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Spend quality time with your partner (New Year's resolution?)

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EDITOR'S MEMO. . .

Happy New Year!

I hope that each of you had a great holiday. We traveled to Denver to spend Christmas with family. Good weather so drive easy, though still a lot of remnants of the previous weeks significant weather event. Lots of snow in eastern Colorado, which will be a blessing, even this early in the season. They, as we are suffering from the drought which plagued much of this part of America.

We arrived home in time for me to be knocked down by a gastro-intestinal "event". I am feeling pretty much human again but three days of not much sleep, little food and stopped up plumbing really took it out of me. That's why I'm a bit late getting this out; had the best intentions to work on it last week but I did not.

Chapter 918 hosted members, family and guests to First Choice on December 13 for a nicely prepared meal and some good fellowship. Tim had a video running for our entertainment; he attached a remote camera to the Yankee and video'd a flight around the local area. He was very brave; he put the camera on the tail tie down and believe or not, straddled the white runway centerline quite nicely. Well done, Tim!

You'll find Randy's **DOTSUWA** adventure inside, and Tim has comments on chapter activity last year, and some thoughts for 2023. Consider this a reminder: **DUES are DUE**. We voted in November to increase dues to \$25 per year. Bear in mind, to be an active member in the Chapter activities, you also have to be a member of the national organization. A **Membership Application and Information Form** has been prepared, which will be available at the meeting and will assist in tracking membership, as well as providing information to share with other members. While we are a small and relatively tight knit group, as the potential for new members increases, this is good to have information.

Meeting night is Tuesday, January 10, unless we get another of those wonderful ice storms. Please consider making an appearance and getting involved in the Chapter. I believe our Safety presentations, discussion and fellowship make for a pleasant evening away (besides, it's at the airport!). **JHL**

MEETING MINUTES

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We had no “formal” meeting in December and were guests of our friends at **First Choice Catering** for a family meal gathering. We had a nice, intimate group, the food was very good and the fellowship even better. Tim presented the National EAA Awards to our officers and Committee Chairmen. The Chapter 918 slate of officers for 2023 was confirmed and is listed below.

PRESIDENT: Tim Miller; **VICE-PRESIDENT:** Randy Neuharth;

TREASURER (Pro-tem): Ray Olson; **SECRETARY:** John Linke.

Randy will continue as Young Eagles Coordinator and John will continue as Newsletter Editor.



From left to right: Tim, Janet Miller; LaRene, Mike Nahrstedt; Tom Bankers; Lin, Jerry Kohles; Mark Berger, Sally, John Linke, David Ottis; Ray Olson; Eli McCormick. Unavailable for photo - Matt Berger and Vanita.

Homebuilders Week – Online Event Starts January 23

EAA will be hosting our third annual Homebuilders Week online learning event for aircraft builders: (www.EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek). It will be five straight days of educational forums covering a broad spectrum of aircraft building topics. It will start on Monday, January 23, 2023, and run until Friday, January 27, 2023. The live online presentations will be open to everyone interested in building their own aircraft. Sessions will start at 11:30 a.m. CST and run until 8:30 p.m. CST daily.

This event is an opportunity for a new person to jump in with both feet and learn a lot about the wonderful world of homebuilding. We will cover areas like getting started successfully and techniques when building with sheet metal, composites, steel, and wood. But it won't be just for the newbie; we are offering in-depth talks on panel planning, engine selection, FAA certification, flight

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Ray, Tim and John show off the EAA Awards received at the gathering at First Choice Catering. Randy had a previous engagement so was not available for the 'family' photo.



Reminder of warmer days ahead...spring cook out on 18 April 2022; we'll do it again this year. Plan on it!!

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ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA



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By Randy Neuharth

Wow, another month has just flown by, (no pun intended...I may have used that one before, sorry). The year went by rather quickly also. Unfortunately, this month was not a very good one as far as flying adventures go for **Dotsuwa** and I. We only got two flights in for the month and to be honest they

were only done because the weather happened to be good enough to fly and I didn't want to go too long without a flight. Nothing exciting, just a couple of local flights. I did review the logbook and found that I only got 81 hours in this year compared to the 140 flown in 2021. Of course, that is not a fair comparison since 2021 was the 80 **Nebraska Airports Challenge**. Weather and a lengthy downtime for my annual, new interior and gages didn't help. Hopefully I'll get more hours in this year as I try to get to all the South Dakota airports, although I don't plan on getting them done in one year.

