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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, November 5th

Time: 7:30pm

Program: Husker Motorsports

(More info about Husker Motorsports on page 6)

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



President's Message Harold Bickford

Our next meeting is Tuesday, November 5th, 7:30pm at the Duncan MPI shop. It is election night and we will be voting for a new President and Treasurer.

Our program for November is being presented by Husker Motorsports Formula SAE. They are a UNL student team who every year design and build a formula style race car from the ground up. Much of the same process of designing and building aircraft comes into play here. The presentation should be most interesting both from motorsports and flying perspectives!

Last month Harold and Edi with their San Diego family members went to watch Team Oracle (Sean Tucker and Jessy Panzer) perform at the Miramar Air Show. This particular show is always a good mix of military and civilian flight exhibition. The U.S. Navy Blue Angels and Royal Air Force Red

Arrows were among the featured performers.

The following week they went to Payson, AZ for more motorglider flying. As has been pointed out before this is a different approach to flight. The emphasis is on endurance and distance via altitude rather than straight and level at cruise. The difference is especially apparent when in gliding or power-off mode. Getting the best glide can be challenging while the concept of the flattest glide possible is simple to understand.

Our final meeting of the year will be the chapter Christmas/Holiday party scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at the SAC museum. The social hour will run from 5:30 pm with dinner and program to follow. Along with chapter awards we will have Col. Charlie Daubs, a former SR-71 pilot, as our featured speaker. Afterward there will be tours of the museum. We will be sharing the evening with Chapter 80 from Omaha (Millard) and IAC 80 (MAC80) from Seward.

Reservations are \$36.00 each which includes dinner and admission to the museum. Please have your reservations in to Doug Volkmer by November 15 as the museum needs a full count for the event.

This should make for a good gathering of flying folks with the SR-71 as a backdrop. The event was popular last year and with more joining us it should be a great evening.

We look forward to seeing everybody on November 5!

Harold Bickford,
Chapter President

Dawson Pilot Completes California Barnstorming Tour

Mark Novak, a retired Air Force pilot living in Dawson, NE just returned from flying the B-29, "Doc", on a month-long barnstorming tour of the west coast.

He and his crew of 7, left Wichita on Sept. 12, and proceeded to tour Albuquerque, Phoenix, Van Nuys, Chino and China Lake, CA. They also attend the Miramar NAS airshow and the Sacramento Capital City Airshow. They returned to Wichita on October 11th after flying over 5 hours from California.

While on tour, the aircraft did 20 Living History Flight Experiences where enthusiasts ride on the plane and experience the thrills of flying in the very rare aircraft. While flying at the two airshows, over 500,000 people were able to see the aircraft in flight. The highlight of the month-long tour was the chance to fly formation with the Navy's Blue Angels. A photo expose can be found on the both the Blue Angels and B-29 Doc Facebook pages.

As the airshow season winds down, Mark has only two more airshows on the 2019 schedule. He is planning on a very busy 2020 season as there will be many 75th Anniversary remembrance of the end of World War 2.

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The Blue Angels in perfect symmetry with Doc.



"Doc," above flying in formation with the Blue Angels. Right: Pilot Mark Novak looks to his left out the window of "Doc" to see the Blue Angels. Photo by Brett Schauf.



Brett Schauf
Visual Media Group

Summer Recap

By Tom Winter

Hurrah for autumn! Yes, we have to get out the long sleeves and jackets, and grip the cold hangar door chains with leather gloves, and soon, we'll even have to preheat the engine overnight for the engine to start in the morning, but performance is great in the cooler air, and the air is smooth.

Not that the summer wasn't swell: there was the joy of camping out at Clinton, Iowa (CWI) with my 150 at "Cornkosh."

