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From the President

It's a New Year!

It's a new year for Chapter 80, but I'm still around. I'd like to thank Chris and Jennifer Beran for putting on the Christmas Party and Oracle Aviation for letting us use their facilities. If you weren't there you missed our special guest, Robert Holts, Nebraska's last known Tuskegee Airman. There aren't many of the Greatest Generation left. We need to treasure them while we can.

If you've heard of Eagle Flights (not Young Eagle Flights) raise your hand. Ah, ha. Yup. Pretty much.... nobody. The EAA started a program a couple years ago for the people not eligible to participate in Young Eagles rides. It's designed for you to be a mentor through flight training to someone that has shown interest in getting a pilot's certificate. You give them a short flight and encourage them to pursue getting into aviation. Some people may need/want a lot of mentoring. Others may just need someone to show them the direction they need to go. I have a couple people in mind and will be extending the opportunity for an Eagle Flight to them. There are free materials available on the national EAA website. You do need to be logged in to request materials. If you request materials, you won't become a publicly known person giving rides. Unless you want to become the EAA 80 Eagle Flights coordinator. If you do, drop me a message. I'm not going to push the program, but think everyone should be aware of its existence. Oh, yeah. Did I mention if you send in the paperwork for the Eagle Flight, the Eagle gets a 6-month free EAA membership, including Sport Aviation magazine? And if they turn in a receipt and acknowledgment of passing the written exam they can be **reimbursed up to \$150?** Really. Not sure of the timeline on when they take the test relative to being an Eagle, but it's in writing! They can also get a certificate after they solo and

a wood plaque with their name and certificate number after they get their certificate. For free! I have a couple of suggestions if you do happen to extend an Eagle Flight to someone. This comes from a guy that did not grow up around aviation. I would have never come down to Oracle to sit in the parking lot and watch planes takeoff and land. The airport always seemed like a place you weren't supposed to go unless you had a reason to be there. Reasons were limited to fly in an airplane and maybe delivering the mail!

1) Let the Eagle know they can come down and watch planes in the parking lot. It's a public area.

2) Probably the most important, take them into Oracle and see if there are any CFIs or other employees around to chat with. If the employees are tending to customers on the ramp and not in the office, give them a quick walk-through. At least it will familiarize them with what's there so they know they can come back again. Not only would I have not come down to the parking lot, I would have never, ever, ever stepped foot in the FBO. Ever. That's definitely a place you didn't belong unless you were flying or delivering mail. Or so I thought.

3) Encourage them to attend an EAA 80 meeting. They probably aren't building a plane if you are giving them an Eagle ride, but they can join in some hangar talk and get familiar with the local aviation community.

Did I mention the Eagle is eligible for reimbursement up to \$150 for the written exam?

See you February 13!

Chris Halfman

January Meeting Minutes

The January chapter meeting was held on January 9th at Oracle Aviation in Millard. The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Chris Halfman.

Several guests were introduced and welcomed. Bud announced his Newport 428 project at 85% done, motor installed, and expects to cover it when it warms up. Expecting to fly this spring. He transferred from EAA Chap 186.

Glenn Weaver is a CFI at KCFB. Investigating what the EAA is all about.

A third guest said he flew on the Ford Tri-Motor last year. Loves aviation, and wanted to check us out. Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the November 2016 meeting were approved as published in the newsletter (there was no meeting in December due to the Christmas party).

Treasurer's Report: Bob Cartwright reported a "flush" overall current balance of \$14,889.35. Balance does not include the Christmas party expenses (food, tables, and alcohol expenses). Treasurer's report was approved by motion. Per last year's agreement, any expenses over \$1000 needs membership approval. A motion to pay Chris Beran \$1,869.60 for the Christmas party related expenses was approved. After this payment Bob reported we will be \$780.60 in the red for the party. There was a discussion as to how to reduce the Christmas party losses (raise price, reduce expenses), but no specific decisions made. Some chapter out-of-pocket expense to host the party was considered acceptable.

