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We may have to say good bye to an old friend

The days of "Green Lizard" flying the skies of Nebraska and Iowa appear to be over. On a windy day in November she managed to jump her chocks, turn her wing into the wind, nose over, then flip over on her back.

Let me introduce her to those of you who do not know her.

Built in August 1950, she was one of the last Aeronca Champs built (I believe the line closed in September 1950). She is a 7CCM (M for Military) with a C90 engine. N4706E has belonged to Taildragger Inc, a 12 person ownership group, since December 1986. She was originally located at the South Omaha airport, moving to Oak Tree Park in Pacific Junction, Iowa in 1995 when South O closed. Even though she performed her best on grass runways, she was moved to Plattsmouth in 2011 due to the Missouri flooding.

The Lizard has seen a lot of activity in her day. She has been used to teach people to fly, introduce people to tail draggers, dusted crops, flown over 180 Young Eagles and participated in the "Fly N for Make-A-Wish" Rally/Race events - winning in 2003 (the race was handicapped and no one could beat her on spot landings).

I first met the Lizard back in 1992 when she was located at the South Omaha Airport. However, I did not get to fly her until 1995 after she moved to Oak Tree Park. She was my first tail dragger and introduced me to the fun of flying one. That experience led to my buying a Flybaby which flew in loose formation with her on many occasions.

We should not consider her gone yet. She suffered a similar fate in November 2000 at Corning IA when gusting crosswinds resulted in a planned on, then unplanned off airport landing. As most tail dragger pilots will attest too, strong cross winds and tail draggers do not mix well. She recovered from that incident with the help of a mechanic in Canada and returned to Nebraska in November 2001. (She was ready to return home in September the month in which we were all grounded).

Those of us that know her hope she returns to the skies!!!!



January Meeting Time & Location

Our dear friend George Czarnecki at Omaha Central Cylinder has invited use back on Monday January 9th at 7:00PM. He is located across from the Post Office at Eppley Airport in Omaha at 6315 Lindbergh Drive, Riverfront Industrial Park Omaha, NE 68110

January Program.

Omaha Central Cylinder will be the program. George and his people will show us all the neat stuff they have and answer all our questions. Visit their website at: www.centralcylinder.com.

The chapter will provide pizzas and something to drink. So, please contact either Bruce or Dale if you have not already answered their "ping". We need a good head count so we know how many pizzas to order.

Anyone interested in being the newsletter editor or website master? These two positions have been held by the same two people for a number of years. The web site position needs to be filled as soon as possible while there still is time on the newsletter. Talk to Ameet or myself if interested.

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

1st Sat	Chapter 1055 (B) (0800-1000)	York, NE
3rd Sat	Chapter 569 (B) (0800-1000)	Crete, NE
Jan 28	Iowa Aviation Museum's 15th Annual Chili Fly-In	Greenfield, IA

Adults - \$5; Under 12 - \$3: Includes tour of Museum.

Aircraft for Sale new price!!: 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 \$38,500 (Vref \$44, 500) Contact Jim Ratte at jrnuke@cox.net or 402-964-2645 Jim also has a pair of Bose Aviation Headsets X (original \$991) on sale for \$600 and an ICOM IC-A24 Nav/Com Handheld Transceiver for \$225.

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.

Possible Cessna 195 Partnership Opportunity!

Have you always dreamed of owning a timeless radial engine, tail wheel, 5 seat aircraft? Me too! I am considering starting a 3 or 4 person partnership in a Cessna 195 that would be based in Plattsmouth, NE (KPMV). The candidate aircraft would be a well maintained and fully IFR capable 195B. The up front cost would be approximately \$25/k per member, \$150/mo/ea fixed cost and \$150/hr wet variable cost. Members would need airplane single engine land, high performance and tail wheel endorsement with 200+ hours total and 40+ hours of tail wheel time (pending insurance approval). If interested, contact Brian Peterson brian@epetersons.com 402-960-0011

J3 CUB and Mustang for sale

An Oklahoma 1946 J 3 Cub. It was built on August 7, 1946 and was the 7th one off the line in Oklahoma city, Oklahoma. The rebuild project is 98% complete airplane with many spare parts. It comes with an A65 continental engine (minus the cylinders) and a lot of spare parts.

Asking \$15,000. Want the Cub to go to a good home - someone that loves cubs and doesn't intend to build it for resale. 1970 Mustang Convertible, 351 V 8 Windsor 2 barrel carb, 107,000 original miles, unrestored A/C and is an Automatic. Asking \$5000.

For more info contact Jan Daniels at: Home: 402-493-0789 Cell: 402-670-2375

Or her son Deny

at: Pittsspecial1972@yahoo.com CELL: 386-847-4037 (leave a message)

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.

Photos by Dick Austin.



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Nice turn out for the January 2nd Chili Feed.
Photo by Bruce Callahan