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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, November 4th **Time:** 7:00pm

Program: Rich Boelts

Rich, who has built a Fisher Avenger, will discuss what is involved in covering an aircraft using Oratex Aircraft Fabric.

Place: Lincoln Airport Terminal – 2nd floor meeting room

Take your parking ticket to the information booth to get free parking.

Please note the new meeting location!



**Greetings
from
President
Tom Trumble**

October 7, 2025 Regular Meeting at Duncan Aviation

The University of Nebraska at Omaha gave a presentation at our October 7 meeting on the Flying Mavs competition team. Team leader Skip Bailey introduced team members Tyler Suing and Mason Good.

The competition includes several academic fields as well as flying events. The student pilots fly the competition events as well as participate in the knowledge events.

Tyler's specialty was the calculations using the old standard non electronic E-6B. He presented several sample problems that given enough time some of us may have solved. During the competition they have an average of 90 seconds to solve each problem.

Mason's specialty was aircraft recognition. They see a picture of an aircraft or part of an aircraft for 3 seconds and then must identify the manufacturer, aircraft name, and model number.

The team has participated in 23 national competitions and placed in the top 10 nationally for the last 16 years.

They are now preparing for the regional competition being held in St. Louis in October of 2025. With a goal of qualifying for the national competition in May of 2026. The Flying Mav's ultimate goal is to place first, over the University of North Dakota at both the regional and national levels.

EAA Chapter History

The Initial Articles of Incorporation for EAA Chapter 569 were filed with the Nebraska Secretary of State on June 9, 1976.

The signatories were directors:

Rollie Woodruff, Don Shoemaker, and Tom Trumble

The first official meeting was held at Rollie's house, 3168 Puritan Ave. Lincoln NE on July 28, 1976.

The officers were:

Rollie Woodruff – President

Don Shoemaker – Vice President

Tom Trumble – Secretary/Treasurer

2026 will be our 50th year anniversary. Please offer your ideas on what we might do to commemorate the event.

Saturday, October 18 was the last fly-in breakfast until April 18, 2026

We had a beautiful day, a great attendance with an estimated 20 fly-ins. A few pictures are elsewhere in this newsletter.

Dave Fritz received the FAA Master Pilot Award

The Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award (MPA) Program recognizes individuals who have 50 or more years of safe piloting experience or 50 or more years combined experience in both safe piloting and aircraft operations. The Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award is the most prestigious award the FAA issues to pilots.

Dave made his first solo flight in a Cessna 172 on September 22, 1974.

Dave's award was Presented by the Director of the NDOT Division of Aeronautics, Mr. Jeremy Borrell.

Young Eagles

Cristi & Paige Higgins have a Young Eagle event planned for November 8th at Seward (KSWT). We are now using the EAA web-based program for Young Eagle sign up.

<https://events.eaachapters.org>



The Christmas Party and sign-up information is on our web site EAA569.org.

You can also send your reservation to:

Mark Gaffney
7415 North 49th St.
Lincoln, NE 68514

\$25 per person.

Catering by Ricky's Café of Hanover KS.

Date: December 12, 2025

Time: 6:00pm Social, 6:30pm Dinner

Location: St. Patrick's Catholic Church Social Hall

6120 Morrill Ave. Lincoln, NE

Program: St. Patrick's Children's Choir.

Dwana Henry has been working hard on this year's party to make it a special Holiday event. I am looking forward to a good meal and good company.

A few pics from the October fly-in breakfast



NDOT Division of Aeronautics Invites Nebraska Youth to Participate in the 2026 Aviation Art Contest: “Fly to Save Lives”

The Nebraska Department of Transportation’s Division of Aeronautics is proud to announce the 2026 FAI International Aviation Art Contest, a global competition that invites youth ages 6–17 to explore the world of aviation through art. This year’s inspiring theme is: “Fly to Save Lives.”

We encourage Nebraska’s youth to showcase their artistic talents by depicting the brave aviators who come to the rescue when disaster strikes. From pilots delivering life-saving supplies and battling wildfires from above to search-and-rescue crews navigating the skies to reach those in need, aviation plays a heroic role in emergency response. Grab your pencils and show us how flight brings hope, help, and heroism to the world!

Artists compete locally, nationally, and internationally. At the state level, which has been sponsored by NDOT's Division of Aeronautics since 1986, winners are selected in three age categories: Junior (6–9), Intermediate (10–13), and Senior (14–17).

