

EAA Chapter 608 Newsletter

October 2023.

Meetings held every 3rd Saturday of the month

Welcome to our chapter

Whether you fly, build, restore or simply enjoy airplanes and aviation, you are welcome to attend our events and join our Chapter.

We are a group of aviation enthusiasts, aircraft builders, and pilots who get together with like minded people to share ideas, exchange information, encourage safety, serve the local aviation community and have a lot of fun doing so. Please come to our next meeting or event as our guest.

Mission Statement;

To promote aviation and to foster education of our members and the youth of our community.

Goals and Actions:

Promote education and career development in all areas of Aviation. Chapter 608 fundraisers include the Pancake Breakfasts, Fly-In/Drive-In events, and other projects. All fund raising proceeds goes to the support the goals of EAA Chapter 608.

EAA 608 Members, Friends, and Followers,

I have **finally** built a newsletter for our Chapter to share information about who we are, past events, and upcoming events we are planning. I have learned that my editing skills are not nearly what I had imagined they would be. If anyone is interested in assisting or taking over as editor I will set you up for success.

I want to start this off by sharing some of the many ways we share information within and outside our Chapter. Below are contacts and social media links that you can use to keep up with us:

Chapter Website: www.eaachapter608.org

Young Eagles Website: www.YEdav.org or www.youngeaglesdav.org

Chapter Email address: eaachapter608@gmail.com

Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/eaa608

I have been researching possibilities to create a "Zoom Room" at Classic Air. This would be a camera, monitor/screen, and conference room style microphones that would allow those joining remotely to see and hear everything going on in person. This would be a tremendous help for all of our busy schedules by allowing us to attend and lead meetings, IMC club, and VMC Club events virtually. An added benefit would be the possibility of recording events for future reference or for anyone that misses. The equipment is expensive (approximately \$4000) so it may take a little while to get this in place.

October Meeting Recap:

As usual, many things were discussed during our normal gathering in October. Some of the highlights:

-The Gering High School FAA certified, AATD, full motion flight simulator is available for use. There is a usage agreement and usage fees required. The fees and charges are: \$80 for GHS Students, \$90 for GHS Alumni, and \$100 for the public. The standard simulator is available for: \$65 for GHS Students, \$75 for GHS Alumni, and \$85 for the public. More information will follow with how to schedule time slots in the simulators.

- -Dave Hergert, Airport Directors, and I met with the new WNCC president and his staff. It was encouraging to hear that they were interested in looking at the possibilities of a future WNCC Flight Program to go along with their A&P program.
- -Dave Hergert has volunteered and membership accepted him to be our Chapter Scholarship Coordinator. Training and background checks have been completed and we will continue to pursue the possibilities offered but he EAA Scholarship program. More information on scholarships offered can be found here: https://www.eaa.org/eaa/learn-to-fly/scholarships. Applications for flight training scholarships are now open. Link to requirements and application is here:

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-A proposal was voted on and approved to host 3 Fly-in/Drive-in events in 2024. "Planes, Cars, and Coffee" will be held from 0700-1000 on the following dates:

March 2nd, 2024 June 1st, 2024 September 7th, 2024

These events are open to the public. Please invite any car clubs you belong to or know of! EAA 608 will have breakfast available. We will need volunteers for both car and airplane parking, cooking breakfast, as well as a Young Eagles Rally. We will adjust the number of Young Eagles to the number of volunteer pilots that sign up to fly.

-"Fly Nebraska" is a 501(c3) formed to advance aviation in Nebraska. They have put together a plan to produce a Nebraska Aviation license plate. The plates will be produced as soon as they have paid orders for 250. The first 250 are number only plates. Once the 250 has been passed, vanity plates will be available. www.FlyNebraska.org

-Cessna 140 Project. A Cessna 140 was donated to the chapter. This airplane is an incredible opportunity for our Chapter to learn more about restoring an airplane as well as introduce more local youth to aviation. The Cessna 140 project will be sold when completed to fund future educational opportunities. More information on future project days will be coming soon!











Other news:

The last National Championship Air Races (commonly known as Reno Air Race) was held this last September. The board is actively seeking new locations to hold the racing. Casper, Wyoming has made the list of finalists. https://airrace.org/news/media/

A few of our members have expressed interest in attending a meeting with the Casper EAA Chapter 420 to see what their involvement is going to be and see if there are opportunities for our Chapter to help. https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100067812996404

Upcoming Events:

December 1st, 2023. Annual Christmas Party

Joint event with Panhandle Flyers at Flyover Brewery Atrium Room

Time TBD. Please email me at <u>ryan.robinson@eaachapter608.org</u> so I can provide a rough headcount count to Flyover Brewing.



No December regular meeting

-Planes, Cars, and Coffee!

March 2nd, 2024 from 7am - 10am Classic Air FBO, Western Nebraska Regional Airport, Scottsbluff, NE Young Eagles Rally

https://m.facebook.com/events/1007140493907990

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June 1st, 2024 from 7am -10am Classic Air FBO, Western Nebraska Regional Airport, Scottsbluff, NE Young Eagles Rally

https://m.facebook.com/events/1055407268980056

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September 7th, 2024 from 7am -10am Classic Air FBO, Western Nebraska Regional Airport, Scottsbluff, NE Young Eagles Rally https://m.facebook.com/events/1067659827597997