



# CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

## MEETING

JANUARY 2020

DATE: 1/14/2020  
TIME: 6:00PM/1800  
LOCATION: OFK FBO

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

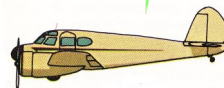
Greetings flying friends! I pray that each of you had a wonderful Christmas, and the partying over the 31st did not get the best of you. A quiet night at the Linke household, befitting our age, I suppose.

We were on the road to Colorado Springs for a wedding of daughter Amber. She and Jonathan were wed on the 28th. We headed home on the 29th, and made it as far as North Platte before giving it up. Interstate 80 was becoming not so good, so RON'd in hopes of a better day on the 30th. Well, the day was good, with bright sunshine but winds gusting to 40 mph from the north, making travel interesting. The interstate was closed due to numerous crashes, so we took highway 30 from Cozad to Grand Island. It wasn't anything to brag about but we made it, stopping in Kearney for lunch and to check the interstate.

As we move into the new year, I know that many of you will have plans for travel, and I urge you to carry blankets and some water in the plane or the car. If you are stranded, these simple items will keep you in good stead until help can arrive. The cell phone is a valuable tool as well though be aware, there may be lousy signal acquisition in parts of Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota and Missouri.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on the 14th. Bring you check book if you haven't paid 2020 dues yet, (\$20, cheap!) and remember, I have Chapter 918 calendars available at \$11, as well as the new **EAA In Flight** calendar. They are nice, and cost is \$10 each.

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MEETING MINUTES

DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES - 10 December 2019

Meeting was called to order at 1810 by President Bruce Zimmerman at the Norfolk FBO office. There were ten members present.

- ◆ Bruce presented Certificates of Service from EAA to President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Young Eagles coordinator. Thanks for your service to the local Chapter.
- ◆ Nominations and election of officers for 2020 was conducted:

President	Bruce Zimmerman
Vice-president	Seth Harder
Treasurer	Ray Olson
Secretary/Newsletter	John H. Linke
Young Eagles Coordinator	Randy Neuharth

- ◆ The Treasurer's report by Ray indicated \$1498.69 in the bank.
- ◆ John presented the photo calendars to members. They were well received and \$11 each. There was discussion about the flying day, and everyone agreed to try it again.
- ◆ Randy shared **AOPA Safety Tip** videos on ground signals/marshalling and taxiing in the wind. Well received, and will continue with this effort.
- ◆ Noted that the Norfolk Pilot's association meeting to be held at HyVee east on 12 December 2019. Everyone is invited.
- ◆ Jerry Kohles reported that his Sonex had received it's formal FAA certification inspection. Congratulations Jerry on the completion of this nice looking example of the Sonex. Looking forward to flight report when the weather again cooperates.

Meeting was adjourned at 1930. There was continuing discussion after the safety videos. The message is clear - good stuff to be shared!



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Jerry's Kohles newly certified Sonex. Looks really nice, huh?



Norfolk Pilot's Association meeting at Perkins Restaurant on 21 November 2019.



Short final to runway 32 following the GPS/RNAV approach. Nice work, Randy.

The Zenith is out of service for annual, so I've not done any personal flying for a bit. I hope to have it finished up in the next few days. In the meantime, I did get a chance to fly with Randy as Safety Pilot while he did some hood/instrument proficiency. It was a good day for flying with lots of snow on the ground and smooth air, making keeping the airplane right-side up relatively easy. Randy uses his phone at the top of the dash as the ADS-B collision avoidance/aircraft finder, and the I-pad on the yoke for chart monitoring. The Garmin 400 is not a WAAS approved GPS but works very nicely and is relatively easy to set up. Automatic sequencing and alerts make it nice without adding a lot of complexity to the instrument flying effort.

**Here we are, climbing out for 4000' MSL to fly the holding pattern for the GPS/RNAV approach for runway 14.**



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**Intrepid aviator on the 'foggles', concentrating on maintaining heading, altitude and course line.**

**Left - Safety pilot and intrepid aviator selfie - check out that concentration!**

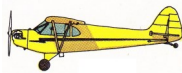
**Below - The display on the Garmin 400 inbound GPS RWY 14 at KOFK.**



**GONE FLYIN'....**

Right before Christmas, Jace Bender and I flew to Holdredge, NE with his brother Jade and father Jeff to pick up a Cessna 172 which he had purchased. It was my first flight in their nicely refurbished Cessna Cardinal RG. Unfortunately, I did not get a photo of the Cessna before we took off...must have been concentrating on preflight and what not. After all, it was an unusual Cessna 172 - it had a tail wheel instead of a nose wheel! The conversion had been done in 1983, when the airplane was but five years old. The Cessna has been well taken care of by the previous owner but for reasons not disclosed, the airplane was repossessed. It had sat idle for some years but a recent, and very expensive annual had been performed, and when I saw the plane, I wished I had had the money to purchase it. It is a very sharp looker, and has great ramp appeal. The interior is well kept too, with comfortably upholstered seats and matching side wall panels and carpet.

The flight back to Norfolk was uneventful, cruising along at 4000' MSL and showing 90 to 95 knots on the airspeed indicator. Landing on runway 14 after left hand traffic netted a pretty good landing, and I look forward to more flying in this ship. Look for it - it's a good 'un!



**ON A SAD NOTE...**

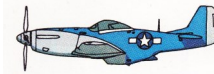
If you have not heard, I want to share with you the loss of one of our airport maintenance and grounds people. Jeff Christianson worked for the City of Norfolk, as well as part-timing for the airport, and was an asset which will be sorely missed. He apparently took a fall at home and was found at the bottom of a stairwell. Along with several other air-

port employees we were able to attend the Memorial Service. The church was filled with well wishers and family, and the service was very moving.



Sanctuary at the funeral home before the family came in for the service. Very nice facility - moving service.

We would like to offer our condolences, and continuing prayers for the family at this untimely loss.



**and finally...**

As we begin the New Year, I'm sure there will be challenges which we've not foreseen and pleasures we've only dreamed of. We have a unique opportunity with our love of flying to share that with others. There has been increased activity in flight training locally, and this has been a blessing all around. The airport celebrated its 75th Anniversary in 2019, with more positive notice to the city and local populous. We have added a couple of new members to the Chapter, and our activities in 2019 were most positive. I look forward to working in the New Year to promote our sport, hobby, past time, enjoyable activity, and I hope that each of you will find the enthusiasm to move us forward. Keep **SAFETY** foremost in mind as you continue to fly for fun...  
**JHL**

