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## I learned about flying from that!

I am reading a book titled "Where the BUF Fellows Roamed" written by James Hooppaw, a retired B-52 bomber pilot. The author uses the statement, "I learned about flying from that" at the end of many stories about flying or human interaction. This made me think about what experiences we all have had and what we may have learned.

I believe that I learn or relearn something every time I fly. If I walk away from a flight and feel that I have not, then I know that I was not paying enough attention to the events that had just taken place. Now, I know some of you may feel that there is probably nothing new you need to learn about your aircraft or flying. I am willing to bet that the majority of pilots who feel this way are either young or limit their flying to day VFR with a calm wind.

I know a friend of mine (no names) learned something some months ago. That is, always make sure the hangar door is ALL the way up before pushing the plane in. She learned about flying from that. Now how does a ground incident relate to flying? Well, she learned to always look where the plane is going before it gets there. She learned not to be in a rush when dealing with an airplane either in the air or on the ground. She learned that aircraft parts are expensive, but not as expensive as the labor to replace them. And just as important, it is not fun to have a friend as a newsletter editor.

Some learning experiences stay with you your whole life. I still remember the day we were on final with the plane going off course, climbing and getting slower. The instructor pilot was making only meek comments about how the pilot needed to get the aircraft back on course. You see, the pilot was a Colonel and the instructor in the copilot seat was a Captain. The Captain felt tactic was more important to his career at that moment than precise aircraft control, especially when the Boss is flying. The only problem was the Colonel was having a heart attack, so nobody was flying the plane. It wasn't until the young 2nd Lieutenant extra pilot (myself) made a statement about getting the aircraft under control so a landing could be made that the Colonel's condition became apparent. I learned about flying from that.

I remember being over the beautiful forests of Wisconsin on our way to Oshkosh. We were behind schedule and had flown longer than expected due to diverting around thunderstorms since leaving Plattsmouth. But, we still hoped to land before the airport was closed for the night. We were nearing Ripon when I mentioned that we were low in one tank and about to run out of fuel in the selected tank when the aircraft became quiet. I immediately switched to the other tank and the engine came back to life. I figured we had 30 minutes of fuel with 10 to 15 minutes of flying left. Luckily there were no delays and we proceeded to Oshkosh and had an uneventful landing. But, I learned about flying from that.

## Meeting Time & Location - Same old place and Time.

The Chapter 80 monthly meeting will be held at 7:00PM on Monday, June 13 at the main hangar of Hangar One at Millard Airport, Omaha, NE. It is still located on South 132nd Street between Q and Harrison.

## June Program

You are the program. We ask all aircraft/ultralight/helicopter/flying tub owners to bring their favorite flyable aircraft or static display to the meeting. We are going to have a Fly-in Barbeque hosted by T.W., Dale McClure and others. All you have to do is come, eat, listen, answer any questions about your aero vehicle, and maybe, give someone a ride. It is a good

time to get to know that other chapter member you have been meaning to get to know or talk to. Heck, talk to someone you don't even know. Just Imagine, all this fun and it only cost \$5. Yes, we are asking for a donation to cover the cost of this no-notice eating event. If you do not want to eat, come anyway and see some fancy (OK, mine is not fancy, but it is all I've got) aero vehicles. Or, just come to talk airplanes.

## P resident's Message

Each nice weekend, we hear about a small plane incident someplace. What is interesting is how the press makes a big deal out of each incident. What concerns me is the message these incidents send to the general public who know nothing about airplanes and live on misinformation. Every time there is an incident, we should shudder, be concerned about the individuals involved and be concerned about our ability to continue enjoying the skies. These incidents seem to trigger the fanatics, the anti-private aircraft people who are so few, but are able to speak with such a loud voice because the press serves as their loud speaker. Good news is not what the press wants. We need to be sure we are not giving the press more ammunition with our actions. We all need to protect our ability to use and enjoy private airplanes.

Lots of flight breakfasts, good flying weather, good people and good food. It is a wonderful time of the year. FLY safe.

