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## February 2014 Newsletter

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## Let's Put the Fun Back in Pilot Training!

Bob Meder, Chairman of the National Association of Flight Instructors (NAFI) has an interesting theory on why there has been no significant increase in the number of new pilots being licensed every year. Bob was out speaker at our January 2014 meeting.



Naturally cost, accessibility, and new regulations, (sleep apnea is a good example), are having some impact, but Bob feels that the major problem is poor customer service by flight schools and instructors. Instructors need to rethink how they are approaching flying, and what are they teaching. Large flight schools don't seem to be concerned about students. Many instructors just focus on techniques and forget about the major reason many

of us began flying, and that reason is fun. **FLYING USED TO BE FUN!** I learned to fly through my company's flying club in a C172 and most of the instructors were club members and employees. My instructor, Bill, about every fourth or fifth time I

called him to schedule would say, Lester why don't we split the cost and fly the Citabria. Which meant, we were going to spin, loop, do steep turns, and just have big fun for that hour. I loved the time I spent with Bill both learning to fly and just having fun, so I for one can relate to what Bob is saying. Bob feels that students need to be better informed about flying and the skills needed and should interview instructors to see if they are on the same page with the student, and then demand the best from your instructor. Bob himself is requesting that all pilots, FBO's, and CFI's do a better job of selling the product. Bob also recommended that those of us who are not instructors consider joining NAFI. They have a monthly magazine with lots of info and you get numerous discounts for being a member. Check them out at [www.nafinet.org](http://www.nafinet.org).

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### **REMEMBER!**

Chapter membership dues of \$25.00 are due. Please get with the membership chairman. Thanks in advance.

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### **February Meeting**

The February meeting will be held on February 10, 2014 at the Iowa Western College's Aviation Maintenance School. It is located on the SW corner of Council Bluffs Airport. Our chapter will provide pizza but expect a Pingg type communication coming out later with more information.

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### **Chapter Meeting Minutes January 13, 2014**

President Tom Mann called the meeting to order at 1900. There was one guest present, Mr. Robert Victor who is starting work on an RV6.

- **Treasurer:** No Treasurer report.

- **Membership Coordinator:** Dues for 2014 are due.
- **Young Eagles:** Done for the season.
- **Tech Counselor/Fly out::** Nothing to report.
- **Social: T.W. Reporting:**
  - Still looking for a carpenter/handyman to build a cabinet to hold our AV equipment and speakers at Hanger One.
  - Wants members to consider removing our library. Most of the info is out of date and no one is managing it.
  - Wants chapter members to bring more project components/parts to share with the members as teaching tools. T.W. is currently working on a Bearhawk kit with a friend.
  - Jerry Ronk has agreed to oversee the chapter tools. Tom is asking for a comprehensive list of what we own.
- **Tool Report:** Jerry Ronk let the members know that the scales and a tail stand is in his hanger.
- **Builders Reports:**
  - Chris Halfman states that he is down to the time consuming wiring and detail work on his RV.
  - Mike Howard reports he is finished with the fuselage, wings, cowling of his RV12. The engine is setting on the floor.
- **New Business:** Mike met with the Wahoo Airport board and was informed that they were cancelling our hanger lease as of the end of March. They are doing upgrades to the airport and need our hanger for storing airport vehicles, etc. We need to be completely out of the hanger by September 2014.
- **Program:** Bob Meder discussed flight

training. See lead article.

Website: [www.eaa80.org](http://www.eaa80.org)  
David Silchman, Secretary

### Opportunity

Dale Botkin, the chapter webmaster, is interested in forming a partnership or club to own and fly an RV-12 LSA. If this is something which interests you, please contact Dale by phone at (402) 896-6445, or email to [dale@botkin.org](mailto:dale@botkin.org).

### Highlights of Chapter Meeting at the Nebraska Flight Center

The January meeting was held at the Nebraska Flight Center. This is a flight school opened by the chapter secretary, David Silchman. It is located on Eppley airport in what was once the TAC Air hanger. David is still in the process of acquiring training aircraft but does have a functioning full motion Redbird simulator installed. It is currently configured with the G1000 panel. Check out these pictures:



David would be happy to have you come down and give the simulator a try. Contact him at 402-305-4994.





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## PIREPS

### Nebraska Department of Aeronautics

- **York Airport (JYR)**, EAA Chapter 1055  
 Fly-in breakfast (free will donation) on the 1st Saturday of every month, 8:00-10:00.

- **Crete Airport (CEK)**, EAA Chapter 569  
 Fly-in breakfast on the 3rd Saturday of every month. 8:00-10:00.

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

- **NAC Aviation Symposium**, January 22nd-25th in Kearney. For more information visit: [Nebraska aviation council.org](http://Nebraskaaviationcouncil.org)

- **Nebraska Aviation Trades Association Convention**, February 24th-26th in Kearney. For more information visit: [gonata.net](http://gonata.net)