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## Flying 500 Young Eagles

I have finally reached a goal that has alluded me for the past several years — flying my 500th Young Eagle. It felt like the FAA (medical), building a new house in a distant location, Nebraska Football, and the weather had conspired together to prevent me from ever reaching that goal. In fact, I thought either Harlan Hain or Tom Ostland, both with over 400, might reach 500 before I did.

It has only been the last few years that I had even thought about reaching 500. This number was far from my mind when I started flying Young Eagles in 1994. I got involved because Bill Berrick, the chapter president, knew I taught young kids at our church and suggested I give it a try. I do have to admit that my first couple of rides did not go as I had expected. I had foolishly expected every kid to love flying as much as I did.

The first kid I flew had no interest in flying. He was bored and could care less whether he was in my plane or on the ground. He was only there because his dad said he had to be. The flight was short and unenjoyable. My second flight was not much better. The kid was so scared of flying that he never looked out the window and was muttering something to himself the whole time. We were both very happy when we landed.

I was looking forward to going home when Bill asked if I would do a third flight. Before I could say no he presented three young girls who wanted to fly together. None of them had ever been in a plane and all of them were scared. So, what could I do but say yes even though I expected the same result as the two previous flights. The first indication I had that this flight was not going to be like those two flights came once we got airborne. All three girls started to scream! My first thought was - this is going to be the shortest YE flight in my short YE career. However, to my surprise these girls were screaming with joy. They were laughing, poking each other and pointing to the small ants (cars) on the ground. They were talking a mile a minute and just keep on laughing. They kept asking if I could go faster, higher, do rolls, turn tighter, go upside down, etc. They turned my first YE event into a positive experience which I will always remember. In fact, that flight ranks number one in enjoyment out of all of the YE flights I have given.

My two most memorable flights occurred when there were moms flying along in the back seat. I was happy they were there. One, because she wrapped her arms around her kid, who was gifted, to restrain him after I wrestled control of the plane away from him. He became scared when we turned final and decided to "fly" the plane. This event led to my pretakeoff briefing on never touching the yoke and to grab your knees if you become scared. The other flight was memorable because I had just cleaned the interior of my plane and removed the



Nice turn out for the projects meeting in June. Thanks to those who talked and presented material.

towels, extra hats and other stuff from the storage area. This meant that there was nothing for the young lady to throw up in when she became sick. Ok, I did have my favorite hat, but I did not consider that a proper receptacle. Anyway, the mother removed her own sweatshirt to help capture the items that had not already affixed themselves to my instrument panel and glare shield. It took me several days to get that meal removed from the plane.

In case you are thinking of going for the record on the number of Young Eagles flown, it is currently at 4350. The record in Nebraska belongs to our friend Tom Trumble in Lincoln at 631. So, if you are thinking of starting your own Young Eagle experiences, achieving your own goal, or attempting to break a record, you can start at our next Chapter YE event. It is August 6th at Millard.

Hope to see you there,

Will

## July Meeting Time & Location

This month's meeting is Monday July 11th at 7PM at **Duncan Aviation** on the east side of the Lincoln Airport. It is at 3701 Aviation Road. Please respond to Bruce or Dale by Sunday the 10th if you are going so they have a good idea of the number of people attending.

## July Program.

A tour of the Duncan Aviation facilities.

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

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B) (0800-1000)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (B) (0800-1000)	Crete, NE
July 8-9	Wing Nuts flying Circus & Fly-in	Tarkio, MO
July 8-10	EAA B-17 Tour**	Davenport, IA
July 9	Fly-in (B)	Larchwood, IA
July 10	Fly-in (B) Koinzan Airfield	Elgin, NE
July 12 & 13	EAA B-17 Tour	Lincoln, NE
July 17	Fly-in (B)	Norfolk, NE
July 14-17	Redemption Boogie - parachuting*	Plattsmouth, NE
July 23	Fly-in (D) 1600-2100	Fairbury, NE
July 25-31	AirVenture	Oshkosh, WI
Aug 7	Fly-in (B)	Red Cloud, NE
Aug 7	Fly-in (B) 0900-1100	(97Y) Genoa, NE
Aug 20	Fly-in (B) & Young Eagles	Chillicothe, MO
Aug 28	Fly-in (B)	Fremont, NE
Aug 27-28	Open House	Offutt AFB, NE
Sept 10-11	Airshow***	Lincoln, NE

