviation Engine Shop  
5000 NW 44<sup>th</sup> St – Lincoln, NE



### President's Message Harold Bickford

Well it's been a busy month. Our monthly meeting is May 1.

The early part of April Edi and I went to Longmont, Colorado to look at a motorglider known as the Solitaire designed by Burt Rutan. Since we have developed an interest in gliders and

gliding, it was something we at least wanted to look at. Upon seeing the Solitaire and after seeing it was in great shape and that all the records were complete back to day 1, we bought it! Then it was a matter of disassembling and putting it into the trailer. Part of the appeal of the design is that it is different and that it has interesting performance characteristics. Like all Rutan designs, it is characteristically incapable of spinning or stalling. We will have a more complete report in the future.

Our fly-in breakfast was another successful event even though we had to compete with the Husker spring game and the weather. Many thanks to our tireless volunteers.

Remember our EAA 569 May meeting is May 1 7:30pm at the MPI shop (5000 NW 44th St, Lincoln). Hope to see you there.

Harold Bickford,  
Chapter President





News from

## EAA Headquarters

### Rapid GA Response Helps Scuttle ATC Amendment

A rapid response by the general aviation community on April 24<sup>th</sup> made a big difference in helping to eliminate a dangerous [amendment to an FAA reauthorization bill](#) in the House of Representatives.

Supporters of ATC privatization attempted to slip a provision into the House's FAA reauthorization bill that would set the stage for airline domination of the ATC system. EAA members swiftly responded to a call for action and urged to contact their congressional representatives to oppose the plan.

"Thank you to each and every one of you who reacted and responded quickly to eliminate this attempt at backroom politics that could harm GA," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA CEO and Chairman of the Board. "This again showed the strong voice of general aviation when we respond in a unified effort."

EAA learned late on April 24<sup>th</sup> that the threatening provisions within a "manager's amendment" to the bill (H.R. 4) had been eliminated. That language would have created an advisory council dominated by the big airlines and composed of the same players that would be part of the previously withdrawn ATC privatization proposal. A major difference was that the council would be under control of the Department of Transportation, not the FAA, and

would not be subject to any public input.

Another provision would have allowed the DOT and the advisory council to select the Chief Operating Officer for the air traffic organization. That would have circumvented the authority of the FAA Administrator to make that choice.

EAA and other general aviation organizations immediately issued a letter to House leadership and members, urging them to drop Section 5 of Rep. Shuster's amendment to H.R. 4 — the provision that included the advisory council. In addition, EAA called on its members to contact their House representatives to oppose the amendment, especially through the EAA Rally Congress website.

"Although this threat has been stopped, we will continue to be very vigilant as FAA reauthorization works its way through Congress, giving FAA stable funding for the next five years and allowing it to continue its modernization efforts," Pelton said. "The freedom and safety of flight is something we will protect at all times."

### Fiberglass SportAir Workshop Empowers Sheet Metal Builders

Van's RVs and similar homebuilt aircraft are largely constructed by working with sheet metal, but there's more involved in the completion of these airplanes. Eventually, some fiberglass work is going to come up, which a lot of builders find difficult after becoming accustomed to working with metal.

EAA's Van's RV Fiberglass Techniques SportAir Workshop class is the perfect solution. Scott VanderVeen, EAA 677456, has been a SportAir instructor since 2009 and is the owner of Pro-Composites, Inc. Scott said the workshop will empower builders to finish their builds.

"In this class we'll cover the basics of composite construction, and provide plenty of hands-on experience so by the end of the class you'll have the confidence you need to complete the fiberglass portion of your aircraft," he said.

Working with fiberglass tends to come up when installing the canopy of the aircraft on the fuselage, and making parts such as cowlings and wheel pants, among others. The hands-on Van's RV Fiberglass Techniques class shows attendees how to accomplish these tasks.

