



CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

MEETING

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WATCH A SUNSET OR A SUNRISE**

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FIB Crete, NE

EDITOR'S MEMO. . .

LATE!! Ho-boy...am I late or what? Our travels and life complications conspired to push publishing way beyond my cut-off time. I hope that you will forgive me...I'll try to do better.

Smoke is the story for May. Fires in Canada and peculiar weather patterns have brought smoky skies to Nebraska, often with the acrid smell of burning timber. Winds have settled down so there were many opportunities to commit aviation, and a good number of our local pilots were out doing just that. I had an opportunity to fly with Larry Hradec in his Tri-Pacer for a short flight. He doesn't like bumps and there were a few. Joe has been out nearly every day with his Rans S-19, getting to know the little jewel much better. He has even had his Skyhawk out a few times, just to give it some exercise.

Randy's report on his activities with **DOTSUWA** is on page 3, as usual. Sam Fisher, our friendly Chief Line Person with Norfolk Airport Services sent me a few photos of some visitors, which I share on page 4.

As June opens, we find a return of the smoke, very warm temperatures, a threat of rain everywhere but in Norfolk and summer time humidity. Flying early is the best bet, to avoid the turbulence which unstable air brings. The flow of the latest storms is a bit unusual, coming in from the east and northeast. Moisture off the Great Lakes is what is stirring up the atmosphere.

Jerry Kohles had a major birthday last month. Here is the 'birthday boy', all decked out in his special shirt. We had a good time at your place Jerry; thanks for sharing...and many more, huh?

The weekend ahead 10, 11 June, is a busy one. Tim has sent out an e-mail asking for all hands on deck this weekend, as we work the Young Eagles Rally on Saturday and the Fly In Breakfast on Sunday. Menu for the FIB is the ever present pancakes (Steve's specialty!!), cheese omelet, sausage, biscuit and gravy, with coffee and juice to drink. Nine bucks for all that food - sounds like a good deal to me!



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MEETING MINUTES

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Meeting was called to order by President Timothy Miller at 1902. There were eleven members and one guest present. We welcomed the new Norfolk Airport Manager, Elijah Mackey to the meeting.

- ◆ Minutes for the April meeting were reviewed and approved as posted in the newsletter.
- ◆ Ray Olson was unable to attend; Tim reported \$2572.04 in the checking account. Treasurer's report was approved as presented.
- ◆ Tim reported that the original papers of incorporation have been located. The original document was reviewed by members in attendance. The application for designation as a 501c(3) will move forward.
- ◆ Tim reported on the leadership meeting which he and Jerry Kohles had attended in Oshkosh.
- ◆ Tim asked members to consider long term goals for the chapter, so that as we move forward, we can focus on these things, regardless of who the chapter officers are.
- ◆ Randy reviewed operational procedures for the Young Eagles event scheduled for 10 June 2023. He asked for ground crew member volunteers; presently, we have 5-6 pilots available for flying. The event will take place between 0800 and 1100. Crewmember briefing at 0730. He will open registration on 1 June 2023.
- ◆ There was discussion on the Fly In Breakfast. Volunteers stepped up to provide the necessary items. Steve will bring in his grill on Saturday evening for set up. Plan on meeting at the FBO hangar at 1800 to start setting up tables and chairs and equipment.
- ◆ Randy presented a video training session of post accident analysis - spatial disorientation. The airplane involved was a sophisticated light jet, the pilot well qualified and current. Perhaps the most important thing that came out of this for members was the idea of 'negative transference'. Simply stated, if you are used to flying a 1957 Piper Tri-Pacer, and step into a late model Cherokee, you might find yourself lost in the cockpit as you reacquaint yourself with location of instruments and controls. In a stressful situation, one might reach for the carb heat and inadvertently pull the mixture. This speaks to experimental aircraft particularly, since many do not use standard practices for control and instrument locations. Pay attention! Additionally, turns immediately after takeoff on a dark night, into a 'black hole' can be a fatal decision, even for the most experienced pilot.
- ◆ Jerry invited everyone to his 75th birthday party at his place on Saturday May 20, from 1800 to 2100. Live band and lots of food available in his hangar on the strip.
- ◆ Reminded members of the STOL Drags at Wayne, scheduled for May 26, 27 and 28.

Meeting was adjourned at 2020. Next meeting will be after YE and FIB events, on 13 June 2023. Plan on attending and sharing aviation fellowship.

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How about this nice birthday cake? Jamie Janise made this for Jerry's BD cook out.