### Calendar of Events: B-Breakfast/ L-Lunch

1st Sat of month	Fly-in B	York, NE
3rd Sat of month	Fly-in B	Crete, NE
Jun 12	Fly-in B	Tekamah, NE Spencer, IA Pawnee City, NE
Jun 17	Fly-in B	Ankeny, IA
Jun 17-19	Gathering of Luscombes Over Kansas Olathe, KS	
Jun 18	Fly-in Dinner	Harlan, IA
Jun 19	Fly-in B	Maquoketa, IA Harlan, IA
Jun 25	Kansas City Vintage Fly-in	Gardner, KS
Jun 25-26	Fly-in B	Crete, NE
	Aviation Extravaganza	Kearney, NE
	Rocky Mountain EAA Regional Fly-In	Denver's Front Range Airport (FTG),
June 26	Fly-in	Pender, NE Eagle Grove, IA
July 3	Fly-in B	Marion, IA
July 4th	Fly-in	Corning, IA Altantic, IA
Jun 30 - Jul 4	EAA B-17 (Chapter 80)	Eppley Airport
July 8—18	T-6 reunion	Wahoo, NE
July 15-17	Skydiving	Plattsmouth, NE

**Our First Young Eagles Event.** There were 21 Young Eagles flown on our first event of the year even though two of the organizations scheduled did not show. Must have been the wind which was blowing good that kept them away. Anyway, thanks to all the pilots and ground crews that showed to help - even those that came late due to time confusion (that would be me).

**Next Young Eagles Event.** June 25th will be our next

opportunity to give kids the experience of flight. Please call Jim Ratte, 964-2645, if you can help at Millard Airport at 0800. A flyer accompanies this email newsletter.

**The B-17 is still coming! The B-17 is still Coming!** At this time we only have 9 members signed-up to help with the B-17 mission. There will be two press flights on June 30 followed by rides on July 1-3. If any member wishes to be on the list, call me at 681-4439 or sign at the next meeting. Time is getting short on this event. TAC Air will be providing gate security, so our mission will be to protect the public from hazards such as moving aircraft and ground vehicles, and to protect the aircraft from the public. We will not be responsible for access to the Eppley ramp. The souvenir trailer will be located in the TAC Air parking lot which is not off-limits to the public. Entry to view or ride the aircraft will be via the TAC Air lobby. We would appreciate it if one or more of the members wives could work the souvenir trailer during this event as well. I will contact each of you that have signed-up as soon as I have any further information. Remember Monday's meeting is the last meeting prior to this event. Kevin Faris, B-17 Tour Stop Coordinator

**2005 Skydiving Boogie.** Have you always felt like jumping out of a perfectly good airplane or watching people do it? Well, now is your opportunity. The Lincoln Sport Parachute Club will be hosting a SkyDiving Boogie at Plattsmouth (PMV) airport July 15-17th. They will be selling Tandem skydives with part of the proceeds going to American Cancer Society. Go to [www.skydivelspc.com](http://www.skydivelspc.com) for more info. Note: They will have two aircraft flying and anticipate a lot of jumpers in the air, so be very careful and listen to 122.7 (CTAF) and 120.1 (Omaha Approach) if flying to PMV during those days.

### SPANS - Safety Program Airman Notification System.

What is it? It is the FAA's online event notification system. In the words of the FAA, "Many of you now have taken advantage of FAA sponsored events and seminars to increase your skills as airmen. The FAA has recently launched the SPANS system to provide better seminar and event information notification in a timely manner and easy access for Airmen. The SPANS system is taking the place of the current paper based snail mail system... As a registered user you can get automatic email notifications, detailed event information, important notices, and local contact information via email! Spans is 100% free and our user database is never given out to anyone." Go to <http://faasafety.gov/SPANS/> to register. It is recommend that airmen also register their email address at <http://registry.faa.gov/amsvcs.asp> and update their current mailing address if needed.

**For Sale:** 1966 Cessna 150 Model F. Less than 2000 hours total time on plane. Engine was topped in mid 1990's by Central Cylinder Service. Slick mags, new tires and tubes on main gear. Annual and new ELT battery in April of '05. Upgraded attitude indicator. Radios, transponder, encoder, nav/com, 2nd flip flop digital com. radio, intercom, Loran, single V.O.R, wheel pants, regular maintenance, complete logs (accurate). Total airplane in great shape. Contact Ted Drefs 1-402-614-2761

**Something Interesting to DO.** I saw this in the Apr/May issue of PIREPS. The Air Race Classic (ARC), an All Women's Cross-Country Air Race, will be stopping in Beatrice, NE. There are two young ladies from the University of NE at Kearney in the race, Bobbie Harders and Heidi Wullschleger. The racers will be at Beatrice on either the 21st or 22nd of June. To get a more precise time go to the ARC website at [www.airraceclassic.org](http://www.airraceclassic.org). Soooo, if you have some spare time, it might be interesting to see the some of the 43 racing teams in this event.

