



CHAPTER 918—NORFOLK

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EDITOR'S MEMO. . .

Busy month last month, what with Young Eagles event and Flight Breakfast a day later. The Chapter pulled together and we had successful events, despite some weather challenges on Sunday, June 11. We had a bunch of airplanes on the ramp but they all taxied in...so maybe we should have called it a 'Taxi-In Breakfast', huh? Here's a 'family photo' of the "Breakfast Crew". Thank you!!



John Linke, Jerry Kohles, Steve and Sue Falk, Randy Neuharth, Mike Nahrstedt, Dave Ottis, Mark and Cindy Throener, Janet and Tim Miller. (Missing are LaRene Nahrstedt, Ray Olson, Mark and Matt Berger)

Not gonna spend a lot of space this month with words as I've a goodly bunch of photos to share, and I'm sure you'd rather look at pictures than read my words of wit and wisdom. We were able to get Mark and Matt Berger's **Pietenpol AirCamper** airborne on the 12th. Nice evening flight with three stop and goes for currency, then a passenger ride. Randy will have his **Adventures of Dotsuwa** column on page 3, with more information on the Young Eagles event which was held on 10 June.

So, open up and enjoy the photo essay of **Chapter 918's** activities. JHL

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Meeting was called to order at 1901 by President Timothy Miller. There were eleven members present and one guest.

- ◆ Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed and approved as published in the newsletter.
- ◆ Ray Olson presented the Treasurer’s report: after proceeds from the Fly In Breakfast were totaled, bank balance is \$3912.07, with an outstanding debit of approximately \$600 expenses for breakfast supplies.
- ◆ David Ottis has volunteered to take the position of Chapter Treasurer. Motion was made and approved to accept Dave as treasurer. Thanks to Ray Olson for his long standing duties as the Treasurer. David and Ray will work with the bank regarding signature card, and other transfer responsibilities.
- ◆ Tim gave a report on the final numbers for the Fly In Breakfast. In spite of challenging weather (800 overcast/5-7 miles vis) Ray and Mark tallied 124 adults, 15 children for gross receipts of \$1394.00. Participation from the community was outstanding, considering past events. We had one fly in after the ceiling raised, a Bonanza from Millard Airport in Omaha. Big thank you to those fellows!
- ◆ Thank you particularly to our ladies in the chapter. They were there for the Young Eagles event and the Fly In Breakfast. Thank you Kay Neuharth, LaRene Nahrstedt, Cindy Throener and Janel Miller for your valuable assistance.
- ◆ Randy reported that 45 young people had been flown for the Young Eagles event. Weather was generally good for this event until late in the morning when some light rain showers ‘toured’ the area. The raid dampened the ground and rinsed the windscreens but did not dampen spirits. Once again, thank you to all the members who volunteered in whatever capacity. These events are not possible without strong volunteer support.
- ◆ There was some discussion regarding another YE/FIB event in the fall. The discussion was tabled for a later meeting.
- ◆ The picnic tables we purchased from the Battlecreek Golf Course need some rehab. A work day will be scheduled to sand and otherwise coat each seat and table for weather protection.
- ◆ Tim let members know that he had recently passed 300 flight hours since his purchase of the Yankee just two years ago. Kudos!

The meeting was adjourned at 2020. The July meeting is scheduled for 11 July 2023. Make plans to attend, as we firm up plans for a work day to fix up the picnic tables, and discuss other chapter plans and activities. Meeting starts at 1900; treats are generally available and we do manage to talk flying things, as well as conduct business.

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Shades of the “old days”, when Cubs littered the Norfolk airport under the direction of Andy Risser. Sam caught this one on a fuel stop. “Pristine,” he drooled!



Caught this storm cloud northeast of Sterling, CO. Later, it generated a tornado warning with heavy rain.

ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA



THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF DOTSUWA - 37

By Randy Neuharth

Oh my, June did fly! July is almost here and the summer is just “flying” by. It has been a busy month for **Dotsuwa** and I; and a busy month for **Chapter 918**. The chapter had two activities this month that were very successful. I am sure that John or Tim will report on our very successful pancake feed so I will leave that to them. I will report on the **Young Eagles** event that was held on June 10, which was **EAA Young Eagles Day**.

Six of our chapter pilots participated in flights for the rally. We flew 21 flights with a total of 45 kids. Jerry Kohles flew 4 flights and 10 kids in his Mooney. John Linke flew 4 flights and 4 kids in his Zenith. Timothy Miller flew 3 flights and 3 kids in his Grumman. Randy Neuharth flew 3 flights and 9 kids in his Cherokee. Mark Throener flew 3 flights and 8 kids in his Mooney, and Kenneth Warrick flew 4 flights and 10 kids in a Cherokee 180. In addition to the pilots that participated, we had an outstanding ground crew that helped with the registration and organization of rides to help make for a very smooth event. Without all the help we would not have been as successful as we were. Thank you.

