



EAA 80
Meeting

MONDAY 8 June 2026
@ Oracle
7:00 PM

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Winners

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**July
Cookout!**
8 July Meeting

CHAPTER 80 NEWS

President's Corner June 2026



Happy June, everyone!

Summer is finally here, and with it comes some great flying weather. I hope everyone is getting out to enjoy some of the great skies we've been seeing! As always, thank you to the volunteers who continue to support our initiatives. Our chapter's success is built on the willingness of members to contribute their time and talents.

One topic that generated a lot of interest in our recent member survey was the idea of a chapter-owned hangar or clubhouse. The survey results made it clear that many members see value in having a dedicated space for chapter meetings, project work, educational activities, and simply gathering with fellow aviation enthusiasts.

While this idea is still in its early stages, I propose the formation of a committee to explore what a chapter clubhouse might look like and determine realistic goals for EAA Chapter 80 to consider. Achieving this will require teamwork, plenty of legwork, and likely a fair amount of sweat equity from our members. Before any decisions are made, there is much to learn about facilities, costs, partnerships, and long-term sustainability.

To get the conversation moving, we are looking for a member

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who would be interested in helping lead this effort. If the idea of shaping a future chapter home interests you, please reach out! Of course, the leader would not be expected to do this alone. If the interest for a chapter owned space is sufficient, I expect the project will get some wings.

Fly safe!

Chris Williams

President, EAA Chapter 80

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Transportation's Newsletter:**



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EAA Chapter 80 — Omaha, Nebraska

Monthly Meeting Minutes May 2026

Location: Oracle Aviation (chapter space) **Presiding:** Chris Williams, President **Notes:** Dale Botkin, Secretary

Several guests and new members were welcomed.

Chris Williams announced he and his wife are making plans to move out of state, and he will not be running for re-election as President. Chris encouraged any interested member to speak with him; he described the level of effort as monthly meeting preparation and general chapter coordination.

Rich Kolkman reports that the chapter is currently at 149 members, 74% paid. Dues collection is progressing; members are asked to keep their information current.

Newest member: Sean Woods (present at meeting). Welcome also extended to Ethan Hyman (not present).

April meeting minutes were approved as posted in the newsletter prior to the meeting.

Treasurer's report as published in the previous newsletter was approved by motion.

Scholarships

Addison Ziller (Millard West, graduating May 23) was announced as the 2026 Ray Aviation Scholarship recipient. Addison has been an active participant in the Glass Star project and has attended chapter meetings regularly. She plans to begin flight training in June at Council Bluffs and is enrolled in the UNO aviation program starting August.

Jaden Shokazar (Papillion—La Vista, currently a junior) was announced as the 2026 Rex Ekwall Memorial Scholarship recipient. Jaden plans to dedicate time to ground study alongside school, begin flight training at Council Bluffs, and build overall aviation knowledge.

Melanie Bravo, 2025 Ray Scholarship winner, completed her solo cross-country from Millard to Columbus and back.

Adam Britz (Jim Beyer Tailwheel Scholarship recipient) reported that he is a couple of weeks from his commercial checkride. His post-checkride focus will be tailwheel endorsement, building hours to assist with glider towing, and eventually instructing in tailwheel aircraft.

Tech Counselor Report: Bob recently reviewed Dave's plane. Reminder: tech counselors (Bob Condry and Mike Howard) do not charge fees. They are available for inspections, mentoring on tool use, and questions about acceptable practices.

Young Eagles: Young Eagles Day Saturday, May 16 at Oracle Aviation. Currently two pilots booked; goal is to fly 20 young eagles. Pilot and ground crew volunteers are needed; contact Scott Pridie.

Builder reports were given for two airplanes under construction.

Glaster chapter build report: Wing riveting continuing; nearing completion of wing buttoning-up. Goal: finish wing, remove from jig this month. Next phase: tail end of fuselage — mount rudder, lower hinge, bell crank parts, minor fiberglass work. Build sessions: Sundays 1–5 PM at Oracle. Cancellations posted to Chapter Builds group (contact chapter to be added).

