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Notes from the President

By Bruce Mundie



It is now the third month of Covid-19 quarantine. We are all likely growing restless and eager to start Summer with some semblance of normalcy. I believe the best way forward is to follow the guidelines published by the State and slowly ease back toward what will be our new normal.

June's membership meeting will be in-person at Oracle at the Millard Airport. Nebraska is anticipated to lift public gathering restrictions on June first. All that being said, we need to take

precautions to make sure we keep our members safe:

1. If you think you are sick or you think you have been exposed, please stay home!
2. We will simulcast the meeting via Zoom. So, you can attend from home virtually if you wish to minimize your risk.
3. We will practice social distancing at the meeting. Plan on sitting apart. Masks will be encouraged. I'll have some sanitizer available at the meeting.
4. Best to bring your own snacks.

We picked up the donated Zenith project on 22 May from Millard Metals. The fuselage is in Craig Tylski's hangar at Fremont, the wings and tail are in my hangar at Eppley, and the boxes and manuals are in Mike Howard's hangar at Millard. We are actively looking for a one to two-car size shop to finish the build. If you know of a spot please let us know. Once the build site is found, we will open up the build to interested members who want to assist. The plan is to finish the Zenith, and sell it as an airworthy aircraft.

We will be polling our Young Eagle pilots this week. Scott Pridie and I would like to know where the comfort level is among our pilots to resume Young Eagle flights in July. We also should agree on *(continued)*

uniform chapter precautions that we should take at any upcoming Young Eagles event. We are on the look-out for updated guidance from National too.

I picked up the first batch of the new EAA 80 Tee Shirts. I'll bring them to the June meeting. I'll be giving one away as a door prize, a few in the usual 50/50 raffle, and they will be for sale too. All proceeds going to EAA 80!

Thanks to all our members for staying positive during this time. My best advice for now is to stay home, stay healthy, and say connected.

Bruce

Zenith Project

By Bruce Mundie

Well, it is official, EAA 80 is the proud owner of a Zenith CH 750 STOL aircraft project!



It started with an e-mail from EAA National. National contacted me and all of the other chapters in the Midwest region on the opportunity to receive a donated Zenith 750 project. Mr. Ron Parks, the owner of Millard Metals, was looking to donate his Zenith project. He wanted the aircraft to be finished and used in a flying club in the local area. EAA 80 counter offered and requested a no-strings attached donation, as the chapter would not be able to afford an engine, avionics, and finishing materials. In the end, EAA 80 was selected "no-strings attached" because of our newly established 501(c)3 charitable organization status which allows the donor to write off the donation on his taxes.

The project is about 80% complete and the fuselage is in Craig Tylski's hangar in Fremont, the wings and tail are in Bruce

Mundie's hangar at Eppley, and boxes and manuals are in Mike Howard's hangar at Millard.



If we sold the project as-is, we could expect to receive about \$8,000. If we sold a completed and airworthy aircraft, we could expect between \$55,000 and \$75,000. Mike Howard has indicated that he would procure an engine, avionics, and finishing materials so that EAA 80 could then finish and certify the aircraft. EAA 80 would then sell the aircraft and then reimburse Mike Howard for his expenses.

We picked up the project on Friday, 22 May, from Millard Metals in LaVista. With the incredible assistance of Mike Howard, Bob Cartwright, Craig Tylski, and David Leslie, we loaded the chapter trailer and made the first trip to Fremont and returned for a second load headed to Eppley.



Bob Cartwright and Craig Tylski

We are now looking for a shop to finish the project. The space would have to be about

the size of a one or two-car garage and the duration is likely to be between one and two years. If you know of a space, please let us know!

Finally, I have been contacted by potential new members who are interested in helping with the build. This is a great opportunity to reach out to new members!



A finished CH750

Member Spotlight: Ken Bahr



My aviation career started in 1965 when I joined the U S Navy as an Airman recruit. I attended the Navy's "A" school in Memphis TN. and worked on Skyraiders. That was the first "round engine" airplane I learned to start and then learned to overhaul its R3350 engine. My assignment after "A" school was to NAS Whiting Field in Milton, FL., training Squadron VT-3, where they trained pilots in the North American T28 trainer. The T28 had a R1820 engine that was rated at 1425 HP. The plane would fly about 250 MPH at sea level. There, I worked the flight-line/shop for 3-1/2 years. On certain maintenance test flights I could ride along and could also ride

along on all-night flights the instructors flew alone. Some of those flights gave me the opportunity for some unofficial stick-time. Of course, that is where I "caught the bug" to fly.

