



CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

MEETING

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EVENTS

4/2/22 EAA Chap 1055

FIB York, NE

4/16/22 EAA Chap 569

FIB Crete, NE

FIND JOY—30 Ways in 30 Days - Item number : 22

“Take one item off your to-do list”

EDITOR’S MEMO. . .

“...Out like a lion.” is an age old adage regarding the month of March; and it is holding true this year. Cold wind, snow flurries and bitter reminders of what winter can be in Nebraska. Fortunately, in truth, we’ve not had a bad winter though many will have wished for more moisture in one form or another as planting season draws near.

While it was windy this past month, there were some decent flying days. I was able to add a few airports to my collection and now stand 1/4 of the way to my goal. I added a couple of Colorado airports this month, as I took my wife over to Brush, Colorado to meet her daughter. A fuel stop in Sterling reminded me how nice this airport is, and while the cost of fuel was over five bucks a gallon, it was still less expensive than home.

On the solo return trip, I stopped in Grant, NE for fuel and was pleasantly surprised at the fuel cost there - \$4.85/gallon! Too bad it’s so far away...it’d be a good place to fuel. It is the site of the Nebraska State Fly In this year, so put that on your calendar. For reference, it is a small town south of Ogalalla but the airport is well kept, with nice folks (and cheap fuel!).

Meeting time this month is 1900 (7PM), as we switch back to our summer meeting schedule. I would encourage you to attend as we have some business to take care of this month regarding the 401c3 filing which the chapter has been considering for some months. Everyone has a stake in this, so please clear your slate for Tuesday evening, 12 April and bring your sweet selves to the meeting. Besides, we may have something sweet to share...

A reminder: the STOL Drag Races will be held on 20 - 22 May at Wayne, NE. If you are interested in volunteering, please search out the website and “git-er-done”. Wind was a big factor last year, and all but cancelled flying events one day, so hoping that this year will be better. Even if you are only a spectator, you will see some really impressive airmanship, and airplanes from purpose built machines to street stock Cessna, Piper and Aviat products.

On a more personal note, I want to extend congratulations to our own Randy Neuharth for the prestigious award he received from the Nebraska Band Masters Association. Out of all the band leaders in the state, Randy was named as this year’s Master Bandleader. A special award ceremony was held in Lincoln and he was very surprised and humbled by the experience. The process for selection is long and drawn out, and I’m not quite sure how Kay kept it a secret for four years but I know that she also shared in his personal accomplishment. Pics on page 4...
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MEETING MINUTES

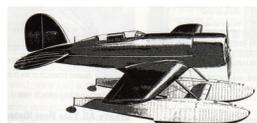
MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting was called to order by President Timothy Miller at 1906. There were 7 members in attendance.

- ◆ The Treasurer’s report was presented: \$1908.48 in the bank. Tom Bankers paid dues at the meeting. Report was approved.
- ◆ Secretary’s report reviewed minutes of previous meeting, with a clarification for a date which had been copied from the February meeting. After some discussion, minutes were approved as posted in the newsletter.
- ◆ Discussion on additional fund raising efforts for the Chapter. Tom Bankers was selected as chairman to spearhead the planning for a luncheon or evening meal/cookout fly-in type event, tentatively scheduled for September. It was noted that the Hastings, NE airport is hosting a monthly cookout between 1130 and 1300, the first event on Saturday 26 March.
- ◆ Tim opened discussion on the proposed application for 401c3 designation. Estimated costs were discussed, and the general consensus of those in attendance was to move forward with this application. However, due to the small number of members in attendance, it was suggested to table the vote until a better representation of the membership was in attendance.
- ◆ Tom shared news that Randy had received an award from the Nebraska State Bandleaders Association.
- ◆ **BUILDER REPORTS:**
Mike N. - System hook ups on Zenith 750; looking for source for cutting panel holes.
No other work noted. Bruce still has Stratus transponder/ADS/B set up for sale.
- ◆ Randy was not in attendance to discuss Young Eagles flying. Tentatively scheduled for 11 June 2022.

Meeting was adjourned at 2020.



