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## Meeting Announcement

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

**Time:** 7:30pm

**Program:** Rob Branting

Rob Branting is an amateur historian for the former Lincoln Air Force Base in Lincoln, Nebraska. Living in Lincoln most of his life, those years spent below the flightpath of the Lincoln Airport drove a curiosity in aviation and later history. A Nebraska Admiral, his work with the history of the Lincoln Airport includes research, veteran interviews, a website dedicated to the base and documentation. In addition, he has been a guest speaker with the Preservation Association of Lincoln as well as a volunteer with the Strategic Air and Space Museum and the Minuteman Missile National Historic Site.

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

## President's Message Erick Corbridge



Wow, the year is almost over. Where did the time go? I made it to the chapter breakfast and I was impressed by the turn out. The cars were parked out all the way to the main street. There was very little room on the ramp for any more aircraft to tie down. And of course the breakfast was delicious as always. I got caught up with old friends and did some hanger flying. It's November and that means it's time for elections once again. Anyone who wants to get more involved with the club and with more activities, this is the time to come forward. I hope to see everybody at the November meeting. Happy landings!



*"Low and Slow"*

## Earl Benson has left his turret for the last time

By Dennis Crispin

In a recent EAA 569 Newsletter, we printed a book review about *Out of the Turret and into Hell* by V. Elaine Benson. If you missed it go to our website [www.eaa569.org](http://www.eaa569.org) and open the October Newsletter.

It is the story Earl Benson, child of the depression, B-17 ball turret gunner and internee in the infamous Nazi Stalag prisoner of war camps. He survived the very worst that his generation had to endure.

Earl Benson passed away on the morning of Tuesday October 12, 2011.

Vicky, Earl's wife and author of the book, called to tell of us of Earl's passing and to thank us for printing the review.

In recent months Vicky has managed to do some effective promotion of the book. It is now carried by several online book sellers and if you google the book's title you can find a number of reviews that have appeared in the national media.

A few weeks ago Vicky did a really excellent radio interview. It is a little hard to get to, but you can hear it if you:

1. Go to the website [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org)
2. click on more VFW sites
3. click on the link to the national defense
4. click on weekly segments
5. scroll down to Author V. Elaine Benson 09/24/11

The heroes of what we rightly call the Greatest Generation are now leaving us at a rapid rate. Soon this important part of history will pass from living memory. It is so very important that we save the personal stories of these Americans for later generations. We thank Vicky for preserving Earl's story for us.

## EAA Breakfast Notice

By Roger and Charlotte Aspegren and Norman and Joyce Sell

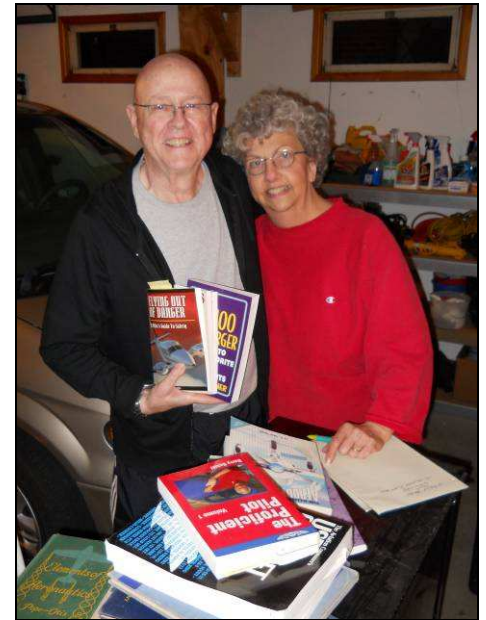
It has been our pleasure for the past many years to serve breakfast to a great group of aviation enthusiasts. As all things must come to an end, we are sorry to announce that the breakfast on December 17, 2011 will be the last breakfast served by us. We hope that some members will pick up the reins to continue this tradition. If you are interested, please contact your EAA President or other officer.

*(Chapter Members, this is a huge void. We all need to step up and keep this tradition going. – Ed.)*



**“Looks like it just got stuck in ground effect!”**

## Aviation Books Donation



A BIG thanks to Chuck and Judy Oden who donated a truckload of books to the Chapter. We'll add them to the Chapter Toolbox for checkout.