Kit Fox: A party is still considering making an offer; no formal offer placed yet.

Upcoming Events & Announcements

IMC Club – Thursday 5/16; guest speaker: Omaha TRACON.

VMC Club - Seeking a volunteer leader. Contact the chapter if interested.

June Meeting will be at Oracle Aviation.

July Cookout / Barbecue date confirmed as Monday, July 13 (chapter's normal meeting) at Oracle Aviation.

AirVenture Camping - Sean has reserved chapter camping spots at AirVenture. A few attendees already confirmed. Contact Sean to join the group camp.

Offutt Air Show Static Display - Chapter is seeking members willing to fly in and display their aircraft at the EAA AirShow. Contact Bruce Mundie if interested.

STEMaha program is winding down; seeking someone to take over as lead. The final event will be at Upchurch Elementary School, May 26–27. Hague Howey expressed gratitude to the volunteers who made a meaningful community impact.

Omahawks RC Club - Field at 138th & Fort at Standing Bear Lake. Thursday night training sessions started last week; ~40 attendees at first session. 6:00 PM until dark, weather permitting, every Thursday.

In Memoriam: Brian Smith, retired from the National Weather Service and longtime active aviation community member, passed away last weekend. The chapter extends condolences to his family and friends.

Koehler's Korner



I would like to emphasize a little more on the new Condition Inspection changes for homebuilts because of MOSAIC (Modernization of Special Airworthiness Certification) again this month. You may have to get your Operations Limitations reissued!

Let's back up and start at the basics. First off, when your homebuilt (Experimental - Amateur Built) was issued its Special Airworthiness Certificate, there were attached several pages titled "Operating Limitations." Included in the Limitations will be a paragraph requiring the aircraft to have an annual periodic safety inspection, better known as a condition inspection. MOSAIC has changed the rules for who can conduct and sign for the inspection. In the old days, the inspection could be done by the (one, only) designated builder that has obtained a Repairman Certificate for the aircraft (N-number will be listed), or an A&P Mechanic. In the case of the Repairman Certificate, it can only be issued to one of the builders and issued only once. So, in the pre-MOSAIC days if you bought a completed homebuilt, you had to find an A&P to have the annual condition inspection done. Under MOSAIC, issued back in Nov of 2025, the FAA has added holders of Light Sport Repairman Certificates to the list of folks that can do the homebuilt condition inspection. Specifically, if you take the Light Sport Repairman Inspection course, which can be done on a

weekend, you will be able to do the condition inspection on any homebuilt you own, and if you do the two to three week Light Sport Repairman Maintenance course, you can do condition inspections on any homebuilt! Only glitch is that the FAA system is not ready to do the paperwork!

There are two problem areas. First, the FAA Order for how the FAA Inspectors should issue the certificates has not yet been updated. I believe this is FAA Order 8130.2K. The other problem is that there is controversy over whether your Operating Limitations will have to be updated. EAA has taken the position that an update to add wording specifically allowing someone with a Light Sport Repairman Certificate (I or M) is not needed, but the FAA seems to be leaning the other way, stating in their brochure version of the MOSAIC document that a reissue of the Operating Limitations is required! To make things even more fuzzy, I have heard of some FSDOs (Flight Standard District Offices) issuing LSA Repairman Certificates for homebuilts and updating Operating Limitations, but most I am told will not! Also, post 911, all FSDOs went hyper on security. You can no longer just walk in. I have heard of appointments not being available for two or three months out!

As one would expect, there has been a surge in people wanting to take the LSA Repairman classes. My local EAA Chapter is sponsoring one next month. Be careful, though, it might take the FAA many months to catch up with the paperwork with the latest MOSAIC legislation, and then it might take you a few months to get an appointment to do the paperwork.