Contest Details:

- Deadline: All entries must be submitted by January 16, 2026
- Artists are encouraged to [review the contest brochure](#) for artwork size and format requirements before submitting. Rules, guidelines, the brochure, and entry forms are available at: <https://dot.nebraska.gov/aeronautics/art-contest/>
- Participants should mail their completed artwork to:

Mark Langrud, Educational Outreach Coordinator
NDOT Division of Aeronautics
1600 Nebraska Parkway
Lincoln, NE 68502

The NDOT Division of Aeronautics will announce Nebraska’s state-level winners in late January. Cash prizes for the winners are generously sponsored by the Nebraska Aviation Council.

Winning entries from Nebraska will advance to the national competition, organized by the National Association of State Aviation Officials (NASAO) and the National Aeronautic Association (NAA) in Washington, D.C. The top three winners in each age group at the national level will move on to compete in the FAI International Aviation Art Contest, which typically draws participants from 20–40 countries worldwide.

Minutes of the Club Meeting

The October member meeting of EAA 569 convened at 7:00pm in the Darlene Christianson room, Duncan Aviation. New member Terry Glaze was attending his first meeting along with twenty regulars.

Skip Bailey of the UNO Flying Mavs led the program, along with students Tyler Suing and Mason Good. The extracurricular group competes regionally and nationally in flying and knowledge events. My impression was they can spin an E-6B with the best.

President Tom Trumble opened the business meeting at 7:55pm.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved by acclamation.

Secretary Mark Gaffney reported that unspent Ray scholarship funds of \$2,935.12 have been returned to EAA. This includes \$809.52 refunded from Oracle. Other balances are as follows:

Interest on CD August	\$ 29.73
Interest on CD September	\$ 29.73
EAA 569 checking balance	\$ 9,900.27
EAA 569 breakfast account	\$ 5,018.44
EAA 569 CD	\$ 10,000.00
Total assets	\$ 24,918.71

** Checking balance will be \$6,965.15 after Ray scholarship check clears.

President Trumble opened nominations for Board of Directors. Current board members have agreed to be considered for another term and the following slate was proposed:

Director 1	President	Tom Trumble
Director 2	Vice President	Jerry Clinch
Director 3	Secretary	Jerry Mulliken
Director 4	Treasurer	Mark Gaffney
Director 5	Newsletter Editor	Doug Volkmer
Director 6	Immediate Past President	Tiffany Thompson

Dennis Crispin moved, Tom Henry seconded a motion to present the proposed slate to the membership. Other members that wish to serve are encouraged to contact Tom to be added to the slate. The motion carried.

A Young Eagles (YE) event was held September 21st at Duncan Aviation during Women in Aviation Open House. Jerry Clinch and Colin McWilliams flew 18-20 YE.

Another YE event at Duncan Aviation was held September 26. Approximately 13 St. Patrick's 8th graders took to the skies.

The next scheduled YE event is an open event at the Seward airport on November 8th.

YE's and pilots will be registering [through the EAA website](#) for future events.

Cristi Higgins forwarded a thank-you letter from Anders Krzycki to EAA 569 for sponsoring him at the 2025 EAA Air Academy.

The board is considering options for celebrating the 50th anniversary of EAA Chapter 569. June 9, 1976 was the founding date of our chapter. Suggestions are welcome. Inquiries to EAA about hosting the EAA Ford-TriMotor for an event have not brought an encouraging response.

The Midwest Aerobatic Club is considering hosting an introduction to aerobatics at the Seward airport. No date was suggested.

The September 20 EAA 569 breakfast grossed over \$700 despite less-than-ideal flying weather, thanks to a good showing by the Nebraska Corvette Association. The next breakfast is scheduled for October 18. There will be no breakfasts November through March to give a break to the volunteers when roads can be difficult to drive.

Deadline for paying 2026 dues is December 31, 2025. Dues are \$25. [Online payment is available](#) on the website, or send a check to:

EAA Chapter 569
Mark Gaffney
7415 N 59th St
Lincoln, NE 68514

The EAA Christmas Party will be December 12, 2025 at St. Patrick's Church, Finnegan Hall 6120 Morrill Avenue, Lincoln, NE, 6 pm. Catering by Ricky's Cafe, Hanover KS. Cost is \$25 per [person payable online via the website](#), or by check mailed to Mark Gaffney.

EAA 569 will next meet November 4, 2025, 7:00pm in the Lincoln Municipal Airport terminal building, second floor meeting room. Bring your parking ticket to the first-floor hospitality desk for validation. Rich Boelts will present an Oratex aircraft covering demonstration.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Mulliken, Secretary

Norm Sell

By Doug Volkmer

Chapter 569 has learned that former member Norm Sell passed away on October 9th. He was 90.