## Flying Wild Alaska

By Doug Volkmer

The second season of the Discovery Channel television series *Flying Wild Alaska* begins on Friday, Oct. 28 at 9 p.m. The show is about a family run airline that handles everything from large, cross state commuter flights to tiny off-airport "bush" flights. The show depicts the challenges the pilots face flying in Alaska with the rugged terrain and unforgiving weather. The family made an appearance at Oshkosh this year. They said they have received plenty of applications to work at the 200 pilot, 70 airplane operation since the first show aired. This is a good show. Tune it in!

## Roger Aspegren, the Sparkplug of EAA Chapter 569, is Honored at Breakfast.

By Dennis Crispin

The EAA 569 Fly In Breakfast at Crete Airport had an added feature on Saturday, October 15; it became a surprise party to honor Roger Aspegren, EAAer extraordinaire.

The party was attended by a large number of family, personal friends, and EAA friends as well as the usual fly in breakfast attendees. The crowd looked like a who's-who list of Nebraska general/sport aviation.

It was appropriate that the monthly breakfast be selected as a time to honor Roger. He has been the prime organizer of the breakfast for a number of years. Known for his skill at the grill, he always gives any one who orders cheese on their omelet a little (in fun) static. (If truth be known, he probably doesn't have quite the aversion to cheese that legend holds.)

A long time member of EAA 569, Roger has served in all the chapter offices and has preformed the functions of Newsletter Editor, Young Eagles Chairman and Membership Chairman. As Nominations Chairman he always manages to twist enough arms to find a slate of candidates for the annual election of officers.

Whenever a major chapter event is in the works, Roger is a significant contributor, if not the chief organizer. His accomplishments include mall shows, Young Eagle events, picnics, fly-ins, and aircraft exhibitions. His graphic skills keep the chapter well supplied with

signs, posters, banners and brochures. The membership directory that he compiles and publishes each year is a must-have resource for anyone working on club projects.

Roger is a frequent participant in AirVenture Oshkosh. He has stated that flying his newly completed Kit Fox to the worlds greatest aviation celebration is one of his best personal adventures.

As a detailed and meticulous craftsman, his KitFox and RV-9A are fine examples of the homebuilder's art. The creative graphics on the RV gather admiration wherever it goes. Roger's current project is an RV-12 which is well along in its construction.

The highlight of Saturday morning's festivities came when Roger's friend, neighbor and Channel 8 news anchor, Rod Fowler performed the ceremony which commissioned Roger as an Admiral in the Great Navy of the State of Nebraska.



A number of years ago, when he was club president, Roger instigated the *Spark Plug Award*, an annual recognition given to a member who has contributed significantly to the workings of the organization.

Roger Aspegren is certainly THE Spark Plug of EAA Chapter 569.

## A SPECIAL DAY

I'm not sure how all this "fuss" got started last Saturday but I strongly suspect Andy Lahr and Norm Sell had a big part in it. I know I did not deserve all that attention but I will have to say it was great seeing so many of my friends coming out and making this a special day for me...or did you all just come for the great breakfast? The monthly breakfast has been the highlight of the month for me for many years. I always said when it was no longer fun I would quit. Now I will say it is still fun but I must quit for other reasons. Thanks everyone for supporting our fly-in/drive-in breakfast and I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I, and can find a way to continue them.



In my new role as an Admiral in the Nebraska Navy, I find I will be very busy commanding some of our fleet and try hard to keep all our tadpoles and goldfish in readiness to defend our shores, and as soon as I find some Officers, we will immediately start searching for our shores.

At ease.

Admiral Roger E Aspegren

# Chapter 569 October Breakfast



*(Photos submitted by Dennis Crispin)*

## Minutes of the Club Meeting October 4, 2011

The meeting was called to order by President Erick Corbridge at 7:31 PM.

Following introductions, Dennis Crispin presented a slideshow of Oshkosh 2011. This was Dennis's 27<sup>th</sup> visit to Oshkosh.

Tom Henry provided a Treasurer's report. The Chapter was able to setup at the Guardians of Freedom Airshow at minimal cost to the Chapter.

The Guardians of Freedom Airshow was a success. There was lots of literature handed out.

The Young Eagle event in Fremont, NE on Sept 10<sup>th</sup> provided rides for 63 kids by 3 pilots.

