

# EAA CHAPTER 80 NEBRASKA IOWA



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## More Short Stuff

I was reading AVweb the other day and saw an article about Cirrus reducing their work week from 4 days to 3 days because of the reduced demand for their aircraft. The article went on to state that "In September, Cirrus laid off 100 staff in Duluth and at its composites parts plant in Grand Forks, N.D." and that "Business is off about 10 percent at Cirrus, and the General Aviation Manufacturers Association reported that, overall, sales of piston aircraft were down 16 percent in the first half of 2008."

However, in the same e-news I saw an ad for a Piper Engineering Job Fair in Duluth this week. How can this be?



Special thanks to our October speaker Gene Jedlicka and to Iowa Western for showing us around their aviation facility.

## Now for an update on the 406 ELT issue.

Both the AOPA & EAA have made comments to the Canadian government concerning their proposed requirement that all aircraft have the new 406 MHz ELT to fly in their airspace as of Feb. 1, 2009. This will most likely reduce the number of US GA flights into Canada as the FAA does not require US aircraft to have the 406 ELT. Both have recommended that pilots be allowed to substitute a 406 MHz PLB for the expensive ELT.

## EAA B-17 Fantasy Flight Camp - December 12-14, 2008 (from EAA e-hotline)

One of the most famous airplanes of World War II was the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress. At the B-17 Fantasy Camp, you'll be immersed in the stories aircraft's history as you examine EAA's Aluminum Overcast, one of only a few flying B-17s left in the world. Also meet veterans and pilots who flew actual missions in the aircraft, topped by your own 20-minute flight experience. Cost - \$799. For more info go to <http://www.airventuremuseum.org/flightops/fantasycamp/>

**Update on the "Site Enhancements" to AirVenture.** The latest e-hotline showed the new entrance to AirVenture. The entrance has been pushed further west into the handicap parking area just east of the Blue Lot. The new entrance now has an angled road, which goes through Lot B and the Fly Market, to the Forum Plaza. According to e-hotline, prioritized projects are:

- Additional tram-service equipment to make use of the improved navigation and new thoroughfares;
- Wayfinding towers with enhanced signage;
- Refurbished shower and restroom facilities;
- New and expanded areas for shade and rest, with additional benches and nearby availability of food, water, and restrooms;
- **Establishment of a restricted-vehicle zone at the heart of the show grounds;** (my favorite)
- An expanded EAA welcome center complex;
- Reconfigured and expanded outdoor exhibit space for an improved shopping and information-gathering experience;
- and Relocation of the Fly Market to be closer to the campground.

## November Meeting Time & Location.

This month's meeting is at 7pm on Monday November 10th at the Collaborating Commons, which is just inside the main entrance (north) of the CPACS building at UNO, 6001 Dodge Street Omaha, NE. The mid level of the garage on the east side of campus will be open for our use. See last page. 1 - is the parking garage; 2 - is the CPACS building.

## November Program.

**Speaker:** Scott E. Tarry, PhD Professor & Director, Aviation Institute Director, NASA Nebraska Space Grant and EPSCoR. Topic: UNO Aviation Program introduction.  
<http://ai.unomaha.edu/index.php>

**EVENTS:** (B) - Breakfast / (L) - Lunch  
1st Sat Chapter 1055 (B) (0800-1000) York, NE  
3rd Sat Chapter 569 (B) (0800-1000) Crete, NE  
28-31 Jan NE Aviation Symposium & Maintenance Seminar  
<http://avmechseminar.org>  
Kearney, NE



**The December meeting is our Chapter Christmas Party. It is on Dec 8th at Anthony's Steak House just south of I-80 on 72nd St. Let's all go and have a good time.**

**Time:** 6:30 pm cash bar opens  
7:00 pm Dinner  
8:00 pm program

**Cost:** \$30 per person  
**Menu:** Top Sirloin, Fish (Walleye) or Chicken

**Call, email, or see Jim Ratte to sign up**

**The 2009 annual Chapter Dues are due.** The dues are now \$25.00. You should have received a notice in the mail from Bob Cartwright. Please send your payment to him at 12874 Skypark Dr., Omaha, Ne 68137.

### FAA updates 'Plane Sense' handbook

*Plane Sense* (FAA-H-8083-19A), a free FAA publication for prospective aircraft owners and operators, has been updated.

