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EAA Chapter 569 Newsletter

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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, November 3rd **Time**: 7:00pm

Program: Brandon Boyer – Aircraft Painting

Place: Lincoln Airport Terminal – 2nd floor meeting room

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



Greetings from President Tom Trumble

Housekeeping
Please wear your name tags at Chapter meetings and events. If you need a name tag, contact Paige Higgins.

2027 Board of Directors Nominations

- Jerry Clinch — Director 1 (President)
- Bill McDonald — Director 2 (Vice President)
- Jerry Mulliken — Director 3 (Secretary)
- Mark Gaffney — Director 4 (Treasurer)
- Doug Volkmer — Director 5 (Newsletter)
- Tom Trumble — Director 6 (Immediate Past President)

The nominations were tabled until the November 3rd meeting. If you know of someone or if you would like to be on the ballet, please feel free add a name. The election will be held at the November 3rd meeting.

2026 50th Year Christmas Party

The date is December 18th. In honor of this being our 50th anniversary, current members and one guest can attend free of charge. The registration information is on our website (eaa569.org).

Ricky's Café will again be the Caterer. Lloyd McCarter is scheduled to entertain. The location will be St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 6111 Morrill Ave, Lincoln, NE.

If you have an item for a door prize, please bring it. Christmas wrapping is appreciated.

Final approach

The October Wahoo fly-in breakfast was our last for 2026. The weather was excellent, so we had several fly-ins plus the Nebraska Corvette Association in attendance. Pictures below.







Aloft, with Camera

By Tom Winter

The Bluebird of Happiness is a camera stand. First, clean the windows, and once aloft in smooth air, two-hand the camera, and one-hand it if you can when it's bumpy. There are a thousand aerial photos stored away in this laptop. Daughter Rose says all my pictures of the Nebraska landscape look alike, but each was taken for a reason, and the sand-braiding Platte is always a good reason.



But the usual reason is contour plowing art, for in my view Jackson Pollock has nothing on a Nebraska farmer suiting his tillage to the land.





And the pictures document the power of glaciers and streams. Here, looking west, are two clear boundaries: at left, Nebraska flat, marking the limit where the last glacier left rolling hills of glacial till, at right, the Platte Valley, where the Platte said “coming through!” and washed the land flat for a breadth of five miles.



And the Missouri has done the same. Here is the boundary of the Missouri Valley and the glacial till on the Iowa side.



Flying to LNK from the west, it is always a surprise to see the stark boundary between Nebraska flat and the “Bohemian Alps,” the hills which actually mark the western edge of the Pleistocene glacier.

In Greco-Roman antiquity, rivers were gods, local gods, perhaps, but unpredictable and powerful: Here we can watch the power of the Missouri show us how a river cleans out a wide flat valley in the mighty flood of May 2017.



On a smaller scale we see the Big Blue River, unhappy with its old channel and wrestling its winding way to a new one.



But no, look again: rivers do not make right angles, and at upper left it is plain to see, a brazen farmer blocked the channel that cut across his field, and forced the stream down the property line. Wow. There are stories down there.

Among my photos, I could illustrate all the construction changes at, for, instance, the Beatrice airport. Or the modern changes, from Columbus before and after its ADM ethanol plant to today's new data center at the north edge of Lincoln, but those are stories for another time.

Minutes of the Club Meeting

The October 6th member meeting of EAA 569 was held in the conference room of the Lincoln Airport Terminal, with President Tom Trumble opening the meeting at 1859 ½ hours. Fifteen members attended.

Member Dennis Crispin gave an extensive recap of AirVenture 2026, with many excellent airplane photos, and an insider's look at the grounds after the show.

There was no formal meeting at the September picnic, thus no minutes were recorded.

Tom Trumble plans to order sixteen 2027 EAA calendars. These will be available for purchase at an estimated $10 each.

Treasurer Mark Gaffney reported the purchase for the club a CD for $8,000. No interest has accrued on this as of October 6. Gaffney approved the following financial report:

Receipts	
Breakfast Income (August)	$790.00
Breakfast Income (September)	$807.00
July $10,000 CD Interest	$30.15
August $10,000 CD Interest	$30.15
Assets	
Checking Account	$5,153.77
Breakfast Account	$1,153.77
Certificate of Deposit	$10,000.00
Certificate of Deposit	$8,000.00
Total Cash Assets	**$24,307.54**
(Last Report)	*$24,918.71*

Harold Bickford moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Dennis Crispin seconded the motion. The report was accepted.

In advance of the November officer elections, Tom Trumble presented the following slate of nominees:

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

Other nominations were requested. Hearing none, Dennis Crispin moved and Cristi Higgins seconded a motion to accept the proposed slate. In order to keep nominations open, Harold Bickford moved to table the motion until the November meeting. Bill McDonald seconded the motion to table. The motion was tabled. Members interested in serving are encouraged to contact Tom Trumble.

Cristi Higgins, Young Eagle Coordinator reported a Young Eagle flight scheduled for October 16 at the Lincoln Airport. Cristi emphasized the need for more non-pilot volunteers at these events to assist with crowd control and to help answer questions. She needs more help. Cristi will serve through the 2027 season, but needs to retire at the end of 2027. Anyone willing to help with this position should work with Cristi this coming year to become familiar with operations. It will probably take 3 or 4 people to do the work Cristi and Paige have offered for something like 20 years.

