



CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

MEETING

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TIME: 6:00PM/1800
LOCATION: OFK FBO

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EVENTS

2/1/2020 EAA Chap 1055
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2/15/2020 EAA Chap 569
Crete, NE

As the month ends, I have high hopes that February will prove to be a better month for flying than January happened to be. Too many days in a row of low ceilings, no sunshine and some kind of precipitation – ugh! I logged more time on the snow blower than I did in the airplane!

There was a bit of flying activity around the airport on Sunday, the 25th of January. Look inside for more. The Norfolk Pilots Association meeting was held at its new venue, First Choice catering – more inside.

A reminder my friends; dues are due, so if you have not paid for 2020, please remit \$20 to Ray Olson. We'd like to get the membership roster up to date. I also have a few chapter calendars left, as well as some EAA calendars. If you would like one, let me know.

Randy has taken on the task of setting up the chapter website. EAA provides the 'engine' so to speak, and each individual chapter loads up information, photos and even the newsletter. So far, he has uploaded photos of member's aircraft, as well as some Young Eagles photos. If you have photos or other information which you think might be of interest, get a note off to Randy and he'll get it on the website. In the meantime, take a stroll over there . . .

<https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA918>.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting on February 11. Mark it on your calendar so you don't forget. In the meantime, fly when you can and bear in mind that many of the rural airports don't have the efficient snow removal we may be accustomed to here in Norfolk, so check NOTAMS as well as calling the airport to assure runways and taxiways are in service.



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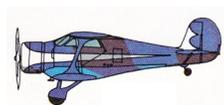
Meeting was called to order by President Bruce Zimmerman at 1800 at the Norfolk FBO office. There were ten members present.

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY MEETING MINUTES - CONTINUED

- ◆ Ray Olson reported \$1231.69 in the bank. EAA fees were paid since last report and several dues were paid at the meeting.
- ◆ Randy spent some time talking about Young Eagle credits. These credits accumulate on an annual basis and do not carry over. They may be used to purchase EAA products from the EAA store; they may be used for Air Academy scholarships; they may be used to purchase promotional products for chapter usage.
- ◆ A request from another chapter had been received asking that the credits be transferred to them if our chapter was not going to use them; it was decided to keep the credits, and see what is available that we may use for our Young Eagles and breakfast events.
- ◆ Randy presented a couple of video lessons on runway markings and signage. It was a good review for everyone.
- ◆ There was a discussion on safety around the airport this time of year. While a runway may be cleared of snow and ice, if the temperatures are below freezing, the ice may still be present on the white painted center-line. Pay attention when landing or taxiing.
- ◆ John presented information that could be helpful to the Norfalcons model club in their pursuit to keep operating on the south end of the field. The FAA has issued an altitude restriction based on the proximity to the airport without regard to the fact that the club has operated safely there for more than 20 years. It was suggested that a letter be drafted in support of the model club, and the membership agreed to assist however we can.

Meeting was adjourned at 1930. Next meeting is scheduled for 11 February 2020 at 1800.



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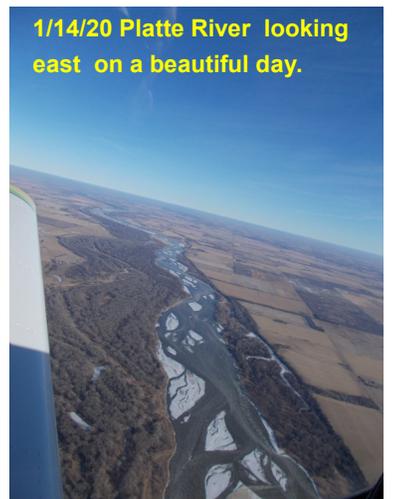


Unusual Cessna 172N...note where the nose wheel is.



1/14/20Turning out from takeoff on runway 2, heading west.

1/14/20 Platte River looking east on a beautiful day.



GONE FLYIN'...

Got the annual done on the Zenith, so took her out for some exercise on the 14th. Nice day, cold with light wind. Flew south a bit, taking a chance to start my quest all over again. Made a landing at David City with a bit of a cross wind. The field was well cleared, so no trouble, with decent landings on both ends of the flight profile.



Notice the difference in the amount of snow from Norfolk, in the above photo, and the photo to the left of David City.

After a week of low ceilings and gray skies, and some ice and snow for good measure, Sunday, January 25th was most welcome, as it dawned clear and cold with the promise of a bit of a warm up (into the 30's anyway!). I had scheduled a flight review with Rich Clausen and thought to get the Cessna I ferried from Holdredge out for some exercise. It's a good flyer, nice and straight, and I have been honing my tail wheels skills.



Unusual view for me...out the right windshield of the Cessna 172 tail dragger.

The Zenith was all ready to fly when Rich called, and as we taxied out, I discovered the intercom decided not to work. No trouble communicating on the radio but we went back to the old holler method of communications. We managed all right, and did some landings and air work before calling it a day.

At least four other owners decided that Sunday was a good day for flying, and it was good to see the activity on the field. The air was smooth and clear, 'til late when a high overcast

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came in. It fell apart so even at sunset, when Sally and I took the Zenith back out, the sky was beautiful. She enjoyed the short time aloft, as we cruised up to Pierce and back home, just enjoying the sky and each other's company.



Sally and I cruising in the Zenith on Sunday, January 25, 2020. A beautiful day!

Congratulations to Tim Miller on his recent acquisition of a 1971 American Yankee. You can't miss it, as the photos shared here show. He has been out for dual in the ship and looks forward to completing his training for the private pilot certificate.



NORFOLK PILOTS ASSOCIATION

The Norfolk Pilots Association met on 16 January at the First Choice Catering facility behind Michael's on 9th Street. There were 20 pilots in attendance, and the staff had prepared baked eggs, potatoes, coffee, juice and condiments. Dave Amick presented a video of the John Kennedy Jr. crash off the east coast. The tragic comedy of errors kept piling up, and the chilling, short fall from level flight to the sea reminded everyone how fast things can go badly. The facility at First Choice has internet access as well as view screens allowing for programs to be held along with the breakfast. Next meeting will be at 0730 on 20 February 2020.

OTHER NOTES...

I noted in the Chapter 569 newsletter that the Nebraska State Fly In will be held in O'Neill this year, on July 19. Put it on your calendar and in your phone reminder and let's all fly in to the O'Neill airport in support of their event.

Chapter 80 in Omaha has published tentative Young Eagle flight dates. I share them with you in the event you are available, and it will also help us in scheduling our events.

March 14, April 25, May 16, June 13, July 11, August 15, September 13, October 17



Looks like we are out of space for another edition. I hope you have found it entertaining and informative. Pilot skills can erode over the winter due to inactivity. It's really a good time to fly as the air is generally smooth and visibility good. Take care and fly safely.

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