Sunset last week at OFK. The haze/smoke really allows for beautiful sunrises and sunsets. Take one in!



Jerry's KitFox and Mark B. peeking around the hangar door. Beautiful day!

ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA



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By Randy Neuharth

Wow, June already, and unfortunately hot days and no rain. We didn't get any real special flights in the month although I had 8.1 hours logged. Most of the flights were just for fun in the local area. I did fly along the Missouri River on Memorial Day to check out the boaters on the lake. It has been a good idea to get an early start in the day because as the day heated up the air became less smooth. We also had to contend with the smoke in the air which caused some interesting visibility issues.

I was able to get a **Young Eagle** flight in during the month to add to my number. While I'm at it, now is a good time to talk about our chapter **Young Eagle Rally** scheduled for Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 to 11:00 AM. Pilot briefing will be held at 7:30 AM. Currently we have 7 pilots that have registered or indicated an interest in participating. That is very good because we are going to need all the help we can get. Registration for the event has just been crazy. I opened up registration on June 1st at 1:00 pm and by 6:30 that evening the registration was full with 74 kids signed up for rides which includes a wait list.

Because of this number we are going to need as much help on the ground as possible. Please let me know if you can help. Also, please respond to any emails that you receive from **EAA Young Eagles** to register and/or confirm your participation. That will help me with the organization of the event.

It is going to be a big weekend with the rally on Saturday and the **Fly-in Breakfast** on Sunday the 11th. We are going to give each kid that gets a Young Eagle ride a free ticket to breakfast. That should bring a few more people out on Sunday. Also, remember we are going to set up for the breakfast as soon as we can after the **Young Eagles** are done flying. Please help!

I did get over to Wayne with Tom Bankers to take in a bit of the **STOL** event. We caught the tail end of some of the **STOL** competition but the wind did not allow for the **STOL/DRAG** to take place until much later so we came home early. I did watch the live stream the next day. Those planes have some crazy performance capabilities. If you haven't seen it try and take it in next year. An interesting note, there was a Cherokee 180 participating in one of the **STOL** classes! I didn't get a chance to see it compete but it did inspire me to start working on my **STOL** skills since **Dotsuwa** does have a **STOL** kit and other modifications. I did practice a bit on one of my flights and discovered she is surprisingly capable. Unfortunately, the pilot needs to work on his skills. We could also use a few more horses under the hood.

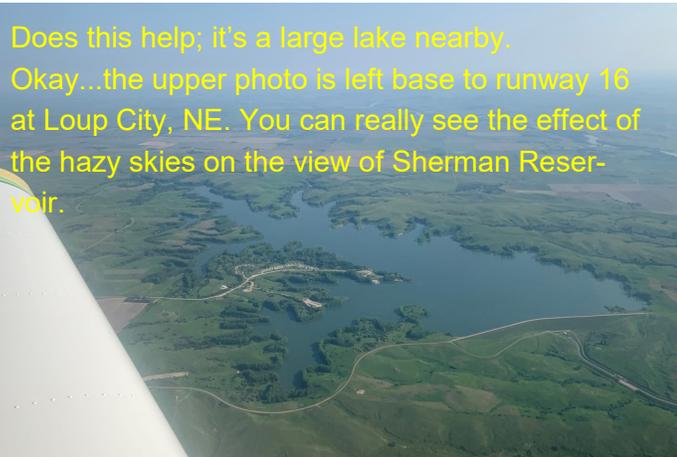
Well, so much for now. Until next time, keep flying! See you at the Rally and the pancake feed.



GONE FLYIN'...



One of my cross country flights this past month took me to this really pretty area. Can you guess the airport?



Does this help; it's a large lake nearby. Okay...the upper photo is left base to runway 16 at Loup City, NE. You can really see the effect of the hazy skies on the view of Sherman Reservoir.

SPECIAL VISITORS...



EAA Chapter **ULE 75** out of Wisconsin stopped in for a fuel/RON stop enroute to Kansas. Weather and lateness of the day conspired to bring six airplanes and their occupants to Norfolk. They stayed in the FBO, with sleeping bags rolled out on the floor. Apparently, this group takes an 'adventure' each year, often far from home, just to get out and fly and enjoy America. Thank you Sam for sharing photos and their story.

...BIRTHDAY BOY



Here's a photo of the Wisconsin Ultra-Light group who stopped in for the night. Two Aeronca Champs and four Rans amateur builds brought them and their gear. What an adventure!!



Jerry posing with family members in front of KitFox. Nice gathering at his place on a beautiful day.

That's it for this month. See you on Saturday!!