

# EAA CHAPTER 80 NEBRASKA IOWA



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## "What are you thankful for in aviation?"

This is the question the EAA home office asked members in their Nov 20th e-hotline web newsletter. They printed some of the many responses they received the day before Thanksgiving. Reading some of these replies made me think, "What would some of our members have to say?"

I imagine some of our Chapter members would be thankful for the ability to build their own planes. As some of us know, not everyone has the aptitude/skill/knowledge/patience/motivation/drive to spend months or years building an airplane. Heck, some of us can't even wrap a birthday present much less put fabric on a wing.

Other members may be thankful for the ability to repair airplanes. Like the builder, these people possess those special skills needed to accomplish those tasks.

Other members may be thankful for the ability to develop/create or fix engines while others may believe that the cowling was meant to keep them away from the engine. (That is why some cowlings have a little opening on top to check the oil).

Other members may be thankful for the ability to fly airplanes. This takes a different skill set than building or working on airplanes, but still requires some of the same basic traits mentioned above.

Some of the above abilities may have come naturally to some while for others it took training to achieve these abilities. Regardless of how you achieved these abilities, the fact is that you can now do something that a majority of people can not do. That in itself is something to be thankful for.

I know I am very thankful to have the ability and the means to fly (assuming I get my medical back sometime soon and the price of fuel does not get too high) along with a very understanding wife. But, I am also very thankful that I live in the USA where we enjoy so many more flying freedoms than pilots in other countries. I just can not imagine flying with the restrictions placed on pilots in other countries. I am also thankful for the many groups (AOPA, EAA, etc) that continue to champion and support general aviation causes, thus insuring we continue to have the freedoms we have today.

So - What are you thankful for in aviation? Will Kroeger



Sean Cappel (left) and Dr. Scott Tarry (right). Our hosts at the UNO Aviation Institute at our November meeting. The screen behind Sean is part of the flight simulator at their facility. See picture below. (Photos by Dick Austin)



## December Meeting Time & Location



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.

## December Program.

See above.

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

**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.

Talking about Bob, is anyone interested in becoming our Membership Coordinator in the future? We are offering you the opportunity to intern with Bob to learn the job. Any takers?

**FAA Re-opens Comment Period on Proposed 51% Rule Policy Changes** - The FAA has extended the deadline to comment on their proposed changes to interpretation and enforcement of the "51% Rule" to December 15th.

**The Air and Space Museum** is searching for people who are willing to work Overnights at the museum, specifically tour guides. Thousands of kids do overnights throughout the year

and many of these overnights require that the kids be given an educational tour in order to meet their Boy Scout Merit Badge requirements. They are having a tough time finding people who have a good knowledge of planes and who enjoy telling people about them. The museum Camp Coordinator, Zach Willet, thought our Chapter could help since we have worked with them this year to provide flights for Young Eagles. Would you or anyone you know, be willing to work a Friday night every once in a while, maybe 6:30pm to 10 or 11pm for \$50 a pop? If you stay overnight till the next morning you would make \$75. Please Zach Willet, Camps Coordinator, Strategic Air & Space Museum at 402.944.3100 ext. 211 if you can help.

**FAA Launches Lessons Learned Library.** Recently, FAA launched a new online accidents lessons learned library. The Web site highlights significant accidents and shows what we can learn from them. 11 accidents are in the library (including Air Florida 90, ValuJet 592, and USAir 427). The goal is to have 40 accidents included by the end of 2009. While these accidents currently cover only transport airplanes, many of the principles involved, such as decisionmaking, weather, fuel exhaustion, midairs, and ground incursions are equally applicable to GA operations. The Web site can be found at: <http://accidents-ll.faa.gov/> (From Nov FAA Aviation news)

**Do you remember Mike Scott** (Mike left our Chapter in 2004 to attend the Naval Academy. He wrote an article for the January 2005 Chapter newsletter about his experiences at the Academy.)

"I'd like to give everybody an update on what I've been up to lately. Last time I saw everybody in the chapter I was a skinny high school kid with a pilot's license. Since then, I went to the Naval Academy, traveled the world, graduated this past May, and commissioned as a Navy Ensign. I moved down to Pensacola, FL in July for Aviation Preflight Indoctrination (API). I'm nearly done with that, now just finishing up my last 2 weeks of survival training here in Pensacola. Today I got to get a taste of hypoxia at 25,000 feet (simulated) in the LOW pressure chamber and we'll soon get plucked out of the bay by an SH-60. Next week I move to Corpus Christi, Texas for primary flight training in the T-34 Mentor—hopefully start flying around New Year's. How has everyone been doing back at Millard? I've been trying to stay up to date by reading the newsletters. Please give everyone my best at the next meeting!"

Warm Regards, Mike Scott ENS USN (MMScott86@gmail.com)



**EAA Chapter 80**  
November 10, 2008  
**Official Meeting Minutes**

The meeting was called to order by President Tom Wieduwilt at 7:00 at the Collaborating Commons in the CPACS building at UNO, Omaha, NE

- Tom Wieduwilt, President
- Jim Ratte, Vice President,
- Don Meyer, Secretary
- Ed Haffke, Treasurer

**Treasurers Report:**

- Expenses \$766.48, Income \$325.00, Checking balance \$2764.66, Money Market Account balance \$4818.57. CD balance \$2917.67. Total Cash Assets as of \$10,059.42.

**Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Young Eagles:**

- 2008 flew 217 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:**

- None

**Tech Counselor / Flight Advisor:**

- Interesting article on flight controls and flight dynamics in Kitplane Magazine per Mike Howard.

**Fly-Out Report:**

- January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009 at AHQ. Sloppy Joes and Onion Rings for lunch!

**Old Business**

- T-shirts and hats available. See Jim Ratte

**New Business:**

- Solar panels at AHQ hanger are falling off and need to be removed.

**Librarian Report:**

- None

**Tool Report:**

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

**Web Site:**

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**Program:**

- Scott Tarry, PHD, Director of the UNO Aviation Institute presented an overview of the program. Moved into the new facility in 2008. For those who missed the meeting you missed the opportunity to see a very nice flight simulator. Maybe it will be available for public use in the future.

Meeting adjourned.

Don Meyer  
Secretary

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

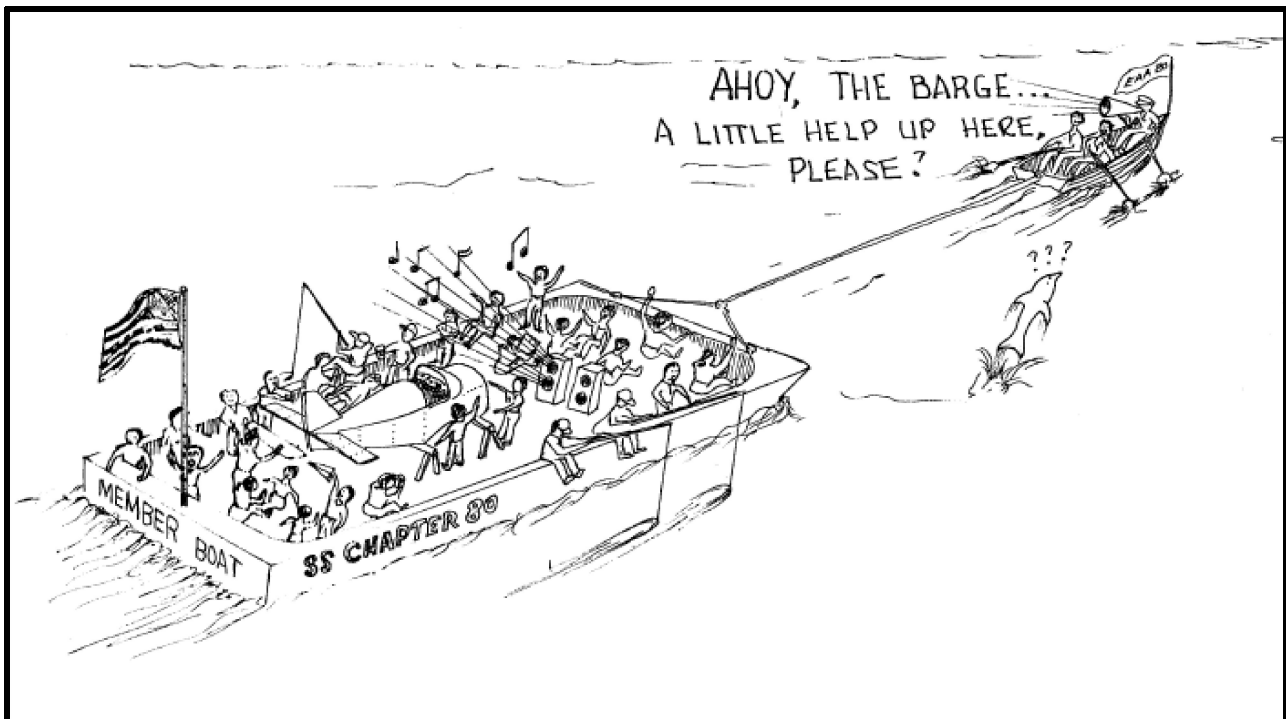
**For sale, 1956 Cessna 172**, \$30,000. Contact Ed Haffke at 402-935-0803 or Ken Bahr at 402-559-0133. Total A/C time 6438 hours and 780 hours since major overhaul

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

**Sloppy Joes and Onion Rings** at the "Wahoo Hangar" on Saturday January 3rd. Time TBD!



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Don't let this become our Chapter.  
Volunteer when asked or even when not asked