The yearly 150/152 gathering is called "the Confab in the Corn" since CWI is surrounded by Iowa cornfields. It is just unforgettable: Get out of the tent, wipe the dew off the 150, preflight, and launch into the sky of the golden dawn. So handy! At home, by contrast, the airport is a 25 minute drive, or a 45 minute bike ride. But at Cornkosh, the tent is right next to the Blue Bird of Happiness. And some mornings with the folding bike that lives behind the seats, I biked to a tiny Iowa town, Low Moor, IA, Pop: 420, joined the local farmers at their morning kaffeeklatsch, and later gave an Iowa farmer a flight for an aerial view of his farm (which has been in his family 150 years!) I made a friend for life doing that. And yes, we're Facebook friends now.

Yes, summer was all right.

Another summer landmark was inventing the hundred-dollar haircut. I learned in an earlier flight in search of the old opera house that once was in Hooper, that Don's Barber Shop, right smack in the middle of Hooper's historic block, was a going concern. So one

morning, wondering where to fly, I say to myself "I need a haircut!"

So I launched, flew, and landed at the Scribner airfield, SCB, extracted the folding bike and pedaled four miles on County Road J to Hooper. Result? "Now you look like a gentleman," said Don. Curiously, SCB is closer to Hooper than it is to Scribner. Why did you fly here? I needed a haircut.

A fly in the summer ointment has been the resurfacing of LNK runway 17-35, but even this has its joys. A sample: It's a challenge for Tower to fit us little toy airplanes in with the airliners and the ubiquitous Guard refueling planes. Once, after being vectored hither and yon enough to add to my logged flying hours, I was cleared for Rwy 36 while a Husker Heavy was also in the pattern. Tower told the heavy extend its downwind. "I will call your base." But apparently unaccustomed to little Cessnas, he misjudged and called it too soon. I touched down right on the numbers, i.e. at the extreme south end of the runway.

Meanwhile, I'm taxiing, taxiing, taxiing, keeping the eyes peeled for a glimpse of Taxiway Hotel. And I hear Tower to Heavy: "Go around!" So, still taxiing towards Taxiway Hotel, I hear the four-engine jet above. I look up, and there it is. A four-engine behemoth flying overhead, just to avoid squashing Bluebird of Happiness like a bug. I felt like I was in a Martha Lunken Unusual Attitudes column! I'm sure the Guard, the Tower people, and all the GA pilots will rejoice when 17-35 reopens.

We should throw a party.

Minutes of the Club Meeting

The October meeting was held at 7:30 P.M. on October 1st at the Duncan Aviation maintenance facility. An in-depth VIP tour of the Duncan facility was curated by Tom Henry and Eric Corbridge. Members feasted their eyes upon the numerous multi-million-dollar business jets getting a wide array of upgrades, refurbishments, and inspections in a labyrinth of hangars which would be impossible to escape without a guide (but who would want to...)! Tom's expertise as a senior avionics system engineer and Eric's experience as a avionics crew leader made the tour that much more in-depth and interesting.

A short business meeting was called to order by Tom Trumble, chapter vice president. Tom confirmed that the holiday party will be held at the SAC Museum on December 7th, and that the Millard EAA Chapter 80 and IAC 80 have accepted the invitation, and the York Chapter 1055 is also invited. Dennis Crispin and two Chapter 80 members will provide tours of the museum during the event. The catering contract through Premier Catering was approved, and attending members completed menu selections for the event.

The chapter is looking for nominations of interested teenagers to attend the 2020 EAA Young Eagles Camp. There will be a Young Eagles Flight on October 18th at the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics at 9:00 A.M. for those interested in volunteering.

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A reminder for members to begin paying 2020 chapter dues will be put in the newsletter.

Elections for chapter president and treasurer duties will take place at the November meeting, which will be held at 7:30 P.M. on November 5 at the Duncan engine shop. The UNL Husker Motor Sports Race Car Design Team will provide the presentation during this meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,
Keal Bockelman, Treasurer for
Jerry Mulliken, Secretary

Hangar Chatter



Orders are being take for the 2020 EAA calendar. If you're interested, please contact President Bickford. He'll have the details at the November meeting.