Norm was a pillar of Chapter 569. He and wife Joyce were instrumental in getting the monthly Chapter 569 fly-in breakfast off the ground. They were also proud members of the local Model T Club. Whether our Chapter was hosting the B-17 or Ford Tri-Motor, he would have his Model T Club members bring their cars out and put them on display. They were a nice addition to the tour stop and helped relive an era when times were so much simpler.



Norm at our Ford Tri-Motor event at LNK in May, 2022.

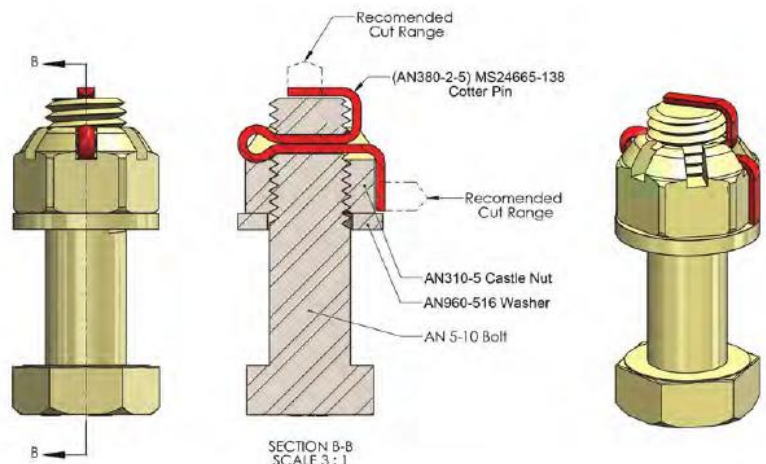
Norm was a super nice guy and always had a smile. Norm also owned a Cessna 172 in which he gave over 100 Young Eagle flights. Norm took great care of that plane and it was still like new when he sold it.

Norm will be missed. His obituary can be found [here](#).

Standard Cotter Pin Installation Diagram

Sport Pilot 2.0

Click [here to read some information](#) regarding MOSAIC put together by EAA HQ.



V-22 Osprey

By Doug Volkmer

A few of us Chapter 569 airport bums (myself, Jon S and Lyle B) were at the airport on October 24th when four V-22 Ospreys came in and landed. The military transport/cargo aircraft has both vertical takeoff and landing as well as short takeoff and landing capabilities. Duncan Aviation came over and topped them off. They departed a couple hours later. I took some video of their landing and departure. Pretty cool to see.

Click pictures to view the video.



And then on October 26th, [two of these planes landed](#) and departed 3 hours later! 😊

Flying Mavs

By Doug Volkmer

As President Trumble touched on in his opening message, part of the competition includes problem solving [using the E-6B calculator](#). They have an hour to solve 40 questions like the following. After you have done your Wordle for the day, give this a shot. 😊

- How fast is an aircraft flying if it burned 512 fluid ounces of avgas at a rate of 42.4 liters per hour over 86 statute miles?
 - a. 241 KTS
 - b. 306 MPH
 - c. 344 MPH
 - d. 388 KM/HR

(Answer on next page)



EAA 569 Annual CHRISTMAS PARTY

We invite you to join us for an evening of fellowship, great food, and festive holiday spirit!

DATE: Friday, December 12, 2025

TIME: 6:00 p.m. (Dinner served at 6:30 p.m.)

LOCATION: St. Patrick's Church, Finnigan Hall
6120 Morrill Avenue, Lincoln, NE 68507

RSVP: by **DECEMBER 1ST**
\$25 Per Person

MEAL CATERED BY:
Ricky's Café of Hanover, Kansas

ENTERTAINMENT PROVIDED BY:
St. Patrick's Children's Choir

Pay online at (eaa569.org) or mail check to:
Mark Gaffney
7415 N 49th St.
Lincoln, NE 68514



Note – If you can help, setup for the Christmas Party will take place from 4:00 – 5:00 on December 12th.

Answer to the problem

- How fast is an aircraft flying if it burned 512 fluid ounces of avgas at a rate of 42.4 liters per hour over 86 statute miles?
 - a. 241 KTS
 - b. 306 MPH
 - c. 344 MPH
 - d. **388 KM/HR – correct answer**

And finally ... Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award



As President Trumble mentioned in his message, Dave Fritz was presented the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award at the Chapter 569 fly-in breakfast on October 18th. This award signifies at least “50 years of exemplary aviation flight experience, distinguished professionalism and steadfast commitment to aviation safety.” Pictured is President Trumble, Dave and NDOT Director Jeremy Borrell. Congratulations Dave!

John Cox
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See President
Trumble if you're
interested in a
2026 EAA
Calendar!!