



VOLUME 8

ISSUE 5

## CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

### MEETING

DATE: 5/13/2025

MAY 2025

TIME: 7:00PM/1900

LOCATION: OFK FBO

\*\*\*\*

FIND JOY—30 Ways in 30 Days - Item number : 24

“NOTICE THE MAGIC”

[https://chapters.eaa.org/  
EAA918](https://chapters.eaa.org/EAA918).

### PRESIDENT

*Timothy L. Miller*

402-750-8638

[Tim.mpgpro@gmail.com](mailto:Tim.mpgpro@gmail.com)

### TREASURER

*David Ottis*

402-750-8183

[DavidOttis@gmail.com](mailto:DavidOttis@gmail.com)

### VICE PRES/Y.E.

### COORDINATOR

*Randy Neuharth*

402-841-7752

[rneuharth@cablone.net](mailto:rneuharth@cablone.net)

### SEC/NEWSLETTER EDITOR

*John H. Linke*

402-379-9991

[jhlinke@aol.com](mailto:jhlinke@aol.com)

\*\*\*\*

### EVENTS

### EDITOR'S MEMO. . .

As I collected my thoughts for this month's missive, I noted that I had little real information and few photos to share with you. I'm scratching my head, trying to figure out how to fill four pages with good stuff you would be interested in seeing. Well, blessings, blessings: Thanks to my co-authors and an e-mail from EAA, I can now fill six pages and will likely have to leave some stuff out. Guess you didn't need it all anyway, huh?

It was a lean month for flying for me on a personal level. I got time in the Zenith, with a trip to Ord; just to go to Ord. It's an interesting airport, as it lays along side the North Loup river between Ord and Burwell. From Burwell, the Calamus Reservoir feeds the Loup, so the valley, in spring and summer is lush, making for a pretty area for sightseeing, especially from the air. The airport at Ord is named for Evelyn Sharp and historical memorabilia is displayed in show-cases in the Pilot Lounge.

I Got the Tri-Pacer out as well for exercise after oil change and new tires. Discovered a flat on the left main, so took it over to the shop for repair. Thought maybe the tube was pinched on installation but an examination determined that was not the case. A tiny hole was found in an odd area so a new tube was installed and we were back in service. Flew over to Bloomfield to check out the new concrete runway. Much nicer than the old asphalt but still no markings, as Randy noted last month. It was an easy trip and a good excuse to fly.

On a recent trip to Colorado, we took this photo out the windshield of the



Buick. As we rolled onto I-76 northeast of Julesburg, CO, this 'eagle in the sky' appeared and remained stable for a fair amount of time. I know, you gotta use a little imagination but looked like an eagle to Sally and I.

Enjoy this issue; if you fly, take a photo or two and share with all.

JHL

## MEETING MINUTES

**MEETING MINUTES****8 APRIL 2025**

Meeting was called to order by President Timothy Miller at 1905. There were ten members present and two visitors.

- ♦ The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. There were no additions or corrections and a motion was presented for acceptance; so voted.
- ♦ David presented the Treasurer's Report: A balance of \$6048.93 is in the bank. A motion was offered to accept the report; so voted.
- ♦ Randy discussed some of the new processes for Young Eagles paperwork. HQ is working to streamline the process but in the meantime, the learning curve is a bit steep. Randy has done a good job of keeping the Chapter YE events smooth, with able assistance from wife Kay and Tom Bankers.
- ♦ Tim reported that he had received a note from Mac Case. He has moved from the local area and wanted us to know that he appreciated the local organization and was happy to have been able to participate.
- ♦ Randy had a presentation on airspace and regulations pertaining to operations within 'controlled airspace'.
- ♦ Mike Nahrstedt suggested the membership stroll over to his hangar and check on his progress on his Zenith 750 project. After the meeting was adjourned, the group migrated over to E13 to take a look.

Meeting was adjourned at 1955. Next meeting is scheduled for 13 May 2025. Plans for the Flight Breakfast and Young Eagles events will be more solidified. Please plan on attending.