Swing Under the Wings will be Friday, February 14th at the SAC Museum. "I have attended the Swing Under the Wings event for the last three years and had a great time" said Dennis Crispin. "Last year, Linda and Edie suggested that we get organized and reserve a table for EAA 569." Tickets can be purchased at www.SACMuseum.org or call 402.944.3100 ext 253.

EAA headquarters is asking us to participate in a survey. It only takes about 15 minutes to complete. EAA would like to have everyone complete the survey by December 1. Click here to [take the survey now](#).

Get a jump on 2020 and take care of your Chapter dues. The amount remains at \$20.

Whether you are a new member or renewing your membership we are encouraging members to go to the Chapter website (www.eaa569.org) and fill out the online form. To get to the form, select Join on the Chapter website home page and follow the instructions on the page. After submitting your form, you will be instructed on where to mail your \$20.

For those members who prefer to fill out the paper form, [click here](#) for a copy of the paper form.

Again, whether you are a new member or renewing your membership we ask that you fill out the form.

A perfect fall morning brought a ramp full of planes for our October breakfast. Thanks to Dennis for taking some pictures. You can view them on our website by [clicking here](#).

We can always use an extra set of hands for our monthly breakfast. If you can help out one month, we won't count on you the following month. Promise.

If you're interested in just helping setup, come around 6:30. Interested in tossing a pancake or making an omelet, come around 7:30.

From the mailbag ...



Dear Members of E.A.A.
Chapter 569:

Thank you for all your cards, prayers and concerns after Don's death.

It was nice to see so many at the picnic and thanks to Dennis for a wonderful program. It was delightful, as always. Sorry to hear there were so many problems at Oshkosh.

Also, I really appreciate your help and financing to put Don's name on the Memorial Wall at Oshkosh. And the report, pictures and book Edi and Harold brought me.

With the help of my family, I moved into The Legacy at 56th and Pioneer- Apt. 237-Lincoln, NE 68506. Still organizing but enjoying it.

Sincerely,
Yvonne Shoemaker



Three Chapters, One Party

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Saturday December 7th
5:30pm

SAC & Aerospace Museum
28210 W Park Hwy
Ashland, NE 68003

o Speaker Charlie Daubs, SR-71 Pilot

Catered by Premier Catering – Cash Bar

Please R.S.V.P. by November 15th

Enclose payment of \$36.00 per meal with your reservation
(includes admission to museum)

Make check payable to: EAA Chapter 569

Dinner Reservation for Name(s): _____

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Send reservation & payment to:

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Events

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

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

Nov-Dec, EAA Webinars. [Click here for more information](#).

Dec 7, Christmas Party, SAC & Aerospace Museum, Ashland, NE 5:30pm.

Husker Motorsports

[Husker Motorsports Formula SAE](#) is a group of students from the University of Nebraska. Every year we design, manufacture, and build a formula style race car from the ground up. We take it to competitions around the country. This year we will compete in Michigan and California. At these competitions we compete against some of the best FSAE teams in the country and even the world. The competition is composed of 4 different races as well as presentations that we give to industry professionals.

Last summer was a record breaking year for Husker Motorsports. For the first time ever, we finished the endurance race in not only one competition but both of our competitions. We also ended placing 8th overall at the Lincoln competition out of 90 other teams, while also placing 6th overall in the design competition. To the right is a table that shows how we placed in each event at both of our competitions.

Dalton Engelbart
Husker Motorsports, UNL Formula SAE

| | Michigan | Lincoln |
|--------------|----------|---------|
| Design | 19 | 6 |
| Acceleration | 44 | 4 |
| Skidpad | 58 | 7 |
| Autocross | 64 | 11 |
| Endurance | 41 | 16 |
| Efficiency | NA | 16 |
| Business | 41 | 19 |
| Cost | 43 | 22 |
| Overall | 46 | 8 |

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