



# CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

## MEETING

DATE: 12/8/2020  
TIME: 6:00PM/1800  
LOCATION: OFK FBO  
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DECEMBER 2020

## EDITOR'S MEMO...

**FIND JOY—30 Ways in 30 Days - Item number 19:  
...VOLUNTEER WHERE YOU ARE NEEDED...**

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### EVENTS

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As November comes to a close, and we each sit down at our comfortable dining room table, let us not forget where the holiday came from. In 1620 the Puritans, a religious sect from England was being harassed and persecuted for their stand against the Church of England. A group chartered a boat, the Mayflower, to take them to the New World, in search of religious freedom. The trip was arduous, as the Atlantic Ocean is not all that friendly in November. One hundred and two members arrived on the shores of America, and before winter was out, half of them were dead. The local Indians befriended the settlers, and 1621 was a better year. They learned to 'live off the land' so to speak, and in November celebrated that first year with thanksgiving.

In spite of the troubles which 2020 has brought, (and many have suffered) we in America have much for which to be thankful. Just look around; family, free worship, readily available food stuffs, fuel, freedom to fly... I could go on but you get the drift. Often, the things we take for granted should be those for which we are most thankful. As we move into December, we are once again reminded of the giving spirit, and to keep that spirit at the forefront of our thinking.

I pray that each of you has had a wonderful, and wonder filled holiday. Whether you spend time with family, friends, or even all alone, take a minute to reflect on the blessings which we all enjoy. God bless you all!

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A busy month in the newsletter, with Adventures of Dotsuwa, our outgoing President's remarks and some fun flying photos for your reading pleasure. The December meeting will be held on the eighth at 1800 at the Norfolk FBO. I'm sure we will have a great conversation inducing presentation from Randy, and some other special things. Plan on wearing a mask and joining in with the group. Also, just a reminder, **DUES ARE DUE!** Twenty bucks, cheap! For the price of admission you get great comradarie, tall tales and an opportunity to spread the good news of flying for fun. And we'll even throw in a monthly newsletter! Such a deal, huh?

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE

*Bruce Zimmerman*

This is my first letter, and will be my last as President of Chapter 918.

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MEETING MINUTES

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10 November 2020

Meeting was called to order by the President at 1800. There were 8 members present, and we welcomed Tom Bankers to our ranks. Service awards from EAA Headquarters were presented to current officers, and Young Eagles Coordinator

- ◆ New officers were nominated and elected.

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- ◆ There was discussion on what to purchase with Young Eagles credits. The general consensus was to purchase logo baseball caps for members.
- ◆ The Treasurer’s report indicated \$1156.09 in the bank.
- ◆ Reminder that dues are due in December and remain \$20.00. Please have a check or cash for Ray at the next meeting.
- ◆ There was a short discussion on providing a membership for an interested aviation enthusiast under the **EAA Legacy** program. All agreed...
- ◆ There was a short discussion on the 180 degree turn back presentation which Randy had brought to the October meeting. Several of the pilots had tried the turn back at altitude, with mixed results.
- ◆ Randy presented a video program on carbon monoxide poisoning. This fostered discussion regarding detectors, where and when to use them and how to detect CO poisoning before it becomes a flight hazard. Randy had one available for each member to examine.
- ◆ The presentation also described a survival situation, which ultimately turned out well despite some ill advised choices which the PIC made. This lead to some discussion on what to carry for signaling in the event of being stranded. Three items topped the list: **A WHISTLE; A STROBE LIGHT; A PLB (Personal Locator Beacon)**. Something for each of us to consider.

Meeting was adjourned at 2000; next meeting on 8 December 2020.



**PRESIDENT’S NOTE**

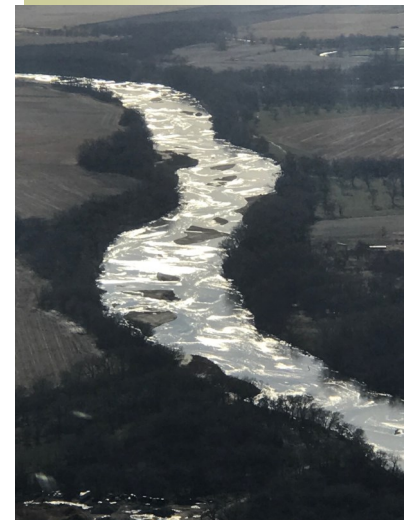
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First, I appreciate all those that are in this group. Those that are on the mailing list and just want to be a part of it and kept up to date. Second, those that usually try to make it to the meetings. And third, those that are willing to take the role of an officer or physically helping out, whether it be at a meeting, a breakfast, or a young eagle’s event..

