



# CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

## MEETING

DATE: 10/10/2023

OCTOBER 2023

TIME: 1900/7PM

LOCATION: OFK FBO

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**FIND JOY—30 Ways in 30 Days - Item number : 9  
“Dance like no one is watching”**

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### EVENTS

7 Oct 23 EAA Chap 1055  
FIB York, NE

21 Oct 23 EAA Chap 569  
FIB Crete, NE

### EDITOR'S MEMO. . .

Ninety degrees on the first of October; 40 predicted on the seventh! Hmmm, sounds like fall in Nebraska to me. I hope everyone is prepared for the roller coaster that appears to be October.

Sally and I were on the road for our Chapter sponsored events, and I sure missed the opportunity to fly the kids, and greet fly-ins and drive-in guests. Missed the food too! Hard to beat omelets and biscuits and gravy. Randy offers his comments on the Young Eagles event on page three, with his **DOTSUWA** column.

I'll limit my comments here to allow President Tim Miller's message to be shared. I'm sure each of you received his email but for those who did not, here-with are his comments over the activities on the weekend of 30 September/1 October.

### PRESIDENTIAL MUSINGS

Not gonna lie...when I finished up after the fly-in breakfast, I was really tired! But in that good, make you smile, got to be part of something great kind of tired way. Young Eagles was a great event, with 33 Young Eagles flown and the transition into our prep for the Fly-In was seamless!

What a great crew and great effort to pull off such an amazing weekend event. Thank you! **THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!!**

We had a great turnout and lots of compliments on our food quality. While we were down a bit in total umbers from this spring's event, some new faces showed up and I think we may have gained a few new members.

We have some overstock on sausage patties and omelets, which are stored in the freezer. I will bring them to the next meeting for purchase, if anyone is interested.

Again, a great effort; a great job! See you on October 10th.

Best to all of you,

**Tim**

MEETING MINUTES

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**12 Sep 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 1908 by President Tim Miller. There were twelve members in attendance.

- ◆ Minutes of the 8 August 2023 meeting were reviewed. Motion was made to accept minutes as recorded in the newsletter. Minutes were approved as published.
- ◆ David presented the Treasurer’s Report: Balance on account is \$3414.94. Disbursement was made to Bruce Z. for tables; accepted dues from Bruce for 2023. Treasurer’s report accepted as presented.
- ◆ Randy, YE Coordinator was not available for the meeting; Tim presented the outline of activities for the YE event. Pilots are to meet at 0730 for pre-flight briefing. Volunteers are asked to come early as well to assist in set up. Reminder to register on-line as PIC. Randy will open enrollment on 25 September 2023. Event time is 0800 to 1100.
- ◆ Tim reminded every one of time line for FIB, as well as immediate needs of equipment and volunteers. Roasters will be needed (7) for omelets, gravy, sausage, etc. Picnic tables recently purchased will be set up in the hangar. Other tables are available; chairs in the FBO hangar. Set up will be immediately following the YE event on Saturday. Volunteers are asked to come in on Sunday morning at 0700 to do final set up.
- ◆ The FIB event is advertised on the radio, newspaper and through the signs which Ray Olson sets out early in the week before the event. Tickets will be issued to YE participants to urge parents to bring the kids for breakfast.
- ◆ Reviewed the FIB event in O’Neill, NE. The chapter there hosted a YE/FIB concurrently. A lot of work but worked out well for them. Reviewed FIB event in Sheldon, IA. This is a BIG event for the community. There was not a lot of fly in traffic this year but attendance from the community and surrounding area was outstanding.
- ◆ John suggested that we consider purchasing/investing in a CD with excess funds that may be generated by the FIB event. This was well received and will be revisited at a future meeting.
- ◆ Mike Nahrstedt is doing cowl work on his Zenith 750.

Meeting was adjourned at 2010. Next meeting scheduled for 10 October 2023, Norfolk FBO at 1900/7PM. Will review the YE and FIB events and Randy should have one of his safety videos for presentation. Please plan on attending and sharing your personal wisdom with the group.

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Tim Miller, Yankee and YE on short final to runway 20 on 1 October 2023. Nice!!

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Sam caught this photo of a Sikorsky S-61 helicopter at Norfolk for fuel. Enroute to Michigan, the ship is set up as a fire bomber. BIG helicopter!



The red tinted clouds on a Denver morning, caught my eye. Five minutes later, the color was gone. Fleeting magic...



## ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA



## THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA - 40

By Randy Neuharth

Fall is finally upon us but we are hard pressed to tell because of the current high temperatures. The weather outlook however is calling for a real temperature swing toward the cool side. With the way the leaves are starting to drop I think we can say welcome to fall and hopefully some cooler, more stable weather for flying.

**EAA Chapter 918** had two very successful activities this past weekend, September 30 and October 1. I'll leave it up to our President to report on the pancake feed that was held on Sunday. I would like to report on the **Young Eagles Rally** that was held on Saturday. First let me thank everyone that helped out with the event. We can only be successful if we have the help and support of the members and we definitely have that. Thank you so much!

The chapter flew 33 Young Eagles with four airplanes and pilots and lots of ground support. Jack Flannery flew in from Atkinson and flew 6 Eagles in 6 flights. Jerry Kohles did 4 flights with 12 Eagles, Tim Miller had 7 flights and 7 Eagles and Randy Neuharth had 3 flights and 8 Eagles. Another outstanding effort by all.

Now for the **Adventures of Dotsuwa**: As I reported in the last article, **Dotsuwa** was going into the avionics shop for a little upgrade. Because of that we only logged 4.1 hours in September. The plane was in the shop for three weeks but that was not really a big deal because I had planned it to be there while my wife and I were on a two-week vacation to about ten of the country's most beautiful **National Parks and Monuments** including, **Arches, Canyonlands, Bryce, Zion, the Grand Canyon** and more. During the trip I really didn't think much about flying except to think about what the density altitude might be at 8000 feet and a 95 degree temperature!

There were some weather issues after I got back the didn't allow me to get the plane until about a week later but it was worth the wait. I had two **Uavionix AV30** digital multi-function displays, replacing my old steam AI and DG and removing about eight pounds of vacuum system. The units can be customized in a variety of ways to display a multitude of different information. I have done several flights so far and have to say I am extremely happy with the units. I am still trying different combinations of information to determine what I need to see the most but each display has several pages that can be changed with a push of a button, so there is a multitude of information at your fingertips. I can't say enough about them. Highly recommended. A big thank you to Justin Haack of the **Avionics Place** in Beatrice, NE for his work on the install. I'd be happy to show you all you need to do is ask!

Until next time, Happy Flying!



**A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE. . .**

My good friend, and former work associate made me real jealous a few weeks ago. Wayne and I hired on within a couple of months of each other at Rocky Mountain Helicopters in Omaha, flying for SkyMed as Air/Medical pilots. Curiously, we retired within a few months of each other after 29 plus years on the job.

During my time in US Army, I fell in love; I fell in love with a flying machine - HUEY. When I hung up my service wings in 1972, I said good by to HUEY, even though I later flew in much more sophisticated and better engineered helicopters. Wayne stayed in the National Guard awhile so his date of good bye is later than mine. Still, we both have vivid memories of this grand ol' helicopter.

Recently, Wayne had the opportunity to meet HUEY again. He flew for two hours, and actually got a flight review signed off for his time at the sticks. Maybe one of these days I too will renew the strong feelings I have for this venerable flyer. Maybe old pilots feel that way about their first loves...I don't know; I suppose what I'm saying is that if you get an opportunity to go back - do it! Look at that grin on Wayne's face.



**NORFOLK DAILY NEWS ON YOUNG EAGLES**

Thanks to the Norfolk Daily News for their reporting on the Young Eagles event and the really nice article on page 15 of the 2 October issue. I've copied and pasted the articles, as I think they are important for each of us to see. The efforts of the volunteers at these events reflected positively on the Chapter and on the airport community as a whole. The airport is often at odds with the city over the value of the airport to the community; events like this clearly show that people are interested. This piece was on page one, in the left hand column.

Thanks to each and every one who participated in the YE and FIB events. You can be proud of the fact that you presented the Chapter, EAA and aviation in a positive light.  
**JHL**

**NORFOLK  
Flying opportunity**

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PHOTO COURTESY OF WAYNE ANDERSON

## CHAPTER ACTIVITY - YOUNG EAGLES and FLIGHT BREAKFAST PHOTO ESSAY



Here's a collage of the flying activity which was shared with local young people. I want you to notice carefully the look on all the faces, including the pilots.

Randy and a group of three in the Cherokee 140, **DOTSUWA**. Have you ever seen bigger grins? Tim Miller in his Yankee below with a grinning young man. Yep, that's Tim with a big grin too.