I don't like what I am writing, and as far as I know, no one is personally to blame. It is just the inertia in the federal bureaucracy, I think. Be careful, if you plan to do your own condition inspection this year; you might still have to find an A&P.

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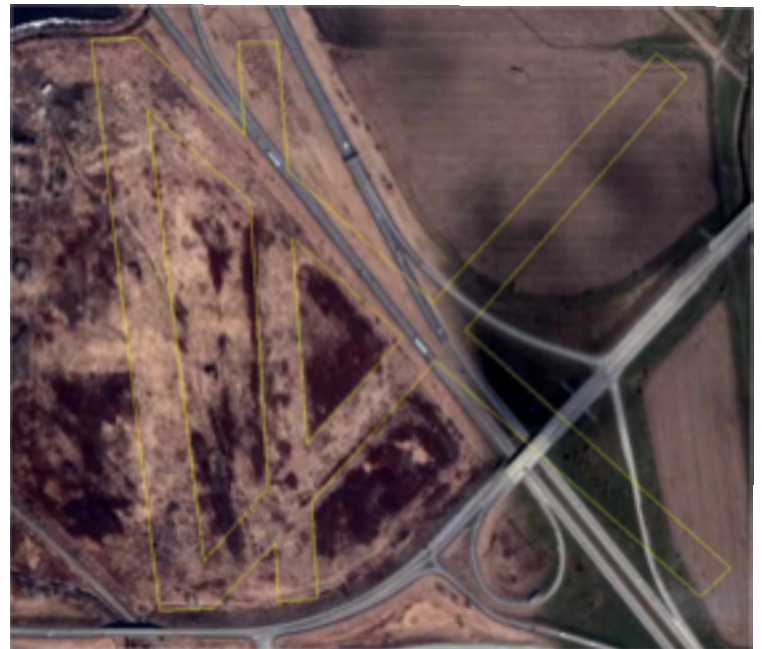
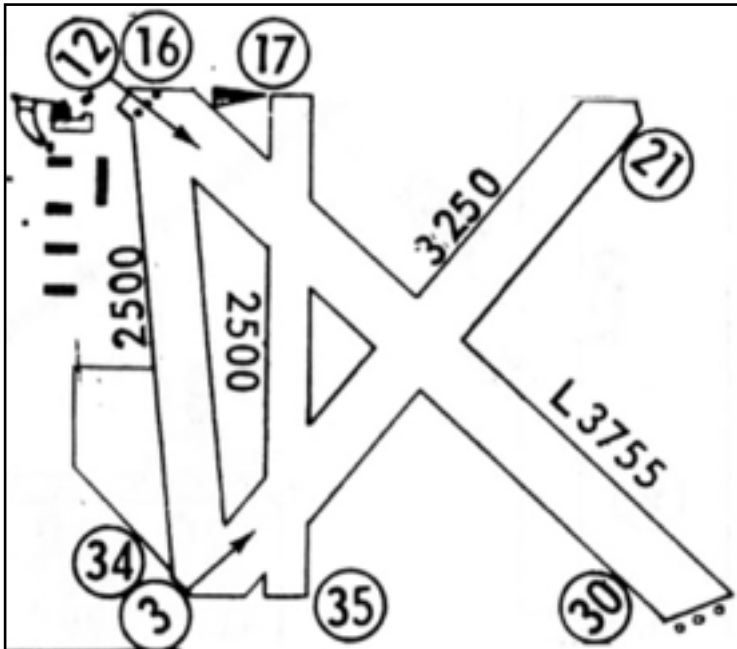
Keep building, flying, and maintaining.

Dick

05/2026

Airport Puzzler:

From last Month: The old Council Bluffs Airport was located North of Lake Manawa where the intersection of I-29 and Hwy 275/90 now resides. The Starbucks, Panda Express, Longhorn Steakhouse, T.J. Maxx and Panera Bread are now located where Rwy 34/16 and 17/35 were located.



