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The Never Changing Aviation Issues

I have been cleaning out the closet in our den in preparation of putting our house on the market. You can not imagine the amount of aviation stuff I had buried in there. I found old maps, approach plates, Iowa & Nebraska airport booklets & maps, magazines, books, GPSs, hand held and panel mounted radios, headsets, other electronic gadgets and other interesting (to me, but the wife says it is not) stuff.

All of this stuff brought back many memories, especially all of the receipts I found back to 1993. I will not tell you how much I paid for fuel back then because I do not want to make you cry. It was interesting to read through the annual reports on my plane, like the one that stated everything was OK, which at the time was verified by a call to the mechanic. Of course I soon discovered this was not true because my instrument panel had some holes where the airspeed and attitude indicators were suppose to be. Oh, what a surprise when you are packed and ready to take the family on a trip. I guess I could have used my GPS and the turn-



Our May speaker, Dr. Patrick O'Neal of the University of Nebraska Omaha Aviation

n-slip, but the wife said something about anyway, that is another story.

I found some old magazines and aviation newsletters (like Air Safety). I thought reading them would be like taking a trip down memory lane. However, to my surprise, reading the articles was like reading a current aviation magazine. I saw articles on high fuel prices, aircraft icing, summer flying, weather, airspace rules, airport taxiing pitfalls, leaning procedures, etc. The articles summarizing aircraft accidents look just like the same ones we see today - running out of fuel, VFR into IMC, overloaded aircraft, the dreaded do you turn back to the runway or not when engine failure occurs right after takeoff, etc. It seems that, with the exception of aircraft and avionics, little has changed in the aviation community when it comes to issues of concern to pilots.

I have pondered why we see the same subjects in articles over and over. It may be that aviators have a very thick skull which needs consistent bombardment in the hopes that one smart thing will get through. Or it could be that there needs to be a way for the young aviators to gain the knowledge of us wiser older aviators. Me, I'm voting for the latter. As the saying goes, "if you live long enough you will see everything". In aviation the saying should be "if you live long enough you will see the same aviation article at least XXX times".

Now back to my interesting stuff - I will be bringing some of my old treasurers to the meeting

on Monday night. I have some books, tapes, radios, etc - all free for the taking. It was either me or this stuff, my wife said she did not care which went out the door to never return. I know she must have been joking about me, so the stuff has to go. Did I mention it was free?

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une Meeting Time & Location

This month's meeting is Monday June 13th at 7PM at Hangar One at Millard airport in Omaha. The airport is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

By the way, what are your doing July 11th? Our July meeting will be at Duncan Aviation in Lincoln. See ya there.

une Program.

The evening will be an open house event with everyone bringing their projects to the hanger. If you have a finished plane, a finished part, a finished set of plans, or a great idea bring it to share with the rest of the group. If you don't have a project, no problem, its an open house for friends and family. We will be sending out an email to get a firm head count as we are going to have some pizzas to consume during the event. I need four volunteers to give a brief talk as to how they got started building, what has been challenging, what was the biggest surprise, and recommendations for prospective builders. If you do not like talking in front of the group, bring your project anyway and we will have breakout sessions where individuals can mingle and talk about there experiences in small groups. Since we have a lot of daylight this time of the year, you might get a ride (old buzzards not young eagles) if you like. So as the old song says grab the old lady, significant other (unless you are Arnold), and bring the kids for an enjoyable evening at Hanger One, but let us know how many so we have plenty of grub!

Please call Dale McClure 9420-690-1143) if you can bring a project to Hanger One and especially if you wouldn't mind talking to the group about it.

Now a word from our May Speaker:

Dale,

I would like to thank you for having been given the opportunity to talk to you folks about our program. Hope my presentation contributed to your meeting. I really enjoyed getting together with a large group of aviation enthusiasts and talk about airplanes. The EAA does an exceptional job working with young people who are showing an interest in aviation and all of us at the Aviation Institute appreciate your efforts. If there is anything we can do to assist your organization in the future please let us know. Again thanks for the opportunity, I wish you all the very best,

Pat O'Neil

Young Eagles

We appear to be fighting the weather gods again this year. Our May event at CBF was cancelled but we hope for better weather this Saturday, June 11th. Please contact Kathy if you can help.

EVENTS:	(B) - Breakfast / (L) - Lunch	
1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B) (0800-1000)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (B) (0800-1000)	Crete, NE
June 11	Fly-in (B)	Waterloo, IA
June 12	Fly-in (B) & Air show (10am)	Clarinda, IA
June 12	Fly-in (B) NW IA Regional	Spencer, IA
June 18	Fly-in (L)	Beatrice, NE
June 19	Fly-in (B)	Maquoketa, IA
June 19	Fly-in (B)	Harlan, IA
June 25-20	6 Midwest Aerobatic Championsh	ip Seward, NE
June 25	Stearman Field Fly-in (B)(L)	Benton, KS
July 4	Fly-in (B) & Fireworks	Atlantic, IA
July 8-9	Wing Nuts flying Circus & Fly-in	Tarkio, MO
July 9	Fly-in (B)	Larchwood, IA
July 12 &	13 B-17 Tour	Lincoln, NE
July 25-31	AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI

The results of the Poker Run and Chili Feed are in ... oh, that's right, we had to cancel for lack of participation. We want to thank those in the Chapter who planned the event, but we needed a minimum number to make it a worth while event. Hopefully we can reschedule this event for later in the year.

