



CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

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EDITOR'S MEMO. . .

"Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of earth and danced the skies on laughter silvered wings..."

So begins John Gillespie Magee's 'anthem' to aviators around the world; and indeed, we can say that the truth in that simple sentence has touched us all in one way or another. The month of April was auspicious for several reasons, not least of which is the successful first flights of Joe Rudloff's **RAN's S-19**. While I don't have a photo of it in flight, I was there and can testify that it got up and down successfully, and Joe had the biggest grin on his face when he parked at his hangar later. I've got a photo to prove it!

Wind and weather played a part (again) in the amount of flying activity which was accomplished. Tim Miller was able to get the Pazmany soloed and is enjoying learning more about this machine on his own. We were able to sneak in a couple of dual practice flights with the wind not howling, or being a challenging cross wind. Tim and Jerry were also able to attend the EAA Chapter Leadership Seminar in Oshkosh late in the month. Look for Tim's report.

I had the Zenith out a few times and managed to add a couple more airports in my collection. The library display of **Women in Aviation** was successfully erected and was a hit, according to the library representative. Now I have this great display which will likely sit in my garage and gather dust - wah! The stories I was able to share on the display boards, through photos and prose are quite inspiring. I'm especially impressed by Margaret Ringenberg, who flew with WASP's and continued to fly into her eighties. She amassed some 40,000 flying hours, all of it basically in light, general aviation airplanes. Remarkable!!

We had a good turnout for the April 18 cookout, with LOTS of food and great fellowship. It's always great to get together and talk about airplanes but you know, it's even better to just enjoy one another's company, especially over food. I would like to thank everyone who attended, and those who prepared goodies to share. As Rachael Rae likes to say, **YUM-OH!!**

I hope you will enjoy this month's newsletter. Got a lot of photos to share, as well as **DOTSUWA**, Tim's report and a quick blurb from Jerry Kohles on his trip to Mardi Gras, so will probably go to six pages. As we move into spring and the fly in breakfast season, if you have 'rusted' a bit from winter 'non-flying', take time to review procedures for communication when operating in and out of 'uncontrolled' airports, UNICOM etiquette and traffic pattern operations. The AIM is a good place to start, and if you are particularly rusty, a CFI will bring you up to speed in a hurry.

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The meeting was called to order by President Timothy Miller at 1900. There were nine members present.

- ◆ The Minutes from the March meeting were reviewed. The reporting was correct but a correction was made regarding the Nebraska State Fly-In. The State Fly-In is scheduled to be held at Central Nebraska Regional Airport in Grand Island, NE on 3 June 2023. There is an airshow with several aerobatic flyers, so be aware of NOTAMs regarding airport closing and opening times. The Minutes were approved with correction.
- ◆ Ray Olson provided the Treasurer's Report, affirming there is \$2572.04 in the bank. Report was approved as presented.
- ◆ Randy reported that the new airport manager, Elijah Mackey is on duty and making the rounds on the field. Welcome this personable young man when you see him, and let's show the value of the Chapter and it's members to the success of the airport.
- ◆ Randy also reported that the Airport Board is moving forward in early planning for a new FBO facility. The multi-million dollar project will be quite an improvement and asset to the field as the gateway to the city.
- ◆ Tim and Jerry are scheduled to attend the EAA Leadership Seminar in Oshkosh the end of the month.
- ◆ Randy confirmed the scheduled Young Eagles event for Saturday, 10 June 2023. He will open the sign in the last week in May. Additionally, he reminded all pilots participating to assure they are up to date on the Pilot Protection plan.
- ◆ John shared a story he had read regarding a fatal YE flight. Without throwing stones, it would appear that the briefed procedures and aircraft POH were not followed and the PIC lost control on final approach. Just a reminder to everyone participating, to fly by the rules and pay attention.
- ◆ Randy presented a training video on flight planning. While most pilots are using some sort of electronic flight planning software, the CFI noted that a map isn't a bad idea for pre-flight planning. The chart, spread out on a table or the floor, gives a quick reference to terrain, elevations and special use airspace that may be hard to identify on a 9" diagonal screen. The take away: Use all the resources at your disposal to assure a positive outcome.
- ◆ John reminded everyone that the library display of **Women in Aviation** was in place at the Norfolk Public Library.
- ◆ Cookout at John's hangar on 18 April 2023; friends, family and fellow flyers invited.
- ◆ Terri Wachter, the airport manager, is retiring the end of the month, and there will be an event at the FBO hangar on Sunday 7 May 2023 celebrating her 25 years of service to the airport and the Norfolk community. Event to be held in hangar G-1, 1400 - 1600. She will be sorely missed.

Meeting was adjourned at 2020. Next meeting 9 May 2023, 1900 at FBO.