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Calendar

REOCCURRING EVENTS			
Sundays	Glstar Build	1:00 - 17:00	Oakview Mall
June 2026			
Mon 8	Membership Meeting	18:30 Social 19:00 Start	Oracle Aviation
Sat 13	EAA 569 Fly-In B-Fast	08:00 - 10:00	Wahoo Airport
Sat 13	Young Eagles	08:00 - 12:00	Millard Airport
Sun 14	Dennison Boy Scout Breakfast	07:00 - 12:00	Dennison Airport
Wed 17	GP Wing CAF Cookout	17:30 - 19:00	Council Bluffs Airport
Sat 20	Nebraska State Fly-In	08:00 - 14:00	Fremont Airport
Sun 21	Harlan Flight Breakfast	07:30 - 11:00	Harlan Airport
Sat 27	Aurora Fly-In Breakfast	07:00 - 10:00	Aurora Airport
Sat 27	Antique Acft Assoc Lunch	11:30 - 13:00	Hastings Airport
July 2026			
Mon 13	Membership Cookout!	18:30 Social 19:00 Start	Oracle Aviation
Wed 15	GP Wing CAF Cookout	17:30 - 19:00	Council Bluffs Airport
Sat 18	Young Eagles	08:00 to 12:00	Millard Airport
Mon-Sun 20-26	AirVenture Fly-In		Oshkosh Airport
August 2026			
Sat 1	EAA 569 Fly-In B-Fast	08:00 - 10:00	Wahoo Airport
Mon 10	Membership Meeting	18:30 Social 19:00 Start	Oracle Aviation
Sat 15	Young Eagles	08:00 - 12:00	Millard Airport
Wed 19	GP Wing CAF Cookout	17:30 - 19:00	Council Bluffs Airport
Sat 29	Antique Acft Assoc Lunch	11:30 - 13:00	Hastings Airport
September 2026			
Mon 14	Membership Meeting	18:30 Social 19:00 Start	Oracle Aviation
Wed 16	GP Wing CAF Cookout	17:30 - 19:00	Council Bluffs Airport
Sat 19	Young Eagles	08:00 - 12:00	Millard Airport
Sat 26	Antique Acft Assoc Lunch	11:30 - 13:00	Hastings Airport

EAA 80 MONTHLY TREASURER REPORT

May-26

Income

Annual Member Dues	\$50.00
Jim Beyer Scholarship	\$500.00
TOTAL INCOME/RECEIPTS	\$550.00

Expenses

Oak View Rent	\$150.00
Food & Drink	\$58.28
TOTAL EXPENSES/OUTFLOWS	\$208.28

Assets

Jim Beyer Scholarship (included in Checking Balance)	\$3,781.02
Pinnacle Bank CD's	\$42,596.63
Glstar Project	\$25,000.00
Shirt Inventory (est)	\$400.00
Checking Account Balance	\$40,144.78
Venmo Balance	\$2,973.99
TOTAL ASSETS	\$114,896.42

2026 EAA 80 Ray Scholar



Hi all! My name is Addison Ziller, and I just graduated from Millard West High School. I am attending the University of Nebraska here in Omaha and am in the aviation program there. I will be flying out of Millard for my training with Reagan Freeman as my CFI. My goal is to become a commercial pilot for one of the big airlines, hopefully SouthWest with some of my family members. I am super excited to be able to fly this upcoming month!

2026 EAA 80 Rex Ekwall Scholar

My name is Jayden Shokrgozar, and I'm a Up and coming Senior at Papillion-La Vista High School, class of 2027. Through Civil Air Patrol and competitive wrestling, I've built the discipline, leadership, and mental toughness that shape everything I do.

That drive led me to earn the Rex Ekwall Memorial scholarship for my Private Pilot License, a milestone that made my future feel very real. I plan to pursue a degree in Aerospace at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University's Prescott campus, or gaining a B.S In Aviation with a Professional Flight concentration at the University of Nebraska Omaha.