As I look back on 2022, there are some significant things that our **EAA Chapter 918** members can be proud of. We had a very successful pancake feed which is always fun for everyone. As a chapter we held two **Young Eagles Rallies** which were very successful also. The chapter flew a total of 71 kids at those rallies. There may have been a few more as I flew a couple of kids outside of the rallies and some of you may have also. Thanks to everyone that helped out at these events as they cannot be held without your support and participation. Because of this we were able to help pay for some flight training hours for one of our young members. I am looking forward to hearing about his flying adventures.

The end of the year allows me to look back and reflect on what I have done but also makes me look forward to what I would like to accomplish in the new year. I am not one for New Year's resolutions but I do have a list of Aviation Resolutions.

Do more flights for actual travel (vacation). Visit some new states.
File IFR on cross country flights to get more experience in the system.
Get more actual IFR time.
Take more friends for flights. Let me know if you want to go.
Continue working on the South Dakota airports.
Attend more fly-ins. (Oshkosh)
Keep improving my aviation knowledge through webinars and reading.
Keep flying Young Eagles.

Thanks to all my aviation friends for keeping our passion for flying alive and well. I wish each of you and Happy New Year. Let's go flying!



MILLER'S MUSINGS . . .

Happy New Year! 2022 was a great year for **EAA Chapter 918**. We held a successful and tasty **Fly-In Breakfast**. We hit some really good numbers with our **Young Eagles** events with indications of even greater demand than we have planes or pilots. That's a great "problem" to have! We had several member's airplane builds make it to the field for final work, as well as trials and progress made on others. I personally was finally able to accomplish a long solo cross country flight to Ohio and back in "**Dustee**", my Grumman AA1A. The trip really lit up my desire to travel more in my flying! We approved moving our organizational structure to a 501-c3 status. Lastly, we finished the year with a very nice dinner meeting at **First Choice** Event center. Flying a lot, IFR training and traveling are in my plans for '23.

Looking forward, I can't help but be excited for 2023. With luck and Mother Nature's cooperation, we could see more opportunities to fly, maybe work in a third **Young Eagle** event or a second Fly-In Breakfast. Also, as we look to the future, we will need to find a candidate for the **Treasurer** position. Ray has asked to step down. He has served our chapter well and honorably, so thank you Ray. Volunteers anyone?

I recognize there are some concerns that moving to federally recognized "not for profit" status will complicate our paperwork, organization and books but I am confident that we will navigate a way that is fun, expedient and manageable. The National **EAA** leadership feels strongly that this places all participating chapters in the best position to grow and have opportunities that cannot exist without that federally recognized status. This chapter has an enormously talented and dedicated membership. I am humbled to serve as President. Thank you, each and every one of you. Together we will educate, elevate and support aviation opportunities for generations to come.

Fly safely and stay healthy...

Tim

HOMEBUILDERS WEEK . . . CONTINUED

testing, and selling a homebuilt aircraft. There will be something for every builder, whether you are just starting out, knee deep in a project, or just received your airworthiness certificate — it is going to be a great learning opportunity.

EAA is working with industry experts, kit manufacturers, and other subject matter experts to provide top-notch material for builders. The sessions will be live and allow time for attendee questions. Recordings will be archived and available to EAA members for review.

EAA Homebuilders Week coincides with the 70th anniversary of the founding of the Experimental Aircraft Association in 1953. Those founding members of EAA lit the fuse on the homebuilt movement that provides affordable access to aircraft ownership and today has spread worldwide.

EAA Homebuilders Week is possible through the generous sponsorships of Aircraft Spruce & Specialty Co., Dynon, Scheme Designers, Inc., and Van's Aircraft, Inc.

Visit [EAA.org/HomebuildersWeek](https://www.eaa.org/HomebuildersWeek) to review the schedule and sign up for a session.

Charlie Becker, EAA Homebuilt Community Manager



Sally and I attended the movie "**DEVOTION**" while it was in town. As a 'flyin' flick', it's a good one. While the story really isn't about airplanes, it has some very good **REAL** airplane flying. The formation scenes of the **Bearcats**, low level flying and the air to air work with the **Corsairs** is some of the best. Several magazines have reviewed the work and are quite complimentary about the flight sequences. The airplanes are correctly painted, the "deck" of the aircraft carrier **Leyte** looks like you might expect the deck to look and feel. The most dramatic shot of the film for me personally was when a Corsair crash lands. Looks like a camera was mounted on the left wing and you get the feeling of flying thru the trees and impact with the ground. It's worth a look see. Fly safely and take care of one another...

JHL