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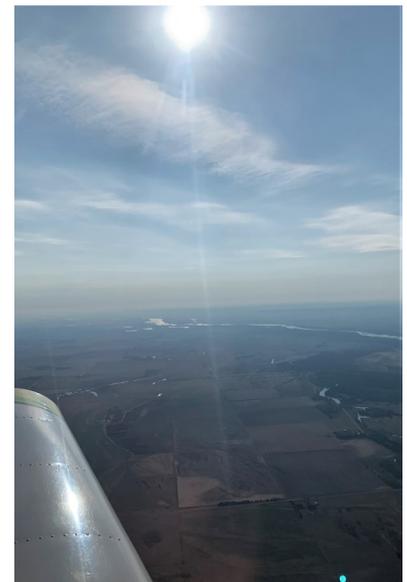
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Hazy morning heading south near the Platte River just northeast of Columbus.



My friend Bill Maxey got this sunset over the nose of the Zenith on the 18th. Kinda pretty, huh?

ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA



THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA - 35

By Randy Neuharth

Boy time flies when you're having fun! (Pun intended)! It sure seems like the months just fly by and all my good flying plans go by the wayside. As I was looking back at my logbook in preparation for this article, I was amazed at how much flying I actually did this month when I thought I hadn't gotten much in. The logbook says I got 9.2 hours on the hobbs! I was thinking that with the wind and weather, such as it was, I had gotten way less. Yes, there were several short flights on the few calm days that we had but it seems that the long flights happened when it wasn't so smooth.

One flight that I really enjoyed was with a young man that I had given his first plane ride to a few years ago when he was in high school. He is from Crofton and was interested in aviation. As it turns out, he went to school at Northeast for his associates degree and then went to Omaha for his flight training. He got his private, instrument, commercial and is a CFII. He did spend time instructing and flying charter down south and now will be flying for UPS on the route from Omaha to Norfolk, etc. Since he is a CFII, he was able to sign me off for an IPC since I did a bunch of instrument work with him. Pretty cool having him back.

Tom Bankers and I also took a flight to Fremont to check out the new FBO. I hadn't seen it since it opened and wanted to get some ideas as we begin working on getting a new FBO for Norfolk. Nice facility. You should check it out.

Because of weather I had to trash my plans to fly to Colorado to deliver 100 lbs. of beef to my son. I was looking forward to the trip but not to being kicked around by the wind. Thankfully I had a backup plan. Thanks to Sally Linke for making the delivery when she went to Denver to see her daughter and grandkids.

I did get to one fly-in. I flew to Hastings on the 29th for the burger feed. It may not have been the smartest thing I've done this month. The winds were not bad here but predicted to get worse as the day progressed. I had a bit of a tailwind going down but that was to change. Hastings AWOS was "reporting" wind at 310, 25 gusting to 38. It was much more of a crosswind on runway 32 than that. I do have to say that it was a pretty darn good landing in spite of the crosswind. Obviously, the forecast kept most people home as there were only three other brave souls who flew in besides myself.

The trip home was another story. I went to 5500' hoping to find smooth air but it was not to be. I also had a 28 knot headwind! AWOS at Norfolk was "reporting" wind at 350, 23 gusting to 39. Oh fun! I decided to give runway 32 a try. Coming down final I had a difficult time holding the center line. A glance at the wind sock showed that the wind actually was almost straight down 02. Time to go around. It's been a while since a I did that but all was well and the landing on 02 was pretty good again. All that crosswind experience on my Nebraska Airports adventure has paid off.

So much for our adventures this month, now to try and get to work on those South Dakota airports. Until next time, Happy Flying!



EAA LEADERSHIP SEMINAR - 2023

Tim Miller

On the weekend of April 21 through 23, Tim Miller and Jerry Kohles joined attendees from all over the USofA for EAA Leadership training at EAA Headquarters in Oshkosh, WI. Friday's activities involved a check-in and social hour with dinner and a tour of



the **Sonex** manufacturing facility in the evening.

Saturday's itinerary started with a fly-in breakfast hosted by EAA Chapter 252 at the **Bassler Aviation** FBO facility. From there it was back to the EAA HQ theatre for training and information. Information and ideas were shared on a wide variety of topics, from chapter gathering meeting format to recruitment and retention techniques. Saturday evening's highlights



involved a tour of the museum and one of the most recently discovered stories from the museum's 1945 Chance-Vought **F4U-4 Corsair**. This aircraft played a historic role in the Korean War.



Sunday morning was focused on chapter identity, legal challenges, web presence and chapter liability mitigation, or "what could possibly go wrong?" Education and the vital role we play both within and for each chapter was a theme that ran throughout the entire weekend. There is always a great deal of networking of people, resources and ideas that each chapter brings to this well run and informative event. It is an excellent experience. I would highly encourage any chapter board member or leader to attend.