Whether I find myself in a commercial cockpit or serving my country through military aviation, I'm committed to earning my place in the sky, whatever that path looks like.



2026 Jim Beyer Memorial Tail Wheel Scholarship Winners



I live in Omaha with my wife Jaci. I've been fascinated by aviation my entire life, but it took me a while to finally get into the cockpit. I grew up on the shores of Lake Michigan under the arrival path to our local airport. Summer days were filled with airshows, commercial traffic, and the occasional F-16 or F-18 thundering overhead. Those moments planted a passion that never faded, even when flying felt like an impossible dream.

After moving to Omaha for work and meeting Jaci, her gentle encouragement finally got me to book a discovery flight in early 2024. From that first flight, I was completely hooked. I earned my Private Pilot certificate in under 45 hours, added my Instrument Rating, and I'm now preparing for my Commercial Single-Engine checkride. Along the way I've earned my AGI and IGI, added high-performance and complex endorsements, and passed both the CFI and CFII written exams.

I've started glider training with the Omaha Soaring Club and plan to complete my CFI-G this year. This summer I'm also looking forward to tailwheel training and taking a mountain flying course in Colorado. In the community, I serve on the board of the Omaha Soaring Club and volunteer with EAA's Eagle Flights program. People are the core of aviation and helping to kindle that growth is incredibly rewarding. My ultimate goal is to build a new career in general aviation and show others that it's far more accessible than it seems.

I'm truly grateful to be one of the inaugural recipients of the Jim Beyer Memorial Tailwheel Scholarship. It's going to be a big help as I work toward becoming a more capable pilot and a better instructor.

Adam Prinz



If you've ever wondered what happens when someone refuses to choose just one way to love aviation—this is it. I'm an aerospace engineer who designs aircraft by day, a pilot who chases sunrises by morning, and an active member of Experimental Aircraft Association who's just as at home in a hangar community as I am behind a desk. My journey started with a simple question—why not both?—and turned into a career and passion that live at the intersection of theory, flight, and the people who make aviation so special.

From rebuilding a student aircraft club from near extinction to helping grow and support my local EAA chapter—organizing events, mentoring students, and connecting with builders and pilots across generations—I've always been drawn to the community side of aviation just as much as the machines themselves. Professionally, I test and study real aircraft systems at Collins Aerospace, but some of the most meaningful moments happen outside of work: sharing knowledge, inspiring future aviators, and learning from those who have spent decades in the field.

These days, you'll find me balancing engineering rotations with early-morning flights, chasing the next rating, and staying deeply involved in the EAA network that helped shape my path. Whether it's turning wrenches, flying taildraggers, mentoring students, or swapping stories in a hangar, I'm always looking for ways to give back while continuing to grow.

In short: I build them, I study them, I fly them—and through EAA, I help pass that passion on.

Margo Kuzmanova

Membership update:

- We begin June 2026 with **152 active members**.
- We welcome (2) New Members:
 - **Gavin Gigstead, Papillion, NE**
 - **Alexander Stevenson, Omaha, NE**
- **Membership dues** for calendar year 2026 are now past due. Dues remain [\$25/adult, \$15/student] and can be paid by cash, check, or Venmo (+\$1 to cover Venmo processing fee). Checks (payable to 'EAA Chapter 80') can be brought to our monthly chapter meeting or can be mailed to: [EAA80, c/o Richard Kolkman, 18058 Leavenworth St., Elkhorn, NE 68022]. Your payment ASAP would be greatly appreciated!
- Currently, **76% of our members have paid** their 2026 annual membership dues. **37 members** have not yet paid their 2026 dues.
- New **EAA80 Name Badges** are available for those who don't have one. See or email Rich Kolkman if you need one.
- For **membership profile changes** (contact information, EAA80 email lists, updated profile photo, etc.) email updates to membership@eaa80.org.



Local Flying Area NOTAM Update to the Omaha / Lincoln Practice Areas





EAA CHAPTER 80

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