



CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

MEETING

DATE: 8/8/2023
TIME: 1900/7PM
LOCATION: OFK FBO

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Do something to pamper yourself

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FIB Crete, NE

EDITOR'S MEMO. . .

By the time you receive this, AirVenture Oshkosh will have come and gone. While I was not able to attend this year, a few of our chapter members made the trip and we'll look forward to more reports and photos next month. I was able to obtain a few photos of the travelers who stopped in for fuel and overnight rest, and will share those with you. While not as dramatic as the event itself, it is heartening to know that our airport is on the list of 'must-do's' for many travelers. Thanks go out to the Airport Authority, Manager and Line Crew that sponsor the food and fuel discount.



I love this view of vintage radial engine powered light aircraft. The polished spinner, polished pushrod covers and attention to clean up detail really is something. Imagine cleaning the dead bugs from the front of this one! I complain about those who die on the wings and cowl of the Zenith, and it doesn't have half as much frontal area. This Howard DGA-15P was a real treat; one of my favorites. A working airplane in its time, it is today a treasured jewel of a time when aviation was at the forefront of innovation in American industry. Enjoy!

JHL

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Meeting was called to order by President Tim Miller at 1900 (7PM). There were ten members present. Secretary/Newsletter editor was not in attendance.

- ◆ Reviewed minutes of June 13 meeting, as published in the July newsletter. No corrections or changes noted; minutes approved as published.
- ◆ Ray Olson was not in attendance; treasurer’s report was presented by President Tim Miller. After disbursement for FIB expense, there is \$3618.40 in the bank.
- ◆ Ray, David, Tim and John signed paper work at the bank to transfer Treasurer duties from Ray Olson to David Ottis.
- ◆ Thanks to Ray Olson for his many years of service to the chapter as the chapter treasurer.
- ◆ There was discussion regarding hosting a Fly In Breakfast and Young Eagles event in September, YE on Saturday and FIB on Sunday. Suggested dates are 23 and 24 September, with alternate/weather date of 30 September and 1 October. Tabled for further discussion at the August meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 2010; next meeting is scheduled for 8 August 2023. Meeting is scheduled at 1900/7PM, at the Norfolk FBO office. Consider attending as we finalize plans for the activities tentatively planned in September. I’m sure there will also be some discussion of the AirVenture adventure by those who were able to attend. Be there or be square!



Matt Berger was able to attend the Pietenpol fly-in in Brodhead, WI this year. He has provided several photos which you will find elsewhere in this issue. Here he poses with a Corvair powered Pietenpol AirCamper.

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Swearingen SX-300 stopped in for fuel in Norfolk. Red, and red-hot fast the few that have been built still impress.



Lockheed Hudson/Ventura series were used as patrol bombers in WW2. The Howard company modified many after the war into executive transports. Another visitor to the Norfolk airport, heading home from the ‘big show’. Always nice to see the unique and unusual on the ramp.

ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA



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By Randy Neuharth

Summer has just flown by as evidenced by the fact the **AirVenture** is here and will be over by the time you read this article. The end of July has really brought some warm weather and with it comes high density altitudes and reduced airplane performance. Methinks **Dotsuwa** doth protest too much. I

have been flying with fuel tanks to the tabs during this time of year to help.

I hope that some of you have the chance to get to **AirVenture**. Unfortunately, I was not able to make it this year but I am looking forward to hearing from those who did make it. I have checked FlightAware to see the conga line flying in to Oshkosh and have been listening to Fish Approach on **LiveATC**. It is always interesting to watch and listen.

We did get some substantial flying in this month, 10.8 on the Hobbs meter, the first flight being the post-annual flight. I got that finished right at the end of June. Tim Miller and I made a flight to O'Neill at the invitation of the **EAA chapter** there for an evening 4th of July cookout. We had a great time with them and got involved in some of their activities including an egg toss, which we did not win but did last almost until the end. I think we ended up third.

John Linke needed to get his plane to Lexington to leave it there for a few days so on the 14th we chased each other there so I could pick him up and bring him back. A nice flight at 6500' to stay a bit cooler but at that altitude we had to dodge some clouds. Another nice evening for a flight. Maybe John will report on his activities there.

On the 15th Jason Janise and I flew to Crete for their monthly fly-in breakfast. There was a lot of smoke and haze with about three to five miles visibility. It made for an interesting flight. The visibility was actually a little better at slightly lower altitudes. If you have not been to the Crete breakfast, I highly recommend that you go. It is probably one of my most favorite fly-in breakfasts. Great food and great people.

Other flights for the month included practicing short field landings to check the capabilities of the STOL kit that **Dotsuwa** has installed (it was on when we got her). I definitely think that she is capable of landing

pretty short, it's the pilot that needs more work. Another flight was just for fun up along the Niobrara and Missouri Rivers. I also got another Young Eagle Flight in for a young lady who is interested in commercial aviation. We had a great time letting her do a bit of flying to get the feel for it. Hopefully another student pilot in the near future.

That's it for now. Fly high and stay cool. Until next time, Happy Flying!

Kylie and Randy enjoying a flight in DOTSUWA. Another Young Eagle smile!!