EAA 569 has two reservations for the 2027 EAA Air Academy. Ages 16-17. Dates July 30-August 7, 2027. The chapter would pay registration expenses of $1700 each, and travel expenses of $500 each. With $400 of Young Eagle credits, total cost to the chapter would be $4,000. During discussion it was mentioned that the chapter sent no one in 2026. Revenue from the flight breakfasts are sufficient to cover the cost. John Cox will distribute applications to his Pius club members. Tom Trumble asked for recommendations. Cristi Higgins and Dennis Crispin agreed to review applications.

The next flight breakfast will be October 10, and the last of 2026. The Corvette club will be in attendance. The first breakfast of 2027 will be April 10.

Chapter membership renewal fee of $25 is due in December 2026. These can be paid by credit card at our website (preferred) or send a $25 check to:

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Please use the above web address to update your information even if you pay by cash or check. This keeps the member directory reliable, and assures your payment gets properly credited.

The 2026 EAA Christmas party is Friday December 18, 2026.
Location: St Patrick's Church, Finnegan Hall 6120 Morill Avenue, Lincoln, NE.
Catering by Ricky's Cafe, Hanover KS.
Free to members and one guest.
Online RSVP will be available on the EAA 569 web page.
Entertainment will be Lloyd McCarter.

November meeting will be November 3, 2026, 7 PM.
Location: Lincoln Municipal Airport, Second floor meeting room. Park in any lot or the garage and bring your parking ticket to the first floor hospitality desk for validation.
Program: To be determined.

Mark Gaffney moved, Cristi Higgins seconded a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2041.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Mulliken, Secretary

Chuck Lewis, RV-8 Owner!

Chapter 569 member Chuck Lewis recently purchased an RV-8 and has it based at KLNK. From Chuck, "*I'm a very fortunate owner of a Van's RV-8. Originally built by Nigel Speedy in 2016. Nigel has worked as the Chief Test pilot for the U.S. Test Pilot School in Mojave, CA and presently at Leonardo Aerospace in NE Philadelphia, PA. He has plans to return home to eastern Australia in early 2027. I hope I can be as good a steward in caring for this piece of art as Nigel has been. If you have time, check out the articles he's written in the Kitplanes magazine. Big shout out to Jon Sullivan for his meticulous pre-buy/condition inspection for me too!*



Congratulations Chuck! You'll love it.

EAA Chapter 569's 50th Anniversary Picnic Recap

By Doug Volkmer

A huge thanks to Holly (Shoemaker) Dixon for heading up and hosting our picnic in September. I wasn't able to attend but from what I heard and the pictures I've seen, a good time was had by all. Job well done, Holly!

If you haven't got yours yet, 50th Anniversary t-shirts are still available. Just stop in at Brandedfx (5531 Shady Creek Ct). Jim and his staff will be glad to help you. Hours are Mon thru Fri, 9:00 – 5:00pm.

They also have our standard logo (below) on file. This is an option for your shirt as well.





More pictures from the picnic can be found in the Photo Gallery on our website. Also, here's a link to the slideshow that was played at the picnic.

Updating Operating Limitations for LSRI

By EAA Staff

With the MOSAIC rule package expanding Light Sport Repairman privileges to condition inspections on experimental amateur-built aircraft, many non-builder owners (NBO) are earning their Light Sport Repairman-Inspection (LSRI) ratings to perform their own condition inspection. In order to take advantage of the LSRI certificate, the owner will need updated operating limitations with the enabling language adding LSRI owners to the list of approved certificate holders who may conduct a condition inspection on the aircraft. These operating limitations became available with the release of FAA Order 8130.2L in January 2026.

Order 8130.2L was recently superseded by FAA Order 8130.2M.

This new version brings an additional desirable change to the standard operating limitations that no longer calls out a specific flight test area (e.g. 30nm of KOSH), but instead states that anywhere in the United States that conforms with 14 CFR 91.305 is acceptable for flight testing. Section 91.305 states: *No person may flight test an aircraft except over open water, or sparsely populated areas, having light air traffic.*

For these reasons, many E-AB owners are interested in updating their operating limitations. Since the process is complex and not always intuitive, we worked with FAA DAR Joe Norris to record a step-by-step video of the process that uses the FAA's AWC portal. The video is How to Amend E-AB Operating Limitations.

Our thanks to Joe Norris for volunteering to share his expertise with the membership.

Watch video



IT'S A "TAKE-OUT" ORDER!

Chapter Dues for 2027

As we approach the end of another year, it is time to start thinking about your dues for 2027. The annual amount is $25.

Whether you are a new member or renewing your membership, we are encouraging members to go to the Chapter website (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.



And finally …

Stalking the Harvest



Your newsletter editor went up and checked out the harvest on October 21st. The weather was perfect and the farmers were busy bringing in their crops. As of late October, an estimated 55% of the state's corn crop and 75% of soybean crop has been harvested.

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Paige Higgins and Tom Trumble show off a new Chapter banner. Also wishing Tom, our fearless leader, a speedy recovery after having the TBO reset on a knee.