Membership: Bob Condrey reported that the previously reported membership of 122 is likely higher due to members not on the sign-in list but in the database. The new number is more like 135 members. The 2017 dues are due. Write a check and mail it, or pay at the next meeting. Cash acceptable. 2017 Application Forms for data base members was handed out. These need to be checked for accuracy, marked up and mailed to Bob with the dues; or, brought in next time with the payment. A voice vote was made to approve paying up to four years dues in advance.

Tech Counselor: Mike Howard was not present. Jerry Ronk had nothing to report.

Young Eagles: Jim Beyer (Tim Hewett), proposed four dates (potentially five) to fly YE's this year. Thanks to all that flew or helped on the ground crewing last year. Last year we flew two events. For 2017 two dates are proposed in the spring, two dates in the fall, plus (a fifth) the international YE Day,

June 10th, in the summer. The 25 in 25 program was explained. This is the YE 25th anniversary, and any pilot that flies 25 young eagles this year is eligible for a pin. A fifth YE date may help some pilots achieve this goal and get a pin. Tommy Ostlund reported that Lightspeed Headsets donates each quarter a noise cancelling headset to one of the YE pilots (pilot is eligible for a drawing if he flies at least one YE that quarter). Tommy won a headset last year, worth approximately \$800+. It was agreed by motion to go with these five dates this year. Lincoln UNL graduation date is May 6th. Sept 10th is Plattsburgh Harvest Days and is done on Sunday (vs Saturdays for the others). An \$88.19 reimbursement was paid for YE expenses last year. A reminder than anyone who incurs direct YE expenses should submit for reimbursement.

Tools: Jerry Ronk reported that no tools are being used, all tools accounted for.

Builder Reports: Jerry Ronk reported on his Sonerai project. Previously he had cut the back off his fuselage. Passer-bys who looked at his aircraft wondered why he had stopped there!

Builders Meeting: Too cold, await warmer weather.

Fly-outs: Last fly-out was to Hastings on December 4th with six aircraft. Great weather for December. Excellent lunch at Napoli's Italian restaurant. No future trips scheduled at this time.

Social Coordinator: Christmas party was a success. Mr. Holts from the Tuskegee Airman attended. Inputs for future Christmas parties appreciated.

Old Business: 1) No notable progress on the scholarship award program. 2) Discussion on purchasing a cable tension meter (previously approved) during the last board meeting. Jerry and Mike need to discuss what size tension meter to obtain. 3) Eric Stadjuhar discussed his assessment of the trailer mods required – which were approved a year ago. His inspection revealed that the axles are not bent, and the tires are not wearing. There was a discussion on installing heavier duty axles and the costs in dollars and hours. It was also discussed to load an aircraft on the trailer and see if the existing axles are adequate. 4) Tommy Ostlund reported that he is working on the Ford Tri-Motor sponsorship for

this year (either Baxter or Woodhouse), and that if he gets a major sponsor Mike Howard agreed to be the Chairman. Oracle Aviation has agreed to provide shelter and fuel. Mobility Motoring agreed to provide the crew car. Motel arrangements are in work. Last year on Sunday a record 23 flights were flown. We flew more Tri-Motor flights out of Millard last year than they have flown at Oshkosh on any one day. This year the plane is scheduled to be here June 22-26. Due to the large effort this involves, we may take a year or two off after this one.