The 100-page handbook lays out basic information about the requirements for acquiring, owning, operating, and maintaining a private aircraft. It highlights regulations and regulatory guidance material, and discusses resources for locating answers to your questions. The latest edition includes information about light sport aircraft. Download the publication from the FAA Web site (<http://www.faa.gov/library/manuals/aviation/media/faa-h-8083-19.pdf>) or from Aviation Supplies and Academics ([http://www.asa2fly.com/Plane-Sense-P194\\_product1.aspx?OrderItem\\_ID=289185&](http://www.asa2fly.com/Plane-Sense-P194_product1.aspx?OrderItem_ID=289185&)) (From AOPA pilot 24 Oct 08)

### EAA AIRVENTURE OSHKOSH 2008 VIDEO NOW SHIPPING

Get your copy of the official EAA AirVenture Oshkosh 2008 souvenir DVD and keep the magic alive! This DVD features the best of the 2008 convention, including the Dreamlifter, Martin Jet Pack, the Nemesis record attempt, the new FAA tower, Rocket Racing League, the best of homebuilts, warbirds, light planes and vintage, an interview with John Travolta, and much more. Available now for only \$14.99, so order online or call toll-free, 800-564-6322. (From EAA e-hotline 30 Oct 08)

**If case you missed this in previous newsletters:  
See Jim Ratte for Chapter Logo Apparel:**

If you ordered your **EAA 2009 Calendar** from the Chapter, please pay Ed Haffke at the Nov meeting. We have a few for sale for \$10 if you forgot to order..



**What are these guys looking at? They must have found something of interest at the Iowa Western Community College Aviation Maintenance Facility at the last meeting.**

**What are your interests?**

**What would make you come to more meetings?**

**What programs do you think we should have?**

**Let us know!**

**Better yet, provide a program! Call Jim Ratte.**

*EAA Chapter 80*  
October 13, 2008  
*Official Meeting Minutes*

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wieduwilt at 7:00 at Iowa Western Community College Aviation Maintenance Facility, Council Bluffs, IA

- Tom Wieduwilt, President
  - Jim Ratte, Vice President,
  - Don Meyer, Secretary
  - Ed Haffke, Treasurer
- Guest: Six Guest present

**Treasurers Report:**

- Expenses \$108.15, Income \$310.00, Checking balance \$2,764.66, Money Market Account balance \$4,611.14. CD balance \$2,917.67. Total Cash Assets as of \$10,293.47.
- 2009 EEA calendars are available for ordering.

**Meeting Minutes:**

- A motion was made and passed to accept the previous month's minutes.

**Young Eagles:**

- 2008 flew 215 YE.
- Next YE event will be April 2009
- Christmas Party will be December 8, 2008 at Anthony's Steak House, \$30.00 per person. Anthony's on 72<sup>nd</sup>.

**Builder's Reports:**

- Jim Ratte going to retrieve his Spad 13 from storage
- John Shively has BiPlane for sale with 0 time Lycoming available..
- TW moved wings to airport.

**Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:**

- None

**Fly-Out Report:**

- None

**Old Business**

- None

**New Business:**

- Voted and passed dues increase to \$25.00 per year.

**Librarian Report:**

- None

**Tool Report:**

- Trailer: AHQ
- Scales: Ron Wood
- Jacks: TW
- Brake Bleeding Set: Ron Wood
- Grills: AHQ

**Web Site:**

- [www.eaa80.org](http://www.eaa80.org)

**Program:**

- Iowa Western Community College Aviation Maintenance Program by Eugene Jedlicka

Meeting adjourned.

Don Meyer  
Secretary

**For sale, 1956 Cessna 172, \$30,000. Contact Ed Haffke at 402-935-0803 or Ken Bahr at 402-559-0133."**

**Hangar Space for Rent!!!** We have space in the Chapter's "Wahoo Hangar". Anyone interested?

Talking about the "Wahoo Hangar", TW has suggested the new tradition of having his famous (my words, not his) **Sloppy Joes and Onion Rings** at the hangar around the new year is a good idea. So, he suggested we have this great feed on Saturday January 3rd. I agree! Hopefully we will not have to make repairs to aircraft that have flown in like we did last year. (p.s. Thanks once again to those people who got my starter bolted back into place.)



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