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Old school panel on the ramp at Atkinson on a beautiful, sunny day.



Early morning on the ramp at Sterling, CO with a Scout and Comanche.



Air Tractor 802 ‘FireBomber’ at Grant. This is a BIG airplane - 1600 horsepower!

ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA

THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA - 23

By Randy Neuharth



Another month has passed us by; my oh my, how time does fly! Waxing poetic, and pun intended! The good thing is that we are now into spring. Hopefully the weather will start to cooperate. We could really use some rain and much less wind.

What did March bring for Dotsuwa and I? Without having a specific goal in mind, it has been somewhat slow. Mostly local flights working with the autopilot on practice IFR flights to continue to get much more comfortable with the procedures. I'm looking forward to getting some of those "soft" IFR days to get some actual IMC flying in to keep getting more comfortable. IFR flying is really a use it or lose it proposition. I did do some practice approaches to Neligh, Creighton and Norfolk. I also did a trip to Vermillion with an approach there. I'm going to stretch it a bit and call that my start on landing at all the South Dakota airports. Being from South Dakota, I already have quite a few of them already but if I'm going to make it a challenge I am going to start over.

I did get in a flight, with Tom Bankers, to Hastings for the Nebraska chapter of the Antique Airplane Association's first monthly burger feed. It was a great time. There were over forty aircraft there for the event! They are going to be holding this event on the last Saturday of each month. It goes from 11:30-1:00. They may change it to the 4th Saturday to avoid confusion in the months with 5 Saturdays. Keep an eye out for that.

As always, when the weather is less than ideal, I spend time flying the simulator with Tom Bankers. I was glad to see that Mike Nahrstedt has been over at Tom's a couple of times to try it out. Get a hold of Tom and bring a friend. He's got two simulators and is happy to have you try them out.

Unfortunately, I have nothing more to report so until next time, Happy Flying!





Ray Olson (Treasurer) and John L. sharing a smile and a laugh or two at the hanger with his Challenger. He was cleaning it up this day in preparation for an interested buyer. Unfortunately, that deal fell through but Ray is still searching for the new owner. Ray has owned and flown this machine for a good many years, and is a fine example of EAA spirit. He has flown to many of the local flight breakfasts at 70 mph, and less, in winds that would ground a heavier machines. Thanks Ray...for all you do!

DONALD A. LENTZ OUTSTANDING BANDMASTER AWARD

The Donald A. Lentz Outstanding Bandmaster Award is intended to recognize an individual who has made an outstanding contribution throughout his or her career, not to honor an individual for only a given year's work. The recipient of the Lentz Award will be viewed as one of the many superior band directors in Nebraska, and over the years a number exceptional teachers will be so honored. A candidate for the Outstanding Bandmaster Award must be a band director in Nebraska and an NSBA member. Nominations for this award may come from school administrators, fellow teachers, students,

GONE FLYIN'...

Long cross country trips; I don't do many anymore but I find them interesting from several vantage points. First there is the planning: With computer assistance, there is a LOT of information which can be determined about the airport and environment beforehand. The new flight planners will draw a line on a map for you and set up the course based on winds aloft, and present the ETA within seconds. While I use a simple planner for my initial planning, I still have a paper map in the plane, since the screen on the 496 for mapping is so small, there is little detail. I am a proponent of paper charts and while I know they are passing the way of the dinosaurs, I still find them useful for planning and actual finger on the map tracking as I move across the countryside. Here's the power plant



RANDY AND KAY RECEIVING THE AWARD

southwest of North Platte from 7500' MSL on my recent Colorado trip. Details like this show up nicely on the charts, and make great landmarks. Flying the "needle" shown on the HSI page of the Garmin allows me to 'fly a heading' to keep the needle centered, then I can look outside for landmarks to verify that course.

GPS has made flying cross countries so easy that we can lose the basic skill set in navigation. There is a tendency to rely on the I-pad or moving map display to tell us where we are, and I think in the process we lose some of the joy of looking out the window and watching the 'checkpoints' go by. Try the old school method some time...you just might enjoy it!

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