For more information go to:

\* [www.redemptionboogie.com](http://www.redemptionboogie.com)

\*\* [www.b17.org](http://www.b17.org)

\*\*\* [www.lincolnairshow.com](http://www.lincolnairshow.com)

### Wing Nuts Flying Circus in Tarkio, MO (K57)

**Saturday, July 9th, 2011 - Gould Peterson Municipal Airport (K57) in Tarkio, MO**

**Presented by EAA Chapter 1405**

Breakfast open at 6:30 am and lunch will be served until the end of the show. Morning Aviation Town Hall Meeting with Craig Fuller AOPA, Rod Hightower EAA, Ed Bolen NBAA, Pete Bunce GAMA. Airshow with Sean Tucker, Greg Poe, John Klatt, Gary Rower, F-18 Demo, A-10 Demo. Static aircraft display. Silent auction and much more.

**For more information, visit: [www.wingnutsflyingcircus.com](http://www.wingnutsflyingcircus.com)**

**Need a ride to Oshkosh?** Mike Howard has an empty seat in his RV6 going from Millard to Oshkosh on Monday July 25, 2011 @ 06:00 hrs. Returning Sunday July 31, 2011 sometime in the morning.

He also have an empty bed in the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh dorm. He is willing to split the dorm room cost which is 1/2 of \$55/ night. You don't have to use the entire week of the ride to rent the room for a few nights.

Contact Mike at 402-991-0403 or [acepilot59@cox.net](mailto:acepilot59@cox.net)

**Aircraft for Sale:** 1975 Archer II, N70GK Blue-White-Maroon, 1975 Archer II N70GK Blue-White-Maroon. Good Paint (2000) and Interior (new upholstery 2005), Hangered at Millard (MLE), Fresh Annual 1 April 11 plus all 24 Month IFR Certs, Garmin Stack with a 430W plus KN64 DME and second nav/radio (KX155), AeroGuard Back up Vacuum and Century I AutoPilot, 2156 on engine, good pressures and clean oil.

Asking \$43,000 (Vref \$44,500)

Contact Jim Ratte at [jrnuke@cox.net](mailto:jrnuke@cox.net) or 402-964-2645

*EAA Chapter 80*  
June 13, 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 19:12 PM.

**Treasurers Report:** Treasurer Ed Haffke reports we have \$9252 total funds.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

**Membership Coordinator:** Craig Vinopal reports he has trimmed the membership list to current members only. Let him know if you were cut from the active list.

**Young Eagles:** Kathy Callahan reported the June 11 Young Eagles Event flew 44 kids out of 75 registered. Kathy also reported the emergency landing and fire that destroyed the B-17 "Liberty Belle" near Chicago. All seven occupants survived with minor injuries.

**Builders Reports:**

Given as part of the program.

**Tech Counselor / Flyout:** Mike Howard reports there will be a flyout to Norfolk in July.

**Social Coordinator:** Tom Wieduwilt reports the Wahoo hangar needs some serious improvements. T.W. needs four teams to handle four different projects. Three of the four hangar door cables are bad and it is unsafe in his opinion.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

- The next meeting will be at Duncan Aviation in Lincoln on July 11. You must register for this event.
- Ed Haffke cautioned all members concerning the TFR over the Ft. Calhoun power plant.

Paige Hoffart told the club of the first flight of his RV-8A on June 5.

**Website:**

[www.eaa80.org](http://www.eaa80.org)

**Program:**

The program was a combination of building experiences by members Dale McClure, Don Meyer, Ken Bahr, Larry Gitt, and Mike Howard. There were many stories and great experiences presented to the club.

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](mailto: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](mailto: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 [geezertwo@cox.net](mailto:geezertwo@cox.net) .



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One of these kids was my 500th Young Eagle.