The Wahoo Hangar. Now some words from Tom Wieduwilt: "The hangar repairs need to be scheduled. I sent an email out a few weeks ago suggesting that we need to schedule a couple of repair days that the chapter members can show up for to do construction projects, doors & windows. Jon Breeze told me that the airport management was going to replace the whole roof over the lounge and tool room, but with the rain every other day I would imagine that the roofers need a few days of good weather, as most codes require to tear off the old material (no more two and three layer roofs)... Hopefully this will get everyone thinking about planning the projects."

More words from Tom on the Wahoo Hangar.

"I rode out with Bruce and talked his ear off all the way to AHQ (He may not offer me a ride again). The hangar clean up went great, we had around 14 members and we all worked at "light speed" well, some of us were at "Lite Speed". We got the tool room cleaned, set the sheet metal brake, cleaned the main hangar and office area, wet moped the floors in the tool room and hangar. We sorted all the items in the hangar and threw out two pickup loads of unneeded items and other junk, Brad Schmidt took over the mopping of the tool room and hangar and worked like a machine; wet moping all the floors. Laura Ousley took over the refrigerator and the office area with the comment get out of my way" and completed the refrigerator, freezer and office area. It was a great turn out and the hangar and office look great and ready for the Spring Poker Run on the 21st of this month. Workers were Bruce Callahan, Ken Bahr, Kevin Faris, Jerry Morelock, Bob Cartwright, Rick Jacobsen, Dave Miller, John Breeze, Jim Rush, Brad Schmidt, Mike Howard, Steve Ousley, Laura Ousley, Tom Wieduwilt. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. Thanks to all for your hard work."

EAA Chapter 80 May 9, 2011 Official Meeting Minutes

The Chapter 80 EAA meeting was held at the Millard airport in the facilities of Hangar One. The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Callahan at 7:01 PM. There were 38 members and 3 guests present.

Treasurers Report: None

Minutes: The minutes of the April meeting were accepted with exceptions for the incorrect Young Eagles schedule in the minutes.

Membership Coordinator: Craig Vinopal reports he has name tags for two new members.

Young Eagles: Kathy Callahan reported the Young Eagles Event of April 30 flew 14 kids of the UNO Aviation Explorers program. The next event will be Saturday, May 14 at CBF and she could use some ground crew.

Builders Reports:

Larry Gitt is building a gyrocopter.

Tech Counselor: Mike Howard stated there is nothing new to report.

Fly Out: Mike Howard reports there will be a flyout to Trenton or St. Joseph Missouri on May 14 after the Young Eagles event. Members may vote which one after the Y.E. event Saturday.

Social Coordinator: Tom Wieduwilt announced a chili feed and poker run May 21 at the Wahoo hangar. **Old Business:** None

New Business:

Members cleaned the Wahoo hangar Saturday, May 7 in preparation for the chili feed.

Website:

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Program:

The program was Dr. Pat O'Neal, USN Retired of the UNO School of Aviation. He discussed the costs of a degree in aviation from UNO as compared to several other University's and private flight schools. The expect income for new pilots entering the regional and major airlines was discussed as well.

Meeting adjourned at 19:53,

Kevin Faris, Secretary

For sale **1/4 ownership in a 1956 Cessna 172** four seat plane. Aircraft is hangared at Millard-(MLE). Aircraft has an STC for autogas. 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.

1945 Piper J-3 for sale. N42596 - TTAF 2002.8 Engine TSOH 213.4. Covered with Stits. Cleveland wheel brake conversion. Skis and wheel skirts. Always hangared. Located in Grand Island. Call 402-569-2293 for info.

Wanted: Steve Farner is looking to join or create a partnership for a heavy single (6-place) or light twin. Blair airport (BTA) is preferred, but would consider other options also. He can be reached at steve.farner@bellevue.edu, or at 402-690-8751.

Pietenpol Update:

Rod Matlock of the York Chapter purchased an O-200 for his Pietenpol. He is looking for a couple of mags and harnesses and a prop. He has (4) - **A-65 Continental engines for sale or trade**, all are torn down and the parts washed clean. (2)-hollow tapered cranks, (1)- solid tapered crank and (1)- solid flanged crank. If interested please contact him at 402-362-2669 or redoakrod@stewireless.com

For Sale. Harry Wingert is selling his Kolb Twinstar MKIII. It has a 582 Rotax (65hp), 3 blade IVO propeller, BRS VLS, EIS, 17 gal fuel tank and comes with handheld radio and two headsets. . Contact harry at 402-203-5696 or geezer-two@cox.net.



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How do you weigh a plane - put it on the scales. By the way, the Gunfighter comes in at 7300 lbs empty. Thanks to Jim Rush for the photo.