Upon leaving the Navy, returning home to Omaha, I started taking flying lessons. After earning my private pilot license in 1972, I then obtained my other ratings: commercial, instrument, multi-engine, flight instructor (single engine -land instrument, multi engine-land instrument), and ground instructor.

To date, I think the highlight of my flying has been to fly a Cessna 182 from coast-to-coast, but I did it backwards from how most people would do it. My wife and I have been married for 49 years, we have four children (three girls and one boy (a Town Manager, a Spanish Court-Interpreter, an A&P Mechanic, and a Tailor)). Currently I am building a Sonex (A) plane.

EAA Chapter 80 Meeting Minutes May 2020

The chapter meeting was held on May 11th via a Zoom On-Line Meeting (due to the Coronavirus social distancing restrictions in place). The meeting was called to order and hosted at 7 PM by President Bruce Mundie with fourteen members participating. No guests participated.

Meeting Minutes: The April 2020 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Cartwright's treasurer report was presented for May. The opening balance was \$13,448.17. Chapter receipts totaled \$100 (dues). No chapter expenses. Ending balance \$13,548.17. Credit card reader fees now gone.

Membership: Bob Condrey reported the membership at 106. Thirty-one (31) members are delinquent on dues, thirty-four (34) members are missing pictures for the directory. Seventeen (17) members have not provided their EAA Membership Numbers. Two members have incorrect email addresses.

Tech Counselors: Mike Howard assisted an RV4 inspection in Ashland for an EAA member that came up from Pensacola FL to purchase the aircraft. Aside from having a “tired” engine and instrument panel, Mike felt the aircraft was pretty nice. The Florida person purchased the aircraft.

Young Eagles: The April rally is cancelled due to the COVID-19 situation. The June rally is still on - for now. The Plattsmouth September rally/picnic is on, but is not concurrent with the STEM event (which is September 5th).

Tools: Nothing to report. Bob Cartwright reported that Jerry Ronk has returned to the local area.

Builder Reports: Bruce M provided a slide with all known current builders: Bill Haas, Berkut; Ken Bahr, Sonex; Bob Gilbert, RV-10; Jim Beyer, RV-10; Jim Beyer, RV-12; Jerry Cook, RV-14; Kim Fostvedt / Tom Wieduwilt, Bearhawk Patrol; Aviation Nation, RV-12.

Builder Meeting: The next builders meeting is TBD, expecting to visit Robert Jones in Plattsmouth.

Fly-outs: There were five aircraft and seven aviators on May 2nd that flew to Atchison KS (Mike Howard had a radiator leak issue, resolved with auto parts store!) for a brown bag lunch. On May 9th five aircraft also flew into Beatrice NE airport with seven flyers. The next fly out may be to O’Neil Ne, date TBD.

Social Coordinator: Bruce is requesting a volunteer to fill this position, which involves coordinating the summer BBQ at Plattsmouth (September 13th) and our own Holiday party later in December or January. Please contact Bruce to volunteer.

Old Business:

- Tom Ostlund verified that the Tri-Motor visit has been postponed until possibly next year.
- Bruce still needs of a refreshments volunteer for our meetings.
- Bill Moore reported that the Air Mail 100th year celebration tour will be here at Millard on Saturday, September 12th. There was a discussion by Bruce that

perhaps we can have a cookout or something concurrent with this event.

New Business:

- See Presidents Report

Presidents Report:

