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## May 2014 Newsletter

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## SAFETY IS STILL TOP PRIORITY

Daniel Petersen, FAA Safety Team Manager, Lincoln FSDO, provided the program this month. His emphasis was on general aviation safety. Dan is a member of EAA and has had an extensive aviation career. Dan flew for 15 years with TWA airlines, and has experience and ratings for Citations and DC3's. Currently he flies



his personal aircraft out of Crete, NE. Dan's topic was a look at a program, "Aeronautical Decision Making (ADM) and What went Wrong? - Local Accident Investigation." As safety team manager, he is continually reviewing accidents occurring in Nebraska and advising as to cause and possible fixes. In 2013, Nebraska had 11 aircraft accidents, which in fact was an improvement over 2012 when we had 21. The team has categorized causes into two areas, Basic Airman Skills (Stick & Rudder) and Aeronautical Knowledge - Know your Airplane, Regulations, Weather, and Airspace. And

as pilot in command, we need to continually be doing a personal risk assessment of ourselves with respect to currency and proficiency; of our airplane and its capabilities; the environment, temperature and/or night time; and the operation itself, do we have

to fly if one or more of the above areas is less than you would desire. Dan also referenced the WINGS program and indicated that it is a good way to stay in touch with what is going on in the aviation community and gave a strong recommendation on its usefulness. In one of our newsletters last year, I provided some information on the WINGS program, but here is the URL again if you are interested;

**[www.faasafety.gov](http://www.faasafety.gov)**

In addition to the Wings program, there is a wealth of information on the website about activities, seminars & webinars, and classes. Much of it is free.

Additionally, the members and other



aviation enthusiasts were issued an open invitation to join [www.meetup.com/Omaha-Area-Aviation](http://www.meetup.com/Omaha-Area-Aviation), which is a free web based program that allows people with similar interests to organize and meet for events and activities. Stephen Peters brought the invite to the club and was very excited

about the long term potential.

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## **Chapter 80 Meeting Minutes April 14, 2014**

The meeting was called together by President Tom Mann at 19:00 at Hanger One, Millard Airport. There were 31 members present and one guest, Bob Dryer.

A motion was made and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

- **Treasurers Report:** Report was approved as read.
- **President's Report:** A mail campaign is being planned targeting folks listed as pilots in the FAA database to try and increase and promote membership.
- **Membership Coordinator:** No Report
- **Tool Committee:** All tools accounted for. The tool list is available on our website. Hanger One is offering to sell us a shear and finger brake. The membership voted on a motion to buy the equipment and it was approved. The new equipment will remain in its current location. It was suggested that we paint "Property of EAA Chapter 80" on the items.
- **Young Eagles:** The first event of the year will be this weekend (April 19). There are 15 or 16 kids signed up and additional ground support is needed. Suggestions for advertising outlets would be welcome. It was suggested that all members should talk to their friends, colleagues, and any others who are in contact with kids about Young Eagles. Feel free to have them call Lester Tinnin on 402-658-2187.

A follow-up on the young eagles item is that

we flew 13 kids. Thanks again to the great help I had from the Callahans, Dick Austin, TW, Mike Howard, and the three pilots, Dale McClure, Ron Hefner, and Tom Ostlund. It just won't happen without this help.

- **Tech Counselor / Fly-Out:** Nothing to report.
- **Flight Advisor:** No report.
- **Social Coordinator:** Christmas Party will be held at Arbor Hall on December 12th, 2014. TW would like suggestions for the event program.
- **Builders Reports:**
  - Mike Howards' RV-12 is being painted.
  - Chris Halfman's RV-7 is complete from the firewall back.
  - Dale Botkin is working on his RV-7.
  - TW is working on a Bearhawk. Went to Sun n Fun but they had no Bearhawks there. He is enjoying his class on TIG welding.
  - Ted Drefs is building a Zenith 750 Cruiser; completed the horizontal stabilizer and rudder, and the engine is 60% completed.
  - Tom Mann reports that his engine is at Central Cylinder and is in the process of getting a stainless steel engine mount.
- **Old Business:** Nothing discussed.
- **New Business:** Awards were presented by President Tom Mann:

Chapter Service Award:	Mike Howard
Young Eagles Coord:	Lester Tinnin
Web Editor:	Dale Botkin
Newsletter Editor:	Lester Tinnin
Treasurer:	Ed Haffke
Secretary:	Kevin Faris
.....	Doug Humble
President:	Tom Mann

- **Demonstration:** There was a demonstration of an LED based (Light Emitting Diode) position lights and strobes. LED's use a minute fraction of the electrical power that older systems require and are much more durable.

Meeting Adjourned at 20:12

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

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## Great News!

Our very own, Matt Callahan, Bruce and Kathy's son has received news from EAA that he was awarded a full Private Pilot Training scholarship at Tubreaux Aviation in Shreveport, Louisiana.

The scholarship is a start-to-finish training program covering all lessons, requirements, and flight time to earn a private pilot certificate. Tubreaux Aviation's professional instructors will supply the training in Cessna 172 aircraft and Redbird Flight simulators. In addition, transportation to Shreveport and housing are provided for the three to four weeks of training. The goal is to have training and check ride completed prior to EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2014.

Matt will graduate from Bellevue West High School on May 22 and will travel to Shreveport in June. In August he will begin pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Aviation, Professional Flight at UNO. This all started in June 2008 when he wanted to go see Aluminum Overcast at Plattsmouth and was introduced to EAA and the Young Eagles program. What a great story. Please share with others the opportunities that exist within the EAA and the Young Eagles program.



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### **SportAir Workshops**

EAA SportAir Workshops: Lakeland, FL, May 5-6, 2014

Fabric Covering, 2 Days, \$349

Sheet Metal Basics, 2 Days, \$349

EAA SportAir Workshops: Broomfield, CO, May 10-11

Composite Construction, 2 Days, \$349

Fabric Covering, 2 Days, \$349

Sheet Metal Basics, 2 Days, \$349

EAA SportAir Workshop: Griffin, GA, May 31-Jun 1

TIG Welding, 2 Days, \$349

For workshop info, go to -

<http://www.sportair.com> and select the workshop you want. E-Z pay is available. Call 1-800-967-5746 if interested in this option.

### **PIREPS**

#### **Nebraska Department of Aeronautics**

-York Airport (JYR), EAA Chap 1055 Fly-in breakfast (free with donation) on 1st Saturday of every month. 8:00—10:00 AM.

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

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

-May 9 - Annual airport party in Beatrice, sponsored by Flying Conestogas. RSVP by May 1st. Call Dana 402-223-5349.

-May 31 - Strategic Air & Space Museum in Ashland is hosting an outdoor Fly-in helicopter day and indoor airshow. Start 10:00AM.

-May 31 - Scottsbluff (BFF), EAA Chap 608 hosting "Airport Family Fun Day", in conjunction with "Sugar Valley Rally" antique car race. Fly-in breakfast starts at 07:00 AM and transitions to Fly-in lunch ending at 2:00 AM. Pilots eat breakfast free.