PHOTO ESSAY - COMINGS AND GOINGS

I was privileged to be asked to conduct aviation training for a church group at Camp Arrowhead near Lexington, NE. A total of 45 young people attended the four and a half day affair, with Honors Badges, similar to Scouting Merit Badges awarded at the completion of each training. I had 12 young people in my group; six boys and six girls. They were all attentive and well behaved and made the lessons easy for me. I had prepared a slide show on the history of aviation, and erected the Women in Aviation boards that had previously been displayed at the Norfolk Public Library. We folded up paper to make a real flying paper airplane. The kids had a blast with them in the public area of the school. Then a balsa glider was constructed, with each student making his own model. They did the balance and trimming, and we had a successful flying session on the school grounds.

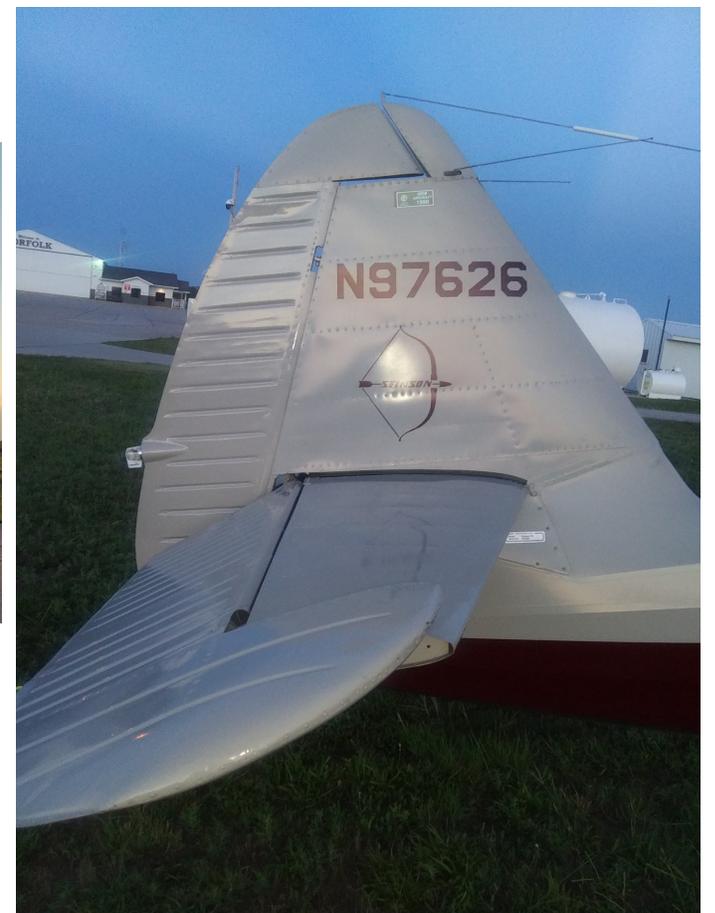
After a visit to the airport to see the Zenith up close and personal, and watch some ag planes come and go, we were back at the school for some drone flying. All got to participate, and all had a great time.



If you have an opportunity to touch the lives of young people in a positive way: TAKE IT!!

FLY-INS, FLY-OUTS, FUELING AND FUN

Photos to share...



A sampling of some of the many visitors this year bound for or returning from Oshkosh. The RV-8 on top caught Sam's eye; it's a neat one. The Howard DGA-15 caught mine. It was very nice, as was the Stinson 108-2 Station Wagon. The Stinson owner camped for five days out of the airplane, and was happy to have a comfortable motel room and real shower.

FLY-IN BREAKFAST AT GENOA (7-30-23)

A pretty morning this one, as the Zenith lifted into cool skies, headed southwest to Genoa (97Y). Smooth air made the trip comfortable and soon I was on final approach to the grass runway 11.



Vintage Stits Playboy from Albion, NE. Few and far between these days, nice to see this one.



Only a few airplanes in attendance but good pancakes and friendly folks. Good turn out from town.

BRODHEAD, WI PIETENPOL REUNION

While unable to fly Mark Berger's Pietenpol this year to the fly-in, Matt, his son, drove over to spend a few days immersed in vintage aviation. While the focus of the event is the ubiquitous Pietenpol Air-Camper, and many fly in from all over the country, the Brodhead airport is home to some pretty classic airplanes from the 1920's and 1930's. Here are a few which Matt shared as a remembrance of his trip. If you are into old airplanes at all, a visit to the Brodhead airport is a step back in time. The Kelch Museum is on the airport and worth a visit as well.

WACO 9 powered by 90 hp Curtiss OX-5 V8 engine. Three seats for sharing rides. Nice!!



Fleet Model 2 from 1928. Initially powered by a Kinner engine, this one is upgraded.



New Standard D-25 5 seat touring biplane. Even today, it still earns its keep hopping rides, just like in the barnstorming era. Brodhead: A real treasure!!

That's all for this month folks. I hope you've enjoyed the photo tour. I look forward to seeing each of you at the meeting on the 8th. In the meantime, get out there and share aviation with your friends.

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