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My Last Newsletter

Yes, it is true. This should be my last EAA Chapter 80 Newsletter. I have sold my house and will be moving into temporary housing (Ok, it is one room with a stove top, microwave, refrigerator and one bed, but I get to call it home until I retire later this year).

It has been almost 11 years (Dec 2001) since I volunteered to take over the newsletter reigns from Dean Cox. Little did I know at the time I would be doing it for so long. I thought that I might have only two or three years worth of material before someone would

volunteer to save the Chapter from my words of wit. However, no on came forward to stop the madness, hence my ramblings continued for all these years.

I would be hard pressed to pick any one article I liked the most or had the most impact on me. I covered the Fly-N for Make-A-Wish for several years, did stories on veterans and voiced my opinion on government aviation issues. I might be prejudice, but some of my favorites were about my youngest daughters Oshkosh experiences and learning to fly.

The format has changed very little since August 2003 when I started writing an article instead of just having small news items. That month was also the first time I used a photo provided by Dick Austin. I want to thank Dick for his continued support and for having a good eye to capture those treasured moments I missed over the last 9 years. In fact, almost every photo used has been from Dick as evidenced even in this newsletter.

Other changes were removing the birthday list each month (didn't get much feedback on that list) and the President's Message (just sort of stopped when we elected a new president and I never asked subsequent ones) and not continuing the "Member Spotlight", which I regret since it helped the chapter members to learn more about each other. Another regret I have is not having more articles on building. The ones I did have were borrowed from someone else because "building" is not my thing.

I want to thank those of you who supplied articles over the years. There were not many, but even the occasional break was welcomed. I want to encourage anyone who has a passion about any aviation related issue to think about contributing an article for a future newsletter. Remember, this is your newsletter and it should reflect what you want to see. I only rented it for a while and now I return it to you.

Now - whom of you is ready to step up and take over this little task?

Talking about taking over - there is still an opportunity in this chapter for a new webmaster. Ameet has been doing a great job for years and I am sure will help anyone who volunteers. Also, how long have you seen the same names on the list to the left? Maybe some of these people would like to sit in the crowd and let others lead for a while.



One of the many RC aircraft flown at the June meeting. Photo from Dick Austin.

July Meeting Time & Location

This month's meeting is Monday July 9th at 7PM at Hangar One at Millard airport in Omaha. The airport is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison. See ya there.

\mathcal{J} uly Program.

Sorry to say that Dale talked me into doing one last program. The only problem is that I still do not know what I am going to talk about. But, I promise to keep it short and hope to make it informative or entertaining or both.

Young Eagle - next events are:

Saturday, July 14, 8AM at Millard Airport (This for the SASM Museum - about 10 kids right now. I think Dale is running this event so he can fill us in at the meeting. Saturday August 11, Millard Airport.

2012 Oshkosh NOTAM

The FAA has released the EAA AirVenture Oshkosh2012 Notice to Airmen (NOTAM), and you can download yours at http://www.airventure.org/flying/index.html#NOTAM. The NOTAM, which is in effect from 6 a.m. Friday, July 20, through noon on Monday, July 30, outlines procedures for the many types of aircraft that fly to Oshkosh for the event, as well as aircraft that land and depart at nearby airports.

AirVenture bucket list

Daily airshows, workshops, concerts, camping, and thousands of aircraft make the Experimental Aircraft Association's AirVenture the largest general aviation show in the world. This year, EAA says it is taking the event to the next level, celebrating 40 years of the Vans RV and 75 years of the Piper J-3 Cub; paying tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen, Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, and all veterans; and featuring a concert by the Steve Miller Band. <u>See what EAA plans to check off your</u> <u>AirVenture bucket list this summer >></u> go to http://www.eaavideo.org/video.aspx?v=1614185291001

Check it out!

The July/August 2012 issue of *FAA Safety Briefing* focuses on making flying *fun* and is now available online at <u>www.faa.gov/news/safety_briefing/</u>. Articles focus on many of the interesting activities and opportunities pilots have to keep the spirit of fun and adventure in aviation alive and well. Check it out today!



OK, it's my last newsletter, so I get to do something different. After 14 years (on and off) the restoration of the Space and Air Museums B-29 is completed. Once again, photo by Dick Austin (On far right)

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The Chapter 80 EAA meeting was held at the RC park in Council Bluffs. These RC aircraft were very impressive. Thanks for the show guys!

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 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.

For more info contact Jan Daniels at: Home: 402-493-0789 Cell: 402-670-2375 Or her son Deny at: <u>Pittsspecial1972@yahoo.com</u> CELL: 386-847-4037 (leave a message)

Cessna 150 for sale.

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 \$14,500. Contact him at 402-333-7160 or rwood90641@aol.com.

VP-1 for sale,

Low wing, open cockpit, taildragger. Airplane is in great shape, has only 84.5 hrs. of flight time. Powered by a 1600cc. Volkswagon engine, Vertex mag and Harley carb. Has new prop with less than 1hr. on it. Comes with very extensive log book and builders notebook.Priced to sell, \$6500 Call Mark Peters @ (402)917-5982 or E-mail <u>b_tird6963@yahoo.com</u> See below photo.

(Editors note: This aircraft belonged to David Peters who was a Chapter 80 member for many years. Sadly he passed away in January at 91 years young.)





Experimental Aircraft Association



Two more of the RC aircraft at the last meeting. Photos by Dick Austin