"Aircraft builders have a fair amount of apprehension transitioning from the technical process of working with sheet metal to the more artistic process of working with fiberglass on their aircraft," noted Mark Forss, director of the EAA SportAir programs. "The Fiberglass for RV Aircraft course, through its unique use of hands-on projects that duplicate the real world experience, gives builders the ability to do this work with ease."

Additionally, Scott shows attendees how to fix fiberglass or composite parts on their airplanes. This unique class looks to answer a common concern for builders of RVs and other sheet metal airplanes, and would

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benefit any sheet metal airplane builder, especially those apprehensive about working with fiberglass.

The two-day course is available in Oshkosh on June 6-7, September 22-23, and December 8-9. It's also available in Peachtree, Georgia, at the east coast location of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty during their customer appreciation weekend on May 19-20. More information can be found on EAA's website, and information about the entire offering of SportAir Workshops can be found at [EAA.org/SportAir](http://EAA.org/SportAir).

### EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018 NOTAM Now Available

The EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2018 notice to airmen (NOTAM) is now available for download, and is mandatory reading for pilots planning to fly to the convention. The NOTAM is in effect from 6 a.m. on July 20 until 12 p.m. on July 30.

The NOTAM outlines procedures for different kinds of aircraft flying into Oshkosh and various nearby airports. While some aspects of flying in remain the same, there have been a number of changes made for 2018, including:

- KOSH taxiway bravo has been realigned, with resulting changes to aircraft parking and camping areas.
- The KOSH ground control frequency has been changed to 132.3
- Air show times have changed
- Descriptions of Seaplane Base procedures and the Transient Helicopter area have changed
- Madison approach control frequencies and airspace boundary altitudes have changed
- Two southern Wisconsin VORs have been decommissioned
- IFR routings and the list of airports requiring IFR reservations have changed

The EAA AirVenture NOTAM is required reading and should be part of a pilot's pre-flight preparation. Pilots can download the NOTAM or request a free printed copy at [EAA.org/NOTAM](http://EAA.org/NOTAM).

## Classifieds

### For Sale

1966 PA28/140 Cherokee 3979 TT, 1910 SMOH, This is a very reliable airplane that flies beautifully. Out grown her, purchased a C-182. Asking \$16,000. More details [click here](#). Call Jeff @ 816-853-8010 (Kansas City, MO).

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### EAA 569 2018 Christmas Party News

*By Edi Bickford*

We will have info at the May 1 meeting on 4 possible locations for the EAA 569 December/Christmas dinner. Also, we would appreciate entertainment suggestions for our EAA 569 December/Christmas dinner with contact info please.



## Events

**York Airport (JYR)**, EAA Chapter 1055 Fly-in breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. 0800 - 1000.

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

**May 19**, Aviation Day at Silverhawk Aviation, Lincoln, NE (KLNK) 1000 – 1400; [Click here for more info.](#)

**Jun 7 – 10**, Ford Tri-Motor Tour, York, NE (KJYR); [Click here for more info.](#)

**Jun 8-10**, Nebraska State Fly-in, Chadron, NE (KCDR).

**Jun 19-22**, Air Race Classic, The Air Race Classic is the epicenter of women's air racing. The race route changes each year, approximately 2,400 statute miles in length with 8 or 9 timing points. This year, Beatrice, NE (KBIE) is on the route.

If you would like to help out with this event, contact Diana Smith (KBIE) 402.223.5349 <https://www.airraceclassic.org/>.

**Jul 23 - 29**, AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI <http://www.airventure.org/>.

**Sep 3 - 9**, National Stearman Fly-in, Galesburg, IL ([KGBG](http://stearmanflyin.com/)) <http://stearmanflyin.com/>.

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### Upcoming Young Eagle Events

May 19<sup>th</sup> – Lincoln, NE (KLNK)

June 9<sup>th</sup> – Beatrice, NE (KBIE)

If you can help in any way (pilot or ground support) please contact our Young Eagles Coordinator, Cristi Higgins. Her contact information is on the front page.

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