I would remind everyone that **EAA** is promoting **30 flights for 30 years** to celebrate **Young Eagles 30th** anniversary. Any **Young Eagles** pilot who flies 30 **Young Eagles** between August 1, 2022, and July 31, 2023, will be awarded a commemorative polo shirt. The kids that you flew during our rally last August count toward your total so several of you are pretty close. Remember, you can make flights on your own. You just need to do the paperwork and send it in. If you have questions or need forms, please contact me. I have them. Hurry, the deadline is approaching fast. It would really be nice to see several in our chapter reach the goal.

Now for the Adventures of **Dotsuwa**. I am happy to report that **Dotsuwa** and I have reached the “**30 flights for years 30**” goal. With last year’s, and this year’s rally plus several other individual flights we were able to do it. The really cool thing is that the flight that put me over the top was a flight with my two grandchildren. For various reasons we hadn’t had the opportunity before but they were staying with us for several days so it finally worked out. I also did two other individual Young Eagles flights this month to work toward the goal.

Of course, there were several other flights this month to help with 9.3 hours this month. A couple of local flights and a flight to Yankton. Several of the chapter members, including Jerry Kohles, Mark Throener and myself did a fly-out to Hastings for their monthly burger feed. A total of 3 pilots and 4 passengers made the trip. A good time was had by all. I would be nice to try and have a few more of those types of flights so watch your email.

Dotsuwa is now down for her annual inspection. Here’s hoping it is quick and painless. Until next time. Happy Flying!

YOUNG EAGLES - 10 JUNE 2023

it's the real deal.



Young Eagles flight: Cherokee 180, Mooney 201, Cherokee 140, Mooney M-20F, Yankee, Zenith.



A nervous young lady taxiing out; next thing you know, the camera is out and taking video. Great!!



How about that Young Eagle smile!



I'm stretching to get bigger than this 15 year old! He had a great time; maybe another pilot in the making?



They come in all sizes - and the one thing they ALL have in common when the ride is done is a BIG smile. They may be a little nervous as we walk out to the plane, get strapped in and get the briefing. A smooth lift off and smooth air go a long way to easing the trepidation and the next thing you know, a smile inadvertently creeps across their face. Yep,

The photos tell the story: Pilots and passengers had a great time. Thanks again to Randy for spear-heading the event, his wife Kay for her steadfast management of sign in procedures and all the volunteers who participated.

NORFOLK FLY-IN BREAKFAST - 11 JUNE 23

Time and Janet Miller were up early getting the roasters going for omelets and sausage. Steve and Sue worked at the grill, getting it all fired up for pancakes. A special treat this time was provided by Sue as she made up waffles for those who wanted to try something new. Her special topping was a hit too.



First customers came through the hangar door just before 8AM, and it stayed steady most of the morning.



Master pancake chef Steve Falk in his special apron.



Some of our "taxi-in" traffic; Jace and Jeff Bender's family Express in the foreground



Despite the gray skies for most of the morning, our guests enjoyed the fare and an opportunity to check out the parked airplanes. Of course the pilots in attendance also had a good time sharing stories. The volunteer effort by so many is greatly appreciated, especially Steve and Sue for their grill work (it's HOT behind that grill!) and Tim and Janet for their logistical support. The set-up and take down crew did a great job as well. A big "THANK YOU" to each and every one who participated.

GONE FLYIN' . . . PIETENPOL COMES OUT



Family portrait: Mike, Bob and Mark Berger pose in front of the family prided and joy, the Model A Ford powered Pietenpol Air Camper.

ON FINAL . . .



NORFOLK AIRPORT MANAGER RETIRES

Long time airport manager Terri Wachter has formally retired from her duties managing the Norfolk Airport. EAA Chapter 918 presented this plaque to Terry recently, thanking her for her continuing support of Chapter programs, including Young Eagles events and the Fly In Breakfast. We look forward to working with the new manager, Elijah Mackie.



Well folks, that about wraps it up for this month. More photos to share of our recent travels but they'll wait for another time. In Denver recently, we visited the **Wings Over the Rockies Air and Space Museum**. Located on the old Lowry Air Force Base property, it's worth a look see if you are in the area. Take care and fly safely. **JHL**



Hazy sunset, with the golden glow bouncing off the Elkhorn River just west of Norfolk, reflected in the silver coating on the wing. Lots drag out there, huh?



Post flight debrief: Mark, friend Bob and son Matt admiring the sleek lines of the Air Camper.