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The Elkhorn River, winding across Northeast Nebraska. Note the white floating along...ice. Brrr...



Left crosswind after takeoff from runway 20. The ground crew at OFK did a really good job getting the airport back in shape after the 5 inches of snow the day before. Late day flight...very nice!

## ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA



## THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA - 9

By Randy Neuharth

This month was a little slower for **Dotsuwa** and I. I took some time off from flying to spend a little time deer hunting with my son from Denver. I am happy to say that we both were lucky to get a couple of nice bucks for our efforts. It's always nice to be able to spend some time with family, especially during this pandemic.

So, what has **Dotsuwa** been up to? It had been some time since I had flown to

Grand Island and I needed to pick something up there, so with a beautiful day, it was a perfect excuse to fly and kill two birds with one stone. I invited Tom Bankers to ride along. It was a smooth flight down and back. It is interesting to fly into Grand Island because it is a towered airport but without radar. I called the tower ten miles out and with calm winds was told to report a two-mile left base to runway 17. Once I reported the left base, I was immediately cleared to land. Easy. The flight back was just as pleasant.

Tom and I also took a flight to Fremont just for fun. Another beautiful day to fly. On the way, I pointed the old bombing range southeast of Stanton. Tom got a couple of pictures of the range and some cool pictures of the Elkhorn River, which you will find elsewhere in this issue.

There seems to have been quite a few of really nice days for flying this past month so I also got a really nice flight in and flew practice approaches to Creighton, Neligh and back to Norfolk. I did them visually but got the opportunity to work on power settings and procedures.

As I have a standing invitation to fly Tom's simulator, I have also taken him up on that. We have had fun flying Super Cubs in the mountains of Montana and Idaho. It has been a challenge to follow the river through the canyons to find some back-country strip to land on. If you get a chance, take Tom up on his invitation to fly the simulator. I am sure you would have some fun.

At the last EAA meeting we talked about the importance of having a carbon monoxide detector in the airplane. I hope that everyone has thought about some sort of detector for your aircraft. It is a small investment for the protection and peace of mind it affords.

With colder weather approaching please be aware of cold weather operations for your aircraft. Do you need to change to a lighter weight oil? Is your heater working and do you carry some cold weather gear with you? Does your plane require a cover on the oil cooler for cold weather operations? And don't forget to pre-heat; I am convinced that the greatest damage to an engine occurs on a very cold winter start. I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and until next time, Happy Flying.



Part of the 'bombing range' southeast of Stanton, NE. Note how the ground is 'tilled up' from



the impact craters. There are several other open ranges which were used in World War 2 for practice bombing and strafing exercises. Not much grows here anymore as the top soil has been turned over, giving the moon-like appearance. (Photos by Tom Bankers)



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The Secretary and Newsletter Editor John, Treasurer Ray, and Young Eagles Coordinator and Flight Leader Randy all remain the same for 2021; thank you guys. I have changed from being the President to Vice President. I am replacing Seth at that position. Thank you Seth, for your part of the 2020 year, it's much appreciated.

That brings us to our new President, Tim Miller. He was gracious enough to take the role as

our new President and he is a perfect fit. Tim just got his pilot's license on October 30, 2020. I remember when I got my pilot's license like it was yesterday, you will too Tim. Congratulations, well done! Being the new president, don't be intimidated or think what did I get myself into. We will all be here to help.

I don't have a lot to say about 2020 other than... Yuk!! 2021 will be better. Thank you all and I look forward to a great 2021.



**GONE FLYIN'**

When I was a boy, the subject of favorite color would occasionally come up among the family members. You may ask; what does that have to do with aviation? Not much really but I can always remember my mother's answer—sky blue pink. Now we thought it was funny at the time, and always wondered what color was sky blue pink. Well, I think, after all these years, I have discovered it. I was out one day a week or so ago, shot a picture of the sunset over the right wing,



then for comparison, shot this one over the left wing. There it is...SKY-BLUE PINK. Whadayathink?

***That's all for this month. I hope each of you has a wonderful Christmas - God bless and keep you!***