



# CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

## MEETING

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### EVENTS

1 April 23 EAA Chap 1055  
FIB York, NE

15 April 23 EAA Chap 569  
FIB Crete, NE

**FIND JOY—30 Ways in 30 Days - Item number : 7**  
**Go for a walk outside**

### EDITOR'S MEMO. . .

Spring has sprung; three whole days worth! I'm smiling at my wit and in truth, anxiously waiting for nice weather for more than a couple of days in a row. I'll not complain about the moisture, regardless of the type since the snow doesn't last long when it comes.

As all of you know, I have been attempting to make a flight operation at each airport in the state for three years now. I'm back on the quest, albeit a bit slowly. I'm blaming the weather but as everyone knows, life sometimes gets in the way. Among the most unusual of my adventures was one a couple of weeks ago to Bloomfield. There was snow in that part of the state the day before but it was so nice in Norfolk when I left that I didn't give it a second thought. As you can see, the airport is all but invisible against the white background. It illustrates a valid point when you go out adventuring; finding the airport, even when you have an idea where it is located in reference to the city. I did make a touch and go there before heading home.



I would like to remind everyone that I will be hosting a cookout at my hangar on the 18th; my traditional first cookout of the year. Additionally, the Norfolk Public Library will be hosting a display on Women in Aviation through the month of April. Please stop by and take a look. Of the tens of thousands of women who have flown or otherwise contributed to the advancement of aviation world wide, I've highlighted sixteen or so. While I knew the stories of some of them, as I researched these women I was awestruck by their tenacity; not just to fly but to lead and advance the cause of flying safely. The film "**HIDDEN FIGURES**" highlights the story of the women involved in the early days of the space program. It is worth a look... Enjoy this issue, and we'll see you at the airport.

MEETING MINUTES

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**14 MARCH 2023**

March meeting was called to order by President Tim Miller at 1900 at the Norfolk FBO office. There were eleven members present and two guests.

- ◆ The minutes of the 14 February meeting were reviewed; motion was made to approve, and so voted.
- ◆ Ray Olson presented the Treasurer’s Report: There is \$2572.04 in the bank after disbursements in March, and dues deposit. Motion was made to approve the report; so voted.
- ◆ Tim reminded the membership that we are looking for someone to take Ray’s position as Treasurer. It isn’t a difficult job, and not all that time consuming, so if you have an inkling to serve the Chapter, please step forward.
- ◆ Tim reported on the activities for submission of the paperwork for the 501c3 designation. Chapter bylaws need to be located to move forward.
- ◆ There was some discussion regarding the fees and expenditures to continue with the designation.
- ◆ There was discussion regarding a fly in breakfast. We have tentatively scheduled for 11 June 2023. More details to follows as plans are solidified.
- ◆ The State fly in this year is to be held on 3 June 2023 at Central City. Look for more information as it is forthcoming.
- ◆ Randy suggested we host a Young Eagles event on 10 June, in conjunction with the nationwide event. He reminded each pilot to assure the student protection certification was up to date. Pilot briefing at 0730; flying 0800 to 1100.
- ◆ There was some discussion regarding the Eagle Flight/Learn to Fly event on 20 May 2023. Randy will obtain further information for discussion at the next meeting.
- ◆ The airport Authority Board has hired a new airport manager. His name is Elijah Mackey. Teri will remain in the office for a time during the transition.
- ◆ Randy presented a short video regarding bird strikes. There was discussion after the presentation. In he past several weeks, the sky has been filled with huge flocks of geese moving. It behooves each of us to pay attention for this activity and review some techniques to minimize a strike.

The meeting was adjourned bt 2015. Next meeting scheduled for 11 April 2023, 1900 at the Norfolk Airport FBO office. Plan on attending as we finalize plans for the learn to Fly Day, as well as the upcoming FIB.



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Saw this nice little J-3 Cub in Wayne. Cute, huh?



Here’s DOTSUWA, heading home from Wayne. Smooth air, and good steady hand on the wheel make staying in position easy. Thanks!!



Research for Women in Aviation took me to Ord - Evelyn Sharp Field.



## THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA - 34

By Randy Neuharth

According to the calendar, Spring has arrived. Now if someone would please tell the weatherman! Unfortunately, this was not a good flying month for me. Between wind, weather and my “busy” schedule **Dotsuwa** and I were only able to get three flights in for a total of 2.9 on the hobbs meter. None of the flights were of any real significance except to get out and fly. I did get a flight to Neligh for a touch and go, another just to fly and battle crosswinds and another chasing John Linke to Wayne and back. We did some formation flying on the way back which is always fun. Formation flying (we don't fly to Blue Angles standards) is a good way to work on your precision holding heading and altitude. One thing John and I decided is that we need to have a passenger along to take pictures.

Since winter is a time that many pilots don't get much flying, the anticipation of spring and good flying weather is something we all look forward to, especially if we have done little or no flying recently. Many of us start spending a bit more time at the airport, talking to the airplane and getting her ready for spring and summer flying.

If you have not flown during the winter, now is the time to start getting ready. It is a good idea to spend some time cleaning, inspecting, and servicing the airplane to be ready for the first flight. It is time to vacuum the interior and wash the airplane if the weather permits. As you're doing this it is a good time to take a thorough look at the airplane. Is there any surface damage that you have not noticed before? What is the condition of the control surfaces? Check the condition of the landing gear and the tires for condition and correct air pressure. It is also a good idea to check openings for any critters that may have taken up residence; they don't like winter either. Check the engine compartment for anything that is unusual and check all controls and control surfaces for proper movement.

Check the fuel system. Drain a good amount of fuel each of the fuel sumps and check for any contamination. Hopefully you had full fuel tanks to help minimize moisture build up but also look for any particles that may have settled over time.

This is a good time to check the battery for any corrosion and to make sure the cables and connections are in good condition. I keep a **BatteryMinder** on mine to keep the battery charged and in good condition. They are just too expensive to have to change too often.

There are probably many more things that could be checked and each make of airplane has their own particular items that may need to be checked. Hopefully all is well and your first flight of the spring will be a great experience.

Until next time, Happy Flying!



## EAA Announces Inaugural Learn to Fly Week – May 15 to 20

Aspiring aviators will have the opportunity to discover multiple pathways to becoming a pilot as EAA presents its inaugural Learn to Fly Week on May 15-20.

Beginning May 15th, expert flight instructors and representatives from various aviation organizations will present free, interactive webinars. These webinars will cover topics from starting flight training, saving time and money in flight training, preparing for the FAA written exam, to passing the check-ride, and so much more. While the live showing of these presentations will be open to the public, the recordings will be archived for EAA members to view at their convenience.



Learn to Fly Week will conclude on Saturday, May 20, with Flying Start events hosted at chapters across the country. EAA's Flying Start program allows EAA chapters to welcome, encourage, and educate new aviation enthusiasts about the fun, freedom, and accessibility of personal aviation in their local area. Following a short presentation about learning to fly, attendees will be offered a free introductory Eagle Flight to experience the spirit of aviation firsthand.

“Becoming a pilot is a dream for many, but few know where to start their journey. Learn to Fly Week was created to help encourage aspiring pilots to take action and begin the pilot training process,” said David Leiting, EAA Eagles Program Manager. “Our goal is to show attendees how accessible achieving their dream actually is.” Leiting also added that inspiration from this event stemmed from packed forums at the Learn to Fly Center at EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2022, as well as the success of

other EAA virtual events like Homebuilders Week and Virtual Ultralight Days.

Combining the educational forums from the Learn to Fly Center and the connections and inspiration found at Flying Start events, EAA Learn to Fly Week is the latest effort in the ongoing effort to help aspiring pilots achieve their dream of flight.

Sporty's Pilot Shop is the presenting sponsor of Learn to Fly Week. Sporty's will be participating in multiple webinars and offering product discounts during the week.

Full webinar schedule and more details on Learn to Fly Week can be found at [EAA.org/LTFWeek](https://EAA.org/LTFWeek).



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## GONE FLYIN'...

On that adventure I described on page one, I was also fortunate enough to find some teeny, tiny, filmy clouds underneath me on the way home. I positioned the airplane to allow the sun to cast a shadow and I'd like to share that with you. Pretty cool, huh?

