

# EAA CHAPTER 80 NEBRASKA IOWA



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## IT'S FINALLY DONE!



Tom Wieduwilt and his RV-6 (N153TW) finally take to the air.

Yes, it is true. After many years of occupying his garage and other locations, TW's RV-6 has broken the bonds of earth and has gained it's freedom to fly. If you look real close you can see a very big smile on TW's face.

Congratulations TW!

By the way, how is your project coming? Our Chapter is full of members who have been there, done that, cried, laughed, cursed, sweat, scraped knuckles, spent hours looking at plans, scratching their heads, etc. If you need it, they are willing to help! Like one of our famous Nebraskan says, "Git 'er done!"

## May Meeting Time & Location

This month's meeting is Monday May 10th, 7:00 PM at Hangar One at Millard Airport. The airport is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

## May Program.

After securing several speakers, then discovering they could not speak, we have decided to go with the new EAA DVD titled "EAA Chapter Meeting Spring 2010". This DVD presents a look ahead to AirVenture 2010, a segment on Ask the AME, a message from Paul Proberezny, hints for homebuilders and last year's AirVenture presentation from Sully Sullenberger and Jeff Skiles "The Miracle on the Hudson".

And remember - each meeting always has mini-programs. These are the ones that members have with each other when talking about flying, planes and projects. So, come and have fun.

## Young Eagles

Thanks to the pilots and ground crew who helped to give 60 kids the opportunity to fly at our April 24th event. We still have more event planned for this year and are always looking for volunteers. If you have the time please mark your calendars with the following dates and come and have some fun.

May 22	0900	Council Bluffs, IA
June 12	0800	Millard, NE
July 10	0800	Millard, NE
August 7	0800	Millard, NE
September 12	0900	Plattsmouth, NE
October 23	0900	Council Bluffs, IA

## EVENTS: (B) - Breakfast / (L) - Lunch

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B) (0800-1000)	York, NE
2nd Sat	Chapter 1447 (B) (0800-1030)	Warrensburg, MO
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (B) (0800-1000)	Crete, NE
2nd Thursday	Aviation Movie hosted by Chapter 569 Lincoln, NE Joyo theater, 6102 Havelock Ave 7pm	
May 8th	20th Annual Hawaiian Fly-In	Greenfield, IA
May 29	Wings Over Atchison Fly-in	Atchison, KS
May 29	Our Poker Run	
Jun 3-6	2010 National Bi-plane Fly-in	Junction City, KS more info at <a href="http://www.nationalbiplaneflyin.com">www.nationalbiplaneflyin.com</a>
Jun 26-28	Good O Time Flyin	Gardner, KS

## POKER RUN

TW and Mike Howard have organized a poker run. It will be Saturday May 29th. Sign up at Wahoo at 9:00 AM, first plane out at 10:00 AM lunch at noon.

## Hangar Dance

There will be a Hangar Dance at the Council Bluffs airport May 15th from 6-9 PM. The cost is \$10 per person, \$15 a

couple, \$6 for kids ages 13-17 with kids under 12 free. Money raised will benefit the Nebraska Chapter of Make-A-Wish and help a team competing in the Air Race Classic. Contact member Nicole Boettger at [fly6grl9@aol.com](mailto:fly6grl9@aol.com) for more info.

## It's official - Flying is Fun!

FAA administrator says GA is the "fun flying". Federal Aviation Administration Administrator Randy Babbitt spoke at the Sun 'n Fun Fly-In over the weekend. Babbitt, the first general aviation pilot to serve as FAA administrator, said "the real fun flying is GA." Babbitt urged pilots to keep up with training and reported on the FAA's views on experimental aircraft and Light Sport Aircraft. (From AOPA Aviation ebrief)



Our April speaker was Don McBride, a Pan Am pilot who volunteered to fly the Hump for the China National Aviation Corporation (CNAC) during World War II.



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**EAA Chapter 80**  
April 12, 2010  
**Official Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Ratte at 7:00 PM. Meeting was held at Hanger One, Millard Airport, Omaha, NE.

- Jim Ratte, President
- Bill Stromenger, Vice President,
- Don Meyer, Secretary
- Ed Haffke, Treasurer.

**Treasurers Report:**

- Motion to accept passed.

**Meeting Minutes:**

- Motion to accept passed.

**Young Eagles:**

- Kathy has had business cards printed with YE dates for 2010.
- First vent of 2010 will be April 24 at Millard Airport.

**Builder's Reports:**

- TW (Tom Wieduwilt) has 4 hours on his newly finished and certified RV-6. Congratulations!

**Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:**

- None

**Fly-Out Report:**

- Planning spring fly-out/poker run, a summer chapter picnic and a fall poker run.

**Social Coordinator:**

- TW has accepted this new position.
- Planning an Ice Cream Sundae Day at Wahoo Hanger along with clean up day.
- Chapter picnic late summer, maybe late August.

**Old Business**

- YE Sponsorship: No applications have been received. There are still openings available for some of the camps.

**New Business:**

- None

**Librarian Report:**

- None

**Membership Report:**

- None

**Tool Report:**

- Engine hoist in Ronye McKay's hanger
- Trailer: AHQ
- Scales: TW
- Jacks: Ron Wood
- Brake Bleeding Set: Ron Wood
- Grills: At AHQ

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**Program:**

- We were privileged to have as our guest speaker Mr. Don McBride. Don was a pilot for Pan Am and became a member of the Chinese National Aviation Company and flew the HUMP during WWII. He flew both C47s and C46s but his preferred plane was the C47. Don shared many stories from that time and we all had a good laugh when he said that after surviving so many flights in the China-Burma-India Theater he chose to take a slow boat home at the end of the war. Don's proud family were guest at our meeting and we owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his service to our country.

Meeting adjourned

Don Meyer  
Secretary

Doug Humble is looking for someone **who has a slip roll**? He has some pieces of .020 alum. sheeting that he needs to put a radius in for constructing his CX4. If you can help, please contact him either by email [HawkiDoug@cox.net](mailto:HawkiDoug@cox.net) or phone 402-250-9075.

Call Ron Wood if you **need a plane to fly** or are looking for a less expensive way to fly. He is selling his Cessna 150 for \$17,000. Contact him at 402-333-7160 or [rwood90641@aol.com](mailto:rwood90641@aol.com)

Larry Geiger has bought a **dynamic balancing unit** and is willing to help members (for a reasonable fee) to dynamically balance their experimental aircraft. If interested give him a call at 402-430-6977.

For sale **1/4 ownership in a 1956 Cessna 172** four seat plane. Aircraft is hangared at Millard-(MLE). Aircraft has an STC for auto-gas. Share cost is \$7500.00, hourly rate is \$25.00 dry. Hangar rent (\$150.00 a mo.) and insurance (\$750.00 approx.yr.) are shared between 3 owners (for now). An ideal trainer/first aircraft or time builder. If interested, call Ken Bahr at 402-559-0133

For sale a 3hp sears **air compressor** for \$150. 240 volt. and a small glass bead **cabinet for cleaning** metal parts or aircraft spark plugs.\$50. Call Tom Wieduwilt at 734-6580 or [tewied@cox.net](mailto:tewied@cox.net).



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This photo was taken last month by Kathy Callahan on her first flight with Bruce. For five years, the Bellevue Walmart's manager and a few employees have plowed messages supporting our troops in a field which is on final approach to Offutt. Last fall's message was "Thank You For Freedom" and was just over 3000' long (13 football fields). It took them four days and unfortunately was covered by snow for most of the winter. This spring we could finally see it. Pretty awesome sight for anyone flying into Offutt! Unfortunately the photo doesn't do it justice.