New Business: 1) Chris Halfman discussed the EAA Eagle Flights program in some detail. Similar to the YE program but geared for those 18 and older. Information is on the EAA website for those interested in doing this on an individual basis for someone they know is interested in flying. Packages from national can be obtained that includes a logbook, certificate for solo, reimbursement up to \$150 for the written exam, and 6 months free EAA membership - which includes the Sport Aviation magazine. Take them for a ride, be a mentor, and see where it goes from there. 2) Chris has not investigated going from a 501(c)7 to a 501(c)3, but there was discussion on the matter. The noted advantage of the 501(c)3 was that this status would allow someone to donate to the chapter and be able to take a tax deduction for it. This could potentially lead to larger donations to the chapter, which would be advantageous if we decided to have bigger long term chapter goals and ambitions (hangar, aircraft project, etc). We currently are a non-profit and do not pay taxes because we take in less than \$50,000 per year and do not make a profit. Setting up a 501(c)3 would take a fair amount of effort, about \$400 to register, but then fairly easy to maintain afterwards. Chris will continue to look into this. 3) Chapter tools are listed on the chapter website. If a member sees a need, they should bring it up for potential purchase. Currently very few tools are used. Tom Wieduwilt (TW) discussed the chapter's small sheet metal break that has the wrong radius for aluminum. The use of radius boots was discussed. 4) A new microphone setup is needed. One option is a better lapel microphone (>\$300), or a corded microphone stand (<\$100). More research will be done to determine cost vs. value and make a motion to vote on next meeting. 5) Need a plan on what to do with our fundraising money. Will discuss next meeting.

2016 Service Awards: The following received service awards in appreciation of their efforts supporting this chapter during 2016:

- Chris Halfman – President
- Chris Beran – Vice President
- Bob Cartwright – Treasurer
- Dale Botkin – Secretary, Newsletter, Web Page Editor
- Jim Beyer - Membership, Young Eagles
- Jerry Ronk – Membership, Tools, Tech Counselor
- Mike Howard – Tech Counselor, Flight Advisor, Ford Tri-Motor Project
- Mark Parry – Ford Tri-Motor Project
- Mark Miller – Refreshments
- Tommy Ostlund - MVP

All those that supported the Tri-Motor flights were also recognized for their efforts.

Announcements: 1) Jim Beyer announced that the IMC Club (merged with the EAA) has their monthly

meetings at Oracle Aviation on Thursdays at 7PM. Open to anyone interested in instrument flight / safety. FAA WINGS credit given for attending. Next meeting Jan 12, 2016. EAA national is discussing having a VMC Club as well. 2) Bob Condrey’s zip code to mail in the 2017 Application Form / dues should be 68005. 3) Chris Halfman modeled a shirt/ jacket with the EAA Chap 80 logo on it from Lands End. September 2016 newsletter has tutorial on how to do it and save money. One member indicated his wife has a really nice embroidering machine that can make these patches directly on clothing at a fairly low cost.

Presentation: Jon Vanderhoof gave an informative presentation on the efforts he expended to purchase a Glasair Super SII with Canadian registration and airworthiness certificate, import the aircraft to the U.S., and then obtain U.S. registration and experimental airworthiness certificate.

Treasurer’s report

EAA 80 MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT							
February 1, 2017							
<u>Checking</u>							
Acct. 310							
Opening Balance				\$14,889.35	Xmas Prty Final		
Receipts					Receipts	\$1,289.00	
					Exp	Oracle	\$200.00
1/9/17	Dues Credit	Mark Miller	\$14.45		Chris Food,Drnk,Tble		1869.16
1/9/17	50/50		\$18.00		Net (Loss)		(\$780.16)
1/9/17	Table Rent	Dale Botkin	\$40.00				
1/9/17	Dues	Chks	\$225.00				
		Cash	\$110.55				
1/23/17	YE Refund		\$88.19				
Expenses							
1/10/17	Xmas Party	Chris Beran	\$1,869.16				
1/10/17	Refresh	Mark Miller	\$14.45				
Ending Balance				\$13,501.93			

February Meeting Program

Bob Alf will be presenting a story about a trip he took to New Mexico a couple summers ago in his Super Cub for the Feb meeting. He will have pics as well.

EAA80 Young Eagles Update

First, thanks to the chapter for voting on five Young Eagle events this year. They are April 8th, May 6th, June 10th in support of International Young Eagles Day, Sep 10th in support of the Plattsmouth Harvest Festival, and Oct 21st. We'll start at 0900 in the cooler months and 0800 in June as to try and avoid the heat and associated bumps. All the events are at Millard except for the September event.

