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**New Newsletter Editor**

Hi! My name is Lester Tinnin and I volunteered to be the newsletter editor for the upcoming year. I'm not new to flying although it has been years since I was pilot in command of an aircraft. I got my ticket in 1977 and joined EAA in 1978. A friend and I owned a couple of Cessna 150's for a while and finally ended up with a 1959 Cessna 172 which was IFR certified.



I love riding motorcycles ALMOST as much as flying!

This motivated me to become IFR rated and eventually led to me becoming Commercially rated. When I last flew as PIC in 1995, I had logged around 600+ hours in various aircraft. My wife and I live in Millard and I look forward to serving as newsletter editor. All suggestions, recommendations, and photos will be greatly appreciated.

## November Meeting Time & Location

The next meeting is scheduled for November 12, 2012 at 7 PM at Millard Airport in Hangar One. Elections for President and VP will be held.

## October Program.

Jeff Skiles, current Young Eagles Co-Chairman and copilot of the Airbus which made an emergency landing in the Hudson river in January, gave a wonderful talk about the EAA young eagles initiative and the experience of landing a commercial aircraft in the Hudson river. Afterwards he spent time interacting with chapter members and other visitors.

The following is a copy of an email received by Bruce from Trevor Janz, EAA Manager of Chapters & Eagles Flights about the visit:

"Hello Dale, Bruce and Kathy,"

Just a quick note to thank you very much for your hospitality and organizing the Grass Roots Pilot Tour in Omaha! Over 120 people showed up...that is

excellent. Also, thank you for working with the SAC Museum for such an excellent setting and facility for our event. We sure did enjoy the tour the next day.

Bruce, sorry we were unable to get the chance to meet you. Rest assured, Kathy was completely in control and did a wonderful job putting things together. Kathy's positive energy is contagious! It was also very nice meeting your son Matt.

I attached the photo of Jeff Skiles presenting the Grass Roots Pilot Tour plaque.

Thank you again so very much for organizing this great event. We sure did appreciate meeting everyone and also getting valuable feedback to bring back to Oshkosh.

Keep up the great work!!

Blue skies and tailwinds!

**Trevor Janz, EAA # 656941**  
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**I've included some great pictures taken by Gene Schlegel who indicates that he has larger versions if they are needed:**



Jeff Skiles presenting the Grass Roots Pilot Tour plaque to Dale.



**Jeff Skiles - "Miracle on the Hudson"**



**This "Grand Ole Lady" needs no introduction.**

**Young Eagles Flights - Our last event for the year was scheduled for October 13 but unfortunately the weather refused to cooperate. There are no more rallies scheduled this year.**

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**Van's Aircraft** introduced an S-LSA version of the RV-12 on Thursday at AOPA Summit in Palm Springs, California. The new model will come completely built, unlike the current RV-12, which is an Experimental LSA (E-LSA). E-LSAs are essentially LSAs that comes in kit form. Van's president and CEO Dick Van Grunsven said the new model would be available early next year -- in a matter of months, that is

The first factory-built RV-12s will be a batch of 12 special edition models that will include Oregon Aero memory foam seats, autopilots, and special edition paint. The introductory price will be \$115,000, a price that Van Grunsven says is reasonable and that it "hopes

to hold” as they move beyond those initial 12 examples. He did admit that since the new RV-12 will be the first customer airplane the company will produce, it would be “an exploratory venture” to some degree.

Unlike E-LSAs, which are heavily restricted in their use for flight training, S-LSAs like the new RV-12 can be used with few restrictions on flight training, including Sport Pilot training programs, a fact that Van’s hopes will inspire sales of the new RV-12 to flight schools.

There is a short video available on Van’s website.

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**EAA SportAir Workshops:** January 27 , 2013, Oshkosh, WI. Come gain the knowledge and hands-on experience you need to see your dreams take flight. Best of all, they provide the facility, tools, and all of the expertise.

Courses offered are:

[Composite Construction](#) (2 days, \$349\*)

[Electrical Systems & Avionics](#) (2 days, \$349\*)

[Fabric Covering](#) (2 days, \$349\*)

[Sheet Metal Basics](#) (2 days, \$349\*)

(\* \$389 non-member \*)

[What's Involved in Kit Building](#) (Saturday evening only, \$25, may bring up to two family members)

For workshop info go to: <http://www.sportair.com/workshops/> and select the workshop you are interested in.

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## PIREPS Nebraska Dept of Aeronautics Oct/Nov 2012

- York Airport (JYR), EAA Chapter 1055 Fly-in breakfast (free will donation) on the 1st Saturday of every month, 0800-1000.

- Crete Airport (CEK), EAA Chapter 569 Fly-in breakfast on the 3rd Saturday of every month. 0800-1000.

-To report any tower with lights burned out contact- [www.https://oeaaa.faa.gov](http://www.https://oeaaa.faa.gov). Go to light outage reporting- under “Information Resources.” Or call 1-877-487-6867.

-June 14, 15, 2013- Holdrege( HDE) Fly-in. More information to come...

Be aware that Dale Botkin (webmaster) has put up a new Chapter 80 website and is looking for projects, interesting member articles, pictures, etc. He would love to hear from you.

### [Hightower Resigns as EAA President/CEO](#)

**October 22, 2012** - The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of President and CEO Rod Hightower today. Hightower will be returning to St. Louis to reunite with his family.

"Maura and I have five children ranging in age from pre-school to college freshman," Hightower said. "When I accepted the position two years ago I believed that we could as a family relocate to the Oshkosh area. But our family and school involvement have increased as our children advance in the schools they, and we as their parents, love. It would simply be too great a hardship on my family to move them to the Oshkosh area."

Jack Pelton, recently retired Chairman, president and CEO of Cessna Aircraft, has been elected Chairman of the Board of Directors of EAA. In his role as EAA Chair, Pelton will guide the organization through the leadership transition.

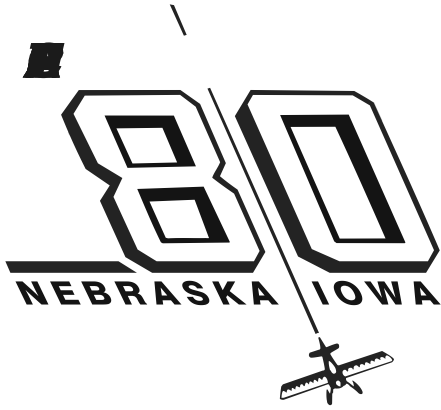
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From: “Hawkeye” Doug Humble

It appears they patched the roof a the Wahoo hangar recently. The patch is obvious as it is nestled between two large tires left on the roof for good measure I guess. We haven’t had a ton or rain lately, but things on the interior appear to be dry.

I am scheduling a Wahoo Hanger Clean Up Day for Sunday, Nov 11th, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Please come out for what ever time you can make it. We have may items to accomplish before winter sets in. We are planning on finishing and cleaning up the lounge area and restringing of the large hangar door cables We will so some preliminary work on Sat. Nov 10th as well so if you can make Sat., please contact me at 402-250-9075 for times.

There are no chapter minutes for October due to the meeting being held at the SAC museum to listen to Jeff Skiles, EAA Young Eagles Co-Chairman.



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