## *EAA Chapter 80 May 2005 Minutes*

04 May 2005

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM by President Ward Combs in the hangar of Hangar One at the Millard Airport. There were forty-five members and one visitor present.

A motion was made by Rob Hansen and seconded by Bob Cartwright and the March minutes were approved.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Treasurer Rob Hansen reports we had expenses of \$92.12, income of \$214.00, and a balance of \$3249.66

### **Young Eagles:**

Coordinator Jim Ratte reports our next two Young Eagles events are at Millard on May 21 at 09:00 and June 25.

### **Builders Reports:** None

### **Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:** None

**Fly-out Schedule:** Mike Howard reported on the Sun and Fun fly-in that he and Doug Humble attended. Mike reports there was nothing terribly exciting there. The weather was 80 to 85 and sunny.

### **Librarian report:** None

### **Old Business:**

- Chapter 80 now has a pair of low-wing aircraft jacks which are to be kept at the Wahoo hangar for club member use.
- T.W. would like a member to volunteer with setting up our P.A. system on meeting nights.
- Rob Hansen reports we have room for two aircraft at Wahoo. The rent is \$60.00 per month.
- Ultralight Chapter 17 has decided against continuing the partnership in the Wahoo hangar.

### **New Business:**

- Mike Howard reported that the tables at Wahoo are shot. After discussion, Mike made a motion, seconded by Tom Wieduwilt for Mike to purchase four new tables.
- Membership Chairman Bob Cartwright needs the address for member Hal Ellis.
- There will be a Wings Over Kansas event at Atchison on May 28.
- We received a newsletter from the Sioux Falls, S.D. Chapter.
- T.W. brought up the issues we have with the pop machine at Wahoo. After some discussion it was determined to retire it and just use the refrigerator. We have had a couple of propane grills donated to the Wahoo hangar. Mike Howard will check the applicable code to determine if we are within allowable gas storage limits.

### **Program:**

Program Chairman Dale McClure introduced Gary Black of the Cirrus Design Corporation. Gary talked about the testing and certification of the CAPS parachute system and other details of the Cirrus design. Gary flew F14's until his retirement in 1994. There were many questions to Gary, Ken Erickson who drives the beautiful tractor-trailer display rig, and Floyd Gutowski the regional Sales manager for Cirrus. Gary reported that 265 pilots visited the display today and several Cirrus owners had flown into Millard to visit. Gary thanked Jack with Hangar One for his hospitality during the display and demo flight operations. Gary may be reached at 218-724-0577. Floyd may be reached at 763-218-5496.

The meeting adjourned to the display area at 20:25.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kevin Faris, Secretary

**North American Topgun, INC** is coming to Wahoo 8—18 July. Go to their website (<http://www.natg.com>) for more info.

**Chapter Hangar Space for Rent:** We have one space at the Wahoo Hanger available now with another space coming open soon. This is a great opportunity to hangar your plane or project for only \$60 per month. Contact any Chapter Officer for more info.

### **Aviation Safety Meetings:** Mark your calendars for:

AOPA: Topic: The Last Five Miles. August 11th in Omaha at TBD.

Do not know sponsor or topic. Pilot Safety Meeting: June 28th at Red Oak, IA.

### **EAA AirVenture NOTAM Now Available On-Line:**

For arrival and departure procedures into Oshkosh, you'll want to get a copy of the EAA AirVenture NOTAM, now available for download from the AirVenture website at: [http://www.airventure.org/2005/flying/2005\\_NOTAM.pdf](http://www.airventure.org/2005/flying/2005_NOTAM.pdf)

**HAVE YOU HEARD THIS** - EXPERIMENTAL/HOMEBUILT PILOTS REQUIRED TO HAVE CATEGORY AND CLASS RATING TO CARRY PASSENGERS. Bottom line: If you hold a private pilot SEL airplane category and class rating certificate, and fly a SEL experimental aircraft, no action is required. For more info go to: [eaa.org/communications/eaanews/050509\\_rating.html](http://eaa.org/communications/eaanews/050509_rating.html)



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*Pictures For June 2005*



Another happy Young Eagle on May 21st!  
Steve Stevens and Laurel Laughlin  
Photo by Scott Laughlin



Photo of the Cirrus SR22-GTS at the last  
meeting, in case you missed it..  
Photo by Kevin Faris.