

Spearfish Aviation - 1913 & 1938



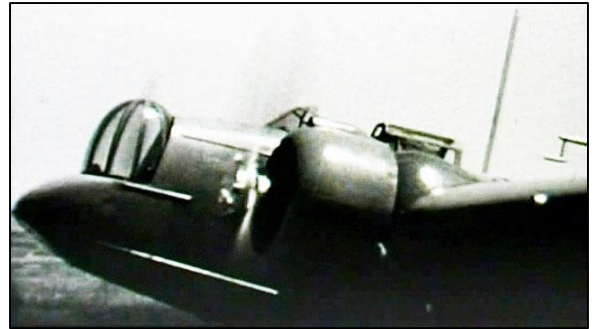
This Ryan Air ST-A was built in 1936. This was considered a high-performance, stunt capable aircraft. The airplane's tail number, NC 16039, is visible in several frames of the film.



This is a shot of a Ford Tri-Motor, a workhorse of commercial and military aviation from 1925 - 1933. Only 199 were built. This was one type of aircraft flown in South Dakota by pilot Clyde Ice.



A [Stearman Hammond](#) Model Y (or Y variant). The prototype of this aircraft was built in 1936. Only 20 were ever built.



This is a Martin B-10 or a later variant of the original 1933 model. The B-10 was the U.S. Army's first all-metal monoplane bomber.



IMAGES OF THE PAST

1913 Aircraft Landing in Spearfish

Film from 1913 shows an airplane of the time landing at the fairgrounds.



IMAGES OF THE PAST

Spearfish Air Show ca. 1938

Film probably shot in 1938 shows a variety of aircraft in flight and on the ground.



The Prez Sez...

by Darrel Sauder

"A Night At The Museum"....that was what we were doing at our April meeting. No animals came to life nor were any dinosaur skeletons chasing us around. However, there were plenty of conversations and old and new exhibits to ponder at the Ellsworth Heritage Museum. Thank you MSGT Jim Blair for hosting us and explaining the future plans for the museum.

There are plenty of good opportunities to get involved with our chapter coming up. The Rapid City Regional Airport Open house, complete with a B-17 (rides included), on June 20. Volunteers are needed to interface with the B-17 crew (they will be here for five days) as well as many other open house activities. Contact Shawn if you can help out. More info at the May meeting. Watch email for possible fly out breakfast to Wall. The South Dakota Pilot's Association (SDPA) will be holding it's quarterly meeting in Wall on June 13. Sharon and my fly in breakfast at our hangar at Sturgis is planned for June 6.

Hilary Cole missed telling one of his WWII stories at our meeting. When he was in pilot training in the BT-13 (the prominent blue and yellow radial engine aircraft at the west end of the museum), he said there was a row of toilets sitting out in the open along the runway. If you messed up on the proper pitch setting for the prop on a touch and go or takeoff, you had to sit on one of the toilets and watch your buddies perform touch and goes. He never said if you had to take your pants down or not; nor did he say how much time he spent sitting on one.

Burger burns begin next meeting. Thought for the day (actually for all of our burger burns) History has proven that we always fall short of contributions made to offset the cost of the burgers, buns, condiments, etc.. Soooo.....even if you bring a dish (which most of you do), please still put some money in the pot!

Our next meeting should prove particularly interesting. Grace Childs (as in Chuck's wife) will be relating her experiences as a WWII Bomber Pilot's wife. Bring your wife!

Don's forget to floss.



Chuck flying a PT-26 at Granite Falls Fagin WWII Museum



May Mystery Plane



De Smet Wilder Field Airshow & Fly In
June 6, 2015
Roger Lee, MC

Ed. Note: I need contributions for the front page. If you come across good articles, please send me a link! This front cover came from a link Norma sent.

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ED Note: *If I remember, or someone reminds me, I'll send out their poster as the time draws nearer.*

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, May 12

at **Chapter 39 Clubhouse**

6:00 Burger Burn (Rick's Hangar)

(Please bring salad, dessert, or munchies to share)

7:00 Meeting

Program: Grace Childs will tell "her side" of Chuck's military career!



April Birthdays:

Steve Berke—20th
Marv Hyde—25th

May Birthdays:

Jerry Petersen—4th
Hilary Cole—5th
Shawn Gab—7th

Chapter 39

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TREASURER'S REPORT

by Milo Schindler

Balance brought forward.....	\$1984.76
Income:	
Dues.....	20.00
Balance on hand.....	\$2004.76

April Minutes

By Gary Schroeder

- Meeting was held at the EAFB Museum
- Darrel called the meeting to order at 7:04
- Minutes read and approved
- Treasures report given, balance \$2004.76
- Guest were Dan, Craig, and Pat
- Birthdays this month were Steve and Marv

Old Business

- Fly-ins possibly to Wall Dan will ask Molly to send out an email if one is set up
- Burger burns start in May
- RCRA Open house will be June 20th 0900 -1400, there will be B-17 rides (\$450 to \$850), Young Eagle rides, a glider demo, ARFF demo, and Life Flight on display, plus much more..... We need volunteers and help getting the word out.

New Business

- Shawn gave an airport board update: the board is working on the master plan and possible ideas for new hangers. They have a new board member. He also suggested using RWY 5-23 when possible because if it isn't used enough the funding for maintenance could end and we may no longer have a crosswind RWY
- Darrel is planning his annual fly-in the first weekend of June
- SDPA meeting will be at Wall on June 13th
- EAFB is planning an airshow in August
- FAAST Team meeting is 0900, April 25th at RCRA in the ARFF conference room.

Program

Jim Blair the director of the museum gave us an update about changes and improvements that will make the museum even friendlier to visitors. He also mentioned some new displays we should check out. Then we were able to look around for ourselves. What a great asset to the area for tourists as well as those of us that live here.

Meeting adjourned

For Sale
1946 Aeronca Chief
\$18,000

Call Kathy Brandiger at 341-3417 for more information.



Member Profile

By Tim Modde

I started flying out of Vernal, Utah in 2006, which was initiated by a conversation with son Zach (who was working with the BLM fire crews and Heletech). After a shaky first flight in a C-152, there was no looking back. I am a low hour pilot living in Hill City and flying a C-182M out of Custer. During my career days I worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a biologist. After moving from Vernal in 2008, we moved to the Denver area until retiring at the end of 2012. While in Denver I flew out of Platte Valley airpark near Hudson, CO, which has a very interesting aviation community. In addition to flying, one of my greatest aviation thrills was to hear a presentation there from 92 year old Richard Brower, one of the last surviving pilots of the WWII Doolittle raid. After retiring my wife Kay and I lived in Philip, SD, for six months, and I flew out of the local airport during that time trying to get used to taking off at below 5,000' MSL. Since moving to Hill City we are enjoying retirement and trying to get more involved in aviation activities. I have been active in the South Dakota Pilots Association and just joined the Custer CAP. Although I don't have a strong pilot background, I am enthusiastic about the aviation community and related activities and look forward to participating in EAA related fly-in's and fly-to's.

