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Meeting Announcement

Date: Tuesday, October 1st

Time: 7:30pm

Program: Duncan Aviation Tour

Tom Henry and Erick Corbridge will lead a tour of Duncan Aviation.

Meet at the Duncan Aviation main lobby at 7:30pm sharp.

Tour concludes at 8:15pm followed by a short business meeting in the lunch room.

Place: Duncan Aviation
3701 Aviation Rd
Lincoln, NE 68524



**President's
Message
Harold Bickford**

Our October meeting will be a tour of Duncan Aviation. Tom Trumble is handling the event with Tom Henry and Erick Corbridge leading the tour. A short business meeting will follow after the tour. Further details are elsewhere in the newsletter.

The Bickfords' are in San Diego visiting family and taking in the MCAS Miramar Air Show. Among the featured performers are Team Oracle with Sean D. Tucker and Jessy Panzer. The week prior Harold and Edi were at the Zenith Open Hangar Days

celebration in Mexico, MO. with Charlie Becker, representing EAA.

Plans for the Christmas/Holiday party on December 7 are in full swing. As last year we have the SAC Museum as a venue for what should be a great event. More details are in the newsletter.

Also remember that the third Saturday is our monthly fly in breakfast at Crete. People are often amazed that we do this on a monthly basis. It is always nice to be able to tell them that it is a signature event for us as a chapter.

October into November should provide some good flying weather according to long range forecasts. For those working on aircraft projects this can also be a good time of year to make some progress as hangars or other work areas are not too hot or too cold to work comfortably in.

Enjoy the October meeting (10/1) 7:30 at Duncan and we'll look forward to seeing everyone at the October fly in!

Harold Bickford,
Chapter President

Young Eagle Events!!!

A couple upcoming Young Eagle events in October:

- Columbus, NE 9:00am, Saturday, October 5th
- Lincoln, NE 9:00am, Friday, October 18th

Contact Cristi Higgins (402-217-9763) if you are interested in flying or becoming a Young Eagle.

The Astronaut's Prayer

By Tom Winter

The Pilot's Prayer is not always answered, but it helps to remind a pilot to stay alert and take care. But if you look up Pilot's Prayer, you get this cutesy thing beginning "Give me the eyes of an eagle, the quickness of a humming bird..." Or Google will take you to a snarky, almost blasphemous parody of the Lord's Prayer, and I will spare you that.

The text of mine is simple: "Please don't let me screw up." Apt for a pilot. Any pilot I know is more afraid of screwing up than of anything.

A non-prayer variant came to me from Chuck Oden, Cessna 210 pilot, that I have kept as a personal motto. I had just landed at LNK, and was glad to be safely down, and Chuck, about to launch, invited me to fly with him to go to lunch in Beatrice.

"What? In this wind?" The wind had come up, and was more than I was going to deal with. I was quick to learn that a 210 laughs at a wind that would make a 150 tremble. Chuck Oden assured me "We're not going to do anything dumb, Tom." And we didn't. We were perfectly fine.

I often quote Chuck when starting out: "We're not going to do anything dumb, Tom." And that is a golden pilot motto, but keeping to it may require divine help! So, it is more like "Please, don't let me do anything dumb."

Fortunately for me, in my 21 years in a 150, my worst screw-up happened on the ground.

Pat Dennison, CEK manager: "What happened to your spinner?"

Of course, coming from Pat, it sounded like an accusation. I sort of confessed:

"Some bloody idiot set a hangar door on it."

"Do we know who that idiot is?"

"Yeah."

I had been horribly wrung out from a long cross-country, Clinton to Boone to LNK. I had managed to push The Bluebird of Happiness back into the hangar. Just. I should note that I like to have my plane rather close to the door, so I can wedge my heels into the lip of the hangar floor when getting the plane moving outwards. So when I put it away, I noted that I was indeed close to the door, but told myself "It's okay, I will look."

Hah! I pulled the chain and pulled the chain and utterly spaced off turning to check clearance, and "Oh, why has the door stopped coming down?"

Why? I had re-shaped the spinner with it, that's why.

So now the spinner is off, and I'm flying without the fairing. The look is different, and it reminds me "Yes, Little Boy, you CAN screw up, so watch it!"

Back to the prayer, not finding what I was thinking of, and seeming to recall that it began with an astronaut, I had better luck searching "astronaut's prayer."

Bingo! There is a Wikipedia entry called "Astronaut's Prayer." It originates with Astronaut Alan Shepard. Well, here is the entry:

Shepard's Prayer is attributed to Mercury Seven astronaut Alan B.

Shepard, the first American in space. It is usually quoted as "Dear Lord, please don't let me f#&! up", although Shepard claimed the words to be "Don't f#&! up, Shepard".[1]

Yeah, I f#&!ed up.

IMC Club. Interested?

By Jerry Mulliken

A few of us are starting an IMC Club at Fremont with the help of the national EAA. EAA is no longer requiring a local chapter to sponsor the club and there were 6 or so pilots at Fremont that were interested, so we are giving it a try. The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 22nd, 6:30pm at the Fremont Airport. It is a long drive for a meeting for many Lincoln area folks, but a short flight. Any area pilot is welcome to attend. If you are interested in IFR, you will find something of interest. Anyone interested can shoot me an email @ jmulliken@speednet.com and I will gladly send you more information.





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.

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

Oct 19, Lee's Summit, MO (KLXT), EAA 91 Fly-in breakfast, 0730 – 1100. More info: 816.956.1887.

A-10 Flyover Memorial Stadium

By Doug Prange

On August 31st, we were above Memorial Stadium trying to catch the A-10 flyover in Harry Barr's Jet Ranger. I was wearing a GoPro head strap for the first time to try and capture some video of the event. Turned out pretty good. A lot of head movement so the camera swings around quite a bit. I did get

some good still shots and have a "Cornhuskers / Tankbusters" poster available. Harry does a great job getting us in the right spot for a photo.

Here's a link to the YouTube Video: <https://youtu.be/sqEjJrKML>
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Check out more of Doug's work in his gallery by [clicking here](#).

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