MOONEY TO MARDI GRAS Jerry Kohles

"I filed IFR for the trip to New Orleans and made one stop at Springdale, AR. We landed at Gonzales, LA where I had a car reserved, and we stayed at a hotel there. It was 40 miles east to New Orleans on I-40. Kind of a cold and windy day for Mardi Gras. We were going to go back on Sunday but the interstate was clogged. We decided to go into Baton Rouge and went to the **USS Kidd Museum**. It's a WW2 naval destroyer. There were a couple of planes in the museum, one a P-40. The trip home was longer, with two fuel stops."

(Ed note) Jerry sent a couple of video clips but I was unable to pull a still from the video. The first shows the Mooney cruising over a scattered layer, and the pan of the Garmin GPS shows a ground speed of 186 knots. Nice tail wind! Later, Lin is posing in front of the destroyer **USS Kidd**, all bundled up against the chilly air. It was a good trip for Lin and Jerry, and once again illustrates the value of the modern GA light airplane.

GONE FLYIN' and FIRST FLIGHT ADVENTURES



Joe Rudloff poses in his recently completed Rans S-19. With flight instructor Rich Clausen, Joe made a series of taxi tests to acquaint himself with the differences between the Rans and his Cessna 172. Joe flew the airplane with Rich on April 11, and is working out a few small deficiencies (radio static). They have made several early morning flights since, and Joe is gaining confidence and skill. Congratulations Joe!!



Tim Miller taxis in with his Pazmany PL-1. Tim purchased this airplane over a year ago, and has been doing some paint rehab and electronics work.

This airplane is powered by a Lycoming O-320 engine of 150 horsepower and climbs nicely with two on board. Cruise speed is in the 120 mph range. It is all metal, with fuel in two tip tanks. It is a nice flyer, handles well and has garnered the nickname, "Maseratti" around the airport. Congrats Tim!

THE 'STAR GAZERS' PANEL AT THE LIBRARY DISPLAY OF WOMEN IN AVIATION



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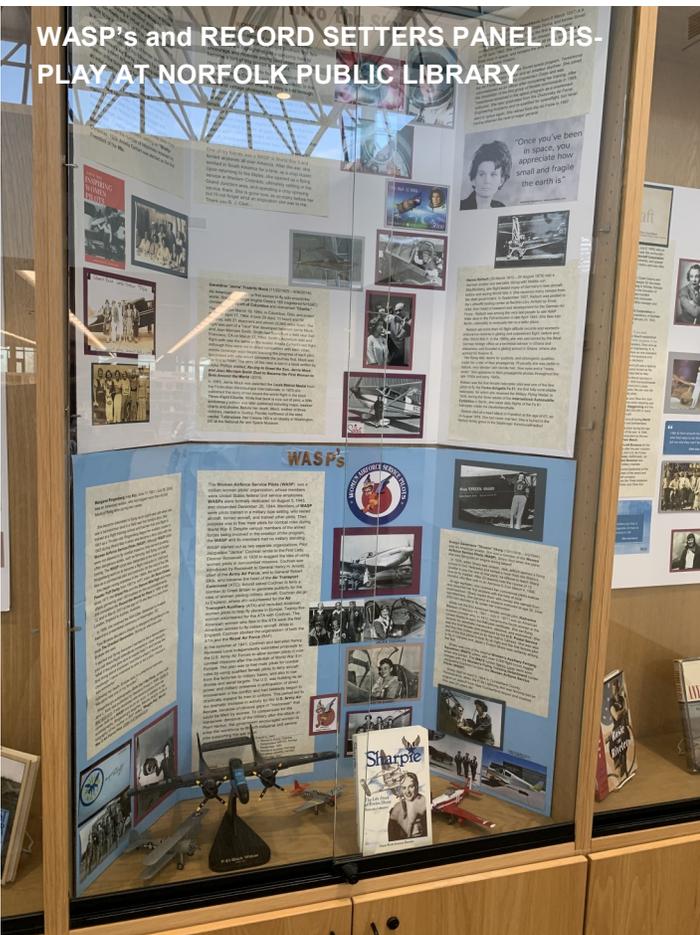


Two 'blue-birds' on the ramp at the Norfolk airport. Really nice to see this activity.

EAA CHAPTER 804 HOSTS FIB IN O'NEILL

The "Sandhills Airforce", EAA chapter 804 is hosting a pancake fly in breakfast on 20 May 2023 at the O'Neill, NE airport (KONL). Fly in or drive in, starting at 0800. Free-will donation for breakfast and fund raising raffle for chapter activities. Contact Neilan Shunkwiler, EAA chapter president for more information at 402-336-6582.

WASP's and RECORD SETTERS PANEL DISPLAY AT NORFOLK PUBLIC LIBRARY



Jerry asked me to remind everyone of a cook out at his house/landing strip on the afternoon of 20 May 2023. Event starts at 1800/6PM with a live band. The address is 56052 845th Road, Norfolk. Come one, come all he says. Sounds like a good time to me!