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JANUARY 2014 NEWSLETTER

Great turnout for the Chapter Christmas Dinner

The annual Christmas dinner held on December 13 at the Arbor Hall was a great opportunity for members to reconnect as well as wish each other happy holidays. The menu included beef and chicken, green beans, corn, salad, and a wonderful selection of holiday sweets. All in all, it was a fun time and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Thanks goes out to T.W. for his effort in pulling everything together and now we can look forward to the challenges of the upcoming year.



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I've included pictures of some of the folks who attended the dinner.







Remember—The January meeting will be held on January 13, 2014 at the Nebraska Flight Center, located at 3737 Orville Plaza, Epply Airfield in the TAC Center building. Member David Silchman will be our host.

There were no December 2013 minutes due to the Chapter having a Christmas Dinner at the Arbor Hall instead.

Year 2013 in Review

In January 2013, Heath McKeehan discussed HALO parachute jumps, high altitude jumps with low altitude openings made while in the Army.

February brought us a discussion of the Harrier AV8B aircraft by former Marine pilot Rod de Zafea.

In March, our President, Tom Mann shared with us the finer points of “Composite Construction”.

In April, Dan Petersen took us into the world of “Soaring”. Great discussion of the Omaha Soaring Society and what it takes to fly with no power.

In May, member Doug Humble discussed his progress in building a Thacher CX4.

June saw the members at the UNO Aviation Institute flying a full motion

Redbird simulator or a great Advanced Training Device (non motion simulator). It was a fun evening.

In July, David Moll of the Midwest Aerobatic Club came and tweaked our interest with some compelling reasons why a pilot should consider obtaining some aerobatic training.

And in August, Mark Gaffney, Safety Inspector based in the Lincoln Flight Standards Office (FSDO), came and shared with us GA accident statistics, and the role his organization plays in trying to reduce those numbers.

In September, member Bob Cartwright, shared with us his builders log and photographs of his eight year journey as he built a beautiful RV-7.

And last but not least, we were given a peek into the world of firefighting by John Thompson. John flies a S.E.A.T.S, Single Engine Air Tanker turboprop, an Air Tractor AT-802F specifically configured to fight fires. Now this is an interesting job which requires a high degree of skill.

Chapter 80 Young Eagles program flew 107 kids this year and again, thanks to the pilots and those who performed ground crew functions.

With that being said, I look forward to seeing all of you next year. Happy New Year!



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Nebraska Department of Aeronautics

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

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

Seward Airport (SWT) Midwest Aerobatic Club has regular meeting on 3rd Sat of the month.

NAC Aviation Symposium—January 22nd-25th in Kearney. Visit [Nebraska aviationcouncil.org](http://Nebraskaaviationcouncil.org)

Nebraska Trades Assoc Convention-February 24-26 in Kearney. Visit gonata.net