As this young man exits the cockpit, that big thumbs up means he really enjoyed himself.

Tim taxis in after YE flight. Nice looking Yankee!



The food service line, with volunteers Jerry, Dale, Mark and LaRene. Jerry's not really mad; photog just caught him by surprise.

Just a part of the guests who enjoyed the omelets, sausage, pancakes, biscuits/gravy and airplanes.

# EAA introducing aviation to next generation of flyers

By **CODY STOWE**  
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Zippering past clouds and soaring into the wild blue yonder has been a dream of many a child.

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) aimed to make those dreams a reality on Saturday morning. Dozens of youths ages 8-17 took rides in airplanes as part of the Young Eagles program.

Founded in 1953 in Wisconsin, the EAA encompasses aviation enthusiasts of all types, from those who appreciate warbirds and vintage aircraft to builders of homemade aircraft. In 1992, the now-worldwide organization began its Young Eagles program, meant to provide a million flight experiences for youth within its first decade. Today, more than 2 million children and teens have taken flight with the program. It's a program Norfolk's local EAA division, Chapter 918, has been happy to participate in.

Young Eagles coordinator Randy Neuharth has been flying since 1991. His interest in aviation began as a child and now he seeks to spark that interest in the next generation. Neuharth has flown close to 300 youths as part of his involvement in the program.

"I hope we get some kids excited in aviation," Neuharth said. "I hope parents and families will understand the importance of aviation. ... I think it's a real big thing that people be involved and understand what aviation does for the community."

Neuharth was quick to stress the positive impact that Norfolk Regional Airport has on its community.

"Our airport here is very important ... we have a lot of people fly in and out of here at different times, and it affects the econo-

my," Neuharth said. "The general public doesn't know that."

It was a sentiment echoed by Chapter 918's current president, Timothy Miller.

"This is an amazing facility for the community," Miller said. "On any given day, we might see three or four jets bringing people in for Nucor or some of the bigger businesses in town ... as well as the individual general aviation pilot flying for fun."

Miller said many businesses such as Target, Menards, King Steel, UPS and others regularly utilize the Norfolk airport.

As if to underscore the point, a private jet was seen taking off from the airport as the Young Eagles event was beginning on Saturday morning. During the event, a snazzy red, white and blue plane could be seen amongst the other aircraft. The pilot — a member of the North Dakota aerial acrobatics team — was returning from a national competition in Kansas and stopped in Norfolk to refuel.

Fuel tanks weren't the only things being refilled on Sunday morning. The EAA hosted a pancake feed and breakfast fundraiser to gather money to help offset the costs of EAA's educational efforts. For a small fee, the public enjoyed eggs and pancakes while pilots dropped in. With the meal beginning at 8 a.m., six to seven pilots already had landed by 9 a.m.

The EAA has seen all types at their breakfasts. Miller said the Nebraska State Patrol and the National Guard have shown up in their helicopters in the past. When the pancake feed has synchronized with nearby air shows in the past, dozens of pilots and aircraft have landed to grab a bite to eat before flying on.

The EAA hopes its efforts can

get the community supporting the local airport and get the next generation's aviation dreams off the ground. Because opportunities in aviation are taking off.

"We have a pilot shortage right now," Neuharth said, pointing out the industry as a whole is in need of personnel. "We need mechanics, we need avionics specialists, we need to get people involved in aviation and, hopefully, these types of events will do that."

Miller agreed with Neuharth's statements. "Aviation is really having a growth spurt, (and) most airlines are looking for pilots."

Miller said area youths hoping to get into aviation as a career path or just looking to fly recreationally can turn to their local EAA chapter as well as the Norfolk Regional Airport for assistance.

"You can actually train at any age and then take your exam to become a pilot at 16," Miller said. "We have certified flight instructors available for training, we've got a rental plane here for training."

The EAA also has youth and student memberships available.

Many airlines will hire prospective pilots and help complete their training while on the job. The average commercial pilot's annual salary is about \$95,000 across the nation. To get started, Northeast Nebraskans don't have to go far.

"It's possible to get your private pilot license, your instrument rating and your commercial rating right here in Norfolk," Miller said.

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#### Want to learn more?

For more information on EAA Chapter 918, information on upcoming Young Eagles flights and photos of local members' aircraft, visit [eaa.org/ea918](http://eaa.org/ea918).