- Bruce provided the results of the national chapter survey that was on-line. We had only one respondent, so nothing significant to report.
- Bruce reported that the Zenith CH750 project has been officially donated to our Chapter by Ron Parks. Now we need to find a place to store it, and move it from Millard Metal Services on May 22nd. Volunteers to help move the project and/or store it are welcomed. More information on the move (2pm, May 22nd) will be coming in an email from Bruce.
- Bruce’s chapter T-shirts have arrived. They cost \$12 each, but he plans to sell them to members for \$25 to raise money for the chapter. Some will be given away with the 50-50 drawings. Bring cash to the June meeting if you wish to purchase.
- Bruce will spotlight Ken Bahr in our next newsletter. The following month will be Kenny Thomason.
- Bruce is asking that any time we go flying to put together a 10sec video and/or pictures and send them to him as he is putting together a Chapter promotion video for our website.
- Part of our 5 &10 year plan/goals is to include this Zenith CH750 project build. The idea is for our chapter to finish the aircraft and sell it. The chapter can own a project, but cannot own an airworthy aircraft, and would require a temporary LLC be set up when the aircraft becomes airworthy, fly the test hours off, and sell it – preferably to a flying club or individual locally. It was stated that the current kit cost is \$26,000, the market value is approximately \$8,000, and it would require about a \$33,000 investment to finish the aircraft. With a finished value of \$55-75K, selling it would net the chapter about \$20,000. The challenge is to find someone to provide the \$33k for an engine, avionics, and paint to finish the aircraft. Mike Howard volunteered to chair this project.

- Jim Beyer has two RV-12's in work and would like the aircraft to be placed in a flying club. The Zenith could potentially be a part of that flying club.
- Chris Halfman questioned whether the chapter has enough volunteers ambitious enough to do this project.
- Mike Howard reinforced the need for an LLC to test fly and sell the aircraft. We will also need a space to store or work on the fuselage (8' wide by 25' long). Mike can keep the wings in his basement. Bob Condrey volunteered space for the project.

Announcements:

- Mike Howard stated that the Strategic Air Museum will be having a soft re-opening on May 18th.

Raffle Drawing: No drawing this month.

Presentation: We hope to have the June meeting at Oracle Aviation. For the July meeting we plan to have "Spike" talk about the SOFIA B747 aircraft.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is June 8th, 7pm, at Millard Airport Oracle Aviation, if possible.

EAA 80 Calendar of Events



June 13 (Stem Day) Young Eagles, Millard

July 11 Young Eagles, Millard

August 15 Young Eagles, Millard

September 5 (Stem Day) Young Eagles, Millard

September 12 Air Mail 100th Centennial Commemoration, Millard



September 13 (Harvest Days) Young Eagles, Plattsmouth

October 17 Young Eagles, Millard

EAA Chapter 80 is classified as a Non-Profit Charitable Organization per section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. As

a result, we are eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions in accordance with Code section 170.

Your contributions will go towards such things as:

- ✓ Aviation scholarships
- ✓ Scholarships to send kids to EAA's Air Academy in Oshkosh, Wisconsin
- ✓ Helping promote Young Eagles events and rallies for the community
- ✓ Many other events that promote aviation in the Eastern Nebraska and Western Iowa region.

EAA 80 is a 100% volunteer organization, there are no paid members to the staff. Our only funding comes from chapter dues and occasional fund raising.

Please visit our website eaa80.org or contact an office to inquire about making a tax free donation.

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For Sale

John Slack has a set of Corbin Baby Ace wings that need a new home as he is moving to Florida. His phone is (402) 616-5356.



EAA 80 MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT

Jun-20

Checking

Acct. 310

Opening Balance \$13,548.17

Receipts

50/50			
Dues	Cash		
5/26/2020	Dues	Chks	\$50.00

Expenses

Y.E.Expense			
5/21/2020	Trailer License		\$27.00
	Refresh		

Ending Balance \$13,571.17

AS INFO June 2019 \$14076.59

Upcoming Webinars

[Predictive Maintenance](#)

6/3/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

Mike Busch

[Chapter Food Service in Today's World](#)

6/9/20, 12 p.m. CDT

Ryan Rasmussen

[Pass Your Checkride](#)

6/10/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

Larry Bothe

[Two Guys, One Airplane, and the 2018 World Advanced Aerobatic Championship](#)

6/16/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Mike Lents and Aaron McCartan

[The Doolittle Raid Story](#)

6/17/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Chris Henry

[Your Airworthiness Inspection — Be Ready](#)

6/24/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

Joe Norris

[Was Justice Served?](#)

7/1/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

Mike Busch

[Fast Track to Experimental](#)

7/8/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

Prof. H. Paul Shuch

[Shuttle, Houston — a Look Inside Space Shuttle Mission Control](#)

7/14/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Paul Dye

[Why Valves Stick](#)

8/5/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Qualifies for FAA WINGS and AMT credit.

Mike Busch

[How to Use Your Pilot's Operating Handbook](#)

8/19/20, 7 p.m. CDT

Qualifies for FAA WINGS credit.

Mike Bauer

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