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NOVEMBER 1988 NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER MEETING: The next meeting of EAA Chapter 569 will be held on Tuesday, November 1st at 7:30 PM. We will meet in the meeting room at the Cobbler Inn (Shoemaker's Truck Stop, NW 48th and West "0", Lincoln). The refreshment committee for November will be Jan Perrin (in charge), Al Rosburg, Norm Sell, Gerald Severson, and Bill Sheahan. The program for the meeting will include election of officers and a video tape of the 75th anniversary of Naval Aviation. June 28, 1986 was the 75th anniversary of the first flight of an aircraft from water (Lake Keuka, Hammondsport, New York) by Glenn Curtiss in a Curtiss Pusher with an OX-5 engine. The Mercury Aircraft Company at Hammondsport, New York which was founded by three Curtiss engineers that bought out the Curtiss Jenny plant had the original plans for the floats of Curtiss's plane. They built a replica of the floats and Dale Crites of Waukesha, Wisconsin shipped his 1911 Curtiss Pusher (which you may have seen fly at Oshkosh) to Hammondsport, New York. The wheels were removed and the floats were installed. Dale Crites' plane is the same model and year and with the same OX-5 engine that Curtiss made his famous flight. The open fuselage on which the tail feathers are mounted is made of bamboo fishing poles. Dale Crites was 79 years old at that time and flew the plane from the same location that Curtiss did on the lake.

January, February and March 1987 issues of Sport Aviation had articles about Connie Edwards' PBY that was being rebuilt. Connie Edwards retraced the flight of the Curtiss NC-4 across the Atlantic in his PBY in May 1986. The Curtiss NC-4 was the first plane to fly across the Atlantic Ocean. This PBY was at Hammondsport and I was fortunate to have a ride in it with the astronaut Wally Schirra at the controls. This tape is a composit of my Sony 8mm tape and VHS and Beta tapes which Ted Oehlert has edited down to about 73 minutes. You will see the U. S. Navy Band, B-17, P-40, Harrier, and the PBY in flight. This PBY is featured in the EAA 1989 calendar.

The program for the following meeting will be a follow up tape that Connie Edwards sent to me of the official U. S. Navy pictures of the construction of the NC-1, NC-2, NC-3, and NC-4 and of the flight of the NC-4 across the Atlantic and the U. S. Navy tape of Connie Edwards retracing that flight.

Do you know what NC stands for in license numbers of aircraft? The "N" stands for Navy and the "C" stands for Curtiss.

Dick Miller

Minutes of EAA Chapter 569 Meeting, October 4, 1988

We want to thank Terry Majewski, Doc Snyder, Jim Debus, and Andy Bajc for showing their home builds under construction. It was a display of very fine workmanship, something they all should be very proud of.

A brief business meeting was held at Andy Bajc's. The treasurer's report was read and approved. Our Vice-chairman, Clay Champoux asked for nominations for next years officers. As a result of the response to this request, a nominating committee went to work and we have the following nominees:

President:	Clay Champoux Andy Bajc
Vice-President:	Jerry Carlson Terry Majewski Ken Dahle
Sec-Treas:	Dick Miller Kermit Wenger

The meeting was ajourned and all who wanted refreshments met at Village Inn where we discussed the home builds under construction and airplanes in general.

Treasurer's Report

Balance Brought Forward	838.42
Income	0.00
Expense - 1989 Calendars	155.42
Current Check Book Balance	<u>683.14</u>

Submitted by Dick Miller

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Sunday, November 6, 1988 there will be a Chili Feed starting at noon at Brown's Airport, Weeping Water, Nebraska. It is a rain or shine Fly-In or Drive-In Chili Feed.

The 1989 Calendars are in so bring your pocket book for your calendar and your 1989 dues.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Enclosed with this newsletter is a sign-up sheet for the Chapter 569 Christmas Party. Please read and return the reservation form by November 20th (Note that reservations must be made in advance) at the very latest but preferably at the meeting. As noted, reservations may be mailed to Dick Miller also. Hope to see you all there.

Editors Note: I noticed the nominating committee forgot the office of newsletter editor. Nominations from the floor will be accepted before elections if any of you aspiring writers out there want to "go for it". Just because I have had this job for almost forever, I don't want you to get the idea that I think that I own the job. Ted



Our annual Christmas **party this year** will be held at the Legionnaire Club, 5710 O St. on Dec. 4, 1988. We plan to start our evening at 6 o'clock with an "altitude

and attitude" adjustment hour (cash bar). **Buffet will begin at 7:00.** Our buffet will include **roast beef**, chicken, and numerous other Legion Club specialties. Cost per person is \$10.00.

Live entertainment is planned with several surprises through out the evening that even your wife or guest will enjoy.

It is imperative that we have your response back by Nov. 20th as we must give an accurate dinner count to the Legion Club. Save yourself the cost and hassle of finding a stamp and envelope by returning the bottom portion with your money at the Nov. 1st meeting. No money will be accepted at the door.

Mark your calendar for Dec. 4th and make plans now to attend.

If you are unable to attend the Nov. meeting mail your check and bottom portion of this announcement to:

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_____ Number attending _____ Amount _____ Check

_____ Cash