Tom Henry has put down a deposit at the Knoll's for the Chapter Christmas Party on Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.

It is time to round up candidates to be officer's for 2012.

A vote was taken for another Chapter movie night. A show of hands showed there was interest.

It was suggested to put Jeff Clausen's and Mark Pearson's name on the Memorial Wall at Oshkosh.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to use a part of the Richard C. Miller Memorial fund for the Air Academy program attended by Chris Bruner.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 PM.

Doug Volkmer for  
Doug Elting, Secretary

## Classifieds

### Get your Big Red gear!



Chapter 569 member Doug Prange is selling 1<sup>st</sup> N Ten tee shirts like the one pictured above. They are available in black or red, with sizes ranging from S, M, L, XL and XXL. Price is \$15 each (\$16.50 for the XXL). Mention Chapter 569 and Doug will give \$5 back to the Chapter. If you are interested, contact Doug at [doug@prangephotography.com](mailto:doug@prangephotography.com). Be sure to check out Doug's aerial photography at [www.prangephotography.com](http://www.prangephotography.com).

### 2007 Van's RV-9A



Time to sell my RV-9A. This is a strong running airplane that can go anywhere right now. Runs on auto gas with a very economical burn rate. Cruise speed is 170 MPH and the prop and engine combination are smooth as silk. More info at [http://www.geicodevelopment.com/rv\\_9a1](http://www.geicodevelopment.com/rv_9a1) or contact Roger Aspegren - 402-797-5825

### Partially completed RV-12

Partially finished RV-12 for sale. Wing kit is 90% done. tail cone kit is 100% done, fuselage kit is not yet started and interior kit still in boxes. Price will be negotiated. Contact Roger Aspegren - 402-797-5825

### FOR SALE 1978 Piper Tomahawk



PA-38-112 2216 TTAF&E  
Very Clean, new August, 2011 Annual  
All AD's Current. \$18,500 obo

More Pictures at <http://tbarjne.com>

Email Tom at:  
[td\\_johnson@tbarjne.com](mailto:td_johnson@tbarjne.com)

### 1996 Van's RV-6



ARV-6 with 185 HP Titan engine (210 smoh by Nevada Engines), TT 820. New Sterba prop, King KY96 com, Apollo SL60 GPS-com & Apollo 360 moving map, Narco AT50 Txp mode C, RST-504 audio panel, electric flaps, manual pitch and aileron trim. Strobe, nav, taxi & landing lights. Digital Tach & Hobbs. New altimeter, oil temp, tires, brakes and seats. Built by an AP. Great short field performer and fast cross country plane. Bought last December and flown 120 hours since but have decided to go Sport Pilot. Based in Seward, NE. 402 643-3464 or Cell 402 540 5679. Asking \$ 56K obo. • Contact Charles H. Krutz, Owner - located Seward, NE • Telephone: 402.540.5679 . 402.643. 3464

### FOR RENT

Nice Cessna 152 available for rent out of LNK. \$85/hr includes all fuel and oil...you provide the fun! Complete checklist and radio script always handy. No instructor charge for rental checkout. Call John Cox 402 239-3953

## Events

**York Airport (JYR)**, EAA Chapter 1055 Fly-in breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month. 0800-1000. Free will donation.  
**Crete Airport (CEK)**, EAA Chapter 569 Fly-in breakfast on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month. 0800-1000.

### It's Party Time!

EAA Chapter 569  
Annual Christmas Party

The Knoll's Restaurant  
2201 Old Cheney Rd., Lincoln NE

Sunday December 4, 2011

Social Gathering 6:00pm  
Buffet Dinner 6:30 pm

Walk ins are welcome!

*Christmas Music by a Barber Shop Quartet*

*2011 Highlight Video*

*Door Prizes*

Mail Below Portion With Payment

### EAA Chapter 569 Christmas Party Reservation

\$20.00 per buffet meal, includes non-alcoholic beverage, tax & gratuity  
(Cash Bar Available)

Send your reservation & payment to:

Tom Henry  
1360 S 96th Rd.  
Firth, NE 68358

Please enclose payment of \$20.00 per meal with your reservation

Make checks payable to: EAA Chapter 569

Dinner Reservation for # \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make Nametags For:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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