Second, if you would like to be a Young Eagles pilot or ground volunteer, please be sure you log into your HQ EAA website account to accomplish the youth protection training and background check. The training is simple and only takes about 15 minutes; and the background check is minimally painful/invasive as well.

Third, Young Eagles started in 1992 and thus 2017 is in its 25th year...over two million young Eagles have been flown to date which by my math is 228 kids per day, 365 days a year for 24 years...that's a lot! Also, in celebration of 25 years, if you fly 25 Young Eagles during 2017 you'll receive special recognition at our Christmas party and HQ will send you a pin! Oh and I think you are entered into a contest to win a headset and as Tom O. Can attest to, people do win.

Fourth, if you are not on the EAA80 Young Eagles email distribution list (or don't know if you are) please reply and we'll gladly add you. Don't worry, there aren't a lot of messages.

Finally (I guess this is more than a few words), If you have any questions, comments, problems or concerns, please don't hesitate to reply to this email or call Tim or me. Thanks for your support!

Fly safe!

Jim

P.S. I hope to have business cards with the dates on them at the Feb 13, 2017 meeting. Thanks for the template Kathy.

Upcoming Events

February 4, 2017

[EAA 1055 Breakfast \(York\)](#) at 8:00 AM

February 9, 2017

[IMC Club Meeting](#) at 7:00 PM

February 13, 2017

[EAA Chapter 80 Meeting](#) at 7:00 PM

February 18, 2017

[EAA 569 Breakfast \(Crete\)](#) at 8:00 AM

March 4, 2017

[EAA 1055 Breakfast \(York\)](#) at 8:00 AM

March 9, 2017

[IMC Club Meeting](#) at 7:00 PM

March 13, 2017

[EAA Chapter 80 Meeting](#) at 7:00 PM

March 18, 2017

[EAA 569 Breakfast \(Crete\)](#) at 8:00 AM

April 1, 2017

[EAA 1055 Breakfast \(York\)](#) at 8:00 AM

April 10, 2017

[EAA Chapter 80 Meeting](#) at 7:00 PM

April 13, 2017

[IMC Club Meeting](#) at 7:00 PM

April 15, 2017

[EAA 569 Breakfast \(Crete\)](#) at 8:00 AM

Introducing

Greetings,

As the new Newsletter Editor, I will try to keep you informed on both past events and those coming up in the next month. PLEASE let me know if there is ANYTHING that you would like to include. I know that Chapter 80 has an incredible amount of talent and experience among our members, and I look forward to hearing from every one of you who would like to share your stories. I will appreciate feedback negative or positive, especially as I get started here.

Thanks.
Bob Dyer





Auction - A Unique Opportunity

EAA 80 has two decorative props that are going to be sold to the highest bidder via a sealed bid auction. [Bids will be opened at the February 13 general membership meeting at Oracle.](#) The props are available for viewing at Oracle. The props were in the hangar after the meeting. Please contact someone in the front office if you want to take a look at the items.

Rules:

Submit sealed bids to Chris Halfman via snail or e-mail. Snail mail will remain sealed until the meeting. E-mails will be printed and put in an envelope to be opened at the meeting. (I will not be bidding in the auction. -Chris)

Submit only one document: your name, the item specified (metal or wood), and price to the whole dollar. If a bid is desired for each of the items, specify the price for each and if there is a preference of which one is desired if you happen to win both and only want one. One person can win both auctions.

Potential winning ties (similar bids) will be broken by drawing from a hat, drawn by someone that is not in the bidding.

Winner does not need to be at the meeting, but does need to arrange to pay the treasurer and remove the item as reasonably soon as possible, no later than the March general membership meeting. If the deal is not completed prior to the March meeting, the next highest bidder will be awarded the item.

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