**EAA's Learn to Fly Week Event - See pg 5**

INSIDE

**EDITOR'S MEMO...PG 1**

**MEETING MINUTES..PG 2**

**ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA. . . PG 3**

**MILLER MUSINGS...PG 4**

**EAA LEARN TO FLY...PG 5**

**GONE FLYIN' . . PG 6**



**Learn to Fly! EAA initiative to showcase personal flying for the fun of it.**



**Randy and DOTSUWA pulling into parking at Columbus Fly-In.**



**Wind turbine farm off the right wing. Nice flight!!**

## ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA



## THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA - 59

By Randy Neuharth

Another month has flown by (pun intended) with not nearly the flying that I had hoped to do. Weather and other commitments have conspired against me. Six point two hours this month was a bit better than last month but not what I had hoped. As the weather starts to get nicer and to settle down a some, I hope to be a bit more adventurous.

The month started off rough with a magneto that needed to be overhauled. Luck was on my side, the repair only cost me eight days of down time. It could have been worse. A thank you goes to Central Cylinder in Omaha for the quick turn-a-round. Once back in the air, I made a trip to Millard. There were several training aircraft in the area so you have to be vigilant. A nice flight with not a lot of wind for a change.

A flight to Columbus for their burger feed was also on the list this month. This was the first fly-in in Columbus for quite some time. They had a very nice turn out with around twenty planes and a couple of helicopters. A good time was had by everyone in attendance.

Probably the most significant flight on the month was with John Linke as safety pilot for some simulated instrument flying. It had been a while since I had done any work under the hood and John was gracious enough to go along. It was a great evening to fly with no wind and smooth as silk. I attribute my good approaches and holds to the weather more than my skill. Unfortunately, during the flight, my EGT gauge started to show an excessively high reading. It was fairly evident to me by its behavior that it was probably a faulty probe. The next morning, I swapped probes to see if that was the case and sure enough the indication changed to the other cylinder. Suffice it to say a new probe is on order. Problem solved.

As we move into the prime flying season, I hope that our chapter members can continue to be active with their own flying adventures. I hope we can do some chapter fly-outs to some of the various fly-in activities

Short final to runway 14 after instrument flying practice.



in the area and the state. We have done some together in the past and they were a great deal of fun. I will try to keep the chapter informed of upcoming events and try to see if we can get something organized.

I am looking forward to our planned **Young Eagles** event and fly-in breakfast scheduled for June. They are some of our most successful events. Let's have a great summer. Until next time, "Happy Flying".



## MILLER MUSINGS . . . By Timothy Miller

### Supporting KOFK - A Community Asset Worth Defending

As aviators, builders, and community advocates, we understand the value of Karl Stefan Memorial Field—KOFK—better than most. But with recent efforts to secure support for a new FBO falling through, and some public criticism beginning to question why Norfolk even has an airport, it's time we speak with clarity and conviction.

First, let's set the record straight: **KOFK is not a quiet or idle airport.** It sees consistent traffic, particularly from **corporate and business aviation**, bringing in decision-makers, medical professionals, engineers, and investors. These flights don't make headlines, but they make a measurable difference in our region's economy and accessibility.

When local industries need to connect quickly to major hubs, when agricultural companies fly in technical staff, or when clients from across the country visit Norfolk, they don't drive—they fly into KOFK. This airport is **a critical tool for economic development**, supporting business retention, recruitment, and future growth. Without it, we become far less competitive.

And it's more than business. KOFK plays a crucial role in **emergency response**, from medical evacuations to disaster relief. When every minute counts, having a reliable, capable airport is a lifesaving advantage. Our field also supports law enforcement, organ transport, time sensitive medication, and air cargo—quiet, vital work that too often goes unnoticed.

As members of the EAA, we see the airport's broader impact. We offer **Young Eagles flights**,  
continued

## . . .A Community Asset

continued from previous column

help foster STEM education and preserve the skills and spirit of general aviation. Every time a child experiences flight here, they're introduced to a world of opportunity—and perhaps a future in aviation. That matters.

Yes, the FBO setback is disappointing, but it's not the end of the story. It's a call to **advocate more effectively**, to share what KOFK brings to this region, and to challenge the misconception that it's a luxury. It isn't. It's an essential resource—a **busy, productive, and future-facing part of Norfolk's infrastructure**. Let's work together to tell that story. **Proudly. Publicly. Persistently.**

Blue skies,



EAA members, local flyers and friends met at the Norfolk 7 theatre on the 18th of April, the 83 anniversary of the Doolittle raid on Tokyo. for a viewing of the original **"30 Seconds Over Tokyo"** film. A good time was had by all.  
JHL

## EAA Learn to Fly Week Returns May 13-17, 2025

There is no doubt, whether it was at the barbershop or doctor's office, when you've talked about your love for aviation, you've been met with this response: "I have always wanted to learn to fly, but...." Or "I started my ground school years ago and took a few lessons, but..."

It is a story as old as time: Aspiring aviators have the desire but there are extenuating circumstances that are preventing them from pursuing their dream of flight. Here at EAA, we know there is an opportunity to turn these dreamers into doers.

EAA's mission is to "grow participation in aviation by sharing The Spirit of Aviation." This mission is fully embraced by EAA's 300,000-plus members and 900 local chapters. Though we can't break down every barrier, it is hard to find an organization and group of members more well-equipped to help aspiring aviators find their place in the sky. Through EAA's vast library of educational materials and local chapter advocates, the organization is perfectly placed to help grow the pilot population. To further the of growing the aviation community, **EAA Learn to Fly Week, supported by Sporty's Pilot Shop, is returning on May 13-17, 2025!**

The week will consist of three straight days of educational and interactive webinars. Topics will range from how to get started in flight training to tips for passing the FAA written exam, how to save time and money in flight training, strategies for the checkride, pinch-hitter presentations, and so much more!

Representatives from EAA, Sporty's Pilot Shop, Redbird, TakeFlight Interactive, and designated pilot examiners from across the country will be presenting this wide range of webinars. Following each presentation, attendees will have time for Q&A with the presenters.

The final day of Learn to Fly Week, May 17, 2025, will play host to chapter Flying Start events across the country. Flying Start events are open house-style activities that introduce local aspiring pilots to the local knowledge, tools, and connections that they need to accomplish their goal of becoming a pilot. During the Flying Start event, chapter members will break down the perceived barriers common to the non-aviation community that prevent people from pursuing their pilot certificate.

Following a short presentation from the chapter and local flight instructors about learning to fly, Flying Start attendees are paired with an Eagle Flight mentor pilot for a free introductory flight. At the conclusion of the flight, the attendee will be provided with a free six-month trial EAA membership!

Flying Start participants will walk away from the event with an "I can do this" point of view, and a clear understanding of "how flying can fit into my life," and "what I can do with this hobby."

Whether you're in the midst of your flight training journey, or just thinking about getting started, we know you'll value in EAA Learn to Fly Week





## COLUMBUS, NE FLY - IN PHOTO ESSAY

On April 26, the Columbus, NE airport opened the spring fly-in season with food and fly ins from around the area. Randy flew **DOTSUWA** over and caught these photos of the parking ramp. Looks like a nice day for a fly in, huh?



Looking forward to good flying days ahead as Nebraska, Iowa and South Dakota open their airports to a broad selection of visitors. Remember, keep it safe out there.

JHL

...on final.



Jason caught this photo on the ramp at Norfolk, perhaps illustrating quite dramatically what Tim and many others have been trying to share. The Turbo-Commander and Gulfstream bring important business to the community and flying is the most efficient use of time and assets to conduct that business. We 'little guys' sometimes get caught up in how the effect improvements and their cost touch us, perhaps to our dismay. The reality is that any improvement to the facility benefits all users and perhaps to a greater degree, the community at large. We don't often know how to quantify that value, particularly to the community but I think we intrinsically know that it is there. If a thousand dollars worth of fuel is purchased from the airport and the passengers on these and like aircraft spend five hundred dollars on meals and lodging, local businesses are the benefactors of the fact that the airport is here in Norfolk.

I echo Tim's comments here and urge each of us to portray the airport and its users as a positive value to the community. We won't win everyone; it's likely that any future improvements will be an even more uphill battle than the last few but the reality is simply this; businesses are looking to expand and they want to be where there is an infrastructure to